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‘Regional port developments challenge Gauteng’s hub supremacy’

Gauteng will have to pull out all the stops if it wants to retain its economic hub status as a leading role-player in southern Africa.

“There is no time for complacency,” says Liz Whitehouse, director of African information specialists Whitehouse & Associates.

“There are so many developments taking place in the region that Gauteng is going to have to be very careful about being complacent about its position as it might find itself no longer a front-runner.”

With major infrastructure development under way in the form of new ports, roads and railways in countries such as Namibia, Angola and Mozambique it is no longer a given that South Africa and therefore Gauteng is the central role-player.

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