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#### 1. Introduction

The Coega Special Economic Zone (SEZ) was designated in 2001 and became South Africa's first SEZ. It is located in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality in the Eastern Cape province, and it is strategically located on the east-west trade route to service both African and global markets. The Coega SEZ leverages public-sector investment to attract foreign and domestic direct investment in the manufacturing sector with an export orientation. The SEZ has attracted investment in the agro-processing, automotive, aquaculture, energy, metals, logistics and business process services sectors. This has advanced socioeconomic development in the Eastern Cape region through skills development, technology transfer and job creation.

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Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) partnered with the Coega Special Economic Zone to conduct a survey of the zone's residents. The main objectives of the study were to determine:

- number of employees;
- value of imports and exports;
- expenditure on investments; and
- · employment levels per skills category.

The data collected are published at aggregated levels and all care was taken to preserve confidentiality in terms of section 17 of the Statistics Act, 1999 (Act No. 6 of 1999).

## 2. Summary of findings for the year 2024

#### 2.1 Income

Table A – Number of enterprises in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 Table B – Income and 2024

Table B – Income in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024

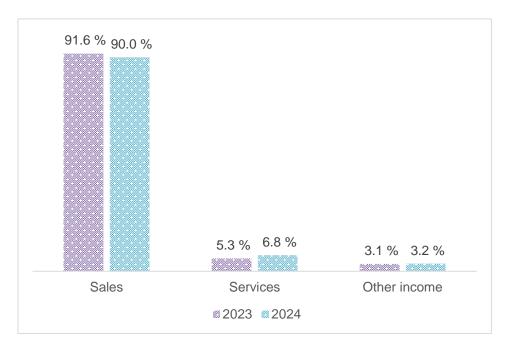
| Type of activity      | 2023                  |                   | 20                    | )24               | Type of               |           | 2023              | 2         | 2024              | % change |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------|
| Type of activity      | Number of enterprises | %<br>contribution | Number of enterprises | %<br>contribution | activity              | R million | %<br>contribution | R million | %<br>contribution | % change |
| Manufacturing         | 15                    | 34,9              | 17                    | 37,0              | Manufacturing         | 13 865    | 73,2              | 17 583    | 70,2              | 26,8     |
| Non-<br>manufacturing | 28                    | 65,1              | 29                    | 63,0              | Non-<br>manufacturing | 5 070     | 26,8              | 7 459     | 29,8              | 47,1     |
| Total                 | 43                    | 100,0             | 46                    | 100,0             | Total                 | 18 935    | 100,0             | 25 042    | 100,0             | 32,3     |

The total number of tenants reporting in the Coega Special Economic Zone in 2024 was 46, this represents an increase of three enterprises when compared to 2023 (43 enterprises). There were more 'non-manufacturing' enterprises (29 or 63,0%) compared to 'manufacturing' enterprises (17 or 37,0%).

The total income in the Coega Special Economic Zone in 2024 was R25 042 million. The total income had an increase of 32,2% over the income reported in the corresponding survey of 2023 (R18 935 million).

Between 2023 and 2024, 'manufacturing' decreased by 3,0 percentage points from a contribution of 73,2% in 2023 to 70,2% in 2024.

Figure 1 - Composition of income in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024



The income in the Coega Special Economic Zone was composed mainly of 'sales of goods on the graph' in both 2023 and 2024. However, 'services' increased from 5,3% in 2023 to 6,8% in 2024 (Figure 1 and Table 4, page 13).

### 2.2 Employment

Table C – Employment by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone as at the end of June, 2023 and 2024

| Total employees (excluding employees employed through labour brokers) |             |                   |        |                   |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|-------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Type of   |             | 2023              |        | 2024              |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| activity  | Number      | %<br>contribution | Number | %<br>contribution | % change |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing   | 3 550       | 58,4              | 3 915  | 59,4              | 10,3     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-<br>manufacturing   | 2 529       | 41,6              | 2 679  | 40,6              | 5,9      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sub-total   | 6 079       | 100,0             | 6 594  | 100,0             | 8,5      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employees emp   | ployed thro | ough labour bro   | kers)  |                   |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing   | 2 029       | 81,2              | 1 933  | 59,5              | -4,7     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-<br>manufacturing   | 469         | 18,8              | 1 315  | 40,5              | 180,4    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sub-total   | 2 498       | 100,0             | 3 248  | 100,0             | 30,0     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total   |             | 8 577             |        | 9 842             | 14,7     |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The total number of persons employed (excluding employees employed through labour brokers) in the Coega Special Economic Zone as at the end of June 2024 was 6 594. Manufacturing employed the largest number of persons (3 915 or 59,4%).

