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Overview:

Eco-Industrial Parks and Low-Carbon Zones in the Future of Industrial Development

Special Economic Zones have played an important role in the economic growth of many developing and advanced-developing nations, including Bangladesh, Brazil, India, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam. These zones provide tailored infrastructure and business services, and they have become a successful model for large-scale job creation, transfer of skills and technology, export diversification, and industrial development led by foreign direct investment.

They have also presented challenges. Throughout their long history, various kinds of industrial parks and economic zones have been seen by some as a controversial development model based on fiscal incentives and export requirements. They have gradually evolved to provide efficiently serviced industrial land for industries. Newer models of zones, or “Zones 3.0,” have become more flexible, focused on providing highly efficient services infrastructure, and they have become more integrated into the global economy.

Until recently, sustainable business practices were widely ignored or overlooked by most of the enterprises operating in such zones. Due to challenges related to global climate change and a decrease in the stability of resources such as fuels, ecological and social factors are becoming crucial in industry’s plans to remain competitive. Governments and the private sector have become supportive of a more modern and sustainable investment regime for industrial zones. This regime is based on the following:

- 1. Effective and measurable application of a climate change agenda by national governments
- 2. Buyers’ preference for sustainable products
- 3. Increased productivity at the firm and park level

In the next era of industrial zone development, sustainability and eco-industrial growth play paramount roles in minimizing environmental and social risks while generating profits for firms. This combination helps governments scale-up and leverage sustainable infrastructure to fulfill their commitments to meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals and other international climate actions.

There are tangible drivers behind this changing paradigm of industrial zones. There is also a visible shift in the procurement preferences of the leading global buyers whom the zone enterprises primarily cater to, especially in the light manufacturing sector. For example, IKEA plans to reduce the carbon footprint of its entire supply chain and use 100 percent renewable energy for its operations in the near future (IKEA, n.d.). These multinational buyers are showing strong preferences for greener and more sustainable supply chain management that compels suppliers to produce in an environmentally compliant, resource-efficient, safe, and socially responsible manner. The growing availability of reduce-reuse-recycle technology for industrial wastes has also heightened the pressure on industries to improve their management of waste and resources and look for mechanisms to grow and operate in a symbiotic fashion.

Efficiency and the strategic conglomeration of firms will enable companies to take advantage of joint infrastructure, efficient management of operating risks, and improved resilience to climactic conditions. The world’s urban population increased from 43 percent in the 1990s to 54 percent in 2014 (UN 2014), and this forced a closer collaboration between industrial spaces or zones and residential areas. This trend continues to grow.

Within this changing reality, the concept of eco-industrial parks (EIPs) and low-carbon zones has recently entered the scene. The trend toward EIPs has been growing organically in most developing countries. Although consensus is missing on what definitively constitutes an EIP, World Bank preliminary research has identified over 254 operating or planned zones or parks that would likely fit a stringent definition. The bulk of these EIPs employs some level of ecological and sustainable practices, but further research is needed to find out what practices are actually employed and how well they work in particular circumstances.

It has become urgent to explore these models and to understand the contexts in which they can tackle the environmental and ecological challenges of our times while retaining their role as production hubs and growth centers. Development Institutions like the World Bank, IFC, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, and Korea Industrial Complex Corporation (KICOX) have been leading the drive to promote these concepts in emerging economies, while countries like the Republic of Korea, Denmark, China, Japan, and Germany have been at the forefront of their implementation.

This report, based primarily on a global conference “Eco-Industrial Parks 2015,” held in Seoul, Republic of Korea in October 2015, provides the latest thinking on eco-industrial parks, bringing together experiences from different countries and providing a vision on how these initiatives can be scaled up or mainstreamed. It will provide policy makers with insight conceptualizing EIPs and what different factors need to be considered in putting together an EIP program. The report builds the basis for further development of guidelines and step-by-step approaches on how to develop a national program on EIPs.

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Abbreviations

ECA	Enhanced Capital Allowances
EIP	eco-industrial park
IFC	International Finance Corporation
GHG	greenhouse gas
GEF	grid emission factor
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
KICOX	Korea Industrial Complex Corporation
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PBI	performance-based fiscal incentive
PPP	public-private partnership
RECP	resource efficiency and cleaner production
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SEZ	Special Economic Zone
tCO ₂ -e	tons of carbon dioxide (or equivalent)
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization

1 Eco-Industrial Parks and Competitiveness: From Challenge to Solutions

The Growing Demand for Eco-Industrial Parks

Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have been a go-to option for industrial development for about 130 countries around the world, with varying degrees of success.¹ They are essential parts of policy packages that provide serviced industrial land to investors. However, a critical challenge these zones have faced, due to their nature of conglomerating industries, is ineffective management of environmental pollution and labor issue, such as works health and safety and worker's rights (Figure 1.1).

Figure 1.1
Industrial Environmental Issues

Source: Chiu in Park 2015

Figure 1.2
Eco-Industrial Park Drivers for Industrial Complexes in the Republic of Korea

Source: KICOX 2015

The concept of eco-industrial parks developed mostly in Northern Europe, in places such as Kalundborg in Denmark and Kymi and Harjavalta in Finland in the 1960s, and eventually evolved toward more planned models, such as those in China and the Republic of Korea in the 2000s.² More recently, with an increased focus from development institutions like the World Bank, International Finance Corporation, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, there has been a considerable scaling up in the application of eco-industrial park (EIPs) in developing countries.

The dramatic shift in industrial zone management trends can be attributed to a number of drivers in emerging markets:

- Demanding more sustainably sourced and produced products
- A desire for zone developers and operators to provide additional services to tenants and differentiate themselves from other types of industrial land
- Growing pressure from external stakeholders such as the government, regulators, nongovernmental organizations, and civil society organizations forcing the zones to operate in an environmentally responsible fashion
- Voluntary action by industry to self-regulate and increased focus on practical corporate social responsibility efforts

These, among other factors, have created a demand for further knowledge and information on EIPs and their approach and functions. Most important, there is a need for a new and global framework for EIP development. The EIP approach allows developers and managers to provide value-added services to their tenants and a sustainable infrastructure that investors can build, reducing their initial investment and operational costs. There is a large financing gap, and thus an opportunity, for the financial sector to

support the infrastructure and investment needs in industry’s climate change agenda. While these drivers have contributed to a shift in zone management trends, profitability and financial viability remain a zone operators’ main objectives.

Box 1.1

Different Approaches and Similar Goals

As part of SEZs, EIPs cover a wide spectrum of approaches, all leading to a more sustainable industrial development. Depending on the different priorities for each individual park, EIPs may be given different names. These could be influenced by (i) the national industrial area framework (for example, industrial zones versus parks) and (ii) priorities of the country or zone operator (for example, greenhouse gas emissions reduction versus ecology or waste).

Low-carbon zones or industrial parks lower carbon emissions within the industrial area through rigorous greenhouse gas emissions calculations and annual target setting. Measures at the zone (or park) and firm level focus on the largest emissions reduction opportunities.

Eco-industrial zones or parks focus on ecological improvements in terms of reducing waste and improving the environmental performance of firms. The Republic of Korea uses this term primarily for its work on industrial symbiosis.

Green zones reduce resource use within infrastructure and tenant firms, as in an EIP, and also focus on generating investments in green manufacturing and services.

Sustainable *industrial areas* focus on the management level of an industrial zone or park with the intent to guide the industrial area as a whole to become more sustainable. Although this approach does not deal with the individual companies, the sustainability framework at the park level is likely to initiate and promote positive changes on the company level as well.

Eco-towns refer to an urban planning and environmental management approach where industries located in the designated area pursue synergies in resource utilization, waste management, environmental preservation, resource efficiency within their manufacturing processes and between the industries, and promotion of industrial and economic development (GEC 2005).

Circular economy zones (or circular transformation of industrial parks) aim to promote resource efficiency, waste management, and emissions control in firms, zones, and regions through a circular economy pattern.

Integration of “Zones 3.0” and EIPs

SEZs have played an important role in the economic development of several countries, especially in the developing world. From what were called Zones 1.0 to the current and emerging version, Zones 3.0, industrial zones are heading toward a more comprehensive, integrated eco-system approach to economic development. This approach synthesizes the experiences of zones 1.0 and 2.0 and works to create an integrated solution that addresses global trends in low-carbon growth and trade and investment policies with domestic institutional frameworks, industries, and communities.

Approaches for Zones 1.0 focused on industrial zones as export-processing zones that could promote exports and attract foreign direct investment. Zones would usually enjoy tax exemptions in order to promote export competitiveness and were typically funded by the government with separate customs areas recognized under the Kyoto Convention.

Though funded by the government, the zone authorities had little power to work in collaboration with other government bodies, limiting the development of policies that could enhance the operations

Figure 1.3
The Zone 2.0 Framework

Physical features

- Integrated, mixed-use zones
- Growth pole-sector/cluster focus
- Purpose-built facilities
- Low-carbon/green focus

Development approach

- National implementation strategy
- Public-private partnerships
- Business driven

Policy framework

- In touch with market (Market test and PPPs)
- State of the art regulatory environment
- Multimarket, not just export
- Deregulation and demonopolization
- Shift towards smart incentives
- Adherence to universal labor and environmental standards
- Link to local communities

Institutional framework

- Zone authority regulates activities
- Clear delineation of roles and responsibilities:
 - One-stop shop for zone regime regulation
- Public-private partnership arrangements

Source: Akinci 2015

Changing global and regional contexts led to a shift in how zones were viewed and operated. Zones 2.0 would create more integrated, multisector, and multiuse SEZs that could focus more on linkages and global standards (Figure 1.3). The SEZ approach designed integrated, mixed-use zones that at times had a sectoral or cluster composition. Linkages to national development and policy were made as zones were addressed in national implementation strategies and public-private partnerships were formed.

Under this model, zones were operated with market demand in mind and shifted from a purely export focus to multimarket policies. Zone policies and regulations became more structured, with implementation of smart incentives and adherence to universal labor and environmental standards.

Regulatory enforcement through the zone authority, clarified roles and responsibilities between different actors, and a larger role played by the private sector helped to overcome some of the limitations of the earlier model of economic zones.

The lessons learned from the experiences of zones 1.0 and 2.0 have shown that simply setting up a zone is not a comprehensive solution; without the right policy and institutional frameworks, zones may fail. In addition, zones should be operated within the framework of national development policies and community development, not in isolation from these (Figure 1.4).

