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Editorial

TRENDS IN INDUSTRIAL & MANUFACTURING PROJECTS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Introduction

There has been a marked increase over the past few years in the number of planned and current industrial and manufacturing Projects in sub-Saharan Africa. The Projects reflect the policy of achieving local beneficiation of mining, oil and gas resources as well as agricultural produce. Fertilizer and packaging Projects have been stimulated by the increase in agri-industrial initiatives. Bio-fuels Projects have come to the fore over the past decade. There has been considerable construction of new breweries as well as expansion of the existing plants. The relatively high number of cement Projects is in tandem with the requirement arising from the strong sustained growth in most countries. The booming ICT/telecommunications sector has also led to the establishment of support industries. The key industry of packaging has shown progress. There is limited development in other sectors such as the automotive industry.

There has been a proliferation of industrial zones, techno parks and major mixed use commercial property developments. These are underpinning further industrial activity and promoting light industry in particular.

The following are some recent illustrative Projects:

Mining

First Quantum's Kansanshi copper foundry should be operational in 2014 and another smelter is planned for Solwezi in Zambia. The consortium, *Cameroon Alumina Limited* intends extracting over 550 million tons of bauxite from two mines for supply to a major aluminium refinery plant in Cameroon. The detailed design and costing of the Emanuel manganese

processing plant in Zambia has been completed. Some processing will take place at the Zanaga iron ore mine in the Republic of the Congo. *Baobab Resources* is establishing a pig iron production plant in Mozambique's Zambezi Valley. A coal-to-liquids plant is mooted for the Liwonde area of Malawi as well as for Tete in Mozambique. Mali's first gold refinery was scheduled for opening in 2013 but is likely to be delayed.

Midroc of Ethiopia and *Danieli* of Italy are in a joint venture for the construction of a steel plant in Ethiopia. Phase II of the Kafue integrated iron and steel Project was scheduled for completion in 2013.

Oil & Gas

There are plans for the upgrade of the Mombasa oil refinery in Kenya. A memorandum has been signed for the construction of six oil refineries in Nigeria. Zambia is hoping to build a new oil refinery in Ndola. A new oil refinery will be constructed at Port Gentil, Gabon. Oil refining will be necessary for the oil extracted from Lake Albert in Uganda due to its high wax content. Consideration is being given to the construction of a new oil refinery in southern Mozambique.

A gas processing facility has been developed by *Maurel & Prom* and *Wentworth Resources* near Mtwara in southern Tanzania. A second facility to feed a 600 kilometre gas pipeline to Dar es Salaam is being promoted. The LNG plant in northern Mozambique is likely to be developed in Palma. *Globeleq Generation* is expanding the Azito gas-to-power plant in Côte d'Ivoire. An Argentinean company will be developing a domestic gas bottling plant in Maputo, Mozambique.

Agri-Industrial

There is a considerable number of mixed use sugar Projects that include power generation. The *Alam Group* of Singapore is investing in a sugar factory that will also produce 12 MW of electricity east of Kampala, Uganda. The Luena Sugar Farm Block Programme in northern Zambia will include processing facilities. The *Acucareirade* sugar mill in central Mozambique has been expanded and production increased to around 65 000 tons.

Delight Uganda is setting up a fresh fruit processing plant in Nwoya, northern Uganda. *OK Holdings* will be opening a juice manufacturing plant on the southern coast of Tanzania for supply to its brandy distillery. There are reports that the Tanzanian government wishes to establish a second cashew nut processing factory in the Mtwara area, southern Tanzania. Equipment is being purchased for a groundnut processing facility in Lusaka, Zambia. A consortium is developing a dried chilli production Project in eastern Zimbabwe that will supply *Tabasco* and fast food chains. The Plateau State of Nigeria is implementing a Programme for six abattoirs. A Singaporean company is developing a rubber plantation and processing facility in the Nkok Special Economic Zone in northern Gabon.

A new bio-fuels plant is being developed near Dondo in Mozambique's Sofala Province. Locally grown cassava will be converted into ethanol.

A USD 411 million fertilizer factory is being planned in Kenya. A new USD 3million fertilizer plant in Nacala in northern Mozambique will be the country's first. A fertilizer plant is planned for the Liwonde industrial area in southern Malawi.

