

# New depot for Bakers SA

Logistics operators continue to demonstrate a strong demand for large industrial space in key nodes that are central to their operations. Bakers SA, having purchased a site in 2011 from JHI Properties, has now purchased the adjoining site in Sheffield Business Park in Lansdowne Road, Cape Town.



The first site incorporates the new development, which was completed in 11 months on 23 May 2014. This includes buildings of approximately 5000m<sup>2</sup>, comprising two high bay warehouses, workshop, wash bay, training centre, staff recreational facilities, drivers' lounge and showers, as well as an executive floor that includes a lifestyle centre for client meetings and directors' and travelling managers' facilities. The second site will afford the company a large parking area ideal for its operations and the potential to develop further warehousing.



Comments Abdool Kader Tayob, Chief Executive of Bakers SA, "This new depot will benefit our line haul from the Eastern Cape, Johannesburg and Durban and a national client that will make use of our new warehouse facility. The company, as a whole, will enjoy increased security plus an improved workshop and wash bay facilities for our vehicles and trailers.



"In addition, the modern new facility will also improve service delivery to our customers and provide a more efficient and appealing work environment for our drivers. A better quality of existing clients' stock will be delivered - clean, and we are assured of effective security control of loaded vehicles."

The company occupies 13 sites around South Africa and has an expanding fleet of 42 truck trailers. It is currently exploring opportunities to expand into the SADC region.

Seamus Daly, leasing, sales and investment broker for JHI Properties in the Western Cape, adds, "There are still a few remaining erven available for industrial use situated within Sheffield Business Park, comprising sites of 3000 to 4000m<sup>2</sup> - which can be combined. Warehouses and factories can be developed to tenants' requirements."

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