



## Accreditations Procedures

To foothold in the Mahatma Gandhi Technological Park, the eligible companies (ICT and BIOTECH) must perform the following procedures:

1. Creation of a legal entity (ex. Subsidiary) in Côte d'Ivoire
2. Submit an application for approval to VITIB (Accreditation Application Form available for download at [www.vitib.ci](http://www.vitib.ci))

The application process is done quickly and the decision of the Accreditation Committee is obtained within a month.

## Our projects

### Investment and development program

Launched in 2014 with support from the State of Côte d'Ivoire and its international financial partners, the program is managed by a Project Implementation Unit (PIU). Current projects are:

- Land development: 180 hectares of serviced land
- Construction of nearly 3,000 m2 of commercial office
- Deployment and commissioning of six (06) technological projects:

1. VSAT earth station
2. Media Production Studio
3. Telecom Lab
4. Data Archive Network
5. DNA Laboratory (human)
6. Computer assembly unit

VITIB offers investment opportunities in real estate in BOO and BOT, on a 180 Ha surface, with the ambition to build a new city. Furthermore, a residential and commercial area of 80 hectares is reserved to provide local housing solutions to nearly 20,000 employees, as well as leisure facilities.

VITIB is seeking financial partners in PPP mode for the financing and implementation of these urban projects



## ICT Park

MAHATMA GANDHI Technological Park includes several different sized companies ranging from large international groups to local SMEs / SMLs, and contributes to the development of activities with high added value, in the areas of biotechnology and ICT.

### OUR PARTNERS

VITIB S.A is a joint-venture between the state of Cote d'Ivoire and national and international private partners.



State Côte d'Ivoire



Exim Bank of India



West African Development Bank



ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development

### ACCREDITED COMPANIES



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## THE TECHNOLOGICAL SHOWCASE OF WEST AFRICA

### VITIB S.A.

Law No. 2004-429 of August 2004 establishes the regime of the Free Zone of Biotechnology and Information Technology and Communication (ZBTIC) in Ivory Coast. It covers an area of 700 ha, in the North edge of the historic seaside town of Grand-Bassam.

November 30, 2006, the Company VITIB S.A., limited company with capital of 3 billion FCFA and minority public financial contribution was born. This Free Zone Authority is granted with full public service delegation, in accordance with the law establishing the system of ZBTIC. VITIB consists of national and international partners alongside the State of Côte d'Ivoire.

### Our Vision

Under a concession agreement with the State of Ivory Coast carrying delegation of public service, VITIB SA aims to make the free zone the leading technology park in Africa for the development of ICT and biotechnology sectors in Africa, with the benefits of FREE ZONE status.

### Our Missions

- Develop and build infrastructure
- Ensure the continuity of public service
- Ensure the availability of production factors
- Implement a program of training and incubation
- Promote the Free Zone

### Objectives

- Create 40 000 long-term jobs;
- Ensure the competitiveness of companies in the ZBTIC
- Attracting FDI
- To become the technological showcase of Africa



### Activities

#### Hosting Companies

Office space from 150 to 170 m<sup>2</sup> units, and over 200 hectares of serviced land that can accommodate the most beautiful architectural projects. Site interconnected by optical fiber, WIFI internet access, and VSAT. For expressions of interest, download, fill in and return the accreditation application form (see our website: [www.vitib.ci](http://www.vitib.ci))

Technological offering

#### Data Center

Data Center (white room) up to international standards, adjusted according to specific needs, open to licensed companies and other entities wishing to securely host their data. Storage spaces are available, from single U to multiple racks. Data Centre is powered by three separate energy sources, with redundant access to the largest Telecom operators established in Côte d'Ivoire (FO connection to WACS, ACE and SAT3).

#### Incubation and Training

One of VITIB SA mission is to develop within the free zone a dynamic ecosystem for innovation, the emergence of talented entrepreneurs and SMEs / SMIs which create wealth and value. For this, VITIB has setup a business accelerator with high potential, provided with advanced equipment and in which entrepreneurs receive adequate training and coaching, so as to mature their business ideas.

#### Resort

The free zone includes a modern hotel complex serving both the needs of businesses in operation as those of various clients who decide to hold their group training sessions surrounded by the generous nature of the site.



### Advantages

#### Ten (10) reasons for investing in the Free Zone of Grand Bassam

- 1- Over 200 hectares of serviced land on the international Abidjan-Bassam highway, 15 minutes from the Abidjan international airport.
- 2- A particularly incentive legislative and regulatory framework.
- 3- A project that is respectful of environmental standards.
- 4- Affordable/ High quality infrastructures.
- 5- A skilled local workforce.
- 6- Freedom to transfer funds on salaries and dividends earned.
- 7- Visa and labor contract for employees of foreign nationality and their families.



- 8- No limit on foreign and local investments.
- 9- Access to a single window to facilitate and expedite administrative procedures.
- 10- Privileged access to ECOWAS markets, the ACP (Africa-Caribbean-Pacific) and the Francophone world.

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#### Fiscal advantages

- 0% tax during the five (5) years.
- 1% taxes from the sixth year, with the possibility of reducing this percentage (significant national recruitment).
- 0% tax on the cost of inputs (water, electricity, petroleum products).
- 0% tax on the cost of benefits.
- No BIC on profits made by approved companies.

#### Customs duty exemption

- 0% of customs duties and taxes on imports and export.
- Exemption of import verification program (SGS, VERITAS).
- 0% customs duty on petroleum products.
- 0% of taxes, duties and import taxes on materials, construction and infrastructure equipment.

#### Special benefits for the Pharmaceuticals Sector

- Healthy environment.
- Master Plan and controlled urban development (no polluting activity in and around the site).
- Quality of Water and Electric network; continuity of supply.
- Authorization to export production into Côte d'Ivoire.