



## Industries within Hawassa Industrial Park Commence Export Featured

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Hawassa March 02/2017 Some of the industries within the Hawassa Industrial Park are expected to commence exporting their products this week for the first time, the Ethiopian Investment Commission announced.

The Deputy Commissioner, Dr Belachew Fikre told ENA that companies have finalized preparations to export their debut products from the park this week.

If activities by the companies are kept on the current speed, the Deputy Commissioner said that the one billion USD revenue, in which the nation aspires to obtain from industrial exports from the park could easily be attained.

The eco-industrial park, built in record time of less than one year, has attracted 15 leading global apparel and textile from America, China, India, Sri Lanka and six local companies.

Of the companies that are ready to export products, the Hong Kong-based TAL Apparel, one of the world's largest clothing manufacturers, is one.

TAL Apparel is preparing to export dress shirts manufactured at the Hawassa industrial park to the U.S., said LelaAlem Techane, the community and communications head.

The company, which has employed 2,000 individuals so far, has planned to increase its employees to 4,500 soon to expand production, he added.

The Park which was inaugurated in 2016 in Southern Ethiopia is expected to create jobs for a total of 60,000 citizens, upon fully operational.

The number of people who get jobs at the park is increasing from time to time, the Deputy Commissioner said.

Number of people who received special trainings abroad and employed at the park has reached 5,000. Each week a number of people are being employed by the companies from the total 23,000 residents who registered to get jobs at the park, he added.

According to him, construction of 15 additional shades that would raise the number of manufacturing facilities in the park to 52 is being underway, he said.

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