

UNLOCKING ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMMES

The Role of Corporate ESD Programmes in
Creating Sustainable SMMES

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Drivers of Economic Growth

- Enabling environment (Regulation, financing, accessibility of opportunities, acceptability of new approach or entrant, prevention of anticompetitive behaviour, more risk prone supply chain practitioners supported by end-users, and etc)
- Simplification of start-up processes (stress free)
- Private sector-led development (intention to work with government)
- Information and Communication Technology (whole world in my pocket)
- Entrepreneurship (unconventional ways of doing business)
- Innovation (new products and systems)
- Certainty of policies in a country (return on investment)
- Skilled people (the doers, executors or operators)

Corporate Enterprise & Supplier Development

- Prepare SMME's to enter supply chain space or raise funding for projects
- Sharpening SMME's competitiveness
- Awareness about existing or potential opportunities
- Provide the springboard to other opportunities
- Community economic development
- Supplier development aim is to ensure sustainability
- Promote growth especially organic
- Building on existing competencies

Opportunities in the mining sector

- Contract underground conventional mining (development, ledging, stoping, sweeping and vamping)
- Engineering (ventilation, pumps, conveyor belts, explosives, and etc)
- Maintenance (housing, engineering, underground equipment, & etc)
- Transport and logistics
- Supply of fuel and lubricants
- Supply of consumables and disposables
- Consulting services (Engineering, projects, HRD & commercial)
- Social Development Plans implementation programme

DISCUSSION

- Challenges by local suppliers and small companies
- Required improvements by the mining sector
- SMME wishes and areas that need attention by the mining sector
- Government assistance
- Funding funnel
- Where to go from here?
- How do I access the opportunities?
- Hurdles or barriers to entry