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1970 - A port was first mooted on the Coega River on South Africa's coast. It was not pursued due to a number of factors, including the growing isolation of South Africa from the rest of the world.

1996 - A pre-feasibility study into the Project was commissioned by private sector interests through a not-for-profit company.

The Industrial Development Zone would consist of a deep-water port and an industrial area.

The pre-feasibility study was positive and national, provincial and local Government determined that a full feasibility study should be undertaken.

1997 - The study established that the Coega Project was viable - and well-suited to the establishment of the deep-water port.

National government agreed to lead the Coega Project initiative and established the Coega Implementing Authority, drawing together national, provincial and local government structures.

1998 - A strategic review was undertaken which determined that, in order to attract investors, the project developers should provide infrastructure within the IDZ and port.

1998, August - A new corporate structure was registered, with the South African Government as shareholder.

2003, August - ESS Coega takes over the management of the Construction Village.

2003, May - Construction village business centre completed.

2003, June - Temporary Power Supply to Metallurgical cluster installed.

2003, July - Alcan announces take-over bid for Pechiney, resulting in the delay of the Coega Aluminium Smelter project.

Phase 1 of services to Metallurgical Cluster completed.

2003, March - Multi-use recruitment and training facility completed.

Temporary Power Supply to Ngqura Port area completed.

2003, April - Start of upgrading of section of National Road that runs through the IDZ.

Development Management Plan of open space for entire Coega Project area completed. Construction Village ready for occupation.

Access roads to the metallurgical cluster completed.

2003, January - CDC awarded ISO 14 001 Certification.

2003, February - Start of Construction on Neptune Road and N2 Interchange.

Upgrade and construction of access road, MR 435, completed; civil and electrical work of Construction Village completed.

"Watchdog" Coega Environmental Monitoring Committee established for environmental compliance on the Coega Project.

2004, April - Construction of Neptune Road Systems Interchange - linking road, rail, sea, IDZ and port continues.

2004, 30th June - Flooding of the basin of the deepwater Port of Ngqura.

Construction of the port continues.

2004, September - International benchmarking study for Coega IDZ competitiveness by global consulting group completed.

2005 - Installation of services in the Light Industrial Cluster of the IDZ commenced. Services include roads, water and sewerage. Provision of similar services for Automotive Cluster commences. Bridge over the N2, linking Light Industrial Cluster and Automotive Clusters commences.

2005, March - Tender for the construction of the Coega office block published.

2005, May - Coega announces arrival of its first investor in the Coega IDZ.

Haul-Road along side the Neptune Road - decommissioned.

2005, October - Announcement of Straits Chemicals Investment.

Announcement of Stainless Steel Precision Strip Facility. A consortium comprised of Boecker & Wender Stahl (BWS) of Germany Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) & Columbus Stainless (SA).

2005, November - Switching on of lights.

2005, December - Bridge over the N2, linking Light Industrial and Automotive Clusters completed.

Neptune Interchange completed and opened.

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2005, December - Expansion of Hougham Park interchange along the National Road (N2) commenced.

2005, December - First fast-tracked development in the IDZ completed within 5 months and handed over.

2006, January - Tender for the construction of the Coega office block awarded.

1st Phase Electrification to Zones 1,2, & 3 and Port Cluster completed

2006, January - Headwalls of Eastern and Western breakwaters completed at the Ngqura harbour.

2006, March - CDC received an award from World Bank for excellent service (speed, quality, accuracy and relevance) to the investors.

2001, March - Coega IDZ announces that the infrastructure design has been completed.

The minister of Trade and Industry declares his intention to proclaim the Coega Industrial Development Zone.

2001, May - The Department of Minerals and Energy issues a permit for the mining of the Coega Kop Quarry.

2001, June - The Coega Community is relocated to Well's Estate.

2001, December - Records of Decision issued for the rezoning of land for the IDZ from agricultural to special purpose usage.

Declaration of the Coega IDZ by the Cabinet. Coega becomes the first South African IDZ to be declared.

2002, October - Zone Labour Agreement signed by employer and labour stakeholders in construction industry.

2002, November - 15 construction sites are operational.

2002, December - Joorst Park construction village renovations completed.

2002, July - IDZ construction process starts.

CDC Board approves Procurement Policy & Procedures.

2002, August - Port tender awarded US \$250-million.

2002, September - Port construction starts.

Occupational Health and Safety practices incorporated into Coega Development Corporation operating process.

Environmental Policy adopted.

2002, February - Coega IDZ Provisional Operator's Permit awarded to the CDC.

Port construction tender published

2002, March - IDZ Construction Tender published.

2002, April - CDC Business Registration process commences.

2002, May - Gateway to the African Renaissance campaign launched.

2002, June - CDC Job seekers registration process launched.

2000, November - Recommendation is made to appoint P&O Nedlloyd / TCI Infrastructure, as a preferred private partner.

Transportation parastatal Transnet confirmed that Portnet would develop the common infrastructure for the port and that P & O Nedlloyd would negotiate to develop and operate a container terminal.

2001, February - President Thabo Mbeki indicates that the Coega IDZ will be the first to be gazetted in South Africa.

1999, November - The Coega Development Corporation (CDC) takes over implementing Authority role.

2000, December - IDZ Legislation promulgated.

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