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Department:
Trade and Industry
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



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Dear Sir/Madam

Invitation to participate in a business delegation to accompany President Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma on a State Visit to the People's Republic of China: 25 – 26 August 2010

The Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**) and Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) would like to invite you to join the President of the Republic of South Africa, Jacob Zuma on his bilateral state visit to China from 24 -26 August 2010. (Beijing 24-25 and Shanghai 26)

China is the 3rd largest economy in the world behind the USA and Japan with a GDP of \$4.9 trillion in 2009, representing an 8.7 % growth from 2008. China's economic growth rate surged to 11.9 percent for the first quarter of this year, which is double that of the same period last year. In Purchasing Power Parity GDP, China has the second biggest economy globally, and is projected to be the largest economy in the world this century. The country's economic growth is becoming more broad based with domestic consumption likely to rise in importance, this due to a middle class of 200-300 million people. The ongoing urbanization will also be a major drive of growth with new cities developing in less developed inland provinces.

Trade and investment relations between South Africa and China have developed at a rapid pace since the commencement of diplomatic relations in 1998. Today, China is South Africa's largest trading partner, with trade between the two countries being just under R120 billion in 2009. China's investments in South Africa include mining, banking, construction, motoring and electronic goods sectors. South Africa is the only African country with significant investment in China, with investment by major South African companies in the following sectors: agro-processing, petrochemicals and energy, financial services, mining, property, etc.

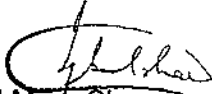
There are a multitude of trade and investment opportunities for exporters in the China market. During the visit, sectors that are targeted for Business Seminars include Energy (including renewable energy), Agro-processing, financial services, mining and beneficiation as well as infrastructure.

Business Leaders wishing to join BUSA and **the dti** in China should complete and return the attached registration form by no later than **30 July 2010**. The registration form must be accompanied by a one paragraph **company profile**, as well as a **jpeg photo** of the participant.

Participants in the visit will be required to cover their own transport and accommodation costs. Preferential rates for flights and accommodation will be negotiated on behalf of the delegation. If you would like to take advantage of these arrangements then we request you to indicate so accordingly, on the registration form. Visas are required for entry into China and more information about visas to China can be obtained from Chinese Embassy website: www.chinese-embassy.org.za.

Do not hesitate to contact **the dti** (Mr. Calvin Matlou on Tel: 012 394 3744 e-mail: CMatlou@thedti.gov.za) or BUSA (Ms. Salvation Andrese on Tel: 011 784 8000 e-mail: salvation.andrese@busa.org.za) for any enquiries regarding the trip.

Yours Sincerely



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