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## ***Now Available!***

### ***InFraTREE.net***

is the African Infrastructure Network that is also a new *NEPAD Infrastructure Investment Facility (NIIF)* business tool used to facilitate opportunities for business in public and private infrastructure Projects in Africa including South Africa and North Africa. It provides access to a range of infrastructure projects in Africa as well as contact with project decision makers, alerts on tenders and recent news relating to African infrastructure.

*Africa Project Access* is a leading partner in this initiative, which is in its initial phase but should be fully functional in February 2007.

The *InFraTREE* website is [www.infratree.net](http://www.infratree.net)

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## ***Also Now Available!***

The Fifth Edition (2006) of

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## ***Southern Sudan: Sharp Increase in Activities Relief Aid, Infrastructure Projects & General Business***

During a recent visit to Nairobi to invite Kenya-based *United Nations* agencies and NGO's to attend the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> *African Aid Relief* and *Pan African Health Congress* in Johannesburg, I was struck by the number of these agencies that have substantial relief operations in Southern Sudan.

While it is obvious that the major *UN* agencies (*World Food Programme*, *UNICEF* and *UNHCR*) would be active there, the size of their South Sudanese operations impressed. The *WFP* for example has allocated an initial USD 90 million for road infrastructure to establish functional road transport links with Southern Sudan's southern neighbours.

Nearly all the NGO's that I met have substantial operations in Southern Sudan and some have set up offices in the capital, Juba. These include *PACT*, *Medecins sans Frontieres*, *Catholic Relief Services*, the *Lutheran World Federation* and *DanChurchAid*. They are procuring a wide variety of goods and services for their relief Projects in the region. These range from hand water pumps to tents to vehicle arts. In the services sector, the emphasis is strongly on transport logistics.

At the 2005 international donor conference on Southern Sudan held in Oslo, a total of USD 4,5 billion was pledged. The USA pledged USD 1,7 billion. Other donors involved were from the *European Union* (EU), Norway, Japan, the UK and the Netherlands. Since then, there has been a confusing succession of pledges and initiatives: USD 120 million from various donors for roads, USD 20 million from the *World Bank* for medical supplies, as well as a joint announcement from the *United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)*, *USAID* and the Southern Sudan Government relating to funding for the Southern Sudan Infrastructure Upgrade Programme. The emphasis has been on the reconstruction and improvement of Juba (especially the White Nile river port) and road links from the capital to the region's southern neighbours: Kenya, Uganda and eastern DR Congo.

During the civil war, the Juba area was held by the *SPLA* while the Khartoum government controlled the capital town of Juba itself. Since the *SPLA* took over the administration of the town, a functional Southern Sudan government has been installed. It, for example, issues its own visas.

It is in fact not too difficult to visit Juba. Best access is by transiting through Nairobi, where visas can be obtained within two days from the Southern Sudan mission based there. There are regular direct flights between Nairobi and Juba through *Delta Airlines* and *East African Jet Link*. Flight fares are quite high for a 90-minute flight at USD 240 one way. Juba is struggling to accommodate the influx of aid workers, expats etc but there are comfortable tent and container 'hotels' that provide "surprisingly good meals." Most recommended are the *Afex Camp* (contact: *Peter Mureithi* at e-mail: [jubabooking@afexgroup.com](mailto:jubabooking@afexgroup.com)) which is a tented camp charging USD 100 per day including three meals and laundry, as well as *Mango Riverside Camp* (contact: *Cris Scott* at e-mail: [cscott@unitysourcesgroup.com](mailto:cscott@unitysourcesgroup.com)) which is a complex of mud brick and cement dwellings charging USD 135 per day including three meals, laundry and internet.

### **Useful Contacts:**

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- *Ishac Diwan*, Director: Ethiopia and Sudan at the *World Bank*
- *Ald Ewahab Hamza* of the *Sudan Development Corporation*, telephone Khartoum 249 11 472151
- *Robert Brass*, representative of the Kenyan contractor, *Civicon*, which is involved in the Project for the upgrade of Juba's infrastructure.

**Note 1:** UN agencies and NGO's active in Southern Sudan will be invited to meet with suppliers at the 6<sup>th</sup> African Aid Relief and Disaster Management Expo & Conference 2007 that will take place at Gallagher Estate, north of Johannesburg, 29 and 30 May, e-mail: [info@fairconsultants.com](mailto:info@fairconsultants.com) and see "Forthcoming Events" below.

**Note 2:** *Africa Project Access* is considering the organisation of a special business group visit to Juba. Please contact *Paul Runge* at cell: 0826510707 or 27 (0)11 4656770 if interested.

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**SPECIAL NOTE**

The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the **BRIEF GUIDE TO AID AGENCIES** is available. It has over 200 Donor Agencies, International Development Agencies, Relief Supply Organisations, Technical Assistance Agencies and Finance Institutions are listed. Information provided includes criteria for Project participation, types of Projects, categories of goods and services procured, areas of operation in Africa, special Programmes in South Africa and relevant contact details. This is a joint publication of *Africa Project Access* and *Whitehouse & Associates*. If you would like to order a copy at R815.67 for *APA* subscribers and R906.30 for non-*APA* subscribers, please contact Karen at 27 11 465 6770 or email [afric.projs@pixie.co.za](mailto:afric.projs@pixie.co.za)

**Note:** We are grateful for sponsorship by *Standard Bank* of South Africa.

**ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR SUBSCRIBERS & ACTIVITIES OF AFRICA PROJECT ACCESS**

*The next AFRICA PROJECT ACCESS BRIEFING will be taking place in April 2007 at Werksmans Attorneys, Sandton (near Sandton City) Johannesburg. The agenda includes preparations for the African Development Bank Annual Meeting in China, mining Projects in Botswana and the DR Congo, and feedback on recent visits to United Nations and relief agencies active in East Africa and especially Southern Sudan*

*Contact: Karen at telephone 27 (0)11 4656770.*

Paul Runge of Africa Project Access in his capacity as Chairperson of the **SACOB AFRICA PROJECTS PROGRAMME** has commenced his "Africa Project Update Series" at a meeting of the Committee held recently. At the meeting, Hubert Danso of Africa Investment Advisory provided insights into current and upcoming **DONOR INITIATIVES IN AFRICA**. Contact Pam Murray at the Johannesburg office of the South African Chamber of Business, telephone 27 11 4463800. Email: [murrayp@sacob.co.za](mailto:murrayp@sacob.co.za)

