



Administrative Authority  
Nkok Special Investment



# Invest in Nkok SIZ (Gabon)

July 2025



# Nkok special investment zone



## CONTEXT

Nkok Priviledge Regime Economic Zone was created by **Decree No. 0461/PR/MPITPTHTAT of 10 October 2012** following the enactment of the **law No. 10/2011** of 18 July 2011, and was then **amended by Decree No. 0018/PR/MPIPPAEA of 7 March 2023**, reorganising the zone.

Nkok Special Investment Zone (SIZ) is the outcome of a public-private partnership between the Gabonese state and the ARISE Group. The two parties created a joint venture called GSEZ SA, which is responsible for developing and managing the Zone.

The Administrative Authority of the Nkok SIZ represents the public administration. It assists investors with administrative procedures through a Single Window currently constituted with 24 public administrations.

**Nkok Special Investment Zone may consist of one or more of the following types of zone:**

- **An Economic Zone under Protected Status (EZPS)**
- **An Industrial Zone (IZ);**
- **An Industrial Zone with Privileged Status (IZPS);**
- **A Commercial Zone (CZ);**
- **A Special Zone for the Promotion of Education and Technological Research (ZSPER);**
- **A High Productivity Agricultural Zone (PAZ);**
- **An Entrepreneurial Excellence Zone (EEZ);**
- **A Tourist Interest Zone (TIZ);**
- **A Services Zone (SZ);**
- **A Residential Zone (RZ).**

**OVERALL AREA: 1126 hectares (segmented into two phases)**

## Phase 1

620 hectares divided as follows:

**Commercial Zone:** 15.4 hectares designated for services, exhibitions and the marketing of products 'Made in SEZ Gabon'.

**Residential Zone:** 44 hectares dedicated to various types of accommodations, with more than a hundred units already built.

**Industrial zone:** 560 hectares currently occupied by companies coming from Asia, Europe, Africa and America, operating in eight industrial sectors:

- Wood manufacturing;
- Steel industry/metallurgy;
- Agri-food industry;
- Building materials;
- Chemistry;
- Plastic recycling;
- Telecommunications;
- Pharmacy.

### Timber yard

In order to supply operators in the wood sector with raw materials (logs), Nkok Special Investment Zone is equipped with a concrete timber yard covering an area of 38 hectares.

### Multimodal and logistics providing area

An area comprising a loading and unloading quay, a parking area, container storage, shops and customs clearance, and warehouses. It is surrounded by multifaceted infrastructure and a transport network, including road, rail, and river transport in order to shorten product supply and delivering times.

Additionally, there is a wood cluster dedicated to third-stage processing. It is designed for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises operating in the manufacture of 'Made in Gabon' furniture.

## Phase 2

468 hectares in the pipeline

# There are currently **68** active companies at Nkok Special Investment Zone

**51 companies operating in the wood sector, carrying out the following activities:**

- Drying
- Sawing/Planing
- Peeling/Veneering
- Furniture manufacturing

**06 companies operating in the steel industry with the following activities:**

- Concreted iron and steely billet manufacture
- MManufacture of coppered, leaden, aluminium and bronze ingots
- Gold processing

**04 companies operating in the chemical sector with the following activities:**

- Oxygen and acetylene Bottling
- Car batteries manufacture
- Glue, resin and paint manufacture

**02 companies** operating in the building materials sector, with concrete and industrial bricks manufacture as activities.

**02 companies operating in the agri-food sector with the following activities:**

- Drilling and drinking water bottling
- Sludge and palm oil management

**01 company** operating in generic drug manufacturing.

**01 company** operating in plastic recycling, specialised in straps manufacturing.

**01 company** operating in telecommunication sector.

## Carbon neutrality

In September 2021, Nkok Special Investment Zone (SIZ) obtained an ISO 14064-1 certification for carbon neutrality. With this certification awarded by Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS), the Swiss multinational certification company, Nkok Special Investment Zone has become one of the few industrial zones in the world to be classified as low carbon emitter.

## Job creation within the Nkok Special Investment Zone

In July 2025, Nkok Special Investment Zone has created around **7000 direct jobs**.

## Wood traceability and legality

In addition to the Ministry of Water and Forests, which ensures the traceability and legality of logs, Nkok Special Investment Zone signed a partnership with an independent organism to conduct these checking operations within the Zone.

## Training

Nkok Special Investment Zone also houses three training centres:

- The International Multisectoral Centre for Education and Vocational Training, specialised in industrial trades.
- The Sectoral Training Centre for Construction and Woodworking.
- The Sectoral Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology.



## INVITING INVESTMENT INTO EZPS

• 0% tax on dividends for 25 years	• 100% allowed foreigner ownership
• 0% tax on real estate ownership for 25 years	• 10 years customs-free on equipments machines and spare parts importaton
• 10 years exoneration on corporation tax, and just 10% from the eleventh year.	• Water and electricity at low cost
• 25 years exoneration on Valued Added Tax (VAT).	• One stop shop available for administrative services to operators.
• 100% repatriating funds	







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## **Nkok Special Investment Zone**

Single Window building

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# **The Single Window**

Nkok Special Investment Zone's Administrative Authority manages a Single Window comprising 24 running administrative bodies designed to assist operators with their administrative procedures.

- Gabonese Standards Agency
- Gabonese Food and Safety Agency
- National Investment Promotion Agency
- National Agency of Urbanism, Topographic Works and Cadastre Office
- National Health Insurance and Social Guarantee Fund
- National Social Security Fund
- Gabonese Loaders Counsel
- Directorate-General for Trade
- Directorate-General for Taxes
- Directorate-General for Customs and Indirect Taxes
- Directorate-General for Competition, Consumer Affairs and Fraud Control
- Directorate-General for Environment and Protection of Nature
- Directorate General of Forestry
- Directorate-General for Industry, Timber Trade and Forest Product Development
- Directorate-General for Industry and Industrial Activities Coordination
- Directorate-General for Statistics
- Directorate-General for Labour, Workforce and Employment
- Directorate-General for Documentation and Immigration
- Labour Inspectorate
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Gabonese Office for Industrial Property
- National Employment Promotion Hub
- Directorate-General for Public Accounting and the Treasury
- Budgetary control

