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NEW MOTIVATION FROM INDUSTRIAL ZONES

Located in the Southern key economic region, Binh Phuoc Province has many advantages to develop a modern industry attached with environmental protection. To heading for that goal, Binh Phuoc has been striving to improve its infrastructure and welcome the wave of investment in industrial parks, creating a new driving force for the province's socio-economic development.

Many projects are thirsting for capital

Intending to become an industrial province in 2025, in the past few years, Binh Phuoc has had policies to invest in completing the connected transport system and focus on calling for investment in industrial zones. In which, the province has cooperated with localities to build a 212-kilometer highway connecting the two provinces of Binh Phuoc and Dak Nong, with a scale of four to six lanes and design speed from 80 to 100 kilometers per hour; the 69-kilometer Ho Chi Minh City - Thu Dau Mot - Chon Thanh highway, starting from Chon Thanh District in Binh Phuoc Province to Go Dua Intersection in HCMC, with a width of 60 meters and estimated investment at VND24.15 trillion in the 2020-2030 period, which is expected to extend to Hoa Lu Border Gate, connecting with Cambodia.

Up to now, Binh Phuoc Province has been approved the planning of 13 industrial

zones with 4,686 hectares by the Prime Minister. Currently, 11 industrial zones have been invested in building infrastructure to attract investment with 334 secondary projects. Of which, there are 232 foreign investment projects with investment capital of US\$2.48 billion and 102 domestic investment projects with investment capital of more than VND11.17 trillion. But so far, only eight industrial zones out of 13 industrial zones have been put into operation with a total area of 1,188 hectares. More than 800 hectares were leased, with an occupancy rate of over 95 percent. The province is building Viet Kieu Industrial Park with 104 hectares and Tan Khai II Industrial Park with 156 hectares.

Considered a key project, Becamex-Binh Phuoc Industrial Park, covering 2,450 hectares in Chon Thanh District, is expected to create a breakthrough in the province's socio-economic development. Up to now, the project has been invested in infrastructure with a modest capital of more than VND1.16 trillion out of a total of more than VND3.75 trillion, accounting for 31 percent, and attracted only 24 foreign investment projects with total capital of VND505.9 million, two domestic investment projects with total capital of VND120 billion. The project needs "huge" capital to develop the project as expected. Similarly, Minh Hung-Sikico Industrial Park, covering 655 hectares in

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