Africa Project Access and Pretoria-based *Emerging Market Focus* will be organising a special **AFRICA GROUP VISITS PROGRAMME** for 2006. The draft Programme/Schedule is as follows (Dates will now be ascertained according to client requirements):

- JUBA, SOUTHERN SUDAN *UNITED NATIONS*, NGO'S & RELIEF AGENCY PROCUREMENT
- AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, TUNIS (Dates to be confirmed)
- WORLD BANK AND IFC, WASHINGTON (November 2007)

Our Paris-based, French-language associate, *Marches Tropicaux* has produced features on **FRANCE-AFRICA RELATIONS AND TRADE, IMMIGRATION FROM AFRICA** and **EDUCATION IN AFRICA**. *Africa Project Access* subscribers who can read French are welcome to contact us 27 (0)11 465 6770 for further information or access the website: [www.marches-tropicaux.com](http://www.marches-tropicaux.com)

The latest quarterly edition of the South Africa-based publication, *Traders* carries reports on the **RAIL SECTOR IN AFRICA**, the recent **ZAMBIA ELECTIONS** and an analysis of **AFRICA'S TRADE AND INVESTMENT FLOWS**. *Africa Project Access* also contributes the new **PROJECTS PAGES** that provide an update on the latest Projects and Project-related initiatives in sub-Saharan Africa as well as the **CONVERSATIONS FROM AFRICA** series..

The November-December 2006 edition of the London-based publication, *Africa Investor* carries reports on **RAILWAYS IN AFRICA, INVESTMENTS IN TOURISM IN AFRICA** and **PENSION FUNDS FOR AFRICAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**. *Africa Project Access* also contributes the "in the pipeline" feature series that provide references to upcoming infrastructure Projects in sub-Saharan Africa outside of South Africa. (website: [www.africa-investor.com](http://www.africa-investor.com))

*Africa Project Access* has recently begun contributing features to the Pretoria-based, specialised business in agriculture publication, **THE FARM AFRICA**. The series is entitled "Recent Agriculture and Agribusiness Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa". Regular business briefings will be held on specific African Projects and Programmes in the fields of agriculture and rural development.

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**PROJECTS**

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**ANGOLA**

\*\*An agribusiness Project requires **COLD STORAGE** facilities (fixed vehicle-based and converted 40-foot containers). The Project entails storage of mainly bananas and vegetables for export to Europe.

The Project for the **REHABILITATION OF THE LUANDA MARGINAL** is now into its second phase, which entails rehabilitation of the sewerage system, pump stations and a general clean up. Part of the third phase is for drainage of the bay's sand deposits. The value of the Project is estimated at USD 2,1 million. The marginal is being converted into a recreation and tourism centre.

*CevronTexaco* has announced the construction of the new six-storey **CHEVRONTEXACO HEADQUARTERS** in the Chicala area of Luanda. The Project cost is estimated at USD 70 million. The designer is the US firm, *Yost Grube Hall Architects*. Other involved include the Portuguese contractor, *Teixeira Duarte* and *Dar Al-Handasah Consultants* of Angola.

The Ministry of Science and Technology has announced that the country's major urban centres will be connected by a **FIBRE OPTIC NETWORK**. The contract will be undertaken by *Angola Telecom* and *Emers-Telecom*. Another Project provides for a satellite telecommunications network that will link government ministries, public bodies, television and the less accessible rural areas.

The repair of the **CUITO AIRPORT RUNWAY** should be completed in November 2007. The Project cost is now USD 18 million. The Angolan company, *Paviterra* was appointed for the construction. The Project has been delayed and was initially scheduled for completion in April 2007. The airport at Andulo is currently handling flights to Bie Province.

**BENIN**

The Indian company, *Surendra Engineering* is preparing to invest in the manioc and sugar sectors. It has signed two agreements for **MANIOC AND SUGAR PROCESSING PLANTS**. The Director General of *Surendra Engineering* is *Surendra Parikh*.

**BURKINA FASO**

In April 2007, the government will commence the highly ambitious **SAMANDENI VALLEY INTEGRATED HYDRO-AGRICULTURAL PROJECT**. The dam will have a capacity of 1,05 billion cubic metres for an electricity production of 16 GW. About 21 000 hectares will be converted for agricultural use. The total cost of the Programme is about 181 billion CFA with 65 billion CFA allocated to the first phase. This will be the country's third largest dam after Bagre and Ziga. The authorities intend establishing an agro-industrial zone as well as a water sports and tourism centre. Among the funders are the Arab Bank for the Economic Development of Africa (*BADEA*), the *Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)*, the *Abu Dhabi Fund for Development*, the *Kuwaiti Fund*, the *Saudi Fund for Development (SFD)*, the West African Development Bank and *CEDEAO*. The Minister of Agriculture is *Salif Diallo*.

The government together with its technical and financial partners has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of the **NATIONAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME** for the period 2007-2015. The sum of 543 billion CFA will be required. The Programme is an ambitious initiative to increase access to drinking water by the population from the current 61% to 90%. The country has about 40 000 wells and 1 500 dams. Underground reserves are estimated at 113,5 billion cubic metres.

The Government has decided to grant a license to *Nantou Mining* for the operation of the **PERKOA ZINC MINE**. Since the discovery of the deposit, 7 billion CFA has been spent on the feasibility study as well as environment and social impact studies. The estimated reserves at the Perkoa deposit are 6,27 million tons of ore with a content of an average of 14,5% or nearly 910 000 tons of zinc.

Work will begin in March 2007 on the **BOBO-DIOULASSO-OUAGADOUGOU POWER INTERCONNECTION PROJECT**. Funding has been received from the *Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD)* and the *European Investment Bank (EIB)*. The Cameroon power utility, *Societe Nationale Burkinabe d'Electricite (SONABEL)* has released 21 billion CFA. The capital will begin receiving power from Bobo-Dioulasso from September 2008. The duration of the Project is 18 months. The work is being undertaken by the French firm, *Ineo Energie Export* that specialises in electricity Projects. The company is also working on the Ferkessedougou (Cote d'Ivoire)-Bobo-Dioulasso interconnection Project.