Employment increased by 8,5% (or 515 jobs) in 2024 compared with the 2023. Non-manufacturing gained 150 jobs between the two periods.

Table D – Employment by gender in the Coega Special Economic Zone as at the end of June, 2023 and 2024

|                   | :      | 2023              |        |                   |          |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|----------|
| Gender            | Number | %<br>contribution | Number | %<br>contribution | % change |
| Female employees  | 2 334  | 38,4              | 2 547  | 38,6              | 9,1      |
| Male<br>employees | 3 745  | 61,6              | 4 047  | 61,4              | 8,1      |
| Total             | 6 079  | 100,0             | 6 594  | 100,0             | 8,5      |

The Coega Special Economic Zone employed (excluding employees employed through labour brokers) more males than females in both 2023 and 2024. The proportion of females increased from 38,4% in 2023 to 38,6% in 2024.

Figure 2 – Age ratios of employees in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024

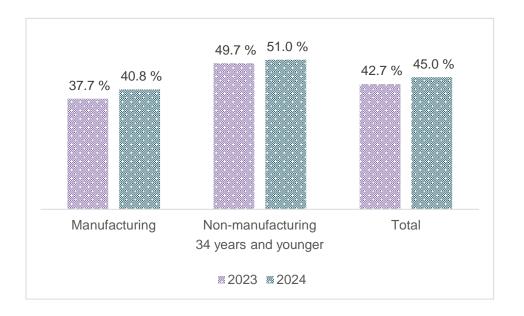
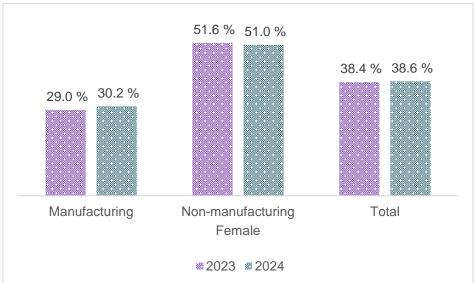


Figure 3 – Gender ratios of employees in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024

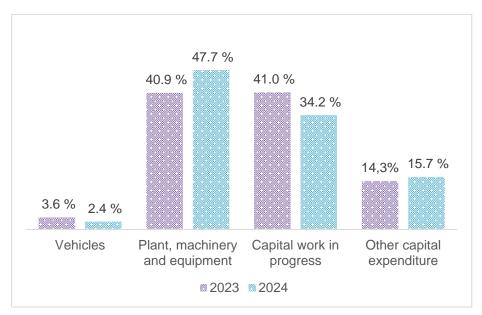


In 2024, the proportion of youth out of the total number of persons employed (excluding employees employed through labour brokers) was 45,0% in the Coega Special Economic Zone (an increase of 2,3 percentage share compared to 2023). The type of activity with the highest proportion of employees 34 years and younger was 'non-manufacturing' (51,0%) (Figure 2 and Table 17, page 20).

Out of the total number of persons employed (excluding employees employed through labour brokers), the proportion of females was 38,6% in 2024 (an increase of 0,2 percentage share compared to 2023). The type of activity with the highest proportion of female employees was 'non-manufacturing' (51,0%) in 2024 (Figure 3 and Table 16, page 19).

### 2.3 Expenditure

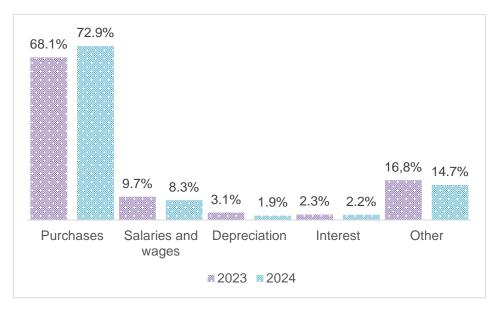
Figure 4 - Capital expenditure on new assets in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024



The total capital expenditure on new assets in the Coega Special Economic Zone for 2024 was R935 million compared to R558 million in 2023 (an increase of 29,4%). The largest categories of capital expenditure were 'plant, machinery and equipment' (R446 million or 47,7%) and 'capital work in progress' (R320 million or 34,3%) (Figure 4, Table 14 and Table 15, pages 18 and 19).

