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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF CAPE TOWN

Cape Town with its vibrant cultures, experiences and vast natural beauty is a world-renowned tourism success story, but our City is more than just a pretty face.

Recently Cape Town was voted 2015/16 Telegraph Travel Awards Best City in the World for the fourth year running and we tend to forget that much of that tourism is generated by business.

We have achieved great things as a leisure tourist destination but we have much more to offer as we are repositioning Cape Town as the ideal place to live, work, play and invest in.

Many businesses are seeing great promise in our City and one of our great success stories, the Cape Town International Convention Centre is an ideal example of why businesses can thrive in Cape Town.

Indeed, the CTICC's role as a host of world-class international events is a key factor. In particular, this takes the form of international conferences and trade fairs that expand knowledge, encourage interaction, promote exchange and build opportunity – supporting the City's role as an opportunity city committed to economic growth and job creation.

The CTICC's contribution as a service-driven, community-supporting and profitable strategic City asset also sustains our multiple commitments to deliver a safe, caring, inclusive and well-run city to our citizens and our communities.

I warmly congratulate Julie-May Ellingson, the Conenco Board, the Executive team and every CTICC employee and supplier for another outstanding year. The CTICC continues to perform impressively, increasing its contribution to the sustainability of the economy.

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This past financial year, the CTICC once again made Cape Town proud when it scooped first place in the Top 500 of South Africa's best managed companies in the exhibition and conference facilities category.

Moreover, the CTICC's contribution to the city will surely grow once its much-anticipated state-of-the-art CTICC East expansion opens next year. This means a bigger CTICC with an additional 10 000m² of exhibition space, as well as a further 3 000m² of formal and informal meeting space.



More than doubling its conference and exhibition hall capacity will make the CTICC offering immeasurably more attractive. All of which should make it a premier convention destination at the top of every global event organiser's list. We look forward to seeing it there!

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