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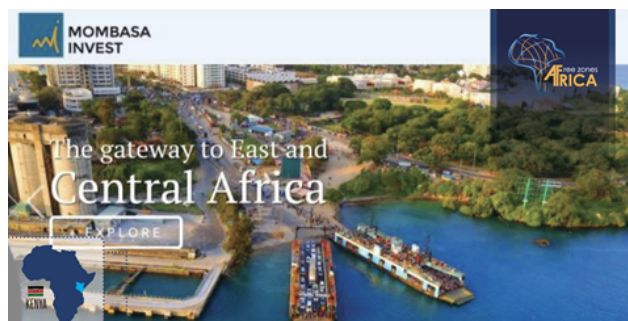
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LATEST NEWS



**Egypt - A new duty-free textile park in El Minya to attract up to 50 companies from China, South Korea and Bangladesh**

Egypt plans to attract 40 to 50 textile companies from China, South Korea and Bangladesh, covering the full supply chain, to a new 1.2m square meter textile park, part of the country's Qualifying Industrial Zones (QIZ) program, in El Minya, Upper Egypt, according to Mohamed Kassem, chairman of the newly-formed Egyptian Company for Textile Parks Development.



**Kenya - Mombasa to become EA's regional industrial hub (Deputy Governor) / MV2035 / FPs, SEZs and EPZs**

Being a gateway to the East Africa, Mombasa also seeks to be the regional industrial hub where all neighboring counties will get the necessary industrial solutions, said Deputy Governor William Kingi. "Our Mombasa Vision 2035 unequivocally elaborates our commitment to the establishment of free ports; Special Economic Zones and Export Processing Zones to promote export of our valued products."

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICAN FREE ZONES



## Ethiopia - Label specialist ITL sets up operations in Ethiopia's Hawassa Industrial Park

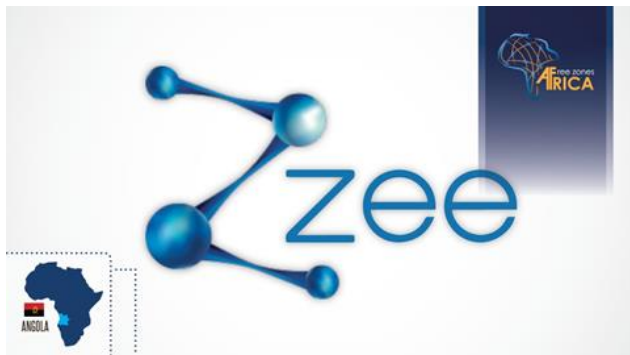
Apparel label business ITL-Intelligent Label Solutions- has become the latest firm to set up premises in Ethiopia's Hawassa Industrial Park, in a move it claims makes it the first global apparel label manufacturer to establish a factory in the country. "We see it as a strategic opportunity to support a number of key apparel retailers in their quest for shorter lead times and lower costs in response to the consumer demands for more dynamic exciting fashion at competitive prices," says the company.



## Uganda - Uganda's KMC, based in Jinja Industrial Park, promotes its electric car and advances in the construction of its plant

Uganda's Kiira Motors Corporation (KMC), based in Jinja Industrial Park, said it is ready to take orders for the Kiira EVS, its locally manufactured electric car. KMC's top management explained, "By the end of this year, there should be some good progress in the construction of the motor plant in Jinja". KMC plans to enter into agreement with other global car manufacturers to use the plant, like the Indian Tata.

# INVESTMENTS IN AFRICAN FREE ZONES



## Angola - Luanda-Bengo SEZ negotiates installation of Volkswagen and Ford factories

The opening of car assembly lines in Angola is being negotiated with officials from Germany's Volkswagen and US automotive company Ford, said the president of the Luanda-Bengo Special Economic Zone Development Company. António Henriques da Silva told that besides assembling some of the brands' products locally, and consequently creating jobs, the aim is also to increase the export radius of those companies in the world.



## Rwanda - Kigali SEZ / New silk factory set to grow Rwanda's exports

A new plant will be launched next month at the Kigali SEZ to spur Rwanda's silk sector. Rwanda Silk Processing Factory is a result of a partnership between HEworks Rwanda Silk Ltd – a subsidiary of Korean firm HEworks, and the NAEB. Currently, over Rwf776 million has been invested in the factory, which targets over \$100 million silk exports by 2025.

# VIDEO OF THE WEEK



President Cyril Ramaphosa has officially launched the Atlantis Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at a ceremony in Atlantis, Western Cape.



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