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Supply Chain Competitiveness of the SA Automotive  
Industry with an emphasis on Supplier Parks

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# Key industry measures

- Compete on equal terms, no concessions
- Compete against international parent and sister companies
- Key measures:
  - Cost
  - Quality
  - Delivery



# The Automotive Industry

- SA represents **83% of Africa's vehicle output**, but only **0.9% of the world market (US = 30%)**
- Whilst global production increased by 3.8% in 2000, SA's production expanded by 9.6%
- SA is the **18th largest manufacturer of vehicles in the world**
- The automotive industry contributes to 6.4% of GDP and is the third largest sector in the SA economy, accounting for 29% of 300 700 people directly and many more indirectly
- Total vehicle "parc" of 6.8 million vehicles with an estimated replacement cost in excess of ZAR 700 Billion
- Total revenue from the industry is expected to reach R 153 billion in 2002, with component and vehicle exports amounting to R 40 billion. **Equals 13% of the countries exports.**
- Direct labour costs per vehicle have reduced by 30% over the past five years
- **Productivity (vehicle per head) has increased by 68%** in the last 5 years, **but is still lagging behind international standards**



# The SA Automotive Supply chain

8 OEMs - BMW, DaimlerChrysler, General Motors, Ford (including Land Rover, Mazda and Volvo), Fiat, Nissan, Toyota, Volkswagen

**Approx 275 1<sup>st</sup> tier suppliers**

**Approx 100 2<sup>nd</sup> tier suppliers**

**>200 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> tier suppliers**

# Critical challenges faced by South African part suppliers



# Profiles of component suppliers in the SA automotive industry, the extremes

	<b>Small</b>	<b>Large/Multinational</b>
Turnover	R500K	>R200million
Staff	5	>600
Technology	Manual	Highly automated
Market	Exclusively domestic	Export orientated
Local supply	Exclusive supplier to 1 OEM	Supplier to all 8 OEMs

**NOTE: Data and reference in this presentation refers respectively to both**

# Key challenges facing the SA components industry

- **Cost control**

- Inventory use (raw materials, work in progress, finished goods) – total logistics costs exceed international benchmarks, more specifically India and China
- Logistics infrastructure inefficiencies (Ports, rail,...)

- **Exports**

- Exchange rate fluctuations of recent
- Strengthening of the rand





# Key challenges facing the SA components industry

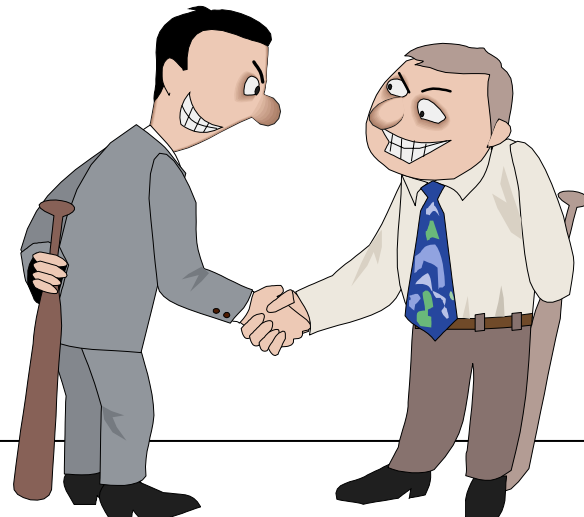
- **Quality – weaker rand and lower remuneration levels historically made poor quality tolerable, there is no longer a cushion.**
  - Customer return rates
  - internal reject rate
  - rework and scrap rates
  - return rates to suppliers



# Key challenges facing the SA components industry

- **Relationships – Supplier & OEM**

- Historically extremely adversarial – although improving it is still evident
- Collaborative projects to sustain the industry no longer a preference but a necessity
- Partnering relationships still a relatively new concept that needs to be embraced.
- Internationally, the industry is guided by OEM strategies, reciprocal relationships are imperative



