

MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Mauritius has a rich history of 40 years of industrialisation. Over the years, the manufacturing sector has successfully confronted setbacks and leveraged on opportunities, upgrading itself to the production of high-value jewellery, fashionable textile and precision light engineering goods. Fish and fish processing have emerged as a fundamental contributors to the sector. Today, Mauritius prides itself on having its products displayed in renowned retail outlets in the USA, Europe and South Africa.

Manufacturing, now, is a solid pillar of the economy, contributing 16.4% to GDP and employing about 117,000 workers. The sector is set to move on a higher growth trajectory in the coming years through a consolidation in traditional markets and capturing of opportunities in emerging economies. The Economic Mission Statement - Vision 2030 sets the target contribution of the manufacturing sector to reach 25% of GDP by 2018. Promotion of technology, skill, innovation and knowledge-based activities constitute a major policy thrust to achieve this target.

This revised edition of the **Mauritius Export Directory 2017-2018** constitutes an indispensable information and promotional tool. It is a useful guide for local operators, foreign buyers and prospective investors wishing to do business with Mauritius. It is indeed a 'must' for the business community looking to use Mauritius as a sourcing and investment destination. I therefore encourage one and all to take on as guide, this unique trade directory, in their journey to forge ahead new business frontiers.

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As Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection, I express my sincere appreciation to Enterprise Mauritius for the publication of the **Mauritius Export Directory 2017-2018**. I am pleased to recommend the Directory to the global business community.

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