Figure 1.4
Progression of Zone Development and EIPs

Zones 3.0 builds on these lessons and takes a more coordinated and integrated approach; it moves away from zones in seclusion toward an integrated economic communities approach. Central to the Zones 3.0 approach is the effort to connect seemingly disparate activities to create linkages that can create synergies and enhance efficiency. Zone operations consist of multiple components such as infrastructure and logistics, land use and urban planning, environmental and social protection, education, and trade and investment. Each of these activities is regulated and implemented by different authorities. For example, logistics would be a matter for transportation authorities while green growth would be under the environmental authorities. In Zones 3.0, zones are understood to contain these and more components that need to be integrated in order to create a comprehensive industrial infrastructure.

Zone 3.0 aims to do more than simply export goods. Its goal is to attract investment, reduce costs, generate income and employment, reduce dependence on nonrenewable energy sources, improve productivity, promote sustainable socioeconomic national development, create linkages with global value chains, and much more. Zones 3.0, in essence, takes on the role of integrating policies and markets and creates both hard and soft industrial infrastructure.

Zone 3.0 provides the platform for EIP mainstreaming. Some of the main attributes of EIPs include, but are not limited to, increased use of renewable energy, implementation of energy-efficiency measures, construction of buildings and factories using green buildings codes, waste-reuse and recycling systems, material and utility linkage through industrial symbiosis, clean technology research and development, demonstration, and deployment. All these actions bring direct business benefits to the enterprises: savings of utility cost, higher capital efficiency, cleaner and leaner production, and greater acceptability of products to global buyers. By focusing on a more integrated approach with enhanced green infrastructure services, the SEZ operator in coordination with stakeholders can provide a critical platform for sustainability to its tenants.

EIPs in the Changing Climate and Economic Environment

Precursors of EIPs can be found as early as the late nineteenth century in European industrial zones. However, they truly began developing in the post-World War Two period in Denmark, Germany, and Finland in an unplanned, organic fashion as a result of resource limitations and high energy costs. For the most part they took the form of industrial symbiosis and efficiency measures. In the 1990s, other European countries and non-European developed states such as the United States, Japan, and Canada started incorporating EIP concepts, partially or fully, in their design of industrial zones. Some developing countries, such as China and India, began to do the same. The focus of EIP interventions was mostly on waste management and pollution mitigation in this period.

In the early 2000s, Japan, China, and the Republic of Korea expanded their EIP efforts, supporting them with national policies as a means to boost their competitiveness in global markets. By the century's second decade, EIPs became a prominent global tool for new industrial zones, while retrofit activities continued in over 40 countries (Figure 1.5). In 2016 there were about a dozen EIPs under construction and more than 30 new development and SEZ retrofit projects in the pipeline globally.

Within the Zones 3.0 approach lies a greater demand for EIPs, which offer additional services and benefits to industrial park and zone tenants, developers, and operators. As EIPs are intimately tied to industries and competitiveness, the need for these types of parks comes down to demand creation and business benefits. These have sometimes not been obvious. However, with an increased emphasis on mitigating climate change on a global scale and a more tangible approach to carbon pricing, the economics of climate action are shifting. This entails a greater obligation for businesses and chief executive officers to address climate change within their operations and supply chain.

Figure 1.5
The Global Growth of EIPs

Within the changing economic reality of climate change, the concept of EIPs and low-carbon zones has recently entered the scene. The trend of developing EIPs has been picking up organically, mostly in developing countries. Whereas in 2000 only 10 percent of EIPs were in non-OECD countries (estimated at 11 EIPs), this total is now an estimated 30 percent (Figures 1.5 and 1.6). Although a shared definition of an EIP does not yet exist, World Bank preliminary research has identified over 254 operating or planned EIPs of which 77 percent are operational. (Figure 1.7). The bulk of these EIPs employ some level of ecological and sustainable practices, but further research is needed to find out what practices are actually employed. Analysis also found that around 80 percent of EIPs are industry-oriented zones. In terms of how EIPs are created, most result from retrofitting existing EIPs (59 percent), followed by planned development of EIPs (34 percent). A very small amount are organically or nonplanned developments of EIPs (Figure 1.9).

Figure 1.6
Proportion of EIPs in and outside of OECD, 2016

Figure 1.7
Operating Status of Existing EIPs, 2016

Source: World Bank, UNIDO, GIZ 2016.³

Figure 1.8
Type of Eco-Industrial Parks

Figure 1.9
EIP Development Model

Countries like the Republic of Korea have progressively integrated EIPs into their industrial complex framework. Employing 2 million people and being responsible for US\$45 billion in exports, the Republic of Korea's industrial parks have implemented the EIP model since 2005. This has helped them transition into innovation-led industrial parks. The EIP model prompted firms to invest over US\$520 million (623.71 billion won) in energy efficiency, industrial symbiosis, waste management, and other eco-friendly investments. To date, this has helped firms save over US\$554 million and generated US\$91.5 billion (1,102.42 billion won) in new revenue.⁴ As of December 2014, 60.6 percent of the Republic of Korea's companies are managed by the Korea Industrial Complex Corporation (KICOX), which accounts for 52.5 percent of the country's employment, 54.5 percent of production, and 49.4 percent of exports.

The growth of the EIP model is expected to increase as the struggle against climate change increases and governments, cities, and SEZs take a more active role in climate action. To address climate change issues as well as to provide a catalytic platform to enhance business applications and opportunities for climate friendly investment, countries like Egypt, Vietnam, and Turkey are now looking to scale up their EIPs in the near future. This new wave of EIPs will be more comprehensive and sharply defined than those that came before. The new model will help industries be more conscious of the methods to save money through the EIP concept. This publication and the conclusions of the EIP 2015 event in the Republic of Korea aims to fill in an important void in this context: to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the approach and the opportunities it creates for policy makers in order to mainstream the EIP concept in SEZ development and operations.

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Notes

- ¹ For example, in 1986, the International Labour Organization's database of SEZs reported 176 zones in 47 countries; by 2006, this number rose to 3,500 zones in 130 countries (Boyenge 2007), although many of these zones are single companies licensed individually as free zones. World Free Zone Convention has 124 countries listed as participants. This report has therefore used 130 as a general number of countries with an industrial zones framework.
- ² The widely used definition of an eco-industrial park, used both by UNIDO and the World Bank Group, is from Lowe (1997) of the Asian Development Bank, who stated, "An Eco-Industrial Park is a community of manufacturing and service businesses located together on a common property. Members seek enhanced environmental, economic, and social performance through collaboration in managing environmental and resource issues."
- ³ The Figures for these graphs were derived primarily from Massard, Jacquat, Zürcher, 2014 and supplemented by desk research, interviews and internal World Bank Group sources. The totals for EIPs do not include EIPs where no establishment year was found (estimated at 90). The totals also do not account for the varying degree of uptake of EIP measures.
- ⁴ These numbers are accumulated values from 197 business cases implemented since 2005.

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2 Drivers for EIP Development and Growth

The main drivers for eco-industrial parks (EIPs) remain grounded in business competitiveness. They also provide a platform for mitigating climate change through collective actions and innovation. These drivers include a desire for emission reduction on the national level; improved resource management due to increased resource costs and exposure to risks; environmental and social concerns from consumers; and increased demand to improve efficiency and growth.

Figure 2.1
The Impacts of EIPs Go beyond the Zone Framework

The benefits of the framework are multiple and reach across numerous stakeholders (Figure 2.1). The primary motivation of EIP developers and advocates, from World Bank experience, is the desire to provide additional services to investors and also serve as a platform to drive the sustainability agenda of a country. Also, Special Economic Zone (SEZ) authorities are conscious of the negative reputation that zones may receive, and the EIP framework allows them an added marketing opportunity. These factors can play an important role in driving countries to promote the EIP framework. There are numerous reasons why an industrial park would convert to an EIP, but fundamentally the current global drivers are the following:

1. Mitigating climate change and energy security
2. Greening the supply chain
3. Minimizing operating costs and improving productivity

Mitigating Climate Change and Energy Security

Climate change and the Paris Agreements have signaled a fundamental shift in how climate change is prioritized within the policy agenda of both developed and developing countries. The drive to finalize the agreements' National Determined Contributions, National Adaptation Programs of Action, National Appropriate Mitigation Actions, and related actions is making it important that industries play an active role in the climate actions of national governments and global supply chains.

Industries account for nearly one-third of the world's direct and indirect global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and they will be playing an increasingly important role in achieving the global targets expected to be set at the international climate summit in Paris in December 2016. For example, the cement (5 percent), chemicals (7 percent), and iron and steel (7 percent) sectors account for nearly one-fifth of all global GHG emissions, and those sectors have significant potential to reduce those emissions.

EIPs can serve as a base in which firms manage their resource consumption through added services and the ability to create symbiosis between different entities. EIPs can also play an instrumental role in country efforts to achieve the targets set in the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). EIPs can address a total of 10 targets under four different goals associated with clean energy, resource and energy efficiency, and sustainable growth and industrialization.

Box 2.1 EIPs and the Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted in 2015 as a new, universal set of targets and indicators that United Nations member states are expected to use to frame their agendas and political policies by 2030. Industries have an active role to play, primarily under goal 9: "Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation."

EIPs can serve as a catalyst to not only goal 9 but also other aspects of the SDGs.

Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all

- 7.1 By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable, and modern energy services
- 7.2 By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix
- 7.3 By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency

Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all

- 8.1 Sustain per capita economic growth in accordance with national circumstances and, in particular,

at least 7 percent gross domestic product growth per annum in the least developed countries

- 8.4 Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavor to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10-year framework of programs on sustainable consumption and production, with developed countries taking the lead

Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation

- 9.4 By 2030, upgrade infrastructure and retrofit industries to make them sustainable, with increased resource-use efficiency and greater adoption of clean and environmentally sound technologies and industrial processes, with all countries taking action in accordance with their respective capabilities

Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

- 12.1 Implement the 10-year framework of programs on sustainable consumption and production,

all countries taking action, with developed countries taking the lead, taking into account the development and capabilities of developing countries

- 12.4 By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water, and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment

- 12.5 By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling, and reuse

- 12.6 Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle

The EIP concept helps achieve these SDGs by (i) optimizing sustainable energy through solar rooftops or biomass, (ii) lowering the use of valuable resources and improving how they are disposed through resource efficiency and cleaner production measures, (iii) promoting circularity and industrial symbiosis, and (iv) ensuring the development of resilient and green infrastructure.

There is a pronounced shift in climate discussions toward its effect on industry—both positive and negative—and who will be the winners and losers in terms of relative competitiveness at the country, sector, and firm levels. Threats to competitiveness in industry include disruptions in trade and global value chains due to weather events, greater volatility of resource inputs, decreased efficiency or efficacy of established industrial practices, and new regulations or standards that favor certain sectors over others. However, there are also significant costs to doing nothing, as illustrated in Figure 2.2.

