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“I dream of an Africa which is in peace with itself.”
(Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela)

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Lake Albert, Uganda A Rising Economic 'Hotspot'

In February 2014, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Ugandan government and the main oil companies, *Tullow Oil plc*, *Total* of France and the *China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC)* for the implementation of a unified commercialisation plan for the estimated 3,5 billion barrels of oil reserve on the Ugandan side of Lake Albert in western Uganda. The plan comprises the development of upstream operations, the establishment of a 205 kilometre export pipeline to Mombasa and the construction of an oil refinery for the processing of the high wax content resource. The process for development of the Lake Albert fields in Uganda has been long and the all-important Petroleum, Exploration, Development and Production Act only became law in April 2013.

The refinery is the anchor Project that will galvanise numerous support industrial and infrastructure Projects. It will be built on a 29 square kilometre site in Kabaale in the Hoima District. A major sticking point however is the decision on the size of the plant. The government wants a 60 000 barrel per day facility ramping up to 120 000 barrels while the companies appear to be calling for a 20 000 barrels facility to be ramped up to 30 000 barrels. The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development and the *Uganda National Petroleum Authority* have delayed the announcement of the lead investor for the refinery. In June 2014, they selected two consortia each led by the *SK Group* of South Korea