Figure 5 - Expenditure in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024

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Total expenditure in the Coega Special Economic Zone in 2024 was R24 288 million compared with R17 856 million in 2023 (an increase of 36,0%). The largest contributors to the total expenditure were 'purchases' (R17 701 million or 72,9%), 'salaries and wages' (R2 013 million or 8,3%) and 'interest' (R542 million or 2,2%) (Figure 5 and Table 6, page 14).

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### 3. Tables

Table 1 – Principal statistics in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024

| Manua  | 2023     | 2024*        | 0/ 24 22 22 |  |
|--|----------|--------------|-------------|--|
| Items  | Rı       | million      | % change    |  |
| Total income   | 18 935   | 25 042       | 32,3        |  |
| Total expenditure  | 17 856   | 24 288       | 36,0        |  |
| Total value of opening inventory                             | 2 185    | 2 110        | -3,4        |  |
| Total value of closing inventory                             | 2 132    | 2 794        | 31,1        |  |
| Net profit before tax  | 1 026    | 1 436        | 40,0        |  |
| Carrying value of assets at the end of financial year        | 8 128    | 8 791        | 8,2         |  |
| Capital expenditure on new assets                            | 558      | 935          | 67,6        |  |
| Salaries and wages   | 1 726    | 2 013        | 16,6        |  |
|  |          |              |             |  |
| Total employees (including employees employed through labour | Number o | of employees | % change    |  |
| brokers)   | 8 577    | 9 842        | 14,7        |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 2 - Principal statistics by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2024\*

| Type of activity  | Total income | Total income Total expenditure Total value of opening inventory Total value of closing inventory |        | Total value of closing inventory | Net profit before tax | Total expenditure on new assets |
|-------------------|--------------|--|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
|                   |              | R mi   | Illion |                                  |                       |                                 |
| Manufacturing     | 17 583       | 17 792   | 1 775  | 2 431                            | 446                   | 739                             |
| Non-manufacturing | 7 459        | 6 496  | 335    | 363                              | 991                   | 196                             |
| Total             | 25 042       | 24 288   | 2 110  | 2 794                            | 1 437                 | 935                             |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 3 - Profit margin by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024

|                   |           | Turnover |           |      | after tax | Profit margin** |       |  |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------|-----------|-----------------|-------|--|
| Type of activity  | 2023      | 2024*    | 0/ change | 2023 | 2024*     | 2023            | 2024* |  |
|                   | R million |          | % change  | R mi | llion     | %               |       |  |
| Manufacturing     | 13 493    | 17 129   | 26,9      | 88   | 302       | 0,7             | 1,8   |  |
| Non-manufacturing | 5 011     | 7 274    | 45,2      | 520  | 835       | 10,4            | 11,5  |  |
| Total             | 18 504    | 24 403   | 31,9      | 608  | 1 137     | 3,3             | 4,7   |  |

<sup>\*\*</sup> Net profit after tax divided by turnover multiplied by 100.

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 4 – Income in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024

| Income items | 2023   | 2024*   | 2023       | 2024*    | % change |
|--------------|--------|---------|------------|----------|----------|
| income items | Rn     | nillion | % contribu | % Change |          |
| Sales        | 17 345 | 22 553  | 91,6       | 90,1     | 30,0     |
| Services     | 1 011  | 1 695   | 5,3        | 6,8      | 67,7     |
| Other income | 579    | 794     | 3,1        | 3,1      | 37,1     |
| Total income | 18 935 | 25 042  | 100        | 100      | 32,3     |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 5 - Income by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2024\*

| Time of activity  | Sales  | Services | Other income | Total income |
|-------------------|--------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Type of activity  |        | R mi     | illion       |              |
| Manufacturing     | 17 092 | 3        | 488          | 17 583       |
| Non-manufacturing | 5 461  | 1 692    | 306          | 7 459        |
| Total             | 22 553 | 1 695    | 794          | 25 042       |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 6 – Expenditure in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024