### CAMEROON

The Cameroon company responsible for **WASTE COLLECTION** in Douala and Yaounde, *Hysacam* has entered into an agreement with the French company, *Veolia*. The contract will bring Cameroon waste collection up to world standards including the collection and treatment of waste as well as collection of specialised waste such as that of hospitals and industry. There are also plans for the establishment of waste treatment plants. The Director General of *Hysacam* is *Michel Ngapanoun*.

*AES Sonel*, the US concessionaire for Cameroon's public electricity supply, is planning the construction of a **GAS-POWERED THERMAL POWER STATION** on the Cameroon coast. The tenders for the Project were launched at the beginning of February 2007 and construction should begin in July 2007. Funding is being sourced from a number of development finance institutions including the *African Development Bank (AfDB)*, the *International Finance Corporation (IFC)*, *Proparco* of France, the *Development Bank for Central African States*, the *European Investment Bank (EIB)*, and *FMO* of the Netherlands.

The **SINO CAM IKO RICE PROJECT** has been officially launched. The Project is a joint venture with China and will be coordinated by a Chinese rice culture specialist. It is situated at Nanga Eboko in the centre of the country. A variety of rices are being experimented with on an area of fifty hectares. The Director General of *Sino Cam Iko* is *Hao Ming*.

### CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)

The copper and cobalt mining company in the DR Congo, *Nikanor* is planning the construction of a **COPPER REFINERY** in the Katangan Copperbelt. Initial capacity will be about 250 000 tons a year but the plans are for this to be increased to 400 000 tons so that the produce from other mining operations in Katanga can be processed too. *Nikanor* is undertaking the USD 1,3 billion KOV Copper Project. The company has awarded an earthworks contract valued at USD 30 million to the local construction company, *MCK*. The Chairman of *Nikanor's* DRC operation is *Simon Tuma-Waku*. The Governor of the Katanga Province is *Moise Katumbi*.

It is reported that the **KIPUSHI ZINC MINE** has been awarded to *United Resources* after the state mining utility, *Gecamines* terminated its agreement with *Exxaro Resources* (formerly *Kumba Resources*) and *First Quantum Minerals*. The announcement was made by the Governor of the Katanga Province, *Moise Katumbi*. The original tender for the Project attracted 14 bids. Kipushi is situated 30 kilometres southwest of Lubumbashi near the border with Zambia. Production at the mine was halted in 1993.

### **CONGO (REPUBLIC)**

According to the Ministry of Telecommunications, three Chinese companies have tendered for ownership of the fixed line telecommunications utility, ***SOCIETE DES TELECOMMUNICATIONS DU CONGO (SOTELCO)***. These are *Huawei Technologies*, *ZTE* and *Alcatel ShanghaiBell*. *SOTELCO* has the fixed line monopoly but has suffered considerably from the advent of mobile telecommunications.

### **ETHIOPIA**

The *World Bank* will be providing funding for the **ETHIOPIA-SUDAN POWER TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECTION PROJECT**. The Project entails the construction of a 290-kilometre transmission line from Bahir Dar in Ethiopia to the border with Sudan. Telecommunications infrastructure and three substations are included. The implementing agency is the *Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation (EEPCO)*.

The *International Trade Centre* of the United Nations (*ITC*) has donated to generators and two water pumps for a pilot Project for the production of **PEPPERS**. The Project involves 330 growers. The good climatic conditions mean that two crops can be harvested annually.

The Managing Director of **EAST AFRICAN BREWERIES**, *Gerald Mahinda* has announced that his company is planning to invest in Ethiopia. The company is seeking a strategic partner. It views the 70 million-population market as promising. Uganda is *EABL's* fastest growing market.

### **KENYA**

The **ELDORET INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** is to be expanded as part of the government's efforts to render the country more attractive to international airlines. The estimated cost is 32 million Kenyan Shillings (69 Kenyan Shillings = USD 1.) The airport is well-situated to serve the *COMESA* region. Cargo volumes have increased from 8 421 tons to 9 732 tons in a year. It has four scheduled cargo airlines. There is also talk of an athletics stadium to be constructed in Eldoret. The *Kenya Airports Authority (KAA)* Managing Director is *George Muhoho*.

\*\* A prospective Kenyan independent power company is looking for an investor to help fund an 8 MW **POWER STATION** in Kenya. The investor's participation would be on a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis. The sponsors hope to commence with a 2 MW prototype. They have apparently already obtained the necessary government approvals.

The construction of the 60 MW **SONDU HYDRO-POWER PROJECT** should be complete by October 2007. A 132 KV transmission line is to be constructed to transport the power to a sub-station in the Kisumu area from where it will be connected to the national grid. The cost of the Project is estimated at 15 billion Kenyan Shillings. The Project Engineer is *Akira Shiroya* of the Japanese consulting engineering firm, *Nippon Koei Company Limited*. The Kenyan construction company, *H Young* is also involved. Funding is from the *Japanese Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC)*. A smaller Project, the Sang'oro Hydro Station is to be constructed on the same river. It will cost 4,5

billion Kenyan Shillings. The main Project was due to be commissioned in 2003 but the *JBIC* withheld the funding until *IMF/World Bank* conditions were met. The implementing agency is *KenGen*.

The following is an update on companies and their concession areas for **OIL EXPLORATION** in Kenya:

- Woodside Energy (*Blocs L5 and L7*), seismic surveys and drillings
- Origin Energy (Bloc L8), seismic surveys
- East Africa Exploration (*EAX*) (Blocs L13, L14, L15, L16, L17, L18, L19), seismic surveys
- Gippsland Offshore Petroleum (Bloc L6), airborne gravity surveys, seismic surveys
- China National Offshore Oil Corporation (*CNOOC*), (onshore blocs 1 Manderu Basin, 9, 10A Anza Basin, L2, L3, L4 Lamu Embayment.

### MALAWI

*Paladin Resources* of Australia intends exploiting the country's **URANIUM DEPOSITS** from 2008. The country has 11 000 tons of uranium that would bring it USD200 million per annum over the ten years of exploitation. There has been considerable opposition from civil society based on fears of radiation and the chemical products utilised for minerals separation. The government has stated that it will be taking all the necessary precautions.