Figure 2.2
Total Economic Cost of Climate Change under the Business-as-Usual Scenario in 2050 in South Asia

improving stakeholder and government engagement in sustainability opportunities in the sector. Within three years the program has helped textile firms save over 13 million cubic meters of water while avoiding 170 thousand cubic meters of CO₂ equivalent per year. (PaCT 2016)

The role of EIPs in setting up a sustainable and climate-friendly platform for such supply chain actions. Locating within an EIP, which effectively monitors and discloses its achievements, provides buyers and consumers a soft certification of a greener supply chain. As EIP is an added service to SEZ tenants, the operator of the zone can provide additional services in helping supply chain companies reach their sustainability targets.

Minimizing Operating Costs and Optimizing Resources

With a growing global population and peoples' increasing demand for a better quality of life, many resources are under pressure. This will increase prices and compromise availability. Industries face the danger of becoming less competitive due to increasing resource scarcity coupled with high and volatile energy costs, causing shocks in the market. To curb these impacts and ensure productivity of industries in a resource-scarce environment, governments need to scale up resource efficiency and cleaner production practices by promoting resource efficiency. And they need tools to enable them to prioritize practical energy- and water-saving opportunities for their key industries.

The Republic of Korea's shift toward more efficient production was due mostly to necessity caused by lack of indigenous energy sources and substantial increase in energy demand with high economic growth. The country ranks eighth in the world in energy consumption and ninth in oil consumption. In 2014, its cost of energy imports was US\$1,741 billion (33.1 percent of the total imports). In 2011, the total energy consumption of the nation's industrial sector was 126,886 thousand tons of oil equivalent (TOE), accounting for 61.6 percent of the total final energy consumption (205,863 thousand TOE). The national industrial complexes were responsible for 91,542 thousand TOE, equivalent to 72.1 percent of the industrial sector. Industrial complexes are responsible for 45 percent of total energy consumption

Figure 2.5
Proportion of Impacts from Different Costs on Chinese Manufacturing Firms

Source: Deloitte 2011

Private sector drivers can be seen from both a private zone operator and tenant perspective (Lee 2015).

Industrial competitiveness is being increasingly constrained not just by scarcity but also by price volatility of resources like energy and water (Figure 2.5). Among climate change impacts, energy continues to remain the headline cost challenge for most industries globally, while declining water tables are raising concerns of sustained freshwater availability. These trends have placed increased emphasis on cost savings through resource efficient industrial operations.

- Input cost aside, the increased imperative for sustainable supply chains is compelling the emerging market industries to focus on resource efficiency and responsible social practices as a key differentiator from competition.

Deloitte's (2011) China Manufacturing Competitiveness Study illustrates that resources and energy costs have the highest impact on Chinese manufacturing firms (followed by labor costs and taxes). The report also states that the increasing resource costs have reduced competitiveness of Chinese firms. Therefore, it can be derived that cost savings through resource and energy efficiency and use of renewables will be critical for the competitiveness of industries in developing countries.

More firms in the developing world are beginning to understand the impacts that resource and energy efficiency play in overall industrial competitiveness. Studies have shown that firms are motivated to incorporate more efficient green practices to reduce their costs and increase profitability. This business need is an even greater driver than government regulations. Not only does resource and energy efficiency provide businesses with the opportunity to reduce costs, more active management can turn waste streams into sources of revenue. Such active measures in management practice are being implemented in the eco-industrial parks of the Republic of Korea.

Box 2.2 Cost Savings through EIPs

From eco-towns in Japan to cogeneration in Bangladesh, governments and industries are reaping the benefits of resource efficiency. Japan's eco-towns combine resource efficiency with an integrated framework that benefits the community.

- Kawasaki Eco-Town, a resource recovery park, provides environmental services to the adjacent community through industry modernization. The resource recovery park is responsible for 69,000 tpa of office waste recycled to sanitary paper and 130,000 tpa of plastics reused for form boards. In addition, the reduction in blast furnace use and the use of synthesized gas production and alternative fuel have led to 0.5 million tons of waste diverted from landfills and US\$130 million annual economic benefit.^a
- In China, the model of "circular economy system" has been adopted, especially in the iron-steel-metal products industrial ecosystem in China. This model has resulted in a 97.09 percent water reuse rate, 100 percent gas recovery rate, 100 percent iron dust

utilization rate, 100 percent slag utilization rate, 100 percent steel slag utilization rate, and 100 percent boiler fly ash (slag) utilization rate.^b

- Keumsung Commerce and Industry in the Republic of Korea saves about US\$8,340 per month in waste-handling costs and produces about US\$300,000 per month of total profit from sale. By-products that have normally been part of the waste stream now contribute to revenue as the company is able to use the EIP network to sell its by-products. Participation in EIP efforts has helped to maintain a clean worksite that has reduced pest problems, and civil claims from the neighboring community due to foul odor.^c
- SCT, a Korean energy services company, is participating in an Energy Harmony Network, which it believes will result in sales turnover of US\$6.8 million per year by selling the waste heat from medium-temperature (120,000 gigacalories/yr) water supply. Expected sales turnover from selling electric power from ORC power generation is estimated to be US\$4.9

<p>million per year. SCT expects to save US\$2.0 million per year in electricity costs and US\$2.6 million per year in residential heating costs by replacing the turbo refrigerator with an absorption refrigerator. Overall, the project expects the following outputs⁴:</p> <p>> Total investment cost = US\$78.3 million; sales turnover = US\$11.6 million; energy savings = US\$4.6million per year</p> <p>> Reduction of CO2 by 26,693 tons per year, by using waste heat decrease of CO2 by 10,335 tons per year from the refrigerator change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During a World Bank Group–supported project in Bangladesh, cogeneration of steam and electricity was identified as one of the most promising options for GHG mitigation in the zone. There, United Power, the captive power utility, supplies power to the export processing zone enterprises by running natural-gas-	<p>fired generator sets. At present, the exhaust gas from the generator sets is vented into the atmosphere, but it could alternatively be used to generate steam. Steam is a useful resource in the Chittagong EPZ that is widely used by the enterprises as part of their process operations. The process steam is presently generated separately at each individual enterprise, which may be replaced, partially or entirely, with the adoption of cogeneration by United Power.</p> <p>a. Van Berkel, Rene. 2015. "(Eco-) Industrial Parks (EIP): Achievements in and Lessons Learned from Developing Countries and Emerging Economies." UNIDO. Presented at the Eco-Industrial Park 2015 Conference.</p> <p>b. Shi, Lei. 2015. "Eco-Industrial Parks in China." Tsinghua University. Presented at the Eco-Industrial Park 2015 Conference.</p> <p>c. Lee, Chan Heun. 2015. "Korean EIP Model, Footprint, Outcomes, Lessons Learned." Ulsan University. Presented at the Eco-Industrial Park 2015 Conference.</p> <p>d. Kim, Jae Hong. 2015. "Eco Industrial Energy Business of SCT." SCT E&C Co. Ltd. Presented at the Eco-Industrial Park 2015 Conference.</p>
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In addition to the noted direct impacts on the operations of firms, EIPs can also play a catalyzing role in driving the production of green and clean technologies by facilitating an ecosystem of innovation and promoting the development of cutting-edge technologies that can enable the low-carbon transformation of industries elsewhere. The key benefits of “cleantech” industrials are as follows:

- **Clusters of companies bring disparate communities together:** a network will bring investors, inventors, entrepreneurs and customers together to share insights and build mutual relationships.
- **These clusters benefit from local assets and infrastructure:** natural resources, local infrastructure, industry capabilities, local demand, research and development, and education are key local ingredients for accelerating the growth of a cleantech cluster.
- **These clusters can facilitate gaps in funding, incubation, and commercialization:** the presence of a cluster will often address perceived gaps in the development of any product or service by providing access to seed capital and incubation facilities. This is the phase that requires the most support, when ideas are still being formed and not fully ready for the external market.

Green industries are increasingly being looked at as a new engine of industrial growth, with emerging focus on establishing cleantech clusters; there are dedicated cleantech clusters operating in Austria (Ecoworld Styria), Denmark (Copenhagen Cleantech), Finland (Lahti Cleantech), Canada (Ecotech Quebec), and the United States (Cleantech San Diego). These industrial clusters, while not being traditional EIPs, have been instrumental in driving the supply of green and environmentally friendly technologies, products, and services and attracting and mobilizing investments from across the globe in pursuit of sustainable industrial development.

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Sewage treatment plant
Photo @ tuachanwattana

3 Mainstreaming EIPs

The global drivers are arguably in place to catalyze or mainstream the eco-industrial park (EIP) concept. At the more than 250 EIPs that have been identified through different sources, operators have taken various eco-friendly measures. Of the 212 EIPs that had information available, 50 percent had taken measures on waste management and energy efficiency measures; 45 percent employed industrial symbiosis and resource efficiency or cleaner production; and 35 percent used renewable energy and waste management measures within their EIP framework. The majority had a mix of these factors in addition to others (Table 3.1).

Table 3.1
Number and Percentages of EIPs That Have Taken Selected Sustainable Measures

Waste management	109	51%
Energy efficiency	106	50%
Industrial symbiosis	95	45%
Resource efficiency	75	35%
Renewable enegry	74	35%
Water management	70	33%

The development of an EIP can take two forms: (i) an EIP can be embedded in the basic design of an industrial zone or (ii) an existing zone may be transformed into a resource efficient enclave. In either case, a systematic approach is necessary to identify and implement the technical opportunities targeted at optimizing resource usage and reducing waste and emissions. According to Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), to embed eco-design at an early stage of an EIP, the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) developer needs to consider the following:

- Integration of the park in surrounding infrastructure
- Efficient land-use planning
- Planning of park infrastructure
- Energy supply
- Water supply, waste, and wastewater treatment facilities
- Environmental, emergency, and social facilities

This will simplify the SEZs incorporation of EIP concepts and save significant costs to the operator and tenants in the long term. In India, GIZ has developed an extensive EIP master planning project that helped convert a conventional master plan into one that incorporates ecological and social measures in its design and operational plans. The Green Industrial Park Jadcherla in the South Indian state of Telangana

incorporated sustainability elements into road design and transport, green spaces, waste water treatment, energy networks, and an extensive list of technical requirements (GIZ and German Cooperation 2015).

