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**Message from British Chamber CEO, David Dawson**

Dear Cecilia

Business communities are grateful this week for the clarity provided by the Prime Minister in her opening speech to the Conservative Party Conference. She pledged to trigger Article 50 by the end of March 2017, and to repeal the 1972 European Communities Act, which enshrines the supremacy of EU law in the UK. I have been much encouraged by the message of Global Britain building new alliances and partnerships around the world. It's clear that UK companies, and indeed Chamber members, are proactively looking for opportunities amidst the current uncertainty. Engaging with each other, both to identify these opportunities and to add value and support to our network, is key. Keep it up!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.



***Chamber engagement with ANC and IRR***

As part of wider efforts to involve business more in tackling our country's challenges, the ANC's head of economic transformation, Enoch Godongwana invited the Chamber to meet with both him and with the Institute of Race Relations' CEO, Frans Cronje. The engagement was constructive and dialogue is ongoing.

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## ***UKTI becomes Dept for International Trade***

UK Trade and Investment has been integrated into the newly established Department for International Trade. This department also houses UK Export Finance, and has responsibility for negotiating Great Britain's free trade agreements with all non-EU countries. The Chamber remains a delivery partner to the UK government and will work closely with the new DIT.



## ***dti / Chamber Business Workshop***

The Chamber's Business Environment Working Group identified a need for clarity on particular business topics. The result? A successful members' workshop held in collaboration with dti. Topics covered included BEE Codes, the Protection of Investment Act and dti Industry Incentives. Speakers represented the Dept of Home Affairs, the Reserve Bank, and Invest SA.

## ***Cape Town Brexit Members Business Briefing***

Fresh from a recent trip to London, guest speaker and Chamber patron, Dame Judith Macgregor had a reassuring message for Cape Town members and guests. Yes, there is short-term uncertainty associated with the UK's forthcoming exit from the EU. But ultimately this represents new opportunities for South Africa in their already significant trade relationship with Britain.



## ***Member Exclusives***

**Awakening Excellence** offers the book **The Engaged Workforce**, outlining six practical steps to creating a coaching culture, for a discounted Members' price of R220. Email: [mariam@awakeningexcellence.co.za](mailto:mariam@awakeningexcellence.co.za). **ensAfrica** invited Chamber members to breakfast with the B-BBEE Commission. **Santa Fe Relocation** hosted a discussion on the Green Paper on International Migration. In the last quarter Chamber members also received invitations to: an **Africa Aerospace and Defence 2016** event, the **Invest in Namibia Conference** and a policy dialogue on **Climate Change Adaptation Readiness**, hosted by the South African Institute of International Affairs.

## ***New Members***

A warm welcome to the following recently joined members: Corinium Corporate Finance, Creditable Africa, Eisenberg & Associates, Emergent Research Africa, Focus Africa Advisory, Herbert Smith Freehills, Moveo Relocations, TBIS, Tuntec Business Enterprises and Visa4SA.



David Dawson will again represent the Chamber at the BCC international conference in November. David will be joined by Chamber colleagues from Morocco, Nigeria, Zambia and Kenya.



The annual Sterling Members' dinner with Chamber patron Dame Judith Macgregor and Minister Therese Coffey, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Environmental, Food and Rural Affairs.



**SAVE THE DATE: JOHANNESBURG**  
Join us to hear about the Ten Point Plan that Executive Mayor, [Herman Mashaba](#) has for Johannesburg.  
20 October 2016 [Inanda Club](#).



**HMS PORTLAND VISITS DURBAN:**  
The British Chamber joined local dignitaries and members of the Durban business community for a reception on board this Royal Navy frigate.



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