

### DOING BUSINESS IN GHANA

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## The GIPC Mandate

The Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC) is a government agency re-established under **GIPC ACT 2013**, **Act 865** to promote, coordinate and facilitate investments in and into the Ghanaian economy.

#### Our functions include:

- Investment advisory services
- Joint venture search
- Identification of specific projects for investment promotion
- Grant of investment incentives and provision of investor support services
- Registration of technology transfer agreements
- Negotiation of Bilateral Investment Treaties



## Ghana's FDI Policy

- ☐Guided by the principle of translating FDI into tangible results
- □100% foreign ownership
- ☐ Joint Ventures are strongly encouraged and promoted.
- ☐Generous tax code, incentives and guarantees
- □ Repatriation of dividends and net profit
- Remittance of proceeds in the sale or liquidation of investment





# Ghana's FDI Policy - Tax Code

Tax Rates	Percentage
General Corporate Tax	25%
Companies Listed on the GSE	22%
Free Zones Enterprises	8% (After 10 year Tax Holiday)
Manufacturing Companies	
Located in Accra/ Tema	25%
Located in all other Capitals	18.75%
Located outside Regional Capitals	2.5%



# Ghana's FDI Policy - Tax Code

Tax Rates	Percentage
Companies Engaged in Non-Traditional Exports	8%
Companies Producing Cocoa By-Products	25% (After 5 year Tax Holiday)
Agro-processing Companies	
Located in Accra/ Tema	20% (After 5 year Tax Holiday)
Located in other Capitals (Except 3 Northern Regions)	10%
Located in Northern, Upper West & Upper East	0%



## A Streamlined Investment Process

### Invest in 3 easy steps

- Step 1 Register with Registrar General's Department
- **Step 2** Meet the Minimum Equity Contribution
- Step 3 Register with GIPC





## Minimum Foreign Capital Requirement

Compliance with GIPC Act 865 regarding minimum capital requirements either in Cash or Capital goods relevant to the investment or a combination of both by way of equity participation is as follows:

#### Joint Venture

Not less than
US\$ 200,000.00 with a
Ghanaian having not
less than 10% equity
participation

100% Foreign-Owned

Not less than **US\$500,000.00** 

# Foreign Owned Trading Enterprises

Not less than
U\$\$ 1,000,000.00 with a minimum of 20 skilled
Ghanaians employed by such an Enterprise.



## Automatic Expatriate Quotas

 Automatic immigrant quotas depending on paid-up capital

> US\$ 50,000 – US\$ 250,000 – 1 quota

US\$ 250,000 – US\$ 500,000 – 2 quotas

US\$ 500,000 – US\$ 750,000 – 3 quotas

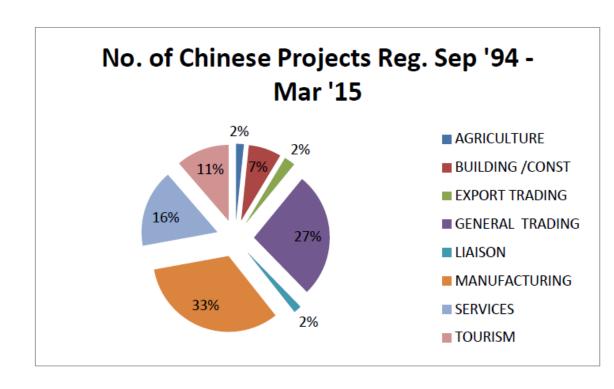
US\$ 700,000 and above – 4 quotas





### Chinese Investments in Ghana

- The GIPC has registered a total of 732 Chinese projects valued at U\$\$2,342.50 billion between Sept. 1994 to Mar. 2015
- Majority of the Investments from China are in the Manufacturing Sector





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### Registered FDI Inflows From China: Sept 1994 – March 2015

SECTOR	TOTAL NO. OF PROJECTS	TOTAL FDI (US\$M)
AGRICULTURE	12	5.38
BUILDING /CONST	51	233.79
EXPORT TRADING	17	8.35
GENERAL TRADING	196	126.41
LIAISON	12	10.63
MANUFACTURING	240	1,391.39
SERVICES	121	553.85
TOURISM	83	12.71
TOTAL	732	2,342.50



## Priority Sectors

- Energy
- Oil & Gas
- Infrastructure
  - Roads
  - Railways
  - Ports
  - Property

- Agriculture
- → Tourism
- Manufacturing
- Services
  - → ICT
  - Financial
  - Education





# Continue to Think Ghana

Ghana is open for Business



There is strong Governmental Support for Foreign & Local Investors as well as a functional legal framework to ensure the success of every investment.

Think Ghana, Think Endless Possibilities

Think Ghana, Make it Happen





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