| Expenditure items           | 2023   | 2024*   | 2023       | 2024*    | % change |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|------------|----------|----------|
| Expenditure items           | Rr     | nillion | % contribu | % change |          |
| Purchases                   | 12 164 | 17 701  | 68,1       | 72,9     | 45,5     |
| Salaries and wages          | 1 726  | 2 013   | 9,7        | 8,3      | 16,6     |
| Logistics and transport-out | 312    | 512     | 1,7        | 2,1      | 64,1     |
| Depreciation                | 551    | 471     | 3,1        | 1,9      | -14,5    |
| Interest                    | 419    | 542     | 2,3        | 2,2      | 29,4     |
| Subcontractors              | 96     | 95      | 0,5        | 0,4      | -1,0     |
| Other expenditure           | 2 588  | 2 954   | 14,5       | 12,2     | 14,1     |
| Total expenditure           | 17 856 | 24 288  | 100        | 100      | 36,0     |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 7 – Expenditure by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2024\*

| Type of activity      | Purchases | Salaries and wages | Logistics and transport-out | Depreciation | Interest | Subcontractors | Other expenditure | Total expenditure |  |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Type of activity      | R million |                    |                             |              |          |                |                   |                   |  |
| Manufacturing         | 13 063    | 1 346              | 439                         | 358          | 211      | 22             | 2 353             | 17 792            |  |
| Non-<br>manufacturing | 4 638     | 667                | 73                          | 113          | 331      | 73             | 601               | 6 496             |  |
| Total                 | 17 701    | 2 013              | 512                         | 471          | 542      | 95             | 2 954             | 24 288            |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 8 - Carrying value of assets at the end of the financial year in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024

| Year     | Computers, network and other IT equipment | Motor vehicles and other transport equipment | Land, buildings,<br>construction, plant,<br>machinery & other office<br>equipment | Other assets | Total carrying value of fixed assets |
|----------|---|--|---|--------------|--------------------------------------|
|          |   |  | R million   |              |                                      |
| 2023     | 15  | 67   | 6 378   | 1 669        | 8 128                                |
| 2024*    | 18  | 67   | 6 850   | 1 855        | 8 791                                |
| % change | 20,0                                      | 0,0  | 7,4   | 11,1         | 8,2                                  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 9 - Carrying value of assets by type of activity as at the end of the financial year in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2024\*

| Type of activity  | Computers, network and other IT equipment | Motor vehicles and other transport equipment | Land, buildings,<br>construction, plant,<br>machinery & other office<br>equipment | Other assets | Total carrying value of fixed assets |
|-------------------|---|--|---|--------------|--------------------------------------|
|                   |   |  | R million   |              |                                      |
| Manufacturing     | 11  | 36   | 3 861   | 1 664        | 5 572                                |
| Non-manufacturing | 7   | 31   | 2 989   | 192          | 3 219                                |
| Total             | 18  | 67   | 6 850   | 1 856        | 8 791                                |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 10 - Details of assets by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024

|          | Current assets              |  |           |                      | No                   |                                     |                                 |                                 |              |  |
|----------|-----------------------------|--|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Year     | Trade and other receivables | Cash and bank                          | Inventory | Other current assets | Total current assets | Property,<br>plant and<br>equipment | Other non-<br>current<br>assets | Total non-<br>current<br>assets | Total assets |  |
|          |                             | R million                              |           |                      |                      |                                     |                                 |                                 |              |  |
| 2023     | 4 263                       | 1 351                                  | 2 134     | 332                  | 8 080                | 8 128                               | 794                             | 8 922                           | 17 002       |  |
| 2024*    | 5 605                       | 1 965                                  | 2 791     | 1 145                | 11 506               | 8 733                               | 878                             | 9 611                           | 21 117       |  |
| % change | 31,5                        | 31,5 45,4 30,8 244,9 42,4 7,4 10,6 7,7 |           |                      |                      |                                     |                                 |                                 |              |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 11 - Details of assets by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2024\*

|                   | Current assets              |  |           |                      | No                   |                                     |                                 |                                 |              |  |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Year              | Trade and other receivables | Cash and bank                                  | Inventory | Other current assets | Total current assets | Property,<br>plant and<br>equipment | Other non-<br>current<br>assets | Total non-<br>current<br>assets | Total assets |  |
|                   | R million                   |  |           |                      |                      |                                     |                                 |                                 |              |  |
| Manufacturing     | 4 791                       | 1 528  | 2 429     | 1 073                | 9 821                | 5 544                               | 747                             | 6 291                           | 16 112       |  |
| Non-manufacturing | 815                         | 437  | 362       | 71                   | 1 685                | 3 189                               | 131                             | 3 320                           | 5 005        |  |
| Total             | 5 606                       | 5 606 1 965 2 791 1 144 11 506 8 733 878 9 611 |           |                      |                      |                                     |                                 |                                 |              |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 12 – Details of liabilities and equity by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024

