

## E. Industry and Trade

### Freeport Area of Bataan

Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB) is a government owned and controlled corporation that was created by virtue of Republic Act 9728 or the “FAB Act of 2009”. With a total land area of 1,691.55 hectares, it is located in Mariveles, Bataan and strategically located between the Manila Bay and the South China Sea. The FAB used to be the former Bataan Export Processing Zone, the first economic zone in the Philippines.

The Authority of Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB) has reported a huge increase in investment and employment generation since it took over operations from BEPZ.

**Table B.11**  
**Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB)**  
**No. of Registered and Operating Locators with Workers Employed**  
**By Locators**  
**CY 2010-2015**

Calendar Year	Number of Operating Locators	Number of Registered Locators	Number of Workers Employed by Locators
2015	81	114	25,803
2014	63	86	20,017
2013	59	68	17,490
2012	48	64	14,315
2011	44	54	12,009
2010	38	39	12,777

Source: AFAB

**Figure 2.10**  
**Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB)**  
**Registered Locators and Operating Locators**  
**CY 2010-2015**