Breweries

SABMiller has recently opened a new brewery in Onitsha in south-eastern Nigeria. Its plant in Juba, Southern Sudan has been earmarked for expansion. In late 2012, *SABMiller* and *Zambian Breweries* announced first production from their new brewery in Ndola, Zambia. *Dashen Breweries* has been constructing its second brewery in Ethiopia. *Nile Breweries* has been building the Mbarara brewery in western Uganda.

Cement

PPC Cement of South Africa has announced a new plant near Harare, Zimbabwe as well as a grinding plant in Tete, Mozambique. It will expand its newly acquired plant in Rwanda. The Habesha plant in Ethiopia is scheduled to come on line in 2014. The Mozambican government announced an ambitious Programme for five new cement plants in Sofala Province. *Dangote* is preparing the construction of its new plant in Mtwara, southern Tanzania while its plant in the Copperbelt of Zambia is well underway. It states that it will open another plant in Lusaka in 2014. *Lee Building Materials* is involved in a new white cement factory at Lindi also in southern Tanzania. The *Tanzania Portland Cement Company* is establishing and expanding its new cement plant outside Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. *G Power Cement* of Germany will be establishing a

cement plant in Limbe, Cameroon. *United Cement Company* has announced a new five million metric ton plant in Nigeria. *Grand Cimenterie du Katanga* is rehabilitating a cement plant in Likasi southern DR Congo. *AfriSam* of South Africa is installing a second kiln at *Tanga Cement* in northern Tanzania.

ICT/Telecommunications

Eaton Towers of the UK is developing a network of telecommunications towers throughout Uganda. A handset manufacturing operation was established a few years ago in Lagos, Nigeria. Assembly plants and ICT training facilities are being set up in technology parks for example in Kenya and Mozambique.

Packaging & Special Initiatives

NAMPAK of South Africa is considering further expansion of its beverage canning plant in the Viana Industrial Zone outside Luanda, Angola. The Tses glass manufacturing plant in southern Namibia could become one of the largest in Africa. *East Africa Bottling Company* is constructing a third bottling plant in north-western Ethiopia.

Equipment has been installed in the new China-promoted vehicle manufacturing plant at Matola near Maputo, Mozambique. The *China Gonow Automobile Company* has allocated funding for the first phase of a motor assembly plant in Lusaka, Zambia.

Industrial Zones/Techno Parks/Commercial Property Developments

The Tete industrial park in Mozambique's Zambezi Valley is being planned. Nacala, Mozambique has been declared a new manufacturing economic zone and already a number of plants producing inter alia cement and agri-products have been established. There are plans for the development of an industrial park in Tsumeb, Namibia. Proposals are being made for the establishment of a special economic/industrial zone in Liwonde, Malawi. The Luano City commercial property development in the DR Congo includes seventy units for light industry and warehousing. A new industrial development zone in Soyo, is being prioritised by the Angolan government. The Nkok Special Economic Zone in Gabon will concentrate on hard wood processing.

A new city will be constructed in Kitwe, Zambia. Plans are underway for the development of a new city south of Douala that should include an industrial area. The Konza Technology City in Kenya will concentrate on manufacturing within the ICT/telecommunications sector. Other new city/mixed use commercial property developments that will include some industrial facilities include the Kigambona New City Project in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Port Harcourt Expansion in Nigeria, Tatu City in Kenya and La Cité du Fleuve in Kinshasa, DR Congo.

Note: *Africa Project Access* can supply templates for the abovementioned Projects to its clients on request.

Additional Services

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The last **FULL APA BRIEFING** took place at Werksmans Attorneys on Thursday, 20 June 2013. Subjects covered were the current situation in Zimbabwe and market snapshots on **Swaziland, Mozambique, Botswana, Ethiopia and South Sudan, upcoming Projects in Angola and the DR Congo as well as a situation report on the possibilities for the export of Botswana's coal.**

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A special **OIL AND GAS SUB-GROUP MEETING** was held on Tuesday 26 February 2013 at the Henley Business School.

The tenth **ICT/TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB-GROUP** was held on Tuesday 28 May 2013 in collaboration with the South African Electro-Technical Export Council (SAEEC) at their offices in Midrand. Recent visits to Mozambique and Ghana were discussed. It was decided that representatives of the Konza City ICT Park in Kenya as well as of the technology parks in Mozambique will be invited again to address the next meeting as well as the ICT Sector Lead at the International Finance Corporation and Intertoll. A one-day visit to the Johannesburg-based foreign mining and mining engineering companies will be arranged. A two-way workshop will be held between clients and the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) including the IDC Africa Unit, Export Credit Insurance Corporation (ECIC) and the Department of Trade and Industry.

