

# INVESTING IN ICT AFRICA'S FOUNDATIONS OF KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY

# Why GEPF invests in ICT Infrastructure?

The information age has shown public and private sector organisations the impact that the knowledge economy can have on job creation and producing economic benefits. The foundation to enabling a knowledge economy is quality Information Communication Technology (ICT) in Africa.

After all, technology and innovation hubs have the potential to address and resolve Africa's political, economic, health, education, crime, poverty and nutrition challenges.

That is why the Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF), through the Public Investment Corporation, has invested \$21 million in the Convergence Partners Communication Infrastructure Fund (CPCIF). Established in 2012, CPCIF is one of the largest funds dedicated solely to ICT infrastructure in Africa.



# What are GEPF's ICT investments?

#### FibreCo (SA)

FibreCo, which was recently procured by Pan-African telecommunications service provider, SEACOM, owns and operates a national open access dark fibre network, providing infrastructure, connectivity and services across South Africa.

#### Comsol (SA)

Comsol is South Africa's leading provider of enterprise-grade wireless infrastructure. The company offers guaranteed, dedicated, high-speed carrier-grade solutions to over 200 South African metropolitan areas and towns.

### SynCom

Synergy Communications is a subsidiary of the Convergence Partners Communications Infrastructure Fund.

# • Venture Garden (Nigeria)

Venture Garden Group (VGG) is a leading provider of innovative, data-driven, end-to-end technology platforms addressing reconciliation and payment processing inefficiencies across multiple sectors of the African economy.

## e4 (SA)

e4 is a technology company offering custom, leading-edge, trusted electronic solutions and services like software development, and business automation and intelligence solutions.

# CCI (SA)

CCI South Africa is a large international contact centre in South Africa, specialising in customer lifecycle management, digital engagement, inbound and outbound customer engagement in the BPO space.

We believe that for Africa to gain a competitive edge with the rest of the globe, its ICT-Infrastructure needs to be identical to or surpass the global standards.

\* These investments were done before March 2019