Mozambique

Southern Africa Government Grants and Tax Incentives

Specific incentive for Hotel and Tourism

Qualifying Criteria

The incentives apply to investments in hotelry and tourism industry, namely –

- Construction, rehabilitation, expansion or modernization of hotelry units
- Development of infrastructure for the establishment of camping and caravan parks with minimum of three star classification
- Equipment for the development and exploration of marinas
- Development of wild reserves, national parks and game reserves for tourism.

The minimum investment requirement is MZN 2 500 000 (See note below)

Benefits

Deductions from taxable base for corporate income tax

- Investment in new technologies may be deducted (up to 10% of taxable net income)
- Professional training costs of Mozambican citizens may be deducted, up to 5% or 10% of taxable net income
- An amount equal to 110% of expenditure for investments carried out in the City of Maputo for construction and rehabilitation of works that are considered to be a public utility by a competent authority may be deducted and, in the case of other provinces, an amount equal to 120% of the same expenditure

Accelerated depreciation

 Accelerated depreciation rates (increase of 50% of normal rates) of new immovable, vehicles and other tangible fixed assets used in the conduct of the hostelry and tourism activities.

Investment Tax Credit for corporate income tax

 A tax credit of between 5% and 10% of the investment in fixed assets (with some exceptions) during the investment period. The tax credit not deducted in the investment year may be carried forward to the following five years

 The 5% rate is for investment in the Maputo province, the 10% rate is applied to investment in other provinces

Import taxes

 Exemption of customs duties and VAT on importation of certain equipment, as well as other goods considered to be indispensable for the conduct of tourism and hostelry activity

Note: The Investment Law changed the minimum investment amount to MZN 7 500 000 but the Tax Benefits Code has not yet been amended to update the investment amount.

Specific incentives for Manufacturing and Assembly Industry

These are specific incentives to encourage investment in the manufacturing and assembly industries. The minimum investment requirement is MZN 2 500 000 (See note below).

Qualifying Criteria

The benefit is only applicable to projects that can guarantee an annual turnover exceeding MZN 3 000 000 and for which the value added to the final product would increase to, at least, 20%.

Benefit

Exemption from customs duties on any feedstock to be incorporated in the production.

Note: The Investment Law changed the minimum investment amount to MZN 7 500 000 but the Tax Benefits Code has not yet been amended to update the investment amount.

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