



# Ecco Chamber

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## FORMING BONDS

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# Chamber's Note

## Forming Bonds

Our society contains dynamics that push us in the direction of individuality and separation, sometimes for the better as we get our privacy and can work on our own personal development. The trouble with this is that we inevitably are presented with problems that can only be solved collectively. Many of South Africa's current problems, for example, could have been avoided if South African civil society had been more coordinated against the abuse of public office.

To counteract the tide of isolation and to take agency in the face of problems that individuals are too small to solve, ItalCham was formed forty years ago as a collective to represent Italian business interests in South Africa. The longevity of the Chamber speaks to the necessary role the Chamber has played, where individual companies are not able to resolve their complications on their own.

Today a Chamber of commerce may appear like a platypus, an unusual species of organization, evolved of an unusual set of conditions which are nevertheless as necessary and real as more common species of the jungle. Below are four key points about ItalCham to remind our members of the role we wish to play:

1) Your Chamber of Commerce is not a government organization. Despite receiving some funding from the Italian state, ItalCham is agile and independent. Although we are a non-profit organization, we still need to generate revenue to survive and to fulfil our mandate of facilitating trade between Italy and SA and acting as a hub for Italian-South African business.

2) Your Chamber of Commerce is not a private company. We are a non-profit organization and do not belong to private shareholders. Our decision-making body is elected by you, our members. As a result, the Chamber is only ever as good as its members who comprise it.



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3) Our incentives are directly attached to our members. Once a year an AGM is held to ratify resolutions and to elect a board of directors. As an elected body by the members, the board provides direction to the Chamber throughout the year.

4) Your Chamber of Commerce cannot deliver value without your participation. Our initiatives need the support of the Italian business community. In turn the Italian business community unites through the Chamber. Owing to the broad front spearheaded by the Chamber, our community gains broader visibility and representation.

The Italian Chamber collaborates where relevant with anybody that can further the interests of its members. Our collaborators include but are not limited to Italian diplomatic institutions, other Chambers of Commerce in South Africa, Italian Chambers of commerce abroad, and private organizations.

Tuesday was a celebration of the romantic bonds between people. Our message today, while not so hot-blooded, is nevertheless a passionate one. Our business community needs to support one another. A membership at the Chamber is a stitch in the garment and a link in the chain that protects and decorates our historic community. So in the spirit of commerce and community, we urge you to continue to form these bonds!

*Italcham!*

# ITALCHAM BUSINESS

## EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### WHY SPONSOR?

THIS IS THE FLAGSHIP EVENT OF THE ITALIAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY REACHING OVER 100,000 PEOPLE WITH ITS PROMMOTIONS AND HOSTING LA CRÈME DE LA CRÈME OF SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS .

#### PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP

**R35 000**

- INCLUDES FOUR TICKETS (VALUED AT R6K)
- BANNERS AND BRANDING AT EVENT
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#### DIAMOND SPONSORSHIP

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- GOLD TABLE (VALUED AT R15K)
- CUSTOMIZED STAND AT THE EVENT
- PROMOTIONAL VIDEO AT EVENT
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\*EVENT IS PROMOTED THROUGH PAID ONLINE ADVERTISING, REACHING AN AUDIENCE OF 100,000 OVER A TWO MONTH PERIOD

\*\*PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL INCLUDES EVENT BROCHURES, NEWSLETTER PROMOTIONS, PROMOTIONAL VIDEO, MENU, POST-EVENT VIDEO,

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# UPCOMING EVENT

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2 MARCH 2023

18:00 - 21:00

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Members: R 200

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# UPCOMING EVENT

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GUEST SPEAKER  
CORPORATE FACILITATOR

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FROM 8:00 TO 11:00 AM



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for SOUTHERN AFRICA



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Sudafrika - South Africa Chapter



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AN ENERGY JOURNEY

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# EU Trade & Investment Breakfast

**Wesgro, in partnership with the EU Chambers of Commerce and Industry, hosted a Trade and Investment Breakfast on Monday 13 February, at the Royal Cape Yacht Club in Cape Town.**

Selected members joined the EU Ambassador to South Africa, Her Excellency Mrs Sandra Kramer – along with key Western Cape Government officials including Premier of the Western Cape Alan Winde; Western Cape Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities Mireille Wenger; Cape Town Executive Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis; and Wesgro CEO Wrenelle Stander – to hear more about the investment opportunities available in Cape Town and the Western Cape for European businesses.

With the EU Chamber, business organisations, trade commissions and diplomats representing 12 EU member states, the breakfast provided a valuable opportunity to network and learn more about why the Western Cape is a springboard into Africa.