|          | Current liabilities      |   |                          |       | Non                   | -current liabil                 | ities                                | Owners' | Equity and  |  |  |
|----------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------|--|--|
| Year     | Trade and other payables | Bank overdraft  | ank overgraff   clirrent |       | Long-term investments | Other non-<br>current<br>assets | Total non-<br>current<br>liabilities | equity  | liabilities |  |  |
|          |                          | R million   |                          |       |                       |                                 |                                      |         |             |  |  |
| 2023     | 7 027                    | 101   | 2 444                    | 9 572 | 2 809                 | 1 212                           | 4 021                                | 3 409   | 17 002      |  |  |
| 2024*    | 8 327                    | 8 327 59 3 321 <b>11 707</b> 2 920 1 628 <b>4 548</b> |                          |       |                       |                                 |                                      |         |             |  |  |
| % change | 18,5                     | 18,5 - 41,6 35,9 22,3 4,0 34,3 13,1                   |                          |       |                       |                                 |                                      |         |             |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 13 - Details of liabilities and equity by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2024\*

|                       |                          | Current                               | liabilities |        | No    | n-current liabilit | ies                                  | Owners!           | Equity             |  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| Type of activity      | Trade and other payables | other Overdraft Liabilities Long-term |             |        |       |                    | Total non-<br>current<br>liabilities | Owners'<br>equity | and<br>liabilities |  |
|                       |                          | R million                             |             |        |       |                    |                                      |                   |                    |  |
| Manufacturing         | 7 676                    | 59                                    | 2 994       | 10 729 | 501   | 1 048              | 1 549                                | 3 834             | 16 112             |  |
| Non-<br>manufacturing | 651                      | 0                                     | 327         | 978    | 2 419 | 580                | 2 999                                | 1 028             | 5 005              |  |
| Total                 | 8 327                    | 59                                    | 3 321       | 11 707 | 2 920 | 1 628              | 4 548                                | 4 862             | 21 117             |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 14 - Capital expenditure on new assets in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024

| Year     | Vehicles | Plant, machinery and equipment | Capital work in progress | Other capital expenditure | Total expenditure on new assets |
|----------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| i eai    |          |                                | R million                |                           |                                 |
| 2023     | 20       | 228                            | 229                      | 81                        | 558                             |
| 2024*    | 22       | 446                            | 320                      | 147                       | 935                             |
| % change | 10,0     | 95,6                           | 39,7                     | 81,5                      | 67,6                            |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 15 – Capital expenditure on new assets by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2024\*

| Type of activity  | Vehicles  | Plant, machinery and equipment | Capital work in progress | Other capital expenditure | Total expenditure on new assets |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Type of activity  | R million |                                |                          |                           |                                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing     | 9         | 348                            | 247                      | 135                       | 739                             |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-manufacturing | 13        | 98                             | 73                       | 12                        | 196                             |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total             | 22        | 446                            | 320                      | 147                       | 935                             |  |  |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 16 – Details of employment by type of activity and sex in the Coega Special Economic Zone as at the end of June 2024\*

|                   |        | Employ           | ees employed d | lirectly by the | business                  |           |       | Employees                     |                 |
|-------------------|--------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
|                   | Peri   | manent employees |                | Working pr      | oprietors, temp<br>casual | orary and | Total | employed<br>through<br>labour | Total employees |
|                   | Female | Male             | Total          | Female          | Male                      | Total     | Total | brokers                       |                 |
|                   |        |                  |                | Number of       | employees                 |           |       |                               |                 |
| Manufacturing     | 968    | 2 379            | 3 347          | 214             | 354                       | 568       | 3 915 | 1 933                         | 5 848           |
| Non-manufacturing | 1 312  | 1 082            | 2 394          | 53              | 232                       | 285       | 2 679 | 1 315                         | 3 994           |
| Total             | 2 280  | 3 461            | 5 741          | 267             | 586                       | 853       | 6 594 | 3 248                         | 9 842           |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 17 – Details of employment by type of activity and age in the Coega Special Economic Zone as at the end of June 2024\*

