



Freeport Saldanha Press Release

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FREEPORT SALDANHA TO HOST NEW ADVANCED METAL PROCESSING AND FABRICATION FACILITY

Saldanha Bay, Western Cape – Freeport Saldanha is pleased to announce that an agreement has been signed with a new investor to establish a fully funded, technologically advanced metal processing and fabrication facility within the Special Economic Zone (SEZ). The facility has an initial investment exceeding R30 million and will position the Western Cape as a key player in advanced engineering and fabrication.

Set to commence operations in November 2025, the facility will be equipped with one of South Africa's largest CNC fibre laser beam cutting machines, along with advanced CNC fibre laser profiling and CNC brake press machines. This high-impact project is a collaboration between EOT Solutions (Pty) Ltd, Nine Dot Solutions (Pty) Ltd, and Saxeni Project (Pty) Ltd.

"This new facility is a testament to our commitment to our mandate of industrial growth and job creation in the Western Cape," said Mr Xola Sithole, Interim CEO of Freeport Saldanha. "We are excited to bring this advanced technology to our SEZ, which will not only boost our local economy but also strengthen South Africa's position in the global engineering and fabrication landscape."

The facility is expected to create significant employment opportunities for professionals in the fabrication and engineering industries, contributing to regional industrial growth and supporting the local community.

The project aims to generate interest from a wide range of stakeholders, including industry stakeholders, government policymakers, investors, and the local communities. Key project details will be announced at the upcoming launch.

"As Executive Mayor of Saldanha Bay Municipality, I am exceedingly pleased about this announcement. The municipality has been a long-time partner in the journey of Freeport Saldanha," said Alderman Andre Truter. "We trust this is the first of many projects to come. We look forward to a path of accelerated investment, job creation and economic growth within Saldanha Bay Municipality"

"The establishment of this advanced metal processing and fabrication facility at Freeport Saldanha is a powerful demonstration of the Western Cape's commitment to driving investment-led growth. It reflects the core principles of our Growth for Jobs Strategy—creating an enabling environment for private-sector innovation, boosting industrial capacity, and unlocking new employment opportunities. This investment not only strengthens our engineering and manufacturing sectors but also positions the Western Cape as a globally competitive destination for advanced fabrication and technology-driven development." Minister Ivan Meyer

"The new metal processing facility is the result of the trusted collaboration between Nine Dot Group and the Saxeni Group which is supported on the two strength pillars, Engineering and Execution. As for Engineering, EOT Solutions is backed by exceptional engineering support. Our focus lies in bulk material handling, mechanical and structural analysis, and innovative design solutions tailored to meet the demanding needs of both local and international clients. With a proven track record of delivering high-quality projects across borders, Nine Dot Solutions combines advanced engineering expertise

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The Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company SOC Ltd (Trading as Freeport Saldanha) is a joint initiative of the Department of Trade, Industry & Competition (dtic), the Western Cape Government's Department of Economic Development & Tourism (DEDAT) and the Saldanha Bay Municipality (SBM).

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with practical fabrication experience. Our comprehensive range of services includes conceptual design, manufacturing data pack generation, mechanical and structural design audits, equipment upgrades and refurbishments, as well as structural stress measurements. Our skilled team of engineers makes use of world-class software tools to ensure precision, efficiency, and reliability in every project we undertake. Whether it's developing new systems or improving existing assets, we are dedicated to delivering solutions that drive performance and extend equipment life. Supporting the mining industry in South Africa remains a key priority for Nine Dot Solutions. We provide valuable input and engineering support for new machines and processes, as well as expert evaluations and improvement strategies for existing assets. At the Nine Dot, we don't just build — we innovate, optimize, and empower industries through engineering excellence.” Pieter van Zyl, Managing Director of Nine Dot Group

“EOT Solutions is proud to stand at the forefront of fabrication and engineering excellence, offering unmatched execution support to the mining and construction industries. In collaboration with Saxeni Projects (Pty) Ltd, a respected management concern specializing in Bulk Materials Handling, EOT Solutions continues to deliver end-to-end project success — from concept to completion. Together, EOT Solutions and Saxeni Projects provide a unique combination of services, equipment, and execution expertise, ensuring that every project meets the highest standards of quality, safety, and efficiency. Our collective strength lies in the diversity and depth of our personnel, whose experience spans project management, construction management, plant installations, and strategic partnerships that drive long-term value for clients. In a rapidly evolving industrial landscape, our multi-disciplinary team is equipped to deliver comprehensive solutions across the ports, mining, and construction sectors, addressing the complex challenges of modern Bulk Material Handling. Whether offering advisory input, full management services, or critical infrastructure delivery, EOT Solutions and Saxeni Projects remain committed to excellence in every aspect of operations.” Flip Hennop, Managing Director of Saxeni Group

“EOT Solutions Showcases Unrivalled Engineering and Execution Capabilities Through Strategic Collaboration with Nine Dot Group and Saxeni Group. As the Managing Director of EOT Solutions, I am proud to highlight our company's growing reputation as a leader in engineering innovation and project execution excellence. Backed by the strong technical and operational support of the Nine Dot Group and Saxeni Group, EOT Solutions continues to set new benchmarks in the fabrication, construction, and bulk material handling sectors. At EOT Solutions, we take pride in our ability to deliver comprehensive engineering and fabrication solutions, from design and manufacturing to installation and commissioning. Supported by Nine Dot Group's exceptional engineering design and analysis expertise and Saxeni Group's proven project management and construction experience, we offer a fully integrated approach that ensures every project is executed with precision, safety, and reliability. Our combined strengths enable us to provide unmatched support to the mining, industrial, and construction industries, both locally and internationally. Together, we deliver end-to-end project solutions — from conceptual design and structural analysis to full-scale plant installations and operational improvements. This collaboration represents more than just shared resources — it's a strategic partnership built on innovation, excellence, and trust. With the Nine Dot and Saxeni teams alongside us, EOT Solutions is uniquely positioned to meet the growing demands of complex industrial projects while maintaining our commitment to quality and performance. EOT Solutions remains dedicated to advancing Africa's industrial and mining infrastructure, driving sustainable growth, and supporting the continent's future through innovation and collaboration.” Gunther Guse, Managing Director of EOT Solutions

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About Freeport Saldanha

Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company SOC Ltd, trading as Freeport Saldanha, located in the port of Saldanha Bay, is South Africa's first freeport, a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and Customs Controlled Area (CCA) dedicated to the maritime, energy, logistics and engineering sectors. It offers a globally competitive customs and VAT regime, efficient logistics systems, and a platform for responsible investment that drives inclusive growth and regional sustainability.

Our mission is to foster responsible investment that creates shared prosperity for Saldanha Bay as a sustainable pioneer in South Africa.

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