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CII Mission to South Africa and Uganda

Mr Pravin Gordhan, Minister of Finance, Republic of South Africa, invited CII to participate in formulating the investment policy of the Republic of South Africa, during a meeting with Mr Adi Godrej, President, CII, and Chairman, Godrej Group, in Pretoria on 18 October.

Mr Adi Godrej led a CII CEOs Delegation to Uganda and South Africa from 15-18 October. The delegation included CEOs from the Steel, Power, Automobiles, Water, Financial Services, Legal Services, Infrastructure, Mining and IT sectors.

In Uganda, the delegation called on Mr Y Kaguta Museveni, President of Uganda, on 15 October. Mr Museveni spoke about the long and historical relationship between India and his country, also the large number of persons of Indian origin in Uganda. Inviting Indian industry to participate strongly in the development of Uganda, he said the country's food surplus economy with vast natural resources offers opportunity for value addition in Natural Resources, Agriculture, Infrastructure, Hydro Electricity, Renewable Energy, Herbal Medicines and various other sectors. Mr Godrej assured the President that Indian Industry would look at Uganda with more interest and explore collaborative investment opportunities there.

The Uganda National Chamber of Commerce & Industry

organized a Seminar and Business to Business Meeting on 16 October. The meeting was addressed by Ms Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Tourism & Industry; Mr Simon Dujaang, Minister of Energy, and Mr Jachan Omach, Minister of State for Finance and Planning, who presented investment opportunities in their respective sectors.

In South Africa, the CII delegation called on Mr Pravin Gordhan, Minister of Finance, and Mr Nhalnhla Musa Nene, Deputy Minister of Finance. The Ministers spoke about the overall economic situation in South Africa and invited Indian industry to participate in identified infrastructure projects in South Africa.

The CII delegation also called on Mr Marius Llewellyn Fransman, Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation. Appreciating the longstanding relationship between India and South Africa, and the role played by Indians in the nation-building process in South Africa, the Minister called for stronger economic ties between India and South Africa.

The delegates participated in meetings organized by the Progressive Business Forum of African National Congress (PBF ANC) and Business Unity South Africa (BUSA). They were also briefed on opportunities in South Africa at a meeting held at the Gordon Institute of Business Studies (GIBS) by experts from GIBS, Webber Wentzel, First Rand and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).



Adi Godrej, President, CII, and Chairman, Godrej Group, and members of the CII CEOs Delegation to South Africa, in Pretoria



Y Kaguta Museveni, President of Uganda, with Adi Godrej, and members of the CII CEOs delegation in Uganda