### MALI

The *World Bank* has allocated 12,8 billion CFA for the funding of the **FELOU HYDRO-POWER PROJECT**. The site is on the Senegal River rapids, 15 kilometres from the town of Kayes. The new power station will produce 59 MW whereas the current station established in 1927 and rehabilitated in 1992, only produces 600 KW.

The *Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)* has approved a loan of 2,4 billion CFA for a number of Projects but notably the development of **AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE** in the Segou area situated in the centre of the country. The French firm, *Cogeb International* is implementing the Project.

### NIGERIA

A joint venture of two Chinese companies, *China Gezhouba Corporation (CGGC)* and *China Geo-Engineering Corporation (CGC)* have won the tender for the construction of the **MANBILA PLATEAU HYDRO DAM** in Adamawa State in the north-east. The Project should generate 2 600 MW. The Nigerian Minister of Energy is *EdmindDaukoru*.

The company, *GLO* has announced that it has signed a protocol with *Alcatel* for supply relating to a Project for the expansion of its **TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**. The objective is to increase the number of subscribers from 11 to 30 million. A consortium of Nigerian banks will finance the Project. A senior representative of *GLO* is *Mohammed Jameel*.

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Nigeria has accorded a **TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENSE** to the investment agency of Abu Dhabi. The license includes GSM. The value of the license was USD 400 million.

### RWANDA

The government has signed an agreement with *Vangold Resources* of Canada for the commencement of **OIL EXPLORATION**. The company will undertake a technical review of previous seismic studies. This will cover about 2 500 square kilometres in north-western Rwanda in the same belt as where oil was found in Uganda. *Vangold* has given the concession area the unusual name of "White Elephant." Representatives of *Vangold* are *Joseph Katarebe* and *Idi Kawadi*. The Rwanda Minister of Energy and Communications is *Alberta Butare*.

**SAO TOME & PRINCIPE**

*ChevronTexaco* has reportedly found oil deposits in its Bloc 1 of the Sao Tome-Nigeria Joint Zone that are not sufficient for commercial viability. Its first drillings were expected to bring up 300 billion barrels but the amount found is reportedly only about half of that. Nevertheless, the Government is proceeding with plans to place the first concessions in the country's exclusive zone on the market from the beginning of 2008. New laws will be adopted to facilitate this. The Director General of the *National Petroleum Agency* is *Luiz dos Prazeres*.

**SENEGAL**

*Arcelor Mittal* has announced that it will be constructing the **FALEME IRON ORE PROJECT** situated in south-eastern Senegal. The deposit is owned by the state company, *MIFERSO*. The required total investment will be approximately USD 2,1 billion. *Kumba Iron Ore* of South Africa is reportedly disputing the award. The Project will necessitate a new port facility at Dakar as well as a 750-kilometre rail line.

France will be contributing 12,7 billion CFA towards the cost of rehabilitation of the **FAIDHERBE BRIDGE** in Saint Louis. This will be done through the *Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD)*. The Senegalese Government will contribute 4,7 billion CFA. The work will continue for three years whereafter the 506-metre metallic bridge will be restored to its original state as when it was inaugurated in 1897.

**SEYCHELLES**

The country plans for the construction of 90 **HOTELS** by the end of 2010. The hotel capacity will increase from 6 000 beds to about 10 000. There are strict regulations regarding construction in natural parks. In 2006, the islands registered a record number of visitors at 140 500.

**SOUTH AFRICA**

*Africa Project Access* does not normally focus on Projects in South Africa. However, inserts and updates on Projects and issues in this country are included where there is involvement by the donors, international development finance institutions and international support agencies or there is a potential for involvement by these agencies and in cases where there is an African regional context.

The three major parties involved in the **WORLD CUP 2010** management process are:

- *FIFA*
- The South African Local Organising Committee
- The cities involved: Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, Bloemfontein (Mongaung), Nelspruit, Port Elizabeth.

The South African National Treasury is playing an important watchdog function by ensuring that budgets are respected. *Malcolm Simpson* is Head: 2010 *FIFA* World Cup Unit, telephone Pretoria 27 (0)12 3155751, fax 27 (0)12 3155330, e-mail: [Malcolm.simpson@treasury.gov.za](mailto:Malcolm.simpson@treasury.gov.za)

Various South African government departments are playing key roles. An example is the Department of Transport where *Mathabatha Mokonyama* is Chief Director: Integrated Transport Planning working on the World Cup 2010 preparations. His contact details are: telephone Pretoria 27 (0)12 3093354, fax 27 (0)12 3093325, e-mail: [mokonyam@dot.gov.za](mailto:mokonyam@dot.gov.za)

There are currently 24 Projects registered with Treasury for the **WORLD CUP 2010**. Some of the budget allocations are:

- R8,4 billion for the construction of stadiums
- R9,038 billion for supporting transport infrastructure
- R1,3 billion for rail and commuter services
- R666 million for safety and security
- R430 million for national roads
- R65 million for monitoring and evaluation
- R1 million for cross-border transport.

**Note:** The South African authorities are still deciding on the expenditure for ICT. There is a hope that *FIFA* will contribute substantially.

### SUDAN

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There are plans to build a **4-STAR HOTEL ON THE WHITE NILE** in Juba, Southern Sudan. The *Ebony Hotel* will be situated near the Juba customs bridge. Construction has begun and completion is targeted for May 2007. The contact person is *Anthony Hagggar*, e-mail: [aah@hagggarholding.com](mailto:aah@hagggarholding.com)

### TANZANIA

The *World Bank* has approved a loan of USD 200 million that will contribute towards the **NATIONAL WATER SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**. The donor community is raising a total of USD 700 million for the Programme. The government will be contributing USD 251 million. The reform of the water sector has thus far resulted in the decentralisation of water supply services in 30 of the country's 121 local governments. The Project Task Manager for the Programme at the *World Bank* is *Ato Brown*.

*Heidelberg Cement* plans to invest more than USD 100 million to expand and modernise the production facilities of **TANZANIA PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY (TPCC)**. Cement production capacity will be increased to about 1,2 million tons. Funds will be utilised for the installation of a new kiln line, a cement grinding mill and packing and loading facilities. The Chairman of *Heidelberg Cement* is *Dr Bernd Scheifele*.