In order to operate as an EIP, an industrial park should overperform compared to a conventional industrial park on specific areas where the selected technical opportunities will pave the way for industrial green growth. As a baseline, it is assumed that the EIP has already adhered to national and international industrial good practices and has implemented policies that are conducive to EIP development. These practices may be direct regulations on EIP development, with clear guidelines and indicators, or a proactive policy toward eco-friendly development, such as promotion of renewable energy, policies and actions on energy efficiency, adoption of national climate targets, and incentives that promote sustainable practices within industries (see Table 3.2).

Table 3.2
Areas of Policy Intervention to Support EIPs

Policy framework		Intervention focus
Policy framework governing energy performance		
1	Electricity and other energy regulation	> Overarching legal framework establishes the definition and pricing of energy and guides the behaviors of relevant authorities governing and participating in energy transactions
2	Energy efficiency law and associated polices	> Provides framework for implementing energy performance standards across the country, including business enterprises within SEZs > Establishes the governing authority and setting standards for different categories of energy consumers
3	Minimum energy performance standards	> Generally implemented in conjunction with energy labeling program > Guides or mandates energy consumers to move toward a more energy efficient future
4	Energy audit	> Represents the basic first step toward energy management > Sets forth energy audit processes > Certifies energy auditors > May mandate periodic energy audits at select or all business enterprises
5	Standards and labeling	> Extends the overarching energy efficiency law > Stipulates best practices for improving energy and environmental performance of both appliances (e.g., lighting, fans, and air conditioning) and industrial equipment (e.g. boilers)
Policy framework governing environmental performance		
1	National pledges for GHG emission reduction	> Can be voluntary or mandatory > Represents the minimum emission reduction standards for all business enterprises within the country
2	National environmental law and associated policies	> Sets the standards for management and discharge of waste, water, and other effluent from business enterprises
Policy framework governing energy pricing		
1	Energy and resource tariff regulations	> Sets the tariff computation mechanism for energy and other resource transactions > Allocates subsidies to select resources > Introduces incentive mechanisms like feed-in-tariffs for renewable energy
2	Incentives and budgetary support	> Allocates capital subsidies or grants toward “promoted” industries or initiatives to improve competitiveness and overcome market failures

Source: Modified from Yeo and Kechichian 2014

These policy measures are well documented as good practices for energy and climate policy for industry. EIPs will optimize their performance if the general policy framework of the country is supportive of cleaner production, renewable energy and other eco-friendly measures and investments in cleaner technologies. Some of the most proven, doable, cost-effective, and scalable technical opportunities are highlighted in Figure 3.1.

Figure 3.1
Areas of Policy Intervention to Support EIPs

Source: Lee in Chiu 2015

EIP projects also need well-designed alternative financing sources to overcome the financial bottlenecks stemming from political and economic instability, local banking structures, limited liquidity, and lack of capacity or experience. In order to stimulate industrial players' interest in EIP development investments or transformation of existing industrial parks into EIPs, public-private partnerships (PPPs), fiscal incentives, local financing, or a combination of them have been used. Innovations on tailored financing mechanisms are needed for EIP projects so they can more easily be brought to financial markets.

The section below will provide brief insight into the key elements of EIP operations. They are drawn from lessons learned in existing EIP projects but are not, at this point, conclusive.

Green Infrastructure and Clean Energy

The core offering of an SEZ to its tenants under the Zone 3.0 model is an enhanced and integrated service encased primarily in the industrial park infrastructure, with the main trigger for EIP being energy. Provision, distribution, and recovery of energy is the main area where the developer and operator have leverage with which to ensure a greener infrastructure.

In an ideal case, the energy for an EIP would come primarily from renewable sources. The energy supply from renewables in terms of both the energy mix and captive power is a core element of EIPs. To differentiate itself from conventional industrial parks, it is crucial that an EIP have a cleaner energy infrastructure than the average national energy mix. Grid energy tends to be the main source of power for industrial parks. Therefore, the grid emission factor (GEF) will play an important role in determining whether an industrial park can be considered an EIP. GEF is commonly expressed in tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per megawatt hour electricity (tCO₂-e/MWh), which is a fundamental parameter to understanding a country's ecological sustainability in its energy supply mix.

Clean energy sources are increasingly reaching price parity with conventional grid power, following significant reductions in capital expenditure. (See examples of cost-effective green energy options in box 3.1.) This has made renewables, and particularly solar, a highly lucrative option for replacement of conventional fuels for electricity generation. Industries are increasingly adopting options like rooftop solar to cut down on grid power usage. Zone authorities may also look at renewables-based microgrid infrastructure to supply power to zone tenants. While power demand is unlikely to be met from renewables entirely, innovative arrangements may be made to shift peak load power to renewables-based generation capacity.

The main concept of green infrastructure relies on the idea of bringing a common service into usage for the enterprises within a zone in a climate-friendly, resource and energy efficient manner so as to add a positive value on greening the zone. Typically, green infrastructure should be planned right from the conceptualization and design of EIPs. It also represents an easy target when transforming an existing zone into a greener enclave. At the zone level, common effluent treatment plants and street lighting are the most widely used green infrastructure interventions. Low-carbon transformation of street lighting, in particular, can be achieved either through installation of solar-driven lights or use of efficient fixtures such light-emitting diode (LED) lamps. At the firm level, green infrastructure refers to systems that are more climate-friendly compared to conventional ones in terms of resource utilization, electricity consumption, water efficiency, and so forth. Investors and zone operators may look at green factory and green building certifications as a potential modality for green transformation of the realty infrastructure within the zone.

Box 3.1 Savings from Green Industrial Infrastructure

Clean energy solutions will result in operational cost savings and GHG reductions, and as a spillover impact they will lead to cleaner production by avoiding air emissions that most conventional power plants cause. As the grid emission factor varies from country to country, the estimated GHG reduction will be location dependent. For instance, generation of 1 gigawatt hour of electricity from a renewable source in Turkey will enable a reduction of approximately 600 tons of CO₂-equivalent GHG by replacing the electricity from the national grid. The replacement of conventional resources with renewable ones will also delete or decrease fuel costs (for coal,

natural gas, fuel oil, and so forth). In addition, renewable energy solutions can be implemented on a small scale, onsite in EIPs, without the need for costly improvements to the national grid. As such, planned industrial zones in many countries like Jordan or India incorporate solar panels in zones as a key energy source.

A recent World Bank project in Bangladesh aimed to develop a roadmap for low carbon growth and design an optimal policy framework to facilitate it for Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CEPZ). A two-phase approach was followed, as detailed in figure B3.1.1.^a

Figure B3.1.1

Roadmap for Low Carbon Growth for Chittagong Export Processing Zone

Low carbon growth potential for CEPZ and design an optimal policy framework to facilitate and promote these opportunities

Preparatory diagnostics: Study of GHG inventorization report by KICOX

1 Low Carbon Green CEPZ Technical Diagnostic

As a technical intervention, 785 electric poles with solar panels have been installed to provide eco-friendly lighting at the CEPZ. A yearly 244 tCO₂-e GHG reduction and 331 megawatt-equivalent energy consumption avoidance is expected as an outcome of this project. The impact of green factories or buildings is far more holistic, leading to multiple benefits in terms of energy and water consumption saved, emissions avoided, and reduced waste. In 2011, an efficiency survey found that compared with a typical

factory, a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design–certified shoe factory in southern Vietnam that produces exclusively for Nike uses 18 percent less electricity and fuel and 53 percent less water.^b

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Main Factors of Success

The success of clean energy solutions at both EIP and firm levels depends heavily on the choice of technology and the associated cost of installation, operation, and maintenance. The existing price of power also plays a critical role: heavily subsidized conventional power greatly limits the returns from substituting renewable capacity. Renewable energy projects also benefit from carbon markets for climate change mitigation activities once a carbon market mechanism is introduced. At the country level, renewable energy projects are a great contribution to country-level emission reduction targets, especially where Kyoto Protocol is ratified.

Green infrastructure changes made in the transition of an industrial zone into an EIP have a greater impact than interventions by individual firms may have. They also enhance the quality of common utility infrastructure provided to tenant firms, which can also enhance their productivity.

Common Financing Opportunities

Generally speaking, PPPs are an option for government infrastructure investments where the government falls short of expertise and would like to tap into the private sector's experience. In a similar manner, PPP appears to be an option for financing EIP investments. PPPs are coupled with new solutions and finance opportunities. The public sector can drive the technical and qualitative efforts in collaboration with zone authorities. This results in a reduction of transaction costs. Such PPP arrangements between the public and private sectors are viable where shared investments brings mutual benefits.

As noted in box 3.1, the authority for the Bangladesh Chittagong EPZ, the zone authority was in need of financing for a street-lighting system, one of its more energy-intensive infrastructure projects. The investment was realized through a PPP model for the installation of 785 electric poles with solar panels for street lighting. As a result of this project, the Chittagong EPZ authority expects to save around US\$25,500 electricity cost per year as a result of avoided energy consumption equivalent to 331 MWh. The project is expected to yield 244 tCO₂-e GHG emissions abatement annually as well.

In 2010, the Gujarat government in India had structured a PPP model to promote the implementation of solar rooftop photovoltaic projects. The model aimed to leverage the project developers' and intermediaries' position across the value chain of rooftop solar development in an emerging market. The project attracted approximately US\$9 million in private financing and added an additional 5 MW capacity to power generation, which resulted in access to power for 10,000 people and avoidance of 7 million cubic meter tons of GHG a year. The operators took responsibility for installation of panels and electricity transmission to the grid. In turn, they would receive a feed-in tariff (FIT) (World Bank 2015). The structure is expressed in Figure 3.2.

Figure 3.2

Structure of the Gujarat Rooftop Solar PPP

Source: Sinha and Sethi 2015

In an ordinary public project, capital cost and public profit are the points in question, while in the PPP model, the capital cost (investment cost and financing expense of private company), public guarantee risk ratio, and PPP profit are the issues. As can be seen, instead of laying the burden on one party, within PPPs the risk is shared among public sector and private sector participants. PPPs are ideal for long-term investments such as infrastructure.

In some cases of EIP financing, international financial institutions provide public funds to be used for public investments. Such financial support generally flows into related government counterparts' deposits as international funds or grants. When the government counterpart would like to compensate the private sector for its public infrastructure investments, a PPP becomes an inevitable financing option to finance EIP investments.

A private finance initiative (PFI) appears to be an important PPP model providing cost-effective solutions. It is in use in numerous European countries such as France, United Kingdom, Italy, and Spain. Within this model the public sector shifts from being the operator and owner of public assets to being the buyer who purchases, through a predetermined contract, the project from the private sector participant(s).

Since industrial parks are condensed industrial areas, there are common green infrastructure solutions, and either large or small capital expenditures could benefit a large portion of a park's firms. Such projects include common effluent treatment plants, water treatment plants, and solar rooftops, and these could be accomplished by tapping into PPPs.

Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production

In order to align with the EIP concept, the zone, as well as the residing tenants, should implement resource efficiency and cleaner production (RECP) measures within their operations. These would include (i) firm-level management standards that support the EIP concept, (ii) promotions by zone management to tenants encouraging them to adopt internal environmental and energy management systems, and (iii) adoption of RECP measures and standards by SEZ operators.

Internationally accepted standards, particularly the ones related to sustainability, environment, energy, and health and safety, could be a good proxy for firm-level RECP. As an alternative to the internationally accepted standards (for example, International Standards Organization and Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series), if the firm has a dedicated department that deals with energy efficiency strategies and environmental management systems but is not certified yet under an authorized body, it could nonetheless add value to the eco-industrial concept through internal company efforts.

Box 3.2 Examples of Savings from RECP

Firm-level interventions may consist of one project or a mix of such projects as (1) retrofitting (ii) by-product utilization (for example, installation of a steam turbine to generate electricity from excess steam), (iii) in-house renewable energy system installation (for example, solar photovoltaic that feeds electricity only to the firm), (iv) replacing machinery or equipment new and more efficient ones, (v) replacement of fossil fuel dependence via refuse-derived fuel usage, and (vi) water saving interventions (for example, storm-water collection systems and circulation).

Individual firms can benefit either by creating a new revenue source from what would previously have been discarded waste or by gaining cheaper access to source materials or energy from other firms. In the Plating and PCB (Plastic Circuit Board) Center at the Shiheung Smarhub in the Republic of Korea, a steam supply network distributes waste steam among 26 plating and PCB companies for a combined reduction of 6,680 MWh per year, operating and energy costs of 0.7 billion won per year (approximately US\$ 600,000), and creation of 0.5 billion won per year in income from selling waste heat (approximately US\$ 430,000.^a At Chittagong EPZ, firm-level interventions were mapped out in phase 1a step by conducting a firm-level energy audit to identify plausible measures for energy efficiency and retrofit. For most projects, moderate savings and low payback periods were observed. For instance, a 250

kW compressed air system installation would need an investment volume of US\$13,000, resulting a 352,000 kWh yearly saving. For this investment, the payback was calculated as 0.6 years.

The detailed firm-level interventions are shown in Table B3.2.1.

Table B3.2.1. Prioritizing Resource Efficiency Opportunities for Firms in the Chittagong EPZ

No.	Levers	Capex	Energy savings	Payback	Potential	Priority
1	Air optimization in boiler	~ US 2,500 for an 8 TPH boiler	19 k Nm ³ for an 8 TPH unit	~ 3.60 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low savings• Moderate payback• No implementation challenge
2	Boiler FD fan RPM optimization	~ US 1,300 for a 4.5 kW FD fan motor	1571 MWh (considering 40-50 boilers of capacity 2-to-10 TPH)	~ 0.60 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderate savings• Low payback• No implementation challenge
3	Compressed air recycling system	~ US 13,000 for a 250 kW Compressor	351,859 kWh for a single compressor	~ 0.60 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderate savings• Low payback• No implementation challenge
4	Steam condensate recovery from bleaching/dryer units	~ US 25,500 for average 8 TPH boiler	0,15 million Nm ³ of NG for 8 TPH	~ 2.20 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High savings• Low payback• Condensate may be contaminated
5	Heat insulation panit for can-dryer	~ US 4,000 for painting	~ 0,12 million Nm ³ of NG for a unit	~ 1.30 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High savings• Moderate payback• No implementation challenge
6	Energy savings from steam-trap management	~ US 54,000 for steam network of 18 TPH	~ 0,3 million Nm ³ of 18 TPH	~ 2.30 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderate savings• Moderate payback• Plant shutdown required
7	Waste-heat-recovery type pre-heater	~ US 2,500 for 8 TPH	~ 34 k Nm ³ for 8 TPH	~ 3.60 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low savings• Moderate payback• Plant shutdown required
8	High-efficiency inverter boiler	~ US 190,000 for a 30 TPH boiler	~ 0,6 million Nm ³ for 30 TPH	~ 5.50 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very high payback• Plant shutdown required
9	Introduction of low-liquor ratio dyeing system	~ US 17,000 for each dyeing unit	~ 0,12 million Nm ³ for 9 dyeing units	~10.20 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very high payback• Plant shutdown required

Box notes:

a. Han, Dukgyu. 2015. "The Problem & Solution Strategies for Industrial Symbiosis Network Development." Korea Industrial Complex Corporation. Presented at the Eco-Industrial Park 2015 Conference.

Source: Yeo and Kechichian 2014

Main Factors of RECP Success

A systematic approach should be adopted by both the firms in the zone and the zone operator to ensure successful implementation of the identified interventions. First and foremost, the firm should conduct a detailed analysis of technical savings potential and how these savings will reflect on operational expenses and the required investment volume. This can be achieved by conducting an energy audit or walkthrough that would be followed by thorough technical feasibility diagnostics.

Availability of finance plays a crucial role in implementation of any technically feasible project. The firm should, therefore, also conduct a detailed financial feasibility analysis that will help establish not only project profitability but also sources of finance to mobilize implementation. Tailored credit lines, financing facilities, and grants that these projects fit into represent some of the key sources. Priority should be accorded in pursuing projects with lowest payback periods, thereby leading to quick wins.

Zonewide replicability of any viable intervention often depends heavily on the demonstration effect created by the first project. The zone operator, therefore, should participate, along with the firm in coordinating the relevant diagnostics and implementation processes of the first project. Thereafter, the operator should disseminate the learning through focused outreach activities and motivate other firms within the zone to pursue similar interventions. From a zone operator's perspective, this is an important added service the zone can offer to its tenants.

Common Financing Opportunities

A blend of direct finance and fiscal incentives are common financial solutions to bolster firm-level RECP interventions. In terms of commercial finance, specific financing facilities are alternatives to financing the projects in this group. Financing facilities framed for projects to increase energy savings and decrease carbon emissions can offer special terms to project developers. Evidence suggests that these kind of tailored finance facilities are able to offer better conditions compared to commercial finance in terms of borrower-friendly debt-to-equity ratio, lower interest rate, and longer period maturity. In addition, some local banks collaborate with international financial institutions by receiving credit lines from them and offering them to their clients for thematic projects. Most of the time, these credit lines offer borrower-friendly terms similar to those of financing facilities. These finance options facilitate small and medium enterprise commercial bank lending for RECP investments.

Performance-based fiscal incentives (PBIs) lessen the financial burden on project developers where the projects require procurement of new machinery and equipment for resource efficiency and cleaner production improvements. To benefit from fiscal incentives, the equipment performance should be easily measured as part of the development project. Equipment specifications should be testable to prove their expressed performance. Feed-in tariffs are a common type of PBIs. For example the government of Egypt took a major step in July 2014 by signaling its commitment to reform and transform the energy sector, issuing a prime ministerial decree providing a roadmap for electricity tariffs in industries for the next five years, gradually increasing the tariff, and phasing out subsidies. Industries started seeking new ways to remain competitive that would reduce the risks posed by price increases. Standards and labelling of electrical motors could be one option offered by the government as a framework and tool to strengthen and accelerate energy efficiency programs and improve the market viability and attractiveness of industry innovations that address the new context.

In Turkey, the Kayseri Organized Industrial Zone has been selected as a pilot project to shift from inefficient electrical motors to highly efficient ones within a financial aid program initiated by Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology. Loans of up to 300,000 Turkish liras (approximately US\$100,000) will be provided

to the industrial zone tenants who wish to upgrade their inefficient electrical motors. The loans will be provided with a 12-months grace period. The payback period is 36 months, with 3 - month interest-free equal installments every 3 months. For projects having a payback longer than two years, the fiscal incentives' monetary impact becomes more visible when the entire volume of the investment is considered.

Fiscal Incentives

Fiscal incentives are used as a supportive tool as part of governments' national strategy for energy efficiency and/or renewable energy projects. They are established to leverage investments of businesses for their transition in to a low-carbon future. They are aimed to scale up such investments by reducing fiscal impediments.

Countries often employ a mix of incentives to channel investment for development of a particular area or region, or to serve a set of governmental strategies for national prosperity. At times, industrial zones are linked to preferential fiscal regimes that help attract and retain certain types of investments. There are considerable arguments on the positives versus negatives of these regimes, although their continuous usage implies that the challenge is more in implementing a properly designed regime rather than whether they are the right tools or not. The fiscal regimes that the industrial zones are operating under can be harnessed to promote their transition into EIPs by targeting new investments into EIP development projects.

A noteworthy form of fiscal incentives are PBIs that are paid based for work in a thematically selected area, such as renewable energy production or the energy-saving performance of industries. For example, for electricity production from solar utilization, typically incentives are paid based on the actual energy production of the solar system (dollars per kilowatt hour) over a period of time. PBIs lessen the financial burden on firm-level project developers, whose project requires procurement of new machinery and equipment that are more energy efficient than existing ones, or that enable electricity generation from renewables that can be used internally as a substitute to the grid, which is a mix of mostly fossil fuels.

As a general practice within SEZs and organized industrial zones, once procurement of equipment is in question for the renewal of equipment and/or switching to another system by means of equipment and machinery, the project sponsor may benefit from customs duty exemption and value-added tax (VAT) remission. For example, in Turkey investors operating in the Organized Industrial Zones can benefit from VAT exemption for land acquisitions, exemption on municipality tax for their solid waste, and exemption from real estate duty for five years starting after the construction of the plant.

Box 3.3 Fiscal Incentives: An Example from South Africa

Recently, South Africa made significant progress in the implementation of tax incentives in order to scale up energy efficiency investments and to facilitate green growth at the industrial level. Of course, South Africa's fossil fuel dependency plays a big role in such tax structuring. The country relies heavily on coal, which supplies around 70 percent of its primary energy and more than 90 percent of its electricity.^a In addition, within the past decade, electricity costs have increased by over 170 percent, while in other BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, and China)

the increase was 36 percent. Energy efficiency investments gained importance in this environment. In order to scale up energy efficiency projects and actions in South Africa, the government restructured its Income Tax Act. One of its articles states that taxpayers may get a deduction on firm income tax in the amount of 95 cents per each saved kWh over a particular incentive benefit period. This is a performance-based incentive based on energy-saving performance and addressed to greenfield and brownfield manufacturing projects.^b One of

the eligibility criteria for the projects is the use of improved energy efficiency and cleaner production technologies. The savings performance are gauged and verified by legitimate counterparts. In accordance with the new Income Tax Act, an additional allowance on assets (new or used) can be applied to energy efficiency or energy saving projects that qualify as an Industrial Policy Project after approval by the Minister of Trade and Industry. The top three sectors attracted by the program were chemical production (21 projects), cement and ceramics (7 projects), and the agroprocessing sector (3 projects), which represent approximately 80 percent of the total investments approved in the whole program.

