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**AL Jama-ah supports President Ramaphosa's localisation small business project.**

The Al Jama-ah party fully supports President Cyril Ramaphosa's project to localise and ringfence 1000 products for small business development in townships, rural communities, and in the informal settlements. These products will be manufactured and sold locally and on export markets.

Al Jama-ah's Member of Parliament, Hon Ganief Hendricks who also serves on the Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development, is part of three government departments currently on a fact-finding mission to businesses destroyed in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal during the recent unrests. The fact-finding mission kicks off today in KwaZulu-Natal where Hendricks will lobby businesses for space and infrastructure to start incubators.

As a Member of Parliament Hendricks got the support of the Trade Route Mall in Lenasia to provide 2000 square metres of trading space for an incubator to provide opportunities for locals and entrepreneurs from nearby Soweto. The infrastructure and trading space have been given free of charge and is ready for government to allocate it and to install a manufacturing plant and business incubator.

Hendricks is one of South Africa's giants in establishing incubators and received an award as a pioneer of the internet creating new revenue streams and next generation jobs.

For further information on the incubators contact the National Parliamentary Constituency Office: **Ms Mingha Field: 082 355 1261 and  
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