The **APA AGRICULTURE SUB-GROUP** briefing took place at the Henley Business School on Tuesday, 21 May 2013. It was agreed that the next meeting would include representatives of mobile telecommunications companies responsible for corporate social investment (CSI) Programmes, the agriculture directorate of the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), an agriculture equity fund manager and the South Africa office of the African Development Bank (AfDB).

The **APA HOTELS/COMMERCIAL PROPERTY SUB-GROUP** briefing was held on Tuesday 26 February 2013 at the Henley Business School. It was agreed that the IDC hotels unit, a hotel management group, a logistics company, a retailer or retail broker and a developer/property management company will be invited for the next briefing.

The **APA POWER SECTOR SUB-GROUP MEETING** took place at the Henley Business School on Tuesday, 21 May 2013. The meeting included a focus on methodologies for accessing African power utilities. It was agreed that the next meeting will include representatives of the Southern and East African Power Pools, NetPlan, the Trans Caledonian Authority, IPP's such as Globeleq, Aurecon and Group Five.

The last **APA INFRASTRUCTURE SUB-GROUP MEETING** "Show me the Projects" was held on Tuesday 18 June 2013 at the Development Bank of Southern African in partnership with the Built Environment Professions Export Council (BEPEC). It concentrated on gas-related developments in Mtwaru and Pemba as well as the BEPEC industrial centre to be established in Tete. There were addresses on the Export Credit Insurance Corporation (ECIC) products and the Capital Projects Feasibility Programme (CPFP).

The fifth **APA HEALTH SECTOR SUB-GROUP MEETING** was held on 21 June 2013 at the Henley Business School. Various health and health-related Projects and initiatives were discussed. The scarcity of information and statistics for the African health sector was referred to and the request was made for participation by economists specialising in the sector at the next meeting.

Africa Project Access is participating with B.A. Link in a series of **AFRICA COUNTRY FOCUS BREAKFAST BRIEFINGS**. Recent briefings were on Ghana, Angola, Rwanda, Botswana, Mozambique the DR Congo and Namibia.
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The May-June 2013 edition of the London-based publication, **AFRICA INVESTOR** carries articles on Nigerian bonds, changes in the African telecommunications sector, Africa's top banking brands, General Electric in Africa, the Nigerian sovereign wealth fund, political and civil unrest as a factor for investors, the slow pace of Public Private Partnerships (PPP's), agribusiness stocks, the hotels sector in Africa.

Projects

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for templates/further details/contacts pertaining to specific Projects listed below)

BURKINA FASO

The **BAGRE AGRICULTURAL GROWTH POLE** in southern Burkina Faso will be enhanced by the decision by the *World Bank* to commit USD 115 million for the expansion of the Bagré hydro dam on the White Volta. The dam was built in 1994. Completion of the expansion is scheduled for 2020. Crops include rice, sesame, maize, horticulture, cotton and livestock. Link roads will also be constructed.

BURUNDI

The *World Bank* and the *European Investment Bank (EIB)* are funding the construction of the 50 MW **JILI HYDRO DAM** on the Jiji and Murembwe rivers. The feasibility study has just been completed. The hydro power potential of Burundi is estimated at 300 MW and private investors are being invited by the Burundi government to invest in the energy sector. The *Export Credit Insurance Corporation (ECIC)* has approved political and commercial cover for the Jili and Mule hydro power Projects.

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CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)

The upgrade of **INGA I AND INGA II HYDRO POWER PLANTS** will enhance the generation of 1 775 MW. The consortium comprising *Voith* of Germany and *Elecnor* of Spain has the USD 75 million contract for the refurbishment of the turbines. Inga I has a capacity of 350 MW and Inga II has 1 425 MW. The national power utility, *Société Nationale d'Electricité (SNEL)* is the implementing agency. Funding is from the *World Bank*.

CONGO (REPUBLIC)

** One of the *APA* stringers has informed us that technical and financial partners are sought for the country's **OIL & GAS SECTORS** notably with regard to petroleum product packaging and logistics. There is also a request for participation in hardwood Projects in northern Congo

COTE D'IVOIRE

Sinohydro of China is the EPC contractor for the 274 MW **SOUBRE HYDRO POWER PROJECT** in the Bas-Sassandra Region in southern Côte d'Ivoire. The *China Eximbank* will be providing a loan of USD 500 million towards the cost of USD 660 million. 85% of the funding is from China with the government providing the rest. Completion is scheduled for 2018. *Coyne & Bellier* of France undertook the feasibility study in 2005. The electricity demand growth in the country is 3,5%.