The following is an update on companies and their concession areas for **OIL EXPLORATION** in Tanzania:

- *Dominion Oil* (Mandawa Basin, Kisangire, Selous Basin), seismic surveys
- *Maurel & Prom* (Bigwa, Rufiji, Mafia), drillings
- *Aminex/Ndovu Resources* (Nyuni, East Songo Songo, Ruvuma Basin), seismic surveys
- *Dominion Oil* (Kisangire, Selous Basin), seismic surveys
- *Petrodel* (Tanga, Kimbiji-Latham), seismic surveys
- *Rak Gas* (East Pande), seismic surveys
- *Artumas Group* (Mnazi Bay), seismic surveys, drillings
- *Ophir Energy* (Blocs 1, 3,4 deep-sea), seismic surveys
- *Statoil* (Bloc 2 deepsea), seismic surveys
- *Petrobras* (Blocs 5, 6 deepsea), seismic surveys
- *Pan African Energy* (Songo Songo), drillings.

**UGANDA**

The *African Development Bank (AfDB)* has approved a loan of USD 45,13 million for a Programme aimed at improving Uganda's **AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE**. The funds will be used for the repair of 390 kilometres of regional roads, 3 510 kilometres of communal access roads as well as maintenance of regional and communal roads. The Programme will facilitate access to markets for small farmers and it is estimated that 35% of the population could benefit.

*The following is an update on companies and their concession areas for **OIL EXPLORATION** in Uganda:*

- *Tullow Oil* (Exploration Area 1 Pakwach Basin), seismic surveys
- *TullowOil/Hardman Resources* (Exploration Area 2, Northern Lake Albert Basin ), seismic surveys
- *Heritage Oil & Gas* (Exploration Area 3A, Southern Lake Albert Basin, Exploration Area 3B Semliki Basin)), seismic surveys, drilling
- *Neptune Petroleum/Tullow Oil* (Exploration Area 5, Rhino Camp Basin), seismic surveys.

**ZAMBIA**

\*\* The *Zambian government* has granted a license to a consortium to build and operate a 240-kilometre **RAIL LINE** in the *Zambian Copperbelt*. The line will link new copper mines to existing smelter facilities.

The *Road Development Agency of Zambia* has announced its intention to disburse USD 200 million on **ROAD PROJECTS** and Programmes in 2007.

The **CHAMBISHI METALS COBALT REFINERY** has registered losses of USD 300 000 per day since an explosion on 21 January 2007. No date for resumption of operations has yet been given. The *Chambishi Mine* is situated in *Kitwe* and belongs to the *Swiss group, J and W Investment Group*.

**GENERAL/REGIONAL**

Only a short time after the granting of the **KENYA-UGANDA RAILWAYS CONCESSION** to the *Rift Valley Railways* consortium, the deal has been struck by a Ugandan high court order instructing its chief executive, *Roy Puffet* to register a 25% shareholding in *RVR* to the court registrar until the dispute between *Puffet, Sheltam Rail Company* on the one side and *Mirambo Holdings* and *Primefuels Kenya* on the other is resolved. The latter two parties are disputing the shareholding and the running of the consortium. The dispute is being heard by the Court of International Arbitration in London.

The *World Bank* will be providing funding for the **ETHIOPIA-SUDAN POWER TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECTION PROJECT**. The Project entails the construction of a 290-kilometre transmission line from Bahir Dar in Ethiopia to the border with Sudan. Telecommunications infrastructure and three substations are included. The implementing agency is the *Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation (EEPCO)*.

The Nigerian power distribution company has announced the termination of the first phase of the **WEST AFRICA POWER TRANSMISSION PROGRAMME**. This first phase entailed establishment of 70 kilometres of transmission lines from Nigeria to Benin. The main contractor was *ABB*. Funding of USD 25 million was received from the *World Bank*. The West Africa Power Transmission Programme will provide electricity from Nigeria to Benin, Togo and Ghana. The spokesperson for the Nigerian power distribution company is *Godwin Osakwue*.

In February 2007, Nigeria, Benin and Togo created their **CO-PROSPERITY ALLIANCE ZONE (COPAZ)** with the stated objective of accelerating their national economies. The Nigerian Minister of Information and Communications is *Frank Nweke*. Togo and Benin hope to benefit from Nigerian power supply and fuel resources.

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**HOTELS, LEISURE DEVELOPMENTS AND TOURISM-RELATED PROJECTS**

*(Projects in North Africa/Maghreb Countries are included in this section)*

The **SEYCHELLES** plans for the construction of 90 **HOTELS** by the end of 2010. The hotel capacity will increase from 6 000 beds to about 10 000. There are strict regulations regarding construction in natural parks. In 2006, the islands registered a record number of visitors at 140 500.

There are plans to build a **4-STAR HOTEL ON THE WHITE NILE** in Juba, Southern Sudan. The *Ebony Hotel* will be situated near the Juba customs bridge. Construction has begun and completion is targeted for May 2007. The contact person is *Anthony Haggar*, e-mail: [aah@haggarholding.com](mailto:aah@haggarholding.com)

**SPOTLIGHT ON AID AGENCIES, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS & SELECTED RELATED ORGANISATIONS**

The **UNITED NATIONS JOINT LOGISTICS CENTRE (UNJLC)** is an inter-agency facility reporting to the Humanitarian Coordinator and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee of the *United Nations*. Its mandate is to coordinate and optimise the logistics capabilities of humanitarian organisations in large-scale emergencies. It operates under the custodianship of the *World Food Programme (WFP)* who are responsible for the administration and financial management of the Centre. The *UNJLC* is funded from voluntary contributions through the *WFP*. Partners include the *WFP*, *UNHCR*, *UNICEF*, the *IOM*, *FAO*, *UNFPA* and the *ICRC*.

**Note:** The *UNJLC* operates from Nairobi on Southern Sudan and Somalia and produces useful “Snapshots” and travel advisories, notably on Southern Sudan.

**Contact:** [www.unjlc.org](http://www.unjlc.org)

The **JAPANESE BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (JBIC)** has allocated USD 12,million to the *PTA Bank of COMESA*. The funds will be used for qualifying companies from the seventeen COMESA member states to procure machinery and equipment from Japan. The Deputy Director General at *JBIC* is *Kazuyuki Takeuchi*.

