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**Riverfields Precinct - a Visionary Hub for Logistics Excellence**

In a fast-paced and ever-evolving world, the logistics industry plays a pivotal role in driving economic growth and global connectivity. Riverfields Precinct is proving to be a key player in revolutionising the approach to logistics operations with its strategic location, expansive land size, and unwavering commitment to high-quality infrastructure positioning it as a thriving hub that is already attracting major players in the commercial and industrial sectors.

**A Prime Destination for Commercial and Industrial Enterprises**

Forming part of the economic triangle in Ekurhuleni, Riverfields is a major contributor to the remarkable growth and success of Gauteng. This logistics and distribution node is strategically located in close proximity to key transportation networks that includes the likes of OR Tambo International Airport and the developing Ekurhuleni aerotropolis. By being situated within a major industrial corridor connecting Durban, the Free State, and Gauteng, it continues to provide a strategic advantage for current and future development investors. Along with its location, the ongoing improvements in infrastructure and efficiency within the precinct means that Riverfields has positioned itself to be a central player in the dynamic South African logistics network, further boosting the region's competitiveness and economic vitality.

According to Gideon Van Der Vyver, a representative of the Riverfields Management Association, renowned blue-chip tenants such as Takealot, Foschini, DSV, John Deere, DB Schenker, Sanvick Mining, Aerial Health Services and DHL have all recognised the immense value that the Riverfields Precinct has to offer. Van Der Vyver adds that not only have these high profile businesses invested early into this flourishing precinct, but a further new facility for Shoprite and The Foschini Group is also underway.

**Riverfields – a booming logistics node**

Speaking as South Africa’s only and largest listed, logistics-focused REIT on the JSE that houses many blue-chip tenants within the logistics node at Riverfields, Equites Property Fund Limited believe it’s the availability of large, attractive land and a layered security approach among other key factors that holds the secret to Riverfields’ growing success and rising interest from tenants since November 2018.

“At present, we have Equites Park Riverfields 1, a 16-hectare park currently housing two international blue-chip tenants, alongside Equites Park Riverfields 2, spanning 43 hectares and occupied by two major retailers. Equites Park 3, covering 16 hectares, is currently in the planning phase. The main appeal of Riverfields lies in its abundant municipal services, including infrastructure upgrades, water availability and reliable power supply. They have also worked closely with local authorities who have invested significantly in promoting economic development within the Riverfields precinct, that has been further enhanced by the accessible Gauteng bus service,” explains Jaun Knoesen, Executive Head of Property Development at Equites Property Fund Limited.

**Strategic advantages and appealing amenities**

As alluded to by Knoesen, the Riverfields precinct is rapidly emerging as a sought-after location for commercial and industrial enterprises offering a unique blend of strategic advantages and appealing amenities. Knoesen further highlighted reasons as to why the precinct holds such value and allure. He believes one key factor contributing to Riverfields appeal is its substantial land size, which presents exciting possibilities for development and expansion. The proximity to the airport also further enhances the convenience of transportation while reducing traffic congestion.

Knoesen also sited Riverfields niche market segmentation and inclusive design as appealing factors for the industrial sector to call this precinct home. “Within Riverfields there has been emphasis placed on high-quality products and specialised logistic spaces that adopt an inclusive theme that successfully integrate architectural design with carefully curated outdoor spaces such as running tracks, walking parks, and benches that benefit both the tenants and the community,” adds Knoesen.

According to Knoesen, the Riverfields Owners Association also ensures consistent architectural language and a cohesive urban design concept is applied within the logistics node, which incorporates elements like sidewalks, parkland landscaping, and fencing to further enhance the nodes aesthetic appeal and functionality. “The precinct also benefits from excellent municipal services and significant local authority investments, establishing it as an accessible and well-connected destination,” says Knoesen.

Summarising why he believes major players like Equitesare so full of praise for Riverfields, Van Der Vyver says that it really comes down to offering the right strategic advantages, impressive amenities, job creation and a sustainable vision for the future. “Our managed precinct's efficient transport options, ease of access, and comprehensive security measures are of huge benefit to tenants that choose Riverfields. As our precinct continues to flourish we are excited to see what other opportunities unfold on the back of the success we are seeing with commercial and industrial ventures,” enthuses Van Der Vyver.

Businesses and developers are interested in choosing Riverfields as their primary business location or exploring commercial and residential prospects, they can get in touch with Irma Erasmus for residential enquiries at 083 381 0458, or contact Gideon van der Vyver for development-related matters at gideon@riverfields.co.za.

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**About Riverfields Precinct**

Riverfields Precinct is a vibrant mixed-use development in Ekurhuleni, offering a thriving environment for families, professionals, and businesses. With ongoing construction of logistics centres and planned developments, the precinct is expanding rapidly. Over 1,000 residential units worth R2 billion have already been delivered, with more under construction and in the planning phase. The retail node is flourishing, with the Harvest Place development and future expansion plans. Riverfields Precinct is a dynamic destination, providing unmatched opportunities for growth and a vibrant lifestyle. The growth of Riverfields is truly phenomenal, with an impressive 255,000m2 of logistics and distribution centres currently under construction and an additional 450,000m2 planned for development.

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