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Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation,
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Re: **TISEZA FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSED INTEGRATED GREEN IRON & STEEL
COMPLEX PROJECT BY DANIELI & C. OFFICINE MECCANICHE S.P.A**

Refer the heading above

2. The Tanzania Investment and Special Economic Zones Authority (TISEZA) wishes to inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation that on **16 January 2026**, TISEZA held a consultative meeting with representatives of **Danieli & C. Officine Meccaniche S.p.A.** and **Thimar Investment Limited**, to discuss the proposed **Integrated Green Iron & Steel Complex Project** to be established in Tanzania.
 3. The meeting provided an in-depth discussion on the scope, technical configuration, implementation phases, and strategic importance of the project. The proposed investment entails the development of a **large-scale, environmentally sustainable iron and steel manufacturing complex**, strategically planned to be located within the **Mtwara Special Economic Zone**, adjacent to the Mtwara Port and existing natural gas infrastructure. The project will be implemented in phases, beginning with the production of **green Direct Reduced Iron (DRI/HBI)** and followed by downstream steelmaking, casting, and rolling facilities for the production of **hot rolled coils, bars, wire rods, and other steel products.**
 4. The project is designed to utilize **clean and energy-efficient technologies**, including natural gas-based direct reduction and advanced electric arc furnace systems, significantly reducing carbon emissions compared to conventional steelmaking methods. Its primary objective is to address Tanzania's growing demand for quality steel products, reduce reliance on imports, and position Tanzania as a **regional hub for steel production and export within East and Central Africa.**
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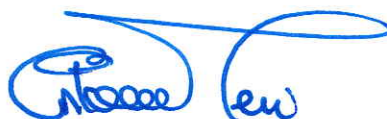
From TISEZA's assessment, the project presents substantial **economic and strategic benefits**, including:

- Promotion of **value addition and industrialization** in line with national development priorities;
- Reduction of steel imports and strengthening of the **local manufacturing base**;
- Creation of **direct and indirect employment opportunities** during construction and operation phases;
- Transfer of **advanced technology and skills development** for Tanzanian professionals;
- Increased utilization of **locally available natural gas and port infrastructure**; and
- Enhancement of Tanzania's competitiveness as an **investment destination for large-scale industrial projects**.

5. In view of the above, **TISEZA finds the proposed project to be highly beneficial and of national strategic importance**. The Authority therefore respectfully requests the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation** to extend its support to this project, particularly in facilitating diplomatic engagement with the investors, supporting intergovernmental coordination where required, and promoting Tanzania as a preferred destination for this and similar strategic investments.

6. TISEZA remains ready to provide any additional information or clarification that the Ministry may require and looks forward to continued collaboration to ensure the successful realization of this landmark investment.

Please accept, Honourable Permanent Secretary, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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