In a nutshell, in order to scale up energy efficiency investments and to promote green growth at the zone level, governments can reshape their tax structures to foster industrial entities to invest in energy efficiency maximizing projects by means of shifting to more energy efficient technologies and other relevant projects. In order to implement a successful fiscal incentive regime, the potential

challenges that might stem from bad management of resource allocation, transparency, implementation processes, and monitoring should be tackled. For transparent and strong governance, the incentive's related information and its application, awarding, and granting process should be publically announced and made available and the tax incentives should be provided in the tax code. Aiming to avoid ineffective allocation of resources, the incentive authority should have a system in place to conduct regular and comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness of incentives. The incentives should not generate distortions that place some enterprises at a disadvantageous position in relation to others. In addition, while structuring the fiscal regime, close attention should be paid to its application process and cumbersome bureaucratic procedures should be avoided to make the process as applicant friendly as possible.

Table B3.3.1 provides a succinct snapshot of the different relevant incentives in the context of climate efficient industrial development.

Table B3.3.1.
Incentives for Supporting EIPs

	Financial	Nonfinancial
Specific to industrial parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduced rents, utility surcharge on energy performance• Capital subsidy for solar photovoltaic, central effluent treatment plant etc.• Government grant for demonstration projects• Facilitating bulk procurement, for example, of light-emitting diodes (LEDs)• Funds to provide seed capital• Partial risk guarantee facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical advisory support for energy audit• Donor-assisted capacity buildign support• Award and recognition scheme• Conducting focused energy efficiency programs
National	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feed-in-tariff for grid connected renewable energy• Energy efficiency standards and labeling• Energy efficiency concessional financing by banks and financial institutions• Support for central effluent treatment plants, waste-to-energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rising enegry price; stricter environmental compliance• Technical assistance for sector-based enegry audit, process improvement• Award and recognition by industry chambers

Box notes:

a. Meier, P., Maria M. Vagliasindi, and M. Imran. 2015. *The Design and Sustainability of Renewable Energy Incentives: An Economic Analysis*. Washington, DC: World Bank.

b. Greenfield projects are new industrial projects that utilize only new and unused manufacturing assets and brownfield projects are expansions or upgrades of existing industrial projects.

Commercial Financing

In some countries, such as Bangladesh and Turkey, the financial sector is dominated by local commercial banks. Project sponsors suffer when the local banks are unwilling to finance energy efficiency projects or show a lack of interest in offering tailored financial solutions. In Turkey, it is a common practice of local banks to receive a credit line for energy efficiency related leases (replacement investments) or financing (new machinery and equipment investments) from international financial institutions and/or relevant green funds to offer project-specific financing solutions.

In addition to already mentioned financing options, EIP development projects can benefit from grants that are disbursed by local governmental agencies under certain terms. Most of them are structured so as to support national strategy and to guide improvement in a particular direction (for example, national energy efficiency strategic plan or national eco-town program). Looking at the amount of the disburseable grants per projects, it could be said that grants are not a panacea on their own for new development projects that must be built from scratch, but they could be a good option for retrofitting or for conducting feasibility studies to gauge potential for creating an EIP. In this sense, grants can be useful for supporting activities such as energy audits and studies on common infrastructure feasibility.

When there is a need of new machinery or equipment procurement for an EIP development project, vendor financing appears to be another option. However it is limited to only a few internationally recognized vendors who launch vendor finance programs. Vendor financing is preferred in situations where the project developer has limited borrowing capacity under the commercial financing regime to take on additional loans. In such cases, as the vendor supplies the equipment with payments spread over a period of time, vendor financing is preferred as it is not treated as debt and, therefore, does not count against borrowing capacity.

Circularity

Circularity implies a break with the linear “take, make, dispose” model that characterizes consumer behavior in society today, relying on large quantities of easily accessible cheap resources and energy. Circularity, or a circular economy, is an industrial economy that is restorative by intention; aims to rely on renewable energy; minimizes, tracks, and potentially eliminates the use of toxic chemicals; increases competitiveness and reduces costs; and minimizes waste through careful design (McKinsey and MacArthur 2012; 2013). Its principles have gained momentum and have successfully been implemented by the largest companies in the world (MacArthur 2013), economic zones in the Republic of Korea, China (Mathews 2011), Denmark (Kalundborg, n.d.), entire regions and cities (Geng et al. 2009; Sustainable Cleveland 2016), and across relevant sectors (Saito 2013). See Figure 3.3 for an example.

Figure 3.3
Industrial Symbiosis in Kalundborg

Source: Fujii, Fujita, and Ohnishi 2015

Within the EIP framework, waste and water management is the main driver for the circular economy at the industrial level. Utilizing water resources as efficiently as possible and turning large waste streams into material exchange paves the way for greening the industrial parks. Where it is technically feasible, circularity helps enterprises reduce operational expenses by lessening the amount of waste and water streams to be disposed of, transferred, or treated. Storm water as well as wastewater collection should be in place. A water circulation ratio can be used as an indicator of adherence to the EIP intervention. Waste circularity in terms of a hierarchal waste management approach is a part of circular economy and one of the technical opportunities to be applied by EIPs. Waste minimization at its source by selecting appropriate raw materials to be processed and adapting low waste generation practices pertaining to packaging and resource utilization are to be promoted at the firm and industrial park levels as part of the eco-concept. Industrial symbiosis is used as a tool for circulating waste and having operators receive mutual benefit.

In the selection of individual waste management solutions, materials with high potential for reuse should be sought. The operator should consider recovery options for the waste such as metals or cooking oil. The waste should be recycled where reduce, reuse, or recover is not possible due to the nature of the process. The recycling service could be provided within the park operator's mandate or outsourced. If disposal is

unavoidable, it is done based on the type of waste: hazardous or nonhazardous. As recommended within the World Bank Group Environmental, Health, and Safety Guidelines (1.6. Waste Management), periodic auditing by a third party of treatment and disposal services, including reuse and recycling facilities, is recommended when significant quantities of wastes are managed by third parties. Whenever possible, audits should include site visits to the treatment storage and disposal location.

Examples of Savings from Circularity and Symbiosis

Industrial symbiosis approaches industrial processes much like a biological or ecological system in which there is no such thing as waste and even waste has value, as it can be reused or recycled for utilization in other modes of production. In other words, the waste stream from one industrial process can be used as a material input for another industrial process. For example, a company that produces steam as a result of their production process could sell its steam to a nearby company that requires steam for energy or other processes. Typically, industrial symbiosis should be planned from the inception of the EIP, thereby allowing optimum spatial planning, zoning, and industry clustering and laying of steam pipelines such that resources like steam may be shared smoothly among firms. Figure 3.4 schematizes an application of industrial symbiosis within an industrial zone.

On a national level, and from the standpoint of an industrial zone, the benefits of industrial symbiosis can directly be felt in the mitigation of waste and pollution from industrial production. For many developing economies, environmental degradation may be considered a necessary evil of much-needed industrial development, and environmental and social concerns arising from industrial zones become secondary to the need for economic development. In the Republic of Korea, during the years of rapid economic expansion, this was mostly the case, and the benefits from productive industrial zones were deemed to outweigh the negative environmental impacts. However, growing awareness of environmental issues, climate change, and the increasing cost of energy made it necessary to find a more sustainable means of growth through industrial symbiosis. For industrial zones, industrial symbiosis created a way to maintain productivity while reducing waste and pollution. For countries like Pakistan or Egypt that face large-scale energy shortages, industrial symbiosis provides a potential source of energy, reducing the need for large-scale additions to generation capacity.

Figure 3.4
A Schematic of Symbiotic Relationships

Source: Bandyopadhyay 2015

Main Factors of Circularity Success

Water circularity let zones to use water over and over again and cut down on operational costs while boosting resource efficiency. Waste circularity decreases demand for raw materials and increases firm-level competitiveness.

In the case of industrial symbiosis in the Republic of Korea, a systematic approach to planning and implementation was integral to success. The approach, divided into scoping, negotiation, and business phase, incorporated participation from the government, development partners, and private sector partners (see Figure 3.5).

Figure 3.5
How to Carry Out an EIP Project

Source: Han 2015

Through this process, potential for shared waste streams and processes are identified along with the necessary infrastructure requirements. Although private firms initially showed hesitation in sharing data, the extensive negotiation process allowed them to understand the merits of participating in the development of industrial symbiosis and overcome barriers.

Circularity creates firm- and zone-level sustainability and decreases dependency on resources. Firms become more resilient to climate change, which increases their market competitiveness in the long run.

Common Financing Opportunities in Circularity and Symbiosis

When an infrastructural investment such as steam highway pipeline or water circulation unit involves more than one firm's as well as the zone's interest, a PPP finance model is appropriate. Small-scale waste circularity among two or three tenants generally is financed commercially. When a purchase of equipment is in question, the developers tap into performance-based fiscal incentives. For example, the UK government started a program called Enhanced Capital Allowances (ECA) to encourage industries to shift into energy-saving technologies. On behalf of the government, Carbon Trust prepared a list of energy technologies to frame the options and ensure their reliability in energy savings. ECA allows businesses to write off the whole cost of the equipment against taxable profits in the year of purchase. This can provide a cash flow boost and an incentive to invest in energy-saving equipment, which normally carries a price premium when compared to less efficient alternatives. ECA can provide a cash flow boost of £1,640 (about US\$2,300) for every £10,000 (US\$14,500) and it spends in the year of purchase.

In the Republic of Korea, an investment into an industrial symbiosis project had been made through a PPP. The public sector invested in a steam pipeline (highway) within the Ulsan Industrial Complex, aiming to boost industrial competitiveness and energy efficiency as a leading industrial symbiosis project (Figure 3.6). The enterprises that would benefit from this investment could not afford to invest in the "Steam Highway Project" individually. The project is a 6.2 kilometer-long pipeline consisting of several entrances and exits, facilitating steam networking among companies in the area. In this PPP, the public sector invested US\$22 million through the Korea Industrial Complex Corp (KICOX). The private sector contributed US\$5.5 million to participate in the network development and connect their own facilities. The steam supply enables SK Energy, the anchor participant in the pipeline, to save 49 million tons of bunker C oil annually and avoid 100,000 tons of GHGs compared to the operation of SK Energy's own boilers.

