



GHANA FREE ZONES PROGRAMME: Providing a Conducive Investment Environment



WHY GHANA?



- The Pride of Africa
- A beacon of hope for Africa
- Good democratic credentials
- Peaceful and stable political environment within the West African Sub Region
- World's second largest producer of gold and cocoa
- Strategic and central location within West Africa sub-region with access to 400 million people

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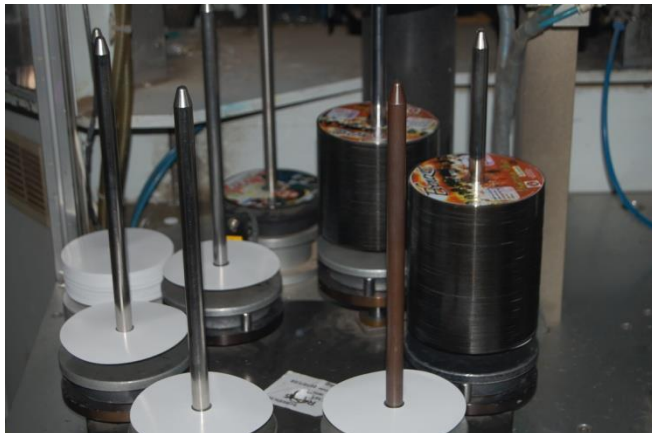
- Strategic location as a middle coastal belt
- Enabling and conducive business environment
- Two seaports serving the landlocked countries in the sub-region
- Higher growth opportunity for investment
- Investment Guarantee
- Home to vast untapped natural resources
- Good demographics and highly skilled labour force
- Hospitable people

THE GHANA FREE ZONES PROGRAMME



- A government policy implemented to promote export oriented investments
- Established by an Act of parliament
- The *Free Zones Act (1995), Act 504*, was passed on 31st August, 1995

THE GHANA FREE ZONES PROGRAMME



- Designed to promote processing and manufacturing of goods and services for export
- Combines both enclave and single factory enterprise schemes
- The whole Ghana is accessible to potential investors
- The programme is completely private sector driven

OBJECTIVES



- Attraction of Foreign Direct Investments
- Creation of employment opportunities
- Increasing foreign exchange earnings
- Provision of business opportunities for foreign and local investors to undertake joint-venture
- Enhancement of technical and managerial skills/expertise of Ghanaians
- Promotion of the transfer of Technology
- Diversification of Exports

AREAS OF OPERATION



FOUR AREAS OF OPERATION

- Enclave Development
- Manufacturing
- Service
- Commercial/Warehousing



DESIGNATED EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES



TEMA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

- Total area of 1,200 acres (480 hectares).
 - Access and service roads
 - Central sewage system
 - Water system
 - Telecommunication services
 - Electricity
- Designated as a multipurpose EPZ
- A range of property options i.e. office space and serviced land
- First class road linking TEPZ to sea port and airport



DESIGNATED EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES



- ***SHAMA LAND BANK***

- Located in the Western Region
- Total land area is 3000 acres (1200 hectares) of land
- No development has taken place yet
- Looking for investors interested in developing the enclave

- ***SEKONDI EPZ***

- Total acreage of 2,200 (880 hectares) of land.
- Earmarked for integrated Industrial mineral processing zone.



PRIORITY SECTORS



- Oil and Gas
- Agro Processing
- Minerals Processing
- Manufacturing
- ICT (Data Processing/
Assembling)



AGRO PROCESSING SUB-SECTOR



- Opportunities exist for**
- Processing of fruits and vegetables
 - Processing of shea nuts and cashew nuts
 - Processing of palm oil



INDUSTRY & MANUFACTURING

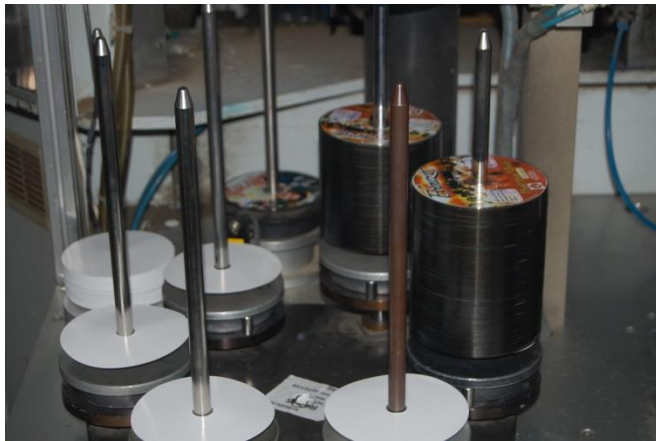


There are opportunities in:

- Textile and garments
- Light industry
- Fabrication of hand tools and machinery
- Jewellery production
- Production of Chocolate



INCENTIVES



- 100% exemption from payment of direct and indirect duties and levies on all imports for production and exports from free zones;
- 100% exemption from payment of income tax on profits for 10 years and shall not exceed 15 per cent thereafter;
- Total exemption from payment of withholding taxes from dividends arising out of free zone investments;

INCENTIVES CONT'D



- Total exemption from payment of withholding taxes from dividends arising out of free zone investments;
- Relief from double taxation for foreign investors and employees;
- No import licensing requirements;
- Minimal customs formalities;



INCENTIVES CONT'D



- 100% ownership of shares by any investor - foreign or national - in a free zone enterprise is allowed;
- There are no conditions or restrictions on: repatriation of dividends or net profit; payments for foreign loan servicing; payments of fees and charges for technology transfer agreements; and remittance of proceeds from sale of any interest in a free zone investment;

INCENTIVES CONT'D



- Free zone investors are permitted to operate foreign currency accounts with banks in Ghana;
- Up to 30% of annual production of goods and services of a free zone enterprise are authorized for sale in the local market; and,
- Free zone investments are guaranteed against nationalization and expropriation.

OTHER INCENTIVES



- Relief from various bureaucratic restrictions and other statutory requirements
- Investment approval not exceeding 28 working days;
- Accelerated on-site customs inspection;

PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION



- Incorporate a company in Ghana with the Registrar General's Department
- Obtain and complete GFZB Application Form (US\$100.00) and submit with
 - Business Plan
 - Copy of incorporation documentation
 - Evidence of possession/lease of land or intent to acquire such property
 - MOU with potential clients
 - Environmental Protection Agency Permit
 - Evidence of Funding
 - Any other relevant document



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