# Location –distance to markets and source of components

**Asia**

**Europe**

**Australia**

**USA**

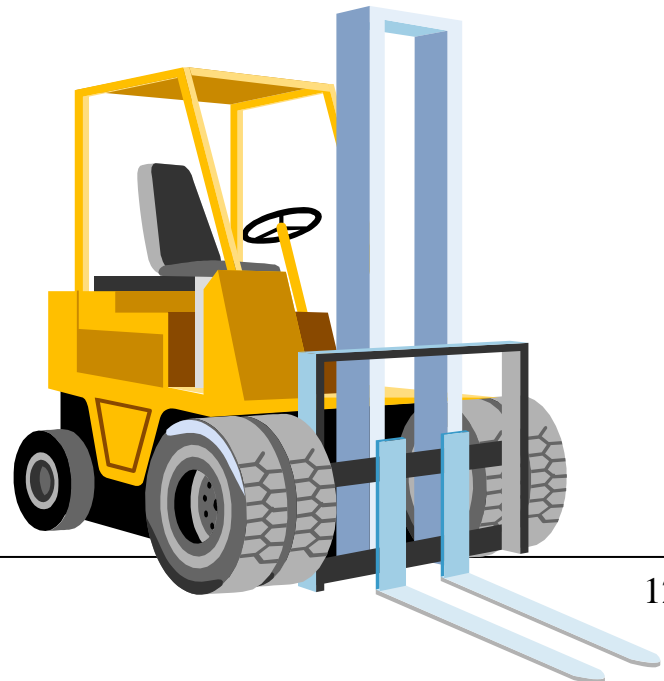
**South America**



# Key challenges facing the SA components industry

- **Lead times**

- Value chain flexibility
- Time from order to delivery - 4 to 6 weeks international delivery lead time
- delivery frequency of suppliers and supplier delivery reliability,
- delivery frequency to customers and delivery reliability
- Average stock turns below that of China and India



# Key challenges facing the SA components industry

- **Capacity to change**
  - Human resource development (unsatisfactory)
  - Literacy & numeracy levels (the “unemployables”)
  - Employee development/training
  - Labour & management turnover
  - Absenteeism rates, employee output



# The path to global competitiveness

- Skills Development and Training
  - China has 10 million engineers !!!!
  - South African illiteracy level >10 Million



# Key challenges facing the SA Automotive Industry

- **Innovation capacity**

- Limited in no R&D expenditure (process and product)
- Contribution of new products to total sales



# Key challenges facing the SA components industry

- **Funding and capital investment**

- A great deal of investment has taken place at multinational level
- Growth of locally owned businesses – unsatisfactory
- Lack of capital investment ultimately leads to antiquated production processes and equipment which erodes global competitiveness (eg TRANSNET)
- Lack of “low cost” reliable technology





# Key challenges facing the SA components industry

- **BEE compliance**
  - BEE compliance very often **necessitates development** , this is a serious **challenge at the lower end of the value chain**
- **Market access**
  - Despite Governments trade missions, etc, emerging suppliers have **little success in accessing international markets**
- **Globalisation**
  - **Globalisation = access to global capacity** of which excess, with higher skills levels, are available



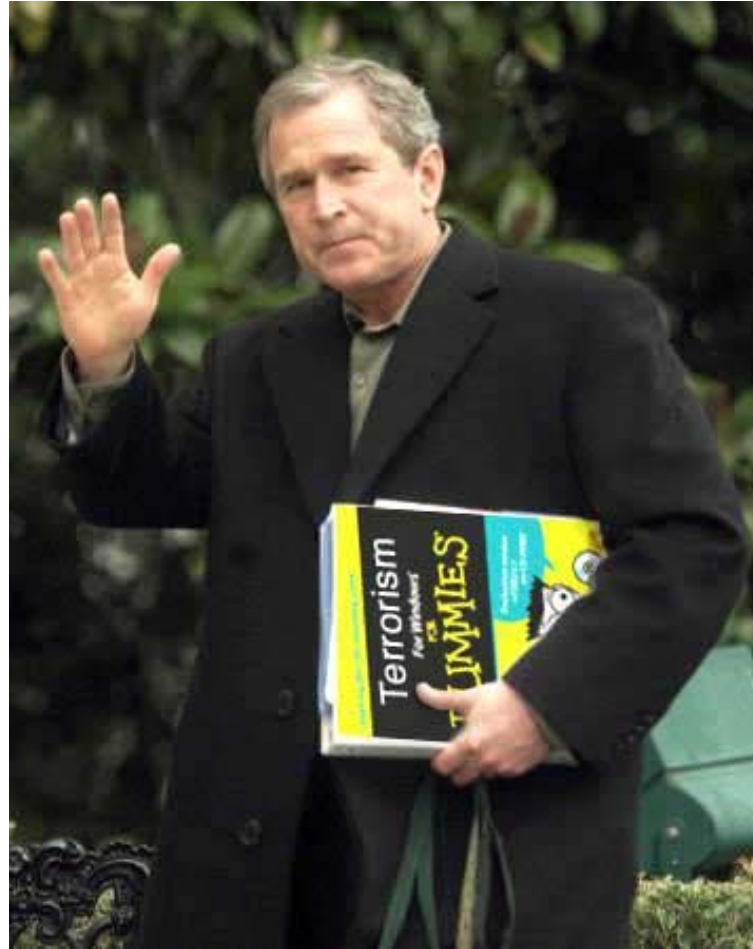
# “The Chinese threat”

