

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

THE MONROVIA INDUSTRIAL PARK



Background

The Monrovia Industrial Park was established through an Act of the National Legislature in 1965. The intent was to promote and incentivize domestic and foreign investments in manufacturing, with a focus on light/medium industries, bonded warehousing facilities and agriculture & agro-industrial distribution, including logistics and distribution facilities.

The original land size allocated for industrial development was 1,112 acres. The Park was heavily encroached overtime by squatters and claimants, and in 2013 a decision was reached to reclaim approximately 400 acres. Following a 2 year period of community engagement and legal action, demolition within the 400 acres began in 2015. Phase I, the demolition of an initial 200 acres has been completed. Phase II will begin in November 2016. There are five manufacturing businesses currently operating at the MIP. With the clearing of the first 200 acres, additional development is expected to commence.

Current Status

In July the management of the MIP was officially turned over to MOCI by the Office of the President for the purposes of accelerating the development plan for the area. The MOCI has placed a moratorium on all lease and land negotiations within the MIP, and is working with donor partners to implement the project. The first phase, which includes the erection of a perimeter fence, to avoid further encroachment, is currently underway, with funding from the Government of Liberia.

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