**USEFUL CONTACTS**

The *TSG Group* is responsible for the marketing of the **CALABAR EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE** in Nigeria. The group's contact details are: telephone 1 703 5287444, e-mail: [tsg@tsgint.com](mailto:tsg@tsgint.com)

*Louis Kisuyi* is the new Commercial Counsellor at the **DR CONGO EMBASSY** in Pretoria. His contact details are: cell: 0792206782, telephone 27 (0)12 3432455, fax 27 (0)12 3444054.

*Michel Gelenine* is the Economic and Commercial Counsellor at the **EMBASSY OF FRANCE IN ANGOLA**. His contact details are: telephone 244 2223380, fax 244 222334533, e-mail: [michel.gelenine@missioneco.org](mailto:michel.gelenine@missioneco.org)

Two **MADAGASCAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES** that participated in the recent Madagascan economic mission to South Africa are *ECORA* and *Entreprise Clement*. Their respective heads are *Heritiana Rabetokotany*, General Manager, telephone 261 20 2240010, e-mail: [ecoract@yahoo.fr](mailto:ecoract@yahoo.fr) and *Clement Rakotondrawaivo*, telephone 261 20 2267863, e-mail: [entreprisecllem@mel.wanadoo.mg](mailto:entreprisecllem@mel.wanadoo.mg)

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**UTILITY CONTACTS**

*Makkuwi Mohd Awad* is the Managing Director of the **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY CORPORATION OF SUDAN**. His fax is 249 11 773714.

*Frederic Baudin* is the Director General at the Mali power utility, **ENERGIE DU MALI**. His contact details are: telephone 223 223020, fax 223 228430.

**OIL, GAS & PETROCHEM CONTACTS**

*Brian Smith* is Vice-President: Exploration at the Canadian oil company, **HERITAGE OIL AND GAS**. His contact details are: telephone Calgary 1 403 2349974, fax 1 403 2611941.

**MINING CONTACTS**

The following are among the members of the board of directors of Botswana's coal mining and power production **MMAMABULA PROJECT**:

- *Reuel Khoza*, Co-Chairman, formerly *ESKOM*, South Africa
- *Warren Newfield*, Co-Chairman, CEO: *Tau Capital*, Canada
- *Elvidge Mhlauli*, Permanent Secretary: *Botswana Power Corporation*
- *Blackie Marole*, MD: *Debswana*, Botswana
- *Gregory Kinross*, CEO: *CIC Energy Corporation* of Canada
- *Sandra Cowan*, Partner: *Edgestone Capital*, Canada
- *Frank Crothers*, Chairman and CEO: *Island Holdings*
- *Len Konar*, Director: *South African Reserve Bank*.

The *Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)* also has membership of the board.

*Mathew Mbwambo* is Senior Executive Engineer at the **TANZANIAN MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINERALS**. His e-mail is [mbwambo@hotmail.com](mailto:mbwambo@hotmail.com)

*Albert Mugo* is Power Systems Development Manager at the **KENYA POWER & LIGHTING CORPORATION (KPLC)**, telephone 254 20 3201436.

#### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICT CONTACTS**

The Board of **TELECEL FASO**, mobile telecommunications operator of Burkina Faso has named *Ben Haidara* as its new Director General.

#### **DONOR/DFI CONTACTS**

*Aniko Szigetvari* is the new Coordinator for Sub-Saharan Africa at the Global ICT division of the **INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION (IFC)** of the *World Bank* Group. He can currently be reached through the e-mail: [karkaah@ifc.org](mailto:karkaah@ifc.org)

The contact details for the **SAUDI FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT (SFD)** are telephone 966 1 4640292, fax 966 1 4647450.

**Note:** The *SFD* is playing an increasingly prominent role in Project funding in sub-Saharan Africa.

#### **UNITED NATIONS/NGO CONTACTS**

*The following are some of the UNITED NATIONS contacts made during a recent visit by Africa Project Access to Nairobi. Many of these agencies are procuring for Kenya, Southern Sudan, Somalia and East-Central Africa:*

##### ***UNHCR Regional, UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES***

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##### ***UNHCR Kenya***

*Dr O. Babu Swai*, Senior Public Health Officer, telephone 4232312, fax 4232080, e-mail: [swaib@unhcr.org](mailto:swaib@unhcr.org)

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##### ***FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANISATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO)***

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##### ***UNITED NATIONS CHILDRENS FUND (UNICEF)***

*Dorcas Noertoft*, Procurement Officer, Support Services Centre, telephone 7622571, fax 7622694, e-mail: [dnoertoft@unicef.org](mailto:dnoertoft@unicef.org)

*Joselito Nuguid*, Regional Supply Officer, telephone 7622358, e-mail: [jnuguid@unicef.org](mailto:jnuguid@unicef.org)

*Mogea Alemu*, Head: Supply Kenya, telephone 7622206, e-mail: [malemu@unicef.org](mailto:malemu@unicef.org)

##### ***WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS (WFP)***

*Bent Lautrap-Nielsen*, Head: Logistics, telephone 7622243, fax 7622525, e-mail: [bent.lautrap@wfp.org](mailto:bent.lautrap@wfp.org)

*Arben Caslli*, Procurement Officer, telephone 7622325, cell: 0733609696, fax 7622563, e-mail: [arben.caslli@wfp.org](mailto:arben.caslli@wfp.org)

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (WHO)**

Dr Joyce K Onsongo, cell 0722750529, e-mail: [onsongoi@ke.afro.who.int](mailto:onsongoi@ke.afro.who.int)

**Note:** These *United Nations* Procurement and Logistics officers have been invited to meet with southern African suppliers at the *6<sup>th</sup> African Aid Relief and Disaster Management Expo & Conference 2007* to be held at Gallagher Estate, north of Johannesburg, 29-30 May 2007. Contact *Paul Runge* at 27 (0)11 4656770 or 27 (0)826510707 for further details.