|                   |                            | Employees employed directly by the business |       |                         |                       |            |       |                            |                 |  |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------|----------------------------|-----------------|--|
|                   | Permanent employees        |   |       | Working proprieto       | rs, temporary         | and casual |       | Employees employed through | Total employees |  |
| Type of activity  | 34 years<br>and<br>younger | 35 years and older                          | Total | 34 years and<br>younger | 35 years<br>and older | Total      | Total | labour<br>brokers          |                 |  |
|                   |                            |   |       | Number                  | of employees          |            |       |                            |                 |  |
| Manufacturing     | 1 146                      | 2 202                                       | 3 348 | 453                     | 114                   | 567        | 3 915 | 1 933                      | 5 848           |  |
| Non-manufacturing | 1 211                      | 1 182                                       | 2 393 | 155                     | 131                   | 286        | 2 679 | 1 315                      | 3 994           |  |
| Total             | 2 357                      | 3 384                                       | 5 741 | 608                     | 245                   | 853        | 6 594 | 3 248                      | 9 842           |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 18 – Details of employment by occupational group and gender in the Coega Special Economic Zone as at the end of June 2024\*

|  |                     | Emplo            | yees employed dire | ectly by the business |                    |       |       |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Occupational masure  | Р                   | ermanent employe | es                 | Working propriet      | Total<br>employees |       |       |  |  |  |  |
| Occupational group   | Female              | Male             | Total              | Female                | Male               | Total |       |  |  |  |  |
|  | Number of employees |                  |                    |                       |                    |       |       |  |  |  |  |
| Managers   | 87                  | 195              | 282                | 6                     | 18                 | 24    | 306   |  |  |  |  |
| Professionals, associated professionals and technicians  | 1 049               | 942              | 1 991              | 41                    | 42                 | 83    | 2 074 |  |  |  |  |
| Clerical support workers, service and sales workers  | 444                 | 442              | 886                | 53                    | 65                 | 118   | 1 004 |  |  |  |  |
| Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers, craft and related trades workers, plant and machinery operators, assemblers and elementary occupations | 700                 | 1 882            | 2 582              | 167                   | 461                | 628   | 3 210 |  |  |  |  |
| Total  | 2 280               | 3 461            | 5 741              | 267                   | 586                | 853   | 6 594 |  |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 19 – Details of employment by occupational group and age in the Coega Special Economic Zone as at the end of June 2024\*

|  |                      | Emplo               | yees employed dire | ectly by the busine  | ess                                       |       |       |  |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---|-------|-------|--|
|  |                      | Permanent employ    | rees               | Working proprie      | Working proprietors, temporary and casual |       |       |  |
| Occupational group   | 34 years and younger | 35 years and older  | Total              | 34 years and younger | 35 years<br>and older                     | Total |       |  |
|  |                      | Number of employees |                    |                      |   |       |       |  |
| Managers   | 46                   | 236                 | 282                | 7                    | 17  | 24    | 306   |  |
| Professionals, associated professionals and technicians  | 913                  | 1 078               | 1 991              | 59                   | 24  | 83    | 2 074 |  |
| Clerical support workers, service and sales workers  | 383                  | 503                 | 886                | 63                   | 55  | 118   | 1 004 |  |
| Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers, craft and related trades workers, plant and machinery operators, assemblers and elementary occupations | 1 015                | 1 567               | 2 582              | 479                  | 149                                       | 628   | 3 210 |  |
| Total  | 2 357                | 3 384               | 5 741              | 608                  | 245                                       | 853   | 6 594 |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 20 - Selected expenditure items in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2024\*

| Type of activity  | Purchases |                      |        | Admin and management fees |                      |       | Subcontractor |                      |       |  |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------|----------------------|-------|--|
|                   | Imported  | Sourced domestically | Total  | Imported                  | Sourced domestically | Total | Imported      | Sourced domestically | Total |  |
|                   | R million |                      |        |                           |                      |       |               |                      |       |  |
| Manufacturing     | 5 447     | 7 616                | 13 063 | 28                        | 125                  | 153   | 1             | 21                   | 22    |  |
| Non-manufacturing | 378       | 4 260                | 4 638  | 6                         | 15                   | 21    | -             | 73                   | 73    |  |
| Total             | 5 825     | 11 876               | 17 701 | 34                        | 140                  | 174   | 1             | 94                   | 95    |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 20 - Selected expenditure items in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2024 (concluded)\*

