

Haiti

New Free Zone in Thor – 3,000 direct jobs



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Last Friday an agreement for the creation of a Free Zone in Thor was signed between the Haitian government, represented by the Minister of Trade and Industry, Wilson Laleau and the President of the Société Zone Franche des Palmiers, S.A., Alain Villard. This project of \$8 million will allow to create 3,000 jobs direct in the field of textile industry.

Luc Especa, Deputy Director General to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Haiti states that by the agreement signed “the Haitian government gave to the Société Zone Franche des Palmiers, S.A. many advantages to help it to build a free zone. The project itself will cost \$8 million.

What research the Haitian state in the advantages it provides ? The State seeks to create job, remember that the President of the Republic said he wants to create 500,000 jobs during his tenure. To create jobs investments are needed, entrepreneurs [...] that’s what the State research, and this is why the State gives incentives. The Free Zone of des Palmiers, S.A. will create 3,000 jobs direct [9.000 + indirect].

[...] this is a beginning, there will be other conventions that the Minister Laleau and the President of the National Zone Franche will sign on behalf of the Haitian State with other entrepreneurs.

This demonstrates that the government begins to provide a response to the problem of unemployment that afflicts the Haitian people for a long time. This zone will make textile products, clothes etc. ...] Before the coup of 91 there were over 120,000 jobs in the garment industry, electronics and baseballs... we have a number of Haitians who have appropriate knowledge in these areas, those who lack the skills, companies will train them [...] primarily and mainly, it’s the mass of the people that will find employment by making these products...”

Adding that the project will begin immediately “...the agreement is signed, the Haitian government gives the right to receive all the equipment, now they will start soon.”