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BIGGER THINGS AHEAD: A sketch of the proposed Lanseria Corporate Estate

Big project planned

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A R2 billion industrial estate near Lanseria Airport is set to change the face of Fourways and its surrounds.

More than R200 million has already been spent on developing the basic infrastructure for the nine-hectare development.

"Companies and entrepreneurs can either rent or own property here, knowing they're making a sound, principled choice for the future of their business, as well as the planet," developer Jurgen Erhart of Lanseria Corporate Estate said.

The estate is expected to be complete in 2017.

Businesses that hope to buy land in the estate will have to follow green principle guidelines to build their premises in the development.

"The ultimate goal of developers is to create a platform for sustainable working environments that facilitate the use of natural light in an aesthetically pleasing surrounding with verdant planting which all underpins sustainable workplaces," said Erhart. An environmental assessment study conducted by Turner & Townsend, found that the development has off-set its carbon footprint for the next 15 years.

Around 4 900 trees have been planted to pay the development's carbon debt. The 78.73 tons per year carbon emissions from the estate's annual activities will be balanced by the 96 tons per year of carbon dioxide absorbed by the lush landscape."Our green ethos is all-encompassing; we are determined to reduce our environmental impact."

The business park will also be equipped with a modern waste water recycling system.

"Essentially, Lanseria Corporate Estate is a green home for business, particularly for eco-aware companies looking for sustainability and an ethically sound springboard for success," said Erhart.

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