Deputy Minister of Commerce, Mr Wei Jianguo made a statement that China will make more efforts to promote exports - bringing auto parts and sedans into international markets.

China has set a target of exporting automobiles and components worth 70 to US\$100 billion a year by 2010.

(SA currently @ R40b)




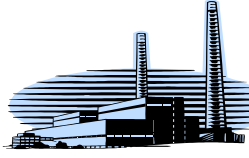
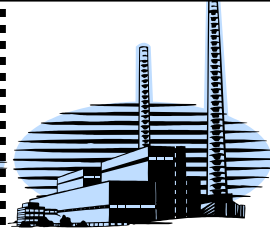
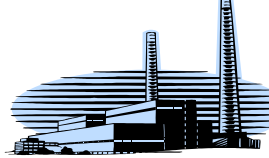
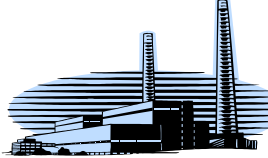



































# Imports



**"...more and more of our imports are coming from overseas."**

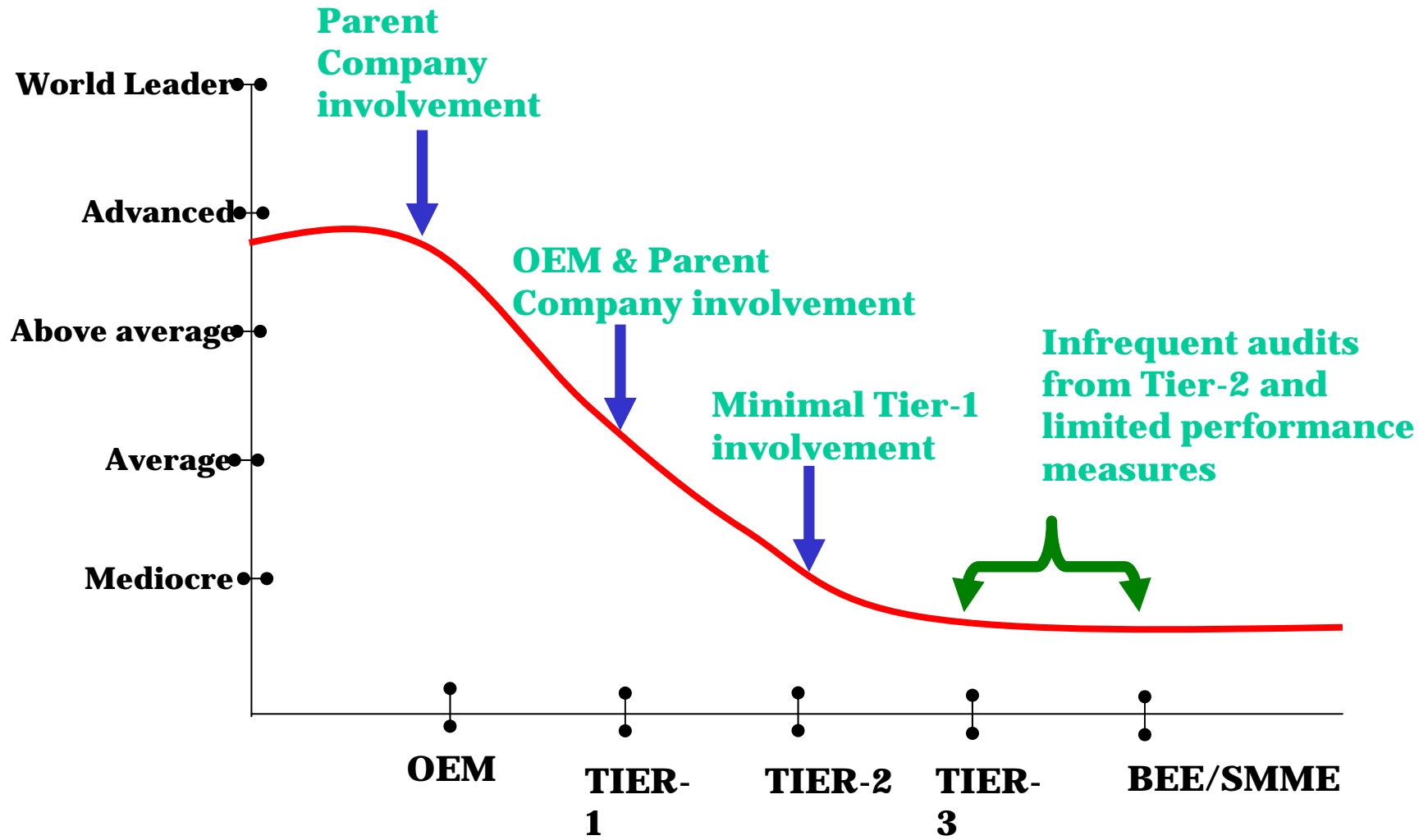
*On NPR's Morning Edition (Sept 25, 2000)*

