

**Minutes of Meeting held with the Consul General of South Africa on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 at 2 PM in “Conference Room “of HO of GJEPC**

Sr No.	Agenda Points	Discussion
	To Discuss the issues related to South African visa.	The meeting commenced with the opening remarks by Mr. Sabyasachi Ray wherein he explained about importance of South Africa for Indian business in Gem & Jewellery, South Africa is a gateway to Africa. Mementoes were presented to Mr. Malefane & Mr. Mashaba by Mr. Sabyasachi Ray & Mr. Vipul Shah.
		Mr. Sabyasachi Ray explained that many people travel to South Africa for business purpose from India. He explained with example that diamond specialists are going to South Africa in case of purchase of rough diamonds.
		Mr. Malefane explained that South Africa needs many people to visit for the trade purpose, so there will not be any barriers for business people from G&J industry of India related to Visa. However, he requires suggestions regarding the qualification criteria for executives of the company who use to travel to South Africa on companies behalf for business purpose to get multiple entry visa.
		Mr. Suresh Shah inquired whether the designations of these executives need to be unique in every company.
		Mr. Sabyasachi Ray explained them that there are different designations in each company as per company policy.

		<p>Mr. Mashaba then apprised about detail rules related to the South African visa and explained the type of visas issued by South Africa as below:</p> <p><b>1) Visitors visa for business purpose</b>(short term visitors visa) It may be issued for single or multiple entries, for a period of not more than 3 months and may be extended for another 3 months while in the Republic.</p> <p><b>2) Long term port of entry Business Executive visitor's visa</b></p> <p>It is a multiple entries visa which may be issued for a period of more that 3 months, for 30 days each visit. It may be issued to bona fide business executives of an organisation such as Chairman, President, Directors, CEO,MD, GM.</p> <p><b>3) Business Visa:(investor's visa)</b></p> <p>A business visa may be issued for a period up to 3 years multiple entry to an applicant who intends to establish a new business or invest in an established business in South Africa. <i>Detailed requirements outlined in the application form DHA 84.</i></p> <p><b>4) Transit Visa:</b></p> <p>Transit visa may be issued to applicants who intend travelling to neighbouring countries through South Africa. Applications must be accompanied by valid visa of the contry of destination.</p> <p>The Consul General expressed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Any Visa should be given within a week, 5 working days.</li><li>b) In case of heavy rush it may maximum take 2 weeks.</li><li>c) In case of urgency it may be given within 48 hours or less or also in weekends/holidays.</li><li>d) The business executives such as partners/directors/proprietors can be given multiple entry</li></ul>
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		<p>Mr. Vipul Shah &amp; Sabyasachi Ray informed Mr. Malefane that some members face the problem of longer processing time for getting the Visa.</p>
		<p>Mr. Malefane clarified that normally it takes a week &amp; in case of rush it may take 2 weeks of time to issue the visa. He suggested to the Members present that every applicant should provide accurate information in the application form which is available on the Consulate's website.</p>

**The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.**

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**SABYASACHI RAY  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**