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Waste water treatment plant with aeration
Photo @ SKY2014

4 Structuring the Approach

The progression of Zone 1.0 through Zone 3.0 development and other adaptations of eco-industrial park (EIP) concepts in individual countries shows a trend toward a comprehensive approach to green development. This approach includes a wide range of stakeholders and aims to create social and environmental benefits as well as economic benefits. A plethora of resource management issues are being addressed and stakeholder participation is growing in quantity and variety—and policy makers and developers may find it daunting to navigate toward an EIP approach in this changing world. Taking a comprehensive approach means that multiple factors need to be considered when drafting policy, a large data base is required, and numerous, potentially conflicting interests need to be reconciled. Based on the lessons learned around the world, this section provides a sample approach to building an EIP and offers cases illustrating how the approach has been used in different countries (Figure 4.1).

Figure 4.1
An Approach to EIP Development

The International Finance Corporation's *Low-Carbon Zones: A Practitioner's Handbook* (World Bank 2014) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit's (GIZ's) *Guidelines for Sustainable Industrial Areas* (GIZ 2015) are tools that outline how to design, develop, and implement an EIP concept. This section provides a brief synthesis of these approaches to EIPs. (Box 4.1 on Guidelines for Sustainable Industrial Areas)

Box 4.1 Sustainable Industrial Areas

As one of the mentioned approaches to mainstream Eco-Industrial Parks, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, promotes the idea of “Sustainable Industrial Areas” (SIA). The growth of the industry sector is now an essential part of the Sustainable Development Goals^a. The idea of “Sustainable Industrial Area” reflects this orientation and includes social aspects next to organizational, environmental and economical features as an indispensable requirement for a park on its pathway to sustainability.

Various experiences in partner countries revealed a main challenge in planning and realizing an EIP/SIA is due to lacking comprehensive approaches and unclear national standards and policies, besides missing competencies and management structures to operate such industrial parks. These inadequacies cause a decrease in competitiveness and attractiveness of industrial areas to private investors, besides posing concerns of environment pollution, climate change and resource efficiency.

The success of sustainable industrial areas depends significantly on the quality of the standards which are used for planning them. Towards this, GIZ supports several countries on macro-level to define sustainability of industrial areas and formulate standards or guidelines for promoting sustainable industrial areas (e.g. Indonesia, Morocco and India).

Besides this, accompanying site master planning and management structure processes of industrial areas

are a core element of GIZ's approach towards SIA. As a successful showcase, the ALEAP Green Industrial Park Jadcherla in the State of Telangana, illustrates how planning of gender inclusive and environment friendly site master planning in industrial parks is possible. GIZ provided technical support to the Association of Lady Entrepreneurs of Andhra Pradesh (ALEAP) for site master planning of the Green Industrial Park (GRIP) project to women entrepreneurs. Several aspects of environment, economic quality, resource efficiency, cost-effective common infrastructure, social aspects and gender aspects were integrated into the planning of the industrial park.

Furthermore, to strengthen the sustainable industrial areas, on company level, GIZ applied methodologies like *Profitable Resource-Efficient Management* (PREMA[®]) and ECOPROFIT[®] to help individual companies housed in the industrial areas to identify cost effective options for improving their environmental and resource management performance.

GIZ has recently (2015) published a “Guideline for Sustainable Industrial Areas” that highlights the most important sustainability aspects for planning and operating an industrial area. These guidelines are directed to industrial park operators, planners of industrial areas, public administrators in charge of regulating industrial areas and experts advising on industrial development.

Notes
^a<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/sdgoverview/post-2015-development-agenda/goal-9.html>

In step one of the process, the goal is to gain political commitment and support from international development partners and, in some cases, from the central government. Existing national strategies or goals and the broader political agenda of the government need to be assessed in order to determine whether there is an institutional framework supportive of EIPs already in place, or how EIPs may work to support the broader national development agenda. This stage must also be used to identify the key challenges in committing resources and implementing EIP in order to identify the different public sector, private sector, and community stakeholders.

Based on these assessments, an organizational framework should be developed to gain national and subnational support for EIPs. Relevant Ministries should be consulted and a central execution agency should be designated. In countries where there are existing zone authorities, such as the Korea Industrial Complex Corporation (KICOX) in the Republic of Korea or Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority in Bangladesh, these authorities (if not already taking the lead) should be designated as the focal points. Additionally, key industry leaders or industry associations should be identified to work together as a private sector rallying point. Roles and responsibilities of these participating stakeholders need to be clearly set,

with the first task being to set a vision statement for the zone. The vision statement should express a clear objective, such as resource efficiency maximization, linked to the zone's overall economic objectives. The leading stakeholders will need to work with other stakeholders to ensure there is broad support within in the zone from firms, utilities, and the community.

Step 2 will run diagnostics to ascertain the current status of carbon and resources in the zone. Audits to develop a resource-use inventory and forecast future uses as well as energy audits and energy surveys will identify the areas that need improvement. During these audits, an inventory of the waste streams needs to be built, and assessment should be made of which waste or production byproducts may have value as energy or material inputs for other firms in the zone. An analysis of carbon, energy, resources, and waste will need to be divided into demand side and supply side measures to identify possible areas for industrial symbiosis.

The audits will allow Special Economic Zones to assess possible business opportunities to create a pipeline for feasible or “bankable” resource reuse projects. Indicators such as return-on-investment, technical requirements, potential benefits, and potential barriers must be analyzed in order to prioritize interventions. Data collection and analysis for step two may require technical assistance from development partners and consultants.

Step 3 can largely be divided into planning, identification of financing mechanisms, and the rollout phase. The planning phase entails creating a detailed plan for project implementation, including the content and schedule for implementation and listing the technological, financing, and manpower needs. The project implementation plan must be aligned with the zone's goals for resource efficiency and must be based on a design and feasibility study to cover the technical aspects of the project.

Identifying and addressing financing needs is crucial for project implementation. During step three, the plan must first identify how much funding is necessary and what funds are available to meet these needs. How much of the needs can be met through the participating firms' own equity and how much external funds are necessary needs to be answered first. Identification of fiscal incentives made available through the government, market-based financing, or international tools such as Clean Development Mechanism will need to be part of the implementation plan. Various mechanisms discussed in this report such as public-private partnerships or an energy service company may be considered, depending on local market conditions.

In line with identification of financial needs and available resources, the EIP implementation plan must consider institutional and organizational needs as well as manpower needs. As is clear from step one in Figure 4.1, clear leadership and initiative along with data collection and analysis are key to implementing EIP projects.

Figure 4.2
KICOX Regional EIP Institutional Structure

For many developing countries, the EIP is still a new concept, and centralized management of zones may still be in its infancy. The implementation plan needs to incorporate measures to strengthen the institutional capacity of the implementing agency. In addition, for firms to effectively participate in the EIP and benefit, they must build the capacity to manage resources systematically and be able to collect and report data for in-house analysis and reporting to the zone authority for management. Therefore, building organizational capacity and securing the manpower needed to manage data and implement changes within the production process are integral parts of planning for EIPs. Figure 4.2 provides an example of an institutional structure for the EIP process.

In *step four* of the implementation process, a system to monitor performance after project rollout needs to be established. It can be an IT-based system that stores and analyzes data provided by various participating firms in order to assess whether resource efficiency targets are being met and help calculate the economic and environmental benefits (or costs) from the project. The data can be used to identify areas for improvement and report performance to the central government or development partners for further support. Key findings can be circulated amongst stakeholders to promote further discussion and awareness for EIPs. In addition, successful performance reports can benefit individual firms competing in the global market as part of their corporate stewardship efforts.

The four development steps are based on retrofitting or adjusting an existing zone into an EIP. In some cases, governments may wish to incorporate EIP when planning the development of a new industrial zone. In this case, it will be beneficial to consider which industries to focus the zone on and select industries that promote the green economy factors, such as alternative energy use or energy efficiency measures. Selecting industries that would promote green growth while still being in line with the regional and national economy's core competencies will precede the four steps. Then, rather than diagnosing existing firms' environmental

and economic performance, it will be necessary to forecast the resource potential of the firms that wish to enter the zone. Their resource use and waste streams should be assessed along the supply chain and firms can then be clustered for easier resource recycling.

Based on the characteristics of the national economy or a particular zone, particular tools and techniques can be used in implementing a version of the four-step framework. Some key innovations and practices from current EIP efforts are illustrated below.

EIP for national competitiveness: Guatemala. The government of Guatemala has been promoting EIPs as a way of reaching national goals of attracting foreign investment, creating jobs, and supporting local governments. With 17 active Free Economic Zones in place, four townships have become EIP zones. Currently, in the township of Estanzuela, the EIP is expected to provide more than 3,000 formal employment opportunities. As per step one of the EIP approach, the city has identified Pronacom as the implementing agency and has set goals to create a zone with low emissions, energy optimization, eco-friendly practices, economic stability, and social and environmental sustainability. The next steps planned for the implementation of EIP in this zone are to review studies to incorporate the ecological model and efficient industries (diagnostics), update budgetary needs (financial planning), and present an updated model based on the diagnostics (implementation planning).

Focus on a specific stakeholder Group: India. In step one of the EIP approach, identifying stakeholders and designating a particular group as a rallying point or a private sector focal point for building commitment and engaging the private sector was discussed. In India, the Association for Lady Entrepreneurs of India has taken this role in working with GIZ on eco-friendly industrial parks. In the Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Green Industrial Park in Nandigama Villag, located in the Medak District, the EIP has focused on an important segment of the economic population: women. The association has helped to create a vision statement (discussed in step one), which outlines goals for the park to “design an eco-friendly and self-sustainable industrial development” that provides a conducive environment for female entrepreneurs. Industrial plots have been divided into clusters of different industries based on emissions and waste and common areas with shared resources such as waste management and business incubators. The development aims to provide social benefits to the community, supporting over 100 women from below the poverty line and the middle class in entrepreneurship and creating 8,000 jobs for the community, with an expected indirect benefit to 24,000 people.

Expanding the boundaries of EIP: China. The Dutch-Sino Smart Industrial Park project currently under way with funding from the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) and being implemented jointly by the Technische Universiteit Delft and Chongqing and Tsinghua Universities aims to develop a model of industrial symbiosis for the more than 100 EIPs being designed in China. The project broadens the boundaries of EIPs by connecting the material flow and life-cycle analysis of the industrial park to that of regional and global systems. Based on the premise that the industrial ecosystem is an open system that interacts with its surroundings, it creates a larger loop of material and waste recycling, allowing for consideration of larger impacts of EIPs. Though this project is still in the design phase, it shows the potential for creating numerous benefits for the community and economy outside of the EIP itself, if the industrial ecosystem is designed with this in mind (Tukker 2015).