**AGRICULTURE/AGRI-BUSINESS CONTACTS**

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*Frans Hugo* is from *SA Biodiesel (pty) Ltd*, e-mail: [info@sabiodiesel.com](mailto:info@sabiodiesel.com), website: [www.sabiodiesel.com](http://www.sabiodiesel.com)

**USEFUL INTERNET WEBSITES**

*Local newspapers are an excellent source of Project intelligence. There are some good examples in Nairobi-based papers such as the East African, Daily Nation and The Standard.*

The website for the Nairobi daily, **THE STANDARD** is [www.eaststandard.net](http://www.eaststandard.net)

The website for the Nairobi daily, **DAILY NATION** is [www.nationalmedia.com](http://www.nationalmedia.com)

The website for the **COEGA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** (Pty) Ltd and its Industrial Development Zone and Deepwater Port in the Eastern Cape of South Africa is [www.coega.com](http://www.coega.com)

The website for the **2007 INTERNATIONAL TRADE & AID EVENT** that took place in Geneva, Switzerland, 24-25 January 2007 is [www.sustdev.org](http://www.sustdev.org) This event was focused on relief aid and was attended by numerous *United Nations* and NGO procurement and logistics officers.

**PROJECT-RELATED ACHIEVEMENTS AND/OR ACTIVITIES OF AFRICA PROJECT NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS, ASSOCIATES AND CONTACTS**

The South African aerial survey and GIS systems company, **SOUTHERN MAPPING** has undertaken aerial surveys at the Toliara Sands Project in western Madagascar. The work has been carried out for *Exxaro* (formerly *Kumba Resources* of South Africa.) In Sao Tome, the company has also done aerial surveys for the Lagoa Azul residential property development. *Southern Mapping* is busy with four aerial survey assignments in the DR Congo and one in the Central African Republic.

**Contact:** *Norman Banks, Southern Mapping*, e-mail: [Norman@southernmapping.com](mailto:Norman@southernmapping.com)

**NEDBANK** of South Africa is particularly active in rail Projects in the Zambian and DR Congo Copperbelt. A number of private rail concessions are being finalised in Zambia.

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**TRAVEL NOTES**

Visitors to **NAIROBI**, Kenya must remain aware of muggings particularly in the city centre. One of our lady associates experienced an attempted mugging close to the Hilton Hotel.

Despite its name, Nairobi's **Country Lodge Hotel**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ngong Avenue, adjacent to the Fairview Hotel, telephone 2881600, e-mail: [stay@countrylodge.co.ke](mailto:stay@countrylodge.co.ke) is an excellent business hotel. The rate is very reasonable at 4 500 Kenyan Shillings (around USD 65 depending on rate: hotel rate 61 KS = USD1, street rate is 69 KS =- USD1). The rate includes full breakfast. Lunches and dinners are available at Fairview Hotel within walking distance.

For those seeking more upper grade facilities in Nairobi and not far from the city centre, the **FAIRVIEW HOTEL** is adequate. The contact details are: telephone 254 20 2711321 or 2710090, fax 254 20 2721320, e-mail: [book@fairviewkenya.com](mailto:book@fairviewkenya.com)

The launch of operations by the new **GABON AIRLINES** has been postponed from January 2007 to the end of March 2007. Three flights per week to Paris and three to Johannesburg are planned. The new company has been piloted by the son of the Gabonese President, *Christian Bongo*.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

*Inserts in bold and larger font indicate participation by Africa Project Access:*

The **AFRICA POWER & ELECTRICITY CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION** will be taking place 16-20 April 2007 at the Sandton Convention Centre near Johannesburg. Listed delegates include *Ben Rafemoyo*, Acting CEO of the *Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (ZESA)*, *Pius Gumbi*, Acting CEO, *Swaziland Electricity Board*, *Titus Mbathi*, *Kenya Electricity Generating Company*, *Rhodnie Sisala*, *Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation (ZESCO)*, *Kandi Padambo*, CEO, *Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi*, *Dr Frank Sebbowa*, CEO, *Electricity Regulatory Authority*, Uganda and *Charles Darku*, Director: Power Sales, *Volta River Authority*, Ghana.

**Contact:** *Brian Mallory*, telephone 27 11 5164079, e-mail: [brian.mallory@terrapinn.co.za](mailto:brian.mallory@terrapinn.co.za) website: [www.terrapinn.com/2007/powerza](http://www.terrapinn.com/2007/powerza)

**A BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT FORUM ON THE DR CONGO** will be taking place at the **Southern Sun** or **OR Tambo International Hotel 23-25 April 2007**. Listed speakers include *Bene M'Poko*, DRC Ambassador to South Africa as well as *Rajesh Nambiar*, CEO of the *Rawji Group* in the DR Congo.

**Contact:** *IIR Conferences*, telephone Johannesburg 27 11 7717000, fax 27 11 8806789, website: [www.iir-conferences.co.za/congo](http://www.iir-conferences.co.za/congo)

The **WORLD NATIONAL OIL COMPANIES CONGRESS** will be taking place 24-26 April 2007 at the Grange City Hotel, London. Listed speakers include Engineer *Funsho Kupolokun* of the *Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC)* and *Candido Nsue Okomo*, *GE Petrol* (Equatorial Guinea).

**Contact:** *terrapin*, telephone Johannesburg 27 11 4636001, fax 27 11 4636903, e-mail: [enquiry.za@terrapinn.com](mailto:enquiry.za@terrapinn.com)

**AfricaRoads 2007** will be taking place 21-24 May at the Sandton Convention Centre near Johannesburg. Listed speakers include *Frederick Addo-Abedi*, Chief Executive of *TANROADS*, *Frank Nyangaga*, Executive Director of the *Kenya Roads Board* and *Johny Smith*, Business Development Director at the *Walvis Bay Corridor Group*.

**Contact:** *terrapin*, telephone Johannesburg 27 11 4636001, fax 27 11 4636903, e-mail: [enquiry.za@terrapinn.com](mailto:enquiry.za@terrapinn.com)

The **EXPORT-IMPORT AFRICA EXPO** will be taking place 23-26 May 2007 at Gallagher Estate, north of Johannesburg.

**Contact:** *Mandie Slippers*, e-mail: [mandie@hwebexpo.com](mailto:mandie@hwebexpo.com)

The **AFRICAN UTILITY WEEK** water, gas and electricity workshops and exhibition will be taking place 28 May – 1 June 2007 in Cape Town.

