

# Group from Brazil seeks SA trade links

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JOHANNESBURG. — A group of businessmen representing southern Brazil's leading companies is visiting South Africa to develop trade contracts and name representatives in the country.

Brazilian foreign trade advisor Klaus Wilms said in Johannesburg it was important for developing countries like South Africa and Brazil to develop closer trade ties.

The 20-strong delegation is from the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul which has a very diverse industrial base employing over 600 000 people.

Its markets include the rest of Brazil with a population of 155-million and once the South American common market, the Mercosul, is fully in place it will have free access to a market of some 200 million people.

The business group is made up of senior management from companies involved in the manufacturing, export and import of food products, agro-business products and equipment, electronic and telecommunications components, clothing and footwear, and aluminium.— Sapa.