# Dynamics of South Africa's Automotive Supply Chain

	OEM - Original Equipment Manufacture	TIER - 1	TIER - 2	TIER - 3	Black Economic Empowerment / SMME
 Good  Average  Below average					
<b>Lean manufacturing</b>					
<b>Continuous Imp.</b>					
<b>Mech. Technology</b>					
<b>Training Prog.</b>					
<b>Six Sigma/BSC</b>					
<b>CRM</b>					
<b>IT Infrastructure</b>					

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# Global Competitiveness of the SA automotive supply chain



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# Key challenges facing the SA Automotive Industry..cont

- How "*lekker is local*" when the markets and the competition are international ?



# Automotive Supplier Park - Rosslyn



# The Supplier Park Concept

- Supplier Parks (Logistics Infrastructure)

**Clustering of manufacturers in close proximity to point of consumption to exploit benefits of synergies and collaboration.** ie capitalizing on shared services and facilities

- Examples of other South African Supplier Parks
  - Rosslyn (Pretoria) – R340m
  - Uitenhage (Port Elizabeth) – R394m
  - ELIDZ (East London Industrial Dev Zone) - >R250m
  - Other under discussion



# Socio Economic Indicators of NMBLP (Phase 1)

- Employment:
  - During construction (temp) 1100
  - Full time (post construction) 1764
    - Park management
    - Security
    - 5% industry growth
    - Tenants staff
    - ...
- GDP Growth for the region R529m
- Increase in rates & taxes base
- Increase in water and electricity consumption
- Property price increase of 200%
- FDI R40m
- Regional “regeneration”
- World-class working environment, eventually with:
  - Training centers
  - Creche’ facilities
  - ...