**Contact:** *spintelligent* through website: [www.african-utility.com](http://www.african-utility.com)

The **AFRICA BANKING CONGRESS** will be taking place at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, 29 May to 1 June 2007. Listed speakers include *Moses Ogai*, Executive Director, *Uganda Institute of Bankers*, *David Wachira*, CEO, *Consolidated Bank of Kenya*, *Neil Nyirongo*, Executive Director: Treasury, *Reserve Bank of Malawi* and *Peter Hinton*, CEO, *Enterprise Banking Group*, Botswana.

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**PUMPS, VALVES & PIPES AFRICA**, **PETRO.TEX AFRICA** and **CHEM.TEX AFRICA** are three trade exhibitions that will take place together 26-28 June 2007 at Gallagher Estate near Johannesburg. Sectors such as mining, water and sanitation, industrial, agro-industrial, petrochemicals, oil and gas and chemical processing will be covered.

**Contact:** [adele@fairconsultants.com](mailto:adele@fairconsultants.com)

The **6<sup>th</sup> AFRICAN AID RELIEF SUPPLY EXPO AND CONFERENCE** focusing on worldwide procurement from the *United Nations* agencies and NGO's is scheduled to take place June 2007 in the Sandton Convention Centre near Johannesburg.

**Contact:** *Fair Consultants*, fax Cape Town 27 21 7133366, e-mail: [events@fairconsultants.com](mailto:events@fairconsultants.com)

Ghana will be hosting the **6<sup>TH</sup> AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY (AGOA) CONFERENCE** probably in June 2007. Participants will be from 37 eligible African countries.

The **AFRICA JUNIOR OIL AND GAS CONGRESS** will be taking place 25-28 June 2007 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

**Contact:** *Nerina van Wyk, terrapin*, telephone Johannesburg 27 11 5164000, fax 27 11 7079965, e-mail: [nerina.vanwyk@terrapinn.co.za](mailto:nerina.vanwyk@terrapinn.co.za)

**Petro.t.ex Africa 2007** will be held 26-28 June 2007 at Gallagher Estate near Johannesburg. It is an exhibition for suppliers to oil refineries, petrochemical plants, oil and gas installations and pipelines.

**Contact:** *Fair Consultants*, fax Cape Town 27 21 7133366, e-mail: [events@fairconsultants.com](mailto:events@fairconsultants.com)

The **AFRICAN JUNIOR MINING CONGRESS 2007** will be taking place 24-27 July at the Sandton Convention Centre near Johannesburg.

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The **3<sup>rd</sup> OIL AFRICA EXPO & CONFERENCE** focussing on the upstream sector is scheduled to be held 17-19 March 2008 at the Cape Town International Conference Centre.

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**WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 1**

The authorities of Gabon are threatening to revise their 1997 PPP power and water supply agreement with the French group, *Veolia*. They are reportedly considering the recall of the 51% shareholding in the national water and power utility, *SEEG*. The main source of contention is apparently the daily cuts in power supply undertaken by *SEEG* to limit Libreville's consumption. This is another example of the difficulties in advancing **PUBLIC-PRIVATE-PARTNERSHIPS** that involve utilities, especially water in sub-Saharan Africa.

**WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 2**

The recent announcement by the Governor of Katanga Province, DR Congo, *Moise Katumbi* of a ban on the export of **COPPER AND COBALT ORE** to Zambia is another example of poor collaboration between African states, especially when strong economic self-interest prevails. A number of junior mining houses have invested in both the Zambian and Congolese copperbelts and require smooth transit of their product between the two. Zambia has made strong efforts to establish itself as the preferred processing centre and the Congo understandably wishes for more value-add to take place within its borders. Operators constantly report difficulty in moving supplies and produce across the border. The politicians make lofty statements about the health of Zambian-Congolese relations and plans for smoothing border transit but investors hope that these statements will soon be converted into more practical measures.

**WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 3**

A report in *Business Report* features a recent study by *Peter Draper* of the *South African Institute of International Affairs* in which he calls on the **SOUTHERN AFRICAN CUSTOMS UNION (SACU)** to concentrate on the basics such as the effective collection of economic data rather than focusing so overly on regional integration. The same can be said for all the African regional organisations. A real need is that for an effective and comprehensive and interactive Project Database that can at least monitor the progress of *NEPAD* Projects as well as Projects that could enhance regional economic development. Such a database should entail close collaboration with the Africa-interest business sector and those responsible for Project implementation.

**WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 4**

There is an interesting article by a Dar es Salaam-based journalist, *Karl Lyimo* and carried in the weekly paper, *The East African* on the poor state of **DAR ES SALAAM PORT**. He states that despite the port's strategic importance and potential for the landlocked Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, Zambia and Malawi as well as eastern DR Congo, the port is still not capable of fulfilling its role. He points to port congestion because of inadequate infrastructure. Poor road, bridge and rail infrastructure makes it difficult to move cargo to inland destinations. There is also reference to the inability to move heavy machinery, earthmoving equipment and bulk fuel. These are supplies typically required by mining operations notably in the Tanzanian interior, the DR Congo and Zambia. Mining firms are still compelled to route such items via Mombasa. The sharp increase in mining operations in the region should present the port with a golden opportunity that to date is still being largely missed.

**WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 5**

There is a serious **CEMENT SHORTAGE** in southern Africa, notably in Angola. Rapid development is sharply increasing demand and supply just cannot keep up.

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**QUOTABLE QUOTES**

“As we say in scenario planning, it is better to be vaguely right than precisely wrong.”  
(*Clem Sunter*, well-known South African scenario specialist.)

*Africa Project Access: Who We Are*

*Africa Project Access* is a specialised consultancy providing over 100 mainly South African client companies and organisations with early alert of infrastructure and commercial projects in sub-Saharan Africa through its specialised publications, the *Marches Tropicaux Africa Project Newsletter* and the *Africa Project Database*. *APA* was established in 1995 and provides vital knowledge on the practical workings of donor and international funding agencies responsible for many Projects in Africa (World Bank, IFC, African Development Bank etc). This information is provided through frequent interaction with these organisations and regular visits to their HQ's in Washington, Tunisia etc. Regular networking Business Briefings are held on specific African Projects and Programmes. Useful Contact and Project Databases have been developed for key contacts in Africa or related to Africa, funding agencies, projects and client companies. These are provided to subscribers on an ongoing basis.

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