| Type of activity  | Other     | selected expenditure iter  | ns  | Total of selected expenditure items*** |                      |        |  |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----|--|----------------------|--------|--|
|                   | Imported  | Sourced domestically Total |     | Imported                               | Sourced domestically | Total  |  |
|                   | R million |                            |     |  |                      |        |  |
| Manufacturing     | 15        | 423                        | 438 | 5 491                                  | 8 185                | 13 676 |  |
| Non-manufacturing | 0         | 140                        | 140 | 384                                    | 4 488                | 4 872  |  |
| Total             | 15        | 563                        | 578 | 5 875                                  | 12 673               | 18 548 |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Selected expenditure items are 'purchases', 'admin and management fees', 'subcontractor', 'leasing and hiring of plant, machinery, equipment and vehicles', 'repair and maintenance', 'containers and packing materials' and 'total paper printing and stationery'.

Table 21 - Selected income items in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023 and 2024

| Year     | Goods and services exported or sold to domestic exporters | Goods and services sold to other domestic enterprises | Total  |  |
|----------|---|---|--------|--|
| i eai    |   | R million   |        |  |
| 2023     | 4 732   | 13 621  | 18 353 |  |
| 2024*    | 5 484   | 18 905  | 24 389 |  |
| % change | 15,9  | 38,8  | 32,9   |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 22 – Selected income items in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2024\*

| Type of activity  | Goods and services exported or sold to domestic exporters | Goods and services sold to other domestic enterprises | Total  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|---|---|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Type of activity  | R million   |   |        |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing     | 5 205   | 11 889  | 17 094 |  |  |  |  |
| Non-manufacturing | 279   | 7 016   | 7 295  |  |  |  |  |
| Total             | 5 484   | 18 905  | 24 389 |  |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 23 – Information and communication technology usage by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2024\*

| Type of activity  | Use computer | Use internet | Use internet banking | Have web page | Receive orders over internet | Place orders over internet |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Type of activity  |              |              |                      | %             |                              |                            |
| Manufacturing     | 100,0        | 100,0        | 88,2                 | 100,0         | 47,1                         | 53,3                       |
| Non-manufacturing | 100,0        | 100,0        | 86,2                 | 91,3          | 58,6                         | 60,7                       |
| Total             | 100,0        | 100,0        | 87,0                 | 91,3          | 54,3                         | 59,5                       |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

Table 23 – Information and communication technology usage by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2024 (concluded)\*

|                   | Main uses of the internet Internet con |                      |   |            |       | nnection speed |           |                  |  |  |
|-------------------|--|----------------------|---|------------|-------|----------------|-----------|------------------|--|--|
| Type of activity  | Email                                  | Information services | Business<br>promotions<br>(advertising) | E-commerce | Other | Narrow<br>band | Broadband | IT<br>outsourced |  |  |
|                   | %                                      |                      |   |            |       |                |           |                  |  |  |
| Manufacturing     | 100,0                                  | 76,5                 | 41,2                                    | 17,6       | 23,5  | 0,0            | 100,0     | 47,1             |  |  |
| Non-manufacturing | 100,0                                  | 65,5                 | 31,0                                    | 27,6       | 3,4   | 0,0            | 100,0     | 51,7             |  |  |
| Total             | 100,0                                  | 63,8                 | 34,8                                    | 20,3       | 10,9  | 0,0            | 100,0     | 50,0             |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary.

#### **Explanatory notes**

#### **Background**

The results presented in this publication have been derived from the 2024 Coega Special Economic Zone survey, which measured economic activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone. This survey covers private and public businesses operating in the Coega Special Economic Zone

All figures exclude value-added tax (VAT).

#### Reference period

The information was collected from businesses for their financial year which ended on any date between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024, according to their usual reporting schedules.

#### Examples:

- 01 October 2022 30 September 2023;
- 01 January 2023 31 December 2023;
- 01 February 2023 31 January 2024;
- 01 March 2023 29 February 2024;
- 01 April 2023 31 March 2024; and
- 01 July 2023 30 June 2024.

### Scope and coverage

This survey covers all the tenants within the Coega Special Economic Zone that were active during the period under review.

# Classification by industry

The 1993 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (SIC), Report No. 09-90-02, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) with suitable adaptions for local conditions. Each enterprise is classified to an industry which reflects its predominant activity.