# What attracts investors (tenants) to supplier parks

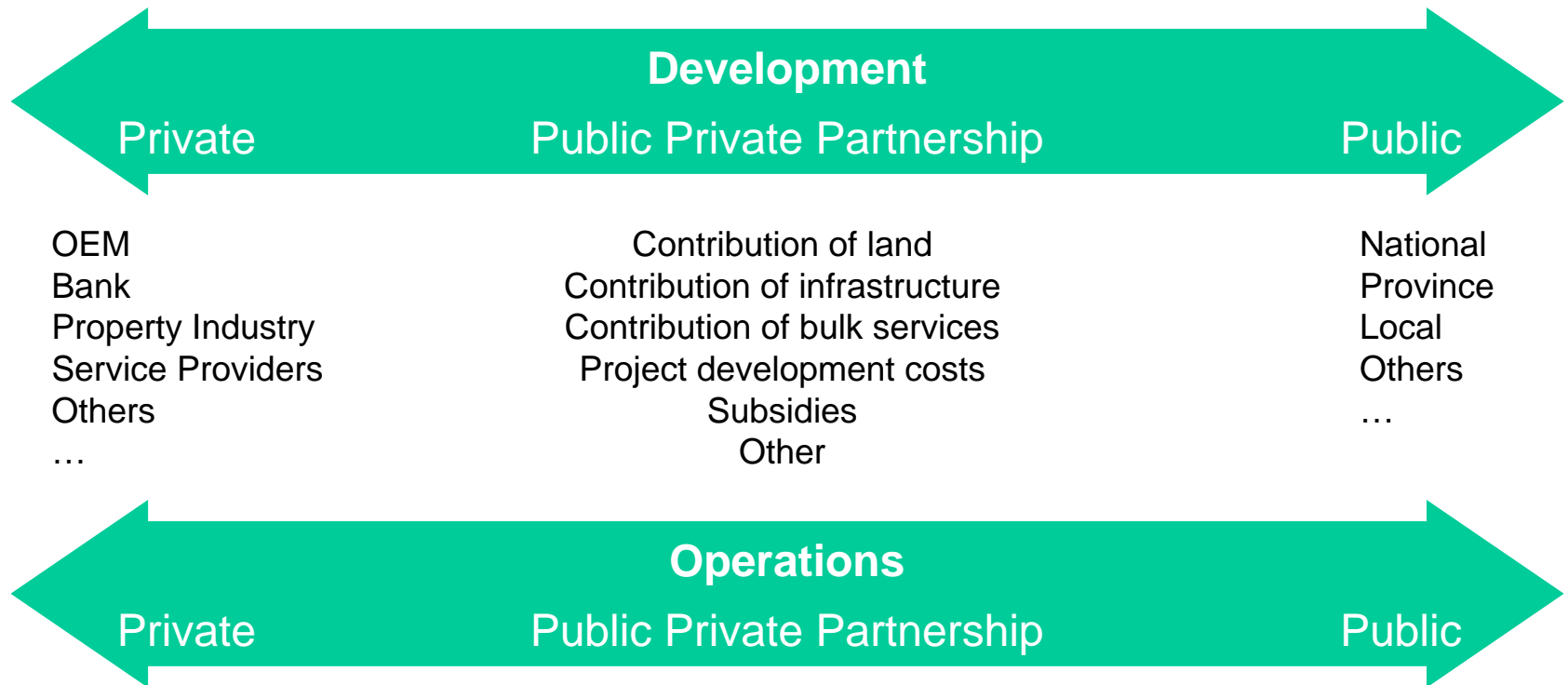
- Overall reduction in logistics costs
- Close proximity between point of manufacture and consumption (optimally 5kms)
- World-class infrastructure and facilities :
  - Corporate image
  - Staff morale
- Environmentally friendly buildings
- Ability to out-source non-core business activities:
  - Canteen facilities
  - Security
  - IT Network
  - Conference & meeting facilities
  - Medical centres
  - Training centres
  - ...
- Concessions/preferential rates on lease options

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- **Must be a “business case”**

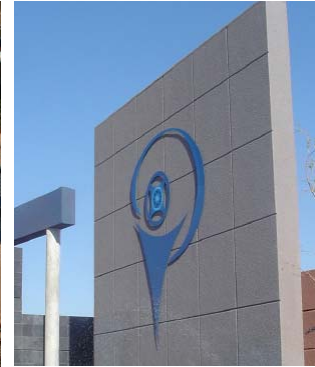
# Institutional Arrangements...

Projected tenants and main beneficiaries?  
Restriction to customers, groups, industries?  
Preparation for funding, government schemes, etc.?  
Competition with market or other projects?