It is important that the specificities of the national and local economies and the characteristics of the local industry are kept at the forefront of decision making when planning an EIP. No two economies are identical and simply trying to copy one successful model may not have the desired results in an economy with vastly different conditions, different areas needing attention, and different stakeholder groups. However, the steps taken in the cases presented can provide a framework for understanding and incorporating specificities into the planning process.

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5 Conclusions and the Next Trends of EIPs

As environmental externalities become a bigger factor in business operations and decision making, we will continue to see an increase in trends for eco-industrial park (EIPs). Global factors will help spur EIP growth to a higher level. The factors will include such things as a common price on carbon and national commitments to mitigation and adaptation—and more importantly their implementation. To complement these market drivers, the international community and industrial park investors need to take the initiative to develop a common understanding of EIPs and their technical requirements. This needs to be complemented by national frameworks that are supportive and committed to implementing good industrial practices and environmental regulations to form a baseline for EIP growth.

A common understanding of what it means to be an EIP will greatly help catalyze and mainstream the EIP concept. The current global framework for EIP and lack of standards delay trust in the concept and prevent the EIP “brand” from being a market driver. It is therefore recommended that a common framework should be developed that provides developers and operators and the international community with a certain level of confidence to the concept of an EIP (Van Berkel 2015) This common concept should include the core strengths and opportunities of Zone 3.0 and include (i) clean energy, (ii) resource efficiency and cleaner production, and (iii) circularity, and eventually (iv) green design.

These areas of focus should be accompanied by the development of indicators that industrial park operators and developers can use in order to measure and promote their accomplishments. In the research literature there are few studies that aim to set particular indicators for EIPs, and most of them are influenced by regional industrial parks as a starting point. For instance, the Chinese Environmental State Agency (SEPA) is influenced by local Chinese industrial parks while setting EIP criteria. Koenig conducted his study in scope of Thai industrial parks to improve a set of criteria for Thai EIPs (Box 5.1) (Koenig 2000).

Box 5.1 Examples of EIP Guidelines

China’s SEPA Criteria ^a In 2006 the Chinese Environmental State Agency (SEPA) developed criteria for EIPs. SEPA emphasized a collaboration between companies and/or plants that hinged on resource sharing and waste exchanges that targeted resource efficiency and waste minimization. The companies’ collaboration would be similar to a natural system—a circular industrial path of “producer-customer-decomposer.” SEPA classifies the main characteristics of an EIP under four criteria.	wastes, circular use of energy and wastewater, and the sharable use of infrastructure among the processing units of the industrial park.
1. An eco-industrial park is a complex of nature, industry, and society.	3. An EIP intends to ensuring the steady and sustainable development of the industrial park through the application of modern administration, policy, and new technology with the aim of sharing information, saving water and energy, recirculation and reuse, environment monitoring, and sustainable transportation methods.
2. An EIP strives to achieve the maximum use of resources and minimum discharge of waste through the exchange of by-products and	4. Through effective construction and operation of the park’s infrastructures, the environmental conditions of companies, the park, and the whole community will reach a sustainable improvement.

These characteristics will be achieved through six principles:

- 1.** Natural ecosystem principle: Eco-industrial parks should be connected with the regional natural ecosystem to maintain its eco-functions as much as possible.
- 2.** Eco-efficiency principle: Carry out clean production concepts when designing the park, constructing infrastructure and buildings, and operating production.
- 3.** Life-cycle principle: Intensify the life-cycle administration of the raw materials before they enter into the park and products and waste after they leave the park, in order to minimize the negative environmental effects along the product and waste life cycle.
- 4.** Regional development principle: Integrate the eco-industry park with regional development and characteristic economy; integrate the construction of the eco-industrial park with the renovation of the regional eco-environment.
- 5.** High-tech and high-benefit principle: Broadly use modern bio-techniques; eco-techniques; techniques for energy savings, water saving, recycling, and information sharing; advanced production administration; and environmental administration criteria.
- 6.** Pay equal attention to software and hardware principle: Hardware refers to the construction plan of projects, including industrial facilities, infrastructure, and service facilities. Software includes the establishment of an environmental administration system, construction of an information support system, and enactment of preferential policy, which can support healthy and sustainable development of the EIP.

Koenig’s Criteria for Thai EIPs ^b

Koenig in 2000 improved a set of 5 criteria and 22 subcriteria to define EIPs in Thailand. In accordance with Koenig’s approach, to be called as EIP a park should be in compliance with criteria that address physical, economic, environmental, social, and internal management objectives.

- 1.** Physically, parks must be developed with infrastructure in public utilities and facilities that is environmentally sound, sufficient, efficient, and safe.
- 2.** Economically, the park has to promote local and provincial economies.
- 3.** Environmentally, within the park, operating industries must utilize energy and resources in an efficient manner during production processes, promote waste reduction, and produce environmentally friendly goods.
- 4.** Socially, the managing organization has to execute human-focused management that makes the well-being of people in the organization the top priority and it must be a significant participant in creating a good quality of life for the community.
- 5.** The park management must focuses on collaboration and good governance for the benefit of all parties involved.

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In order to enable comparison of EIPs and form a global framework, a holistic and easily measurable approach should be developed. It should be flexible to allow for different types of policy goals to be integrated (carbon emissions, social and environmental health and safety, and so forth), allow for ease of data collection, and ensure that it is progressive in terms of allowing the industrial park to increase its ability to meet ecological goals.

Within the Zones 3.0 framework, one can expect more integrated and smart systems to promote EIP ideas. The eco-town concept in Japan is looking to smart and interlinked systems to optimize the EIP concept (Figure 5.1). This would connect different energy systems to each other allowing for an optimization of material and energy use within the eco-city (Fujii, Fujita, and Ohnishi 2015).

Figure 5.1
Smart Symbiosis Initiatives for Eco City Innovation

Source: Fujii, Fujita, and Ohnishi 2015

The Advent of Climate-Resilient Industrial Parks

The next generation of industrial parks will be those that provide enhanced climate resilience. Industrial parks will move beyond the EIP concept and into an industrial environment that helps companies manage and mitigate risk. A number of factors will play into this dynamic:

- There is a growing demand to integrate risk into infrastructure development due to climate change impacts.
- Businesses now perceive climate risk as a top business risk for the first time (WEF 2015)
- Demand for infrastructure is high: \$90 trillion in low-carbon, climate-resilient infrastructure investment will be needed by 2030, mostly in developing countries.
- Current focus on resilience is on urban and social challenges. More focus is required to integrate economic equations into adaptation and mitigation.
- Industrial infrastructure and zones offer a cost-effective way to manage risks for industries and are vastly underutilized.

The 2011 floods in Thailand caused a loss of US\$45.7 billion—approximately 5 percent of gross domestic product, of which US\$32 billion can be attributed to losses in manufacturing. Floods in Chennai, India, in December 2015 caused a total of US\$2.2 billion in losses in the automotive sector and severely disrupted Chennai's burgeoning information and communications sector. Since those floods, Ford, Daimler, Apollo Tyres, Renault-Nissan, BMW, and Hyundai Motors have all halted production in Chennai. The 2014 floods in the Balkans affected 19 percent of manufacturing units in Serbia alone. The Serbian manufacturing sector faced US\$77 million in damages and US\$89 million in overall economic losses, coupled with a total of US\$95 million for the costs of recovery and reconstruction.

The number of climate-related disasters is growing. Countries that have been able, thus far, to avoid climate disaster are still at risk. In Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City, 61 percent of urban land use and 67 percent of industrial land use is expected to be flooded by 2050 if proposed flood-control measures are not implemented. In addition, 50 percent of industrial zones are at risk of flooding due to extreme events, even if the proposed flood-control measures are in place. An additional 20 percent of industrial parks are located within one kilometer of areas likely to suffer inundation.

This intensifying threat requires governments and the private sector to take action to promote climate-competitive industries that can propel sustained economic growth. Measures that industrial parks take in order to help improve industrial resilience include the following:

- Develop a disaster-risk response that incorporates economic losses into planning for a second response to humanitarian crises. Giving people the chance to get back to work is crucial. In the wake of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, a rapid response by the International Finance Corporation to the economic needs of the country helped the country retain supply-chain investors, create jobs, and revive economic growth. Psychologically, it was important for Haiti's people to be reassured about the stability of their jobs.
- Build better industrial park infrastructure and upgrade what currently exists. According to the World Economic Forum, the global infrastructure gap is estimated at US\$3.7 trillion annually, with only US\$2.1 trillion is invested each year (Figure 5.2) (WEF 2015). The demand for infrastructure should take into account disaster risk and vulnerability, requiring governments to make smart decisions about the type of infrastructure and its performance under increasing climate stress. As described by the WEF, this can be done by reducing demand, building new assets, and optimizing existing assets

One can look at this from a climate perspective by focusing on promoting eco-industrial development, which by reduces resource use and promotes circularity to reduce infrastructure demand; by working with the private sector to ensure that new industrial infrastructure integrates climate risks and shocks; and by reviewing existing port and transport infrastructure for risks and vulnerabilities.

Figure 5.2
Closing the Global Infrastructure Gap

The global infrastructure gap

Three levers to close the gap

Source: WEF 2015

- Engage in meaningful public-private dialogue to identify business challenges and concerns and to help prioritize climate-related measures. More than ever, preparing for broad-scale climate change, with its many cross-industry implications, requires public-private dialogue to help build trust, close the knowledge gap, catalyze action, and generate a sense of shared ownership. Among the key objectives of effective dialogue will be the following:
 - To promote voluntary actions that the private sector, the public sector, and citizens can undertake
 - To advance legal and regulatory reforms to encourage innovation, to promote the use of new technologies and inputs, to incentivize public-private partnerships, and to reward positive behavior while penalizing negative behavior
 - To ensure the availability of and access to finance for businesses and citizens who will be affected by climate change
 - To pursue strategies to encourage behavioral change—such as the “Principles on Dialogue for Climate Action” (World Bank Group 2016).

The approach to climate resilience complements the EIP framework. EIPs help reduce the use of resources and therefore minimize firm and industrial park exposure to resource disruption or volatility. The added focus on resilience will ensure that, not only does the industrial park contribute to lowering emissions, but it is attuned to the new climate reality and provides an extra value or service to its residents. For example, in Thailand, Rojana Industrial Estate completed a 75-kilometer concrete wall in 2013 to protect the 213 factories in the zone and to reassure and attract investors (Kate and Suwannakij 2012).

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Netherlands barge with windmills
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