# Survey methodology and design

The Coega Special Economic Zone survey was conducted mainly through personal visits. Of the 46 businesses that were active, 45 responded to the survey. All businesses were stratified according to type of activity. The collection rate was 97,8%.

#### Collection rate

Collection rate = ((collected + finalised investigations) / sample size) x 100.

#### Relative standard error

Data presented in this publication are based on information obtained from a census and are, therefore, not subject to sampling variability; that is, there are no relative standard errors associated with the data.

#### Non-sampling errors

Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by businesses and errors made in the collection and processing of the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling errors. Every effort is made to minimise non-sampling errors by careful design of questionnaires, testing them in pilot studies, editing reported data and implementing efficient operating procedures. Non-sampling errors occur in both sample surveys and censuses.

# Rounding-off of figures

The figures in the tables have, where necessary, been rounded off to the nearest final digit shown. There may therefore be slight discrepancies between the sums of the constituent items and the totals shown.

# Symbols and abbreviations

SIC Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities

SARS South African Revenue Service

SEZ Special Economic Zone SNA System of National Accounts Stats SA Statistics South Africa

VAT Value added tax

0 Nil or less than half the final digit shown

### Glossarv

#### Current assets

Assets that are expected to be turned into cash within one year during the normal course of business. They include:

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- trade and other receivables;
- cash and bank;
- inventories; and
- other current assets.

**Current liabilities** Debts or obligations that are due within one year. They include:

- trade and other payables;
- bank overdraft; and
- other current liabilities.

#### **Employees**

Persons employed by a business or organisation and who received payment (in salaries, wages, commission, piece rates or payments in kind) for the last pay period ended on or before 30 June 2024.

#### **Business**

A legal entity or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its activities.

#### Equity

The residual interest in the entity's assets after deducting its liabilities.

### Income from rental and leasing

Includes: income from rental and leasing of land, buildings and other structures and income from leasing and hiring of motor vehicles, other transport equipment, plant, machinery and equipment.

### Industry

An industry consists of a group of businesses engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the System of National Accounts (SNA) in the same way as in the Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities, Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02 of January 1993 (SIC).

#### Labour brokers

Labour brokers are agents who recruit and administer workers on behalf of businesses. They do not provide any other service.

### Manufacturing

Manufacturing is defined as the physical or chemical transformation of materials or compounds into new products, whether the work is performed by power-driven machines or by hand, whether it is done in a factory or in the worker's home and whether the products are sold wholesale or retail.

# Net profit or loss after tax

Net profit or loss after tax is derived as:

Net profit or loss before tax *minus* company tax

### Nonmanufacturing

Non-manufacturing activities include:

- storage and warehousing;
- · courier activities other than national port office;
- wholesale trade;
- other business activities n.e.c. (e.g. call centre activities); and
- · electricity generation, etc.

# Net profit or loss before tax

Net profit or loss before tax is derived as:

Total income

**plus** closing inventories **minus** total expenditure **minus** opening inventories

# Non-current assets

Assets which are not easily convertible to cash or not expected to become cash within the next year. They include:

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- property, plant and equipment and intangible assets;
- long-term investments; and
- other non-current assets.

# Non-current liabilities

Liabilities not due to be paid within one year during the normal course of business. They include:

- long-term loans; and
- other non-current liabilities.

# Other expenditure

Includes:

administration and management fees; leasing and hiring of plant; amortisation; computer expenditure; bank charges, containers and packaging materials; total paper, printing and stationery; postal and courier services; provisions; research and development; losses on financial and other liabilities; insurance premium; skills development levy; staff training; donations; and other expenditure.

Other income

Includes:

Dividends received; government subsidies and incentives; government capital transfers; customs duty received; excise duty received; and other income.

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**Profit margin** 

Profit margin is derived as:

Net profit or loss after tax *divided by* turnover *multiplied by* 100

Statistical unit

A unit about which statistics are tabulated, compiled or published. In this survey it was all enterprises active within the Coega Special Economic Zone.

Turnover

Turnover includes:

- the value of sales;
- amounts received for work done;
- amounts received for services rendered;
- rent and/or lease payments received for land and buildings;
- rent, leasing and hiring received for machinery, vehicles and other equipment; and
- mineral rights leases.

Turnover excludes:

- value added tax (VAT);
- net profit or loss on sales or revaluation of fixed assets (including profit or loss on foreign exchange);
- · export freight charges;
- interest received; and
- excise duty.

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