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# Infrastructure: Main Gatehouse, Taxi Rank (Drop-off Zone) and Central Parking –



# Automotive Supplier Park - Rosslyn



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# Logistics Centre (ASP-Rosslyn)



# Walvis Bay – Trans Kalahari Corridor Automotive Trial Shipment

## Problem Statement:

- Congested ports
- Weather conditions
- Resulting in time delays

## Objective:

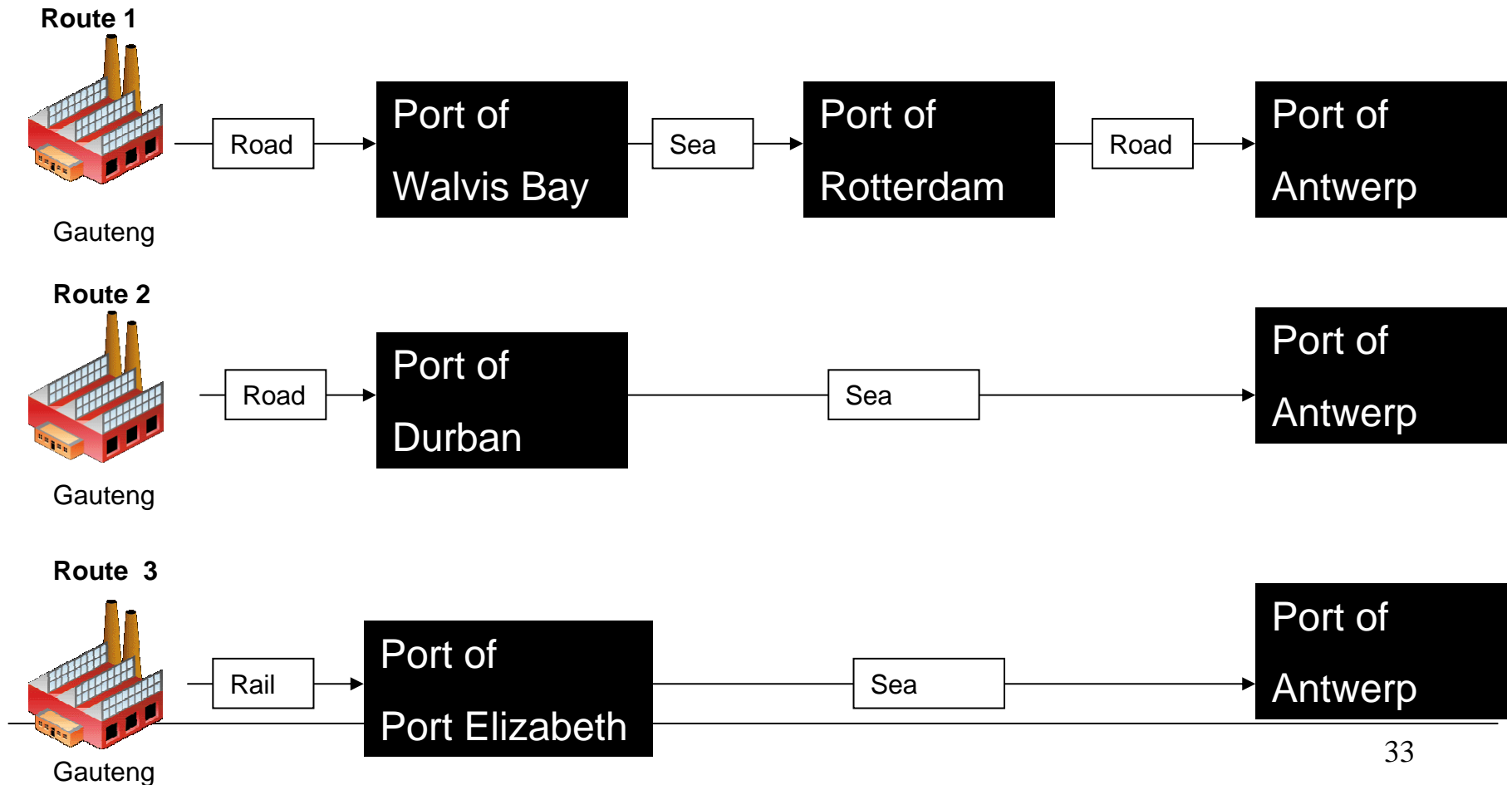
- Investigate WB-TKC as an alternate Supply Route
- Verifying the performance of the corridor through the actual transshipment of auto components via the WB corridor





# Walvis Bay – Trans Kalahari Automotive Trial Shipment

## Project Methodology:



# International standards...

- VW Plant – Manufacturing the new Pheaton
- [New Pheaton Factory in Germany.pps](#)



**“If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure.”  
- George W. Bush**

Thank you 😊

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