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# *Italian Festival at Idiom*



## **A WEEKEND CELEBRATING ITALIAN CULTURE & LIFESTYLE**

Italian Festival at IDIOM returns on Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 March 2023, bringing together the best of Italy in the Cape with some of the top Italian wines imported by Vinotria & Italian cultivars produced at IDIOM.

Join us for a journey through Italy, with Italian wine tastings, masterclasses, Italian cuisine, fun activities, live music and more. The Italian Festival will take place outside on the beautiful lawns of Idiom with panoramic views of False Bay and the Helderberg mountains.

**Red Ticket:** Includes 12 wine tastings, a bottle of San Pellegrino or Aqua Panna water and a branded wine glass - R330

**White Ticket:** Includes live entertainment, and a bottle of San Pellegrino or Aqua Panna water. Excludes wine tasting. R220

**Green Ticket:** Entry for kids under 16. R110

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**24 February 2023**

**Delta Cafe' - 76 Marlborough Ave, Craighall Park**

**Cost - R150pp and includes light snacks**

**First bottle pops at 18:00**

**Please RSVP by 20 February 2023**

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# Member News

## **ENEL GREEN POWER CONCLUDES POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS TO SUPPLY RENEWABLE ENERGY TO AIR LIQUIDE AND SASOL AT ITS SECUNDA SITE IN SOUTH AFRICA**

Johannesburg, January 24, 2023 – Enel Green Power, the Enel Group subsidiary dedicated to the development and management of power generated from renewable resources worldwide, has signed two long-term Power Purchase Agreements with Air Liquide Large Industries South Africa (Air Liquide) and Sasol South Africa (Sasol) to supply a total capacity of 220 MW of renewable energy to Sasol's Secunda site, where Air Liquide operates the world's largest oxygen production facility. This agreement is subject to regulatory and financial approvals.

The PPAs represent the first results of a joint Request for Proposal (RFP) process initiated by Air Liquide and Sasol in April 2021 for the procurement of a total capacity of 900 MW of renewable energy, the largest corporate effort in South Africa to procure renewable energy for their operations.

The renewable energy will be supplied by two Enel Green Power wind projects, located in the Eastern Cape and have an expected annual production of more than 800 GWh

“We are proud to partner with Sasol and Air Liquide on their sustainability journey. The deal will significantly contribute to the decarbonisation of the Secunda site, reducing CO2 emissions that arise from the oxygen production process by between 30% to 40% by 2031,” says Manuele Battisti, Country Manager for Enel Green Power South Africa.

Within the framework of the agreements with Air Liquide and Sasol, the two wind projects will be implemented through special purpose vehicles (SPVs) dedicated to each project, which will be local majority-owned.



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The agreements form part of the tailored renewable energy solutions that Enel Green Power offers to commercial and industrial customers in an effort to help them achieve their sustainability goals, and furthermore, is aligned to the Stewardship Model the company has adopted as part of its strategic growth plan.

“In addition to meeting sustainability goals, purchasing energy through an Independent Power Producer allows for greater financial planning through tariff visibility and a reduction of the continuous operational risks associated with conventional energy cost fluctuations and increases that are solely based on the consumer price index (CPI),” adds Battisti.

Enel Green Power, through Enel Green Power South Africa, its wholly owned subsidiary operating in South Africa, currently operates over 1.2 GW of renewable energy via its 12 sites located throughout the country. Achieving this milestone is a significant landmark for Enel Green Power and the country, and a notable step towards helping the country meet its target of installing 17.7 GW of wind power and 8.2 GW of solar photovoltaic by 2030. Agreements with customers such as Sasol and Air Liquide are yet another step towards helping all parties involved to achieve these goals.



# UPCOMING EVENT



**The University of Genoa and the Municipality of Genoa in Cape Town**

## **The Ocean Race Leg #3**

February 22nd, 2023 - Program

The University of Genoa will be present at the stand of the Municipality of Genoa in Cape Town on Wednesday, February 22nd during the third leg of the Ocean Race.

### **Program:**

10:00 – Introduction of Unige and its international relations

11:00 – International cooperation at Unige; EU funds for international cooperation; Erasmus+ projects (Capacity Building in Higher Education – CBHE)

12:00 – The Unige Sea Study Centre

14:00 – Unige MaLGa - Machine Learning Genoa Center

15:00 – RAISE – The Ligurian Innovation Ecosystem in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence

16:00 – Smart City projects at Unige – in cooperation with the Municipality of Genoa

The professors from Unige will be glad to meet professors and researchers in Cape Town, entrepreneurs and managers, local authorities, and citizens, to explore cooperation opportunities.

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