ETHIOPIA

There are a number of major developments in the **OMO RIVER REGION** of southern Ethiopia. A number of NGO's such as *Survival International* are protesting against the construction of the 1 870 MW Gibe III hydro dam situated on the river. A major concern is the water flow to Lake Turkana in northern Kenya. However the dam would help provide flood protection. Gibe is one of a series of dams on the OMO. The dam wall will be 243 metres high and 610 metres long. There are reports that it is 60% completed but that funding has been delayed due to the environmental concerns. A major funder is the *African Development Bank (AfDB)*. The company *Midroc* headed by the Ethiopian-Saudi billionaire, *Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Ali al-AMuoudi* has announced major agricultural Programmes in the river area. In 2011, it was announced that the company would undertake a large-scale sugar cane irrigation Project over 150 000 hectares in the vicinity of the town of Jinka. More recently, *Horizon Plantations* (one of *Midroc*'s 41 affiliate companies), said it would be investing USD 41 million in three farms in the area.

GHANA

The Ghana parliament has approved funding of USD 100 million towards the cost of converting **TAMALE AIRPORT** in Northern Region into an international airport and hub. The Project aims to lengthen the runway to 4 000 metres and to establish a perishable cargo centre. The total cost of the Project will be USD 174million. It will be implemented on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis. The contractor is *Queiroz Galvao* of Brazil and part of the funding will be from the *Eximbank of Brazil* and its development bank, *BNDES*. The implementing agency is the *Ghana Airports Company Limited* with support from the Ministry of Transport. The airport will also relieve pressure on the Kotoka International Airport in Accra. The minister of transport has indicated the possibility of a new airport in Dangme West district in greater Accra.

GUINEA

The *International Finance Corporation (IFC)* has listed the **PALMA GUINEA HOTEL PROJECT** for funding approval. The 5-star hotel in Conakry will have 280 rooms, four restaurants, two bars, conference rooms and a fitness centre. The Project is being implemented by the locally-registered *Palma Guinée* which is a subsidiary of the *Topaz Group*. The operator will be *Starwood Hotels & Resorts* under the *Sheraton* label. The cost of the Project is around USD 60million. Guinea currently does not have a five-star hotel and the existing hotels in Conakry are of a poor standard.

KENYA

The *African Development Bank (AfDB)* has approved two loans totalling USD 233 million towards the cost of rehabilitation and upgrade of sections of the 254 kilometre **ARUSHA-HOLILI/TAVETA-VOI ROAD**. The road is a key link between Tunduma in southern Tanzania and Moyale in northern Kenya. It links to Mombasa Port through the border town of Taveta on to Rwanda and Burundi. The northern and central corridors are effectively linked. The Project entails dualling of the Sakina-Usa River stretch and rehabilitation of the Usa River-Moshi-Holili road. It also includes the construction of a 42 kilometre bypass road around Arusha and a link road to Kilimanjaro Airport will be constructed. The implementing agencies are the *Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS)* and the *Kenya National Highways Authority (KNHA)* supported by the *East African Community (EAC)*.

LESOTHO

Firestone Diamonds of Australia is looking for finance for a USD 167 million treatment plant at its **LIQHOBONG DIAMOND MINE** situated some 120 kilometres north-east of Maseru. The company has appointed an international bank to lead the funding process. The company is undertaking a USD 6 million forward sale to help finance its requirements. *Firestone* holds 75% of the company with the Lesotho government holding the rest. The mine produces around 140 000 carats per annum.

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport is inviting companies to bid for the upgrading and rehabilitation of the **MEJAMETALANA AIRPORT** in Maseru. It was previously the country's main airport until the Moshoeshoe International Airport situated some 18 kilometres from Maseru was opened.

MADAGASCAR

The AIM-listed *Madagascar Oil* has begun a pilot steam injection Programme to test potential production at its **TSIMIORO HEAVY OIL PROJECT** in the onshore Morondava Basin in central-western Madagascar. The company has recently raised funds for further exploration and confirmation. The investment decision could take place in 2014 or 2015 with oil production possible five years later. Predicted daily production could be around 150 000 barrels.

MALAWI

The *African Development Bank (AfDB)* is contributing a grant of USD 2,4 million towards the cost of a full bankability feasibility study as well as preliminary designs for the 517 MW **KHOLOMBIDZO HYDRO POWER PLANT**. Construction is expected to commence in March 2014. The studies will verify whether the Project can be multi-purpose and supply irrigation. Initial studies began in 1985. The Project falls under the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy II (MGDS II)

MOZAMBIQUE

The **TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME** for Maputo Province has kicked off with the arrival in Maputo Port of building materials for the construction of the 4-lane Catembe Bridge that will connect Maputo City to the Catembe area. The equipment is valued at USD 725 million. The bridge will be three kilometres long and there will be two access roads. It will be nearly 50 metres high thus allowing vessels to pass below. Further phases of the Programme are for the construction of the 100 kilometre extension from Maputo to Ponta do Ouro on the South African border. The upgrade of the Bela Vista-Boane road is included. The bridge will stimulate rapid housing and commercial property development of the Catembe area.

The **COFAMOSA SUGAR AND ETHANOL PROJECT** in the Moamba District of southern Mozambique is a *NEPAD* Project which will be implemented in three phases: two phases of 10 000 hectares each and a third of 9 000 hectares. The intention is to establish 580 farmers. The Project when completed will produce 400 000 tons of sugar with 100 000 aimed at the South African market and 300 000 for the US and European markets. Water will be pumped from Corumana Dam on the Sabie River. The cost of the Project is approximately USD 31 million. The *African Development Bank (AfDB)* has supplied USD 1,5 million for the EIA and appraisal study from its *African Water Facility*. The President of the *Committee for the Facilitation of Agriculture between Mozambique and South Africa (COFAMOSA)* is *Enoque Ngomane*. An *AfDB* official involved in the appraisal report is *Soliman Wael Mohamed Roshdy*.

NAMIBIA

Impregilo, a subsidiary of the *Salini Group* of Italy has reportedly been appointed as the main contractor for the **NECKERTAL DAM** Project on the Fish River situated some 60 kilometres north-west of Keetmanshoop in the Karas Region of southern Namibia. The initial phase which includes an access road is nearing completion. The Project entails construction of a 67,5 metre wall and the dam capacity will be 857 million cubic metres to be used for irrigation. Some 200 housing units will be constructed for the contractors on site. The estimated Project cost is N\$ 2,8 billion. The implementing agencies are the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry and the Keetmanshoop Municipality. The Project has experienced several delays and in January 2013 the authorities stated that the initial phase was four months behind schedule. There were 23 tendering companies. *Henan International* of China was initially awarded the contract but this was overturned. *KL Engineering Contractors* of Namibia were awarded the access road contract.

Note: See "African Contacts" below.

The contract for the management of the **WALVIS BAY PORT CONTAINER TERMINAL** will be awarded at the end of August 2013. A third floating platform will soon be established at the port. This will enable *Namport* to allocate more priority to the servicing of the Gulf of Guinea oil sector. Although Botswana has been awarded a dry port, this will not be able to be utilised for coal coming off the proposed TransKalahari rail line. A separate facility will be required.

NIGERIA

The *Florence Nightingale Hospitals Group* of Turkey has stated that it will be constructing a **NEW HOSPITAL** in Nigeria. The group will replicate a 900-bed hospital it recently completed in Turkey. The hospital will include education and health facilities. The cost will be approximately USD 100 million. The group will partner with local Nigerian companies. Nigeria is trying to establish itself as a medical hub for the region and reduce the numbers of its citizens who go overseas for medical treatment.

SOUTH AFRICA

Africa Project Access does not normally focus on Projects in South Africa. However, inserts and updates on Projects and Project-related 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.

A master plan is being developed under the National Strategic Infrastructure Programme (SIP II) for the **TAMBO SPRINGS INLAND PORT PROJECT**. The *Gauteng Transport Commission* is being established to implement the initiative. The intention is to begin construction in 2013 of Africa's largest inland port over an area of 1 030 hectares that will be able to handle 5 000 TEU's per annum. It will be situated along the N3 highway in the Heidelberg area of Gauteng Province. It will be linked to the City Deep inland port in Johannesburg which is reaching capacity. The port will provide warehousing, distribution, shipping, manufacturing, enterprise incubation and training, agro-industry and cold chain supply. It will be linked to various other initiatives such as the KwaZulu-Natal-Free State-Gauteng industrial freight corridor and the proposed Johannesburg-Durban high-speed train being facilitated by Japanese consultants. A future Airport City complex will be developed around OR Tambo International Airport. A high-speed broadband network will be connected to various trunk lines.

SOUTH SUDAN

The South Sudan Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is promoting the redevelopment of the **NZARA AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX** in Western Equatoria State, south-western South Sudan that was originally established in 1943. It stopped functioning during the civil war but the basic infrastructure still exists. In April 2013, the government adopted a plan for the complex's redevelopment. It comprised a cotton mill, poultry production plant and produced inter alia sugar, mangoes and bananas. There have recently been inspection visits by agricultural equipment manufacturers.

The *Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)* of Germany has donated agricultural equipment worth over 5 million Euros to the **AWEIL RICE SCHEME** in Northern Bahr El Ghazal State, north-western South Sudan. This includes a grinding machine for rice. The implementing agency is the state farmers union and the Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry. There are some 545 rice farmers in the state. Companies from China, India and Japan have reportedly shown interest in the Project.

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ZIMBABWE

Construction of the 275-bed **HILTON HOTEL AND OFFICE COMPLEX** in Eastlea in Harare is scheduled to begin in October 2013 with completion in 2016. The Project includes three office blocks, residential apartments and a 600-seater conference centre. The cost is estimated at USD 160 million. Implementing agencies are the Harare City Council, the *Hilton Group* of the USA and the local consortium, *Streamwalk Arcade*.

The Mutare City Council has given approval to *Anjin* of China for the construction of a 14-storey **HOTEL AND SHOPPING MALL** in Mutare, eastern Zimbabwe. Meikles Park land will be allocated for the development. The duration of construction will be one year. The intention is to establish the new complex as a satellite CBD. The *Zimbabwe Mining Development Corporation (ZMDC)* has a stake in *Anjin*. The Project has been mooted over the past few years while the Mutare City Council considered the proposals. .

Orascom has made a cash injection of USD 70 million in the **TELECEL ZIMBABWE NETWORK PROGRAMME**. As at 28 February 2013, coverage of the national population had reached 80% whereas the target of 85% had been hoped for. On 31 December 2012, the company has 2,62 million subscribers up from 5,8million a year before. The CEO of *Telecel* recently resigned after just a year at the helm.

REGIONAL

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Commercial Property, Hotels, Leisure Developments and Tourism Related Projects

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

The *International Finance Corporation (IFC)* has listed the **PALMA GUINEA HOTEL PROJECT** for funding approval. The 5-star hotel in Conakry will have 280 rooms, four restaurants, two bars, conference rooms and a fitness centre. The Project is being implemented by the locally-registered *Palma Guinée* which is a subsidiary of the *Topaz Group*. The operator will be *Starwood Hotels & Resorts* under the *Sheraton* label. The cost of the Project is around USD 60million. Guinea currently does not have a five-star hotel and the existing hotels in Conakry are of a poor standard.

The **TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME** for Maputo Province has kicked off with the arrival in Maputo Port of building materials for the construction of the 4-lane Catembe Bridge that will connect Maputo City to the Catembe area. The equipment is valued at USD 725 million. The bridge will be three kilometres long and there will be two access roads. It will be nearly 50 metres high thus allowing vessels to pass below. Further phases of the Programme are for the construction of the 100 kilometre extension from Maputo to Ponta do Ouro on the South African border. The upgrade of the Bela Vista-Boane road is included. The bridge will stimulate rapid housing and commercial property development of the Catembe area.

Construction of the 275-bed **HILTON HOTEL AND OFFICE COMPLEX** in Eastlea in Harare is scheduled to begin in October 2013 with completion in 2016. The Project includes three office blocks, residential apartments and a 600-seater conference centre. The cost is estimated at USD 160 million. Implementing agencies are the Harare City Council, the *Hilton Group* of the USA and the local consortium, *Streamwalk Arcade*.

The Mutare City Council has given approval to *Anjin* of China for the construction of a 14-storey **HOTEL AND SHOPPING MALL** in Mutare, eastern Zimbabwe. Meikles Park land will be allocated for the development. The duration of construction will be one year. The intention is to establish the new complex as a satellite CBD. The *Zimbabwe Mining Development Corporation (ZMDC)* has a stake in *Anjin*. The Project has been mooted over the past few years while the Mutare City Council considered the proposals. .

Spotlight on Aid Agencies, International Development Finance Institutions, Funds & Selected Related Organisations

There have been a number of changes at the **DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DBSA)**. It has established a dedicated and specialised Project Preparation Division for its operations in South Africa as well as in the *SADC* region. Enabling environment and Project definition are intrinsic aspects. The bank will be concentrating on its core sectors: energy, transport, water and sanitation, and ICT with the addition of education and health in South Africa. Seven hospitals in South Africa have been identified for conversion to Public Private Partnerships (PPP's). The *DBSA* will be developing a register of consultants and specialists to undertake for example, environmental studies.

The **AUSTRALIAN AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AusAID)** is administering the *Australia-Africa Partnerships Facility (AAPF)* that addresses capacity needs for mining-related infrastructure development in Africa. It has launched a vocational training Programme in partnership with the South African consulting engineering firm, *Bigen Africa*. The 18-month Programme will develop the capacity of financial and technical professionals to manage Project design and preparation processes for mining-related infrastructure Projects and community development. The Programme involves study tours mainly to Australia with training taking place mainly in Africa. Since August 2011, more than 940 officials from 37 African countries have participated. *AusAID* is contributing USD 971 000 to the Project.

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USEFUL WEBSITES

The website for the **TAMBO SPRINGS INLAND PORT PROJECT** is www.tambosprings.co.za The site provides Project launch material as well as a facility the sign updates.

ZAMBIAN WATCHDOG is an online news service with breaking news, analysis and investigative reports on economic developments in Zambia. Website: www.zambianwatchdog.com

The **hydro4Africa** web portal is a site for information on hydro-power in Africa. It is <http://hydro4africa.net>

Investment Projects and latest Project developments can be found on the official website of the **ANGOLA PRESS AGENCY**, www.portalangop.co.ao

The website of the **SOUTHERN AFRICAN RESOURCE WATCH (SARWATCH)** is www.sarwatch.org

Project-related achievements and/or activities of Africa Project News Letter subscribers, Associates and Contacts

IMPERIAL LOGISTICS of South Africa has acquired 49% of the Nigerian logistics company, **MDS** of the **UAC Group** for USD 26 million. It has also acquired **RTT Health Services** to establish **Imperial Health Sciences** which delivers medicines and health products throughout much of Africa.

Travel Notes

As from 1 July 2013, South African passport holders will no longer require **VISAS FOR TANZANIA**.

CAR HIRE IN TANZANIA is particularly expensive with one client reporting an initial cost of the equivalent of R7 800 followed by R9 per kilometre after filling the tank.

APA has received a presentation with maps on **ARMED ROBBERY HOTSPOTS IN LUANDA, ANGOLA**. These include the international airport area, the Belas Shopping Centre, Hotel Tropico area and the area near the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Forthcoming Events

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

The ***GBTA AFRICA ENERGY & RESOURCES SYMPOSIUM 2013*** will be taking place 4 July 2013 in Cape Town. It will concentrate on travel logistics in African mining, oil and gas markets.

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The ***4th MOZAMBIQUE COAL & ENERGY CONFERENCE*** will be taking place 15-16 July 2013 at the Avenida Hotel in Maputo, Mozambique.

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The ***INFRASTRUCTURE AFRICA*** conference will be taking place 16-17 July 2013 at the Sandton Convention Centre

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Note: *There is a discount for APA subscribers.*

The ***8th AUDIT RISK & GOVERNANCE AFRICA*** conference will take place 13-16 August 2013 at the Polana Serena Hotel, Maputo. Listed key speakers include the Auditor General of the *African Development Bank*, the *World Bank* and the National Audit Offices of Kenya and Tanzania.

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The ***FACIM 2013 MOZAMBIQUE TRADE FAIR*** will be taking place 17-20 August at the new fairgrounds near Maputo.

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The ***4th EAST & CENTRAL AFRICA ROADS & RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT*** will be taking place 20-21 August 2013 at the Serena Hotel in Dar es Salaam.

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The ***AFRICA DOWN UNDER MINING EVENT*** will be taking place 28-30 August 2013 at Pan Pacific Perth & Novotel Perth Langley, Australia. The South African export councils are supporting the event.

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The ***NACALA INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORRIDOR 2013 CONFERENCE*** will be taking place 2-5 September in Pemba, Mozambique.

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The ***3rd ANNUAL COAL MOZAMBIQUE CONFERENCE*** will take place 4-6 September in Maputo.

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The ***FIDIC WORLD CONSULTING ENGINEERING CENTENARY CONFERENCE*** will be taking place 15-18 September 2013 in Barcelona, Spain.

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The ***IPAD MOZAMBIQUE 2013*** gas and power conference and exhibition will be taking place 22-24 October at the Girassol Indy Hotel in Maputo.

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The ***4th COALTRANS MOZAMBIQUE CONFERENCE*** will be taking place 26-27 November 2013 in Maputo.

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Africa & the Global Economic Downturn

VODACOM of South Africa has registered substantial growth in its numbers of active customers in all its African markets except Tanzania. The following are the year to end March figures for 2012 and 2013:

- South Africa: up from 28 941 000 to 30 348 000
- Tanzania: down from 9 665 000 to 9 468 000
- DR Congo: up from 5 643 000 to 7 706 000
- Mozambique: up from 2 784 000 to 3 045 000
- Lesotho up from 802 000 to 1 108 000.

Whisperings - Footnotes

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 1

A representative of a major agri-industrial company reports that during numerous Africa agriculture conferences and events, representatives of European funding agencies have stated that they are no longer willing to invest in **AGRICULTURE PROJECTS** in Africa because of the perceived poor performance of African agricultural authorities.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 2

The major African airlines, *Kenya Airways*, *Ethiopian Airlines* and *South African Airways* with its affiliates have greatly improved **AIRLINE TRAVEL IN AFRICA** by increasing their African destinations and especially ensuring flights that connect West and East Africa. Nairobi, Addis Ababa and Johannesburg have become clear travel hubs.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 3

Manufacturers in the South Africa of **ICT PRODUCTS** for export into Africa complain that in some markets, the distributors they appoint are not loyal and that in those cases, it is wiser to make direct contact with the operators and service providers.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 4

Specialists in the ICT sector say that the notion that there are too many African **UNDERSEA FIBRE OPTIC CABLES** and that the market is saturated is incorrect. Critics are underestimating the growth in volumes being carried by these cables as a result of the rapid growth in demand for broadband services.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 5

A recent forum on **RUSSIA IN AFRICA** revealed that there is a new impetus on their part to resume their historical interests in Africa. This is especially the case for Angola where for example, a consortium of Russian companies and banks is implementing the *ANGOSAT* satellite communication and broadcasting system.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 6

The **TAMBO SPRINGS INLAND PORT PROJECT** in South Africa which its promoters say will be Africa's largest inland port is being planned against a backdrop of numerous transport corridor initiatives in southern and eastern Africa to reduce dependence of neighbouring countries on South African ports.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 7

There is a need for some donors to establish their own **DATABASE OF SERVICE PROVIDERS**. There is a tendency among some to use the same specialists notably for Project preparation and feasibility studies. The *World Bank* has its *Data on Consultants (DACON)* which registers eligible service providers and companies.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 8

The *Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)*, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Department of International Relations and Cooperation and the Department of Finance of South Africa are members of a special **STEERING COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATION AND PROMOTION OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR**. President *Zuma* is the champion of the N-S Corridor and hence the prioritisation of this initiative. Consideration is being given to the establishment of a seven-state treaty on the Corridor to lessen the bureaucratic procedures for its effective implementation.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 9

Participants in the recent *Africa Project Access* health sector briefing agreed that there is a particular lack of statistics and information for the **AFRICAN HEALTH SECTOR**. Economists specialising in the sector are sought.

Quotable Quotes

QUOTABLE QUOTES 1

“Agriculture in Africa is used as a vote.”

(Representative of an agri-industrial company on the tendency for agricultural subsidies to be applied before elections and then withdrawn after elections.)

QUOTABLE QUOTES 2

“What belongs to everybody is nobody’s.”

(South Sudan diplomat on the problem of communal land disputes in his country.)

QUOTABLE QUOTES 3

“We’ve had years and years of civil war. We can get through a little time without oil.”

(South Sudan diplomat on the cutting off of the northern oil export route by Sudan.)

Further Information & Indemnity

**PROJECT INFORMATION
IS AVAILABLE
FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ABOVE
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- **Petroleum Products Packaging & Logistics, Republic of the Congo**
- **Mpulungu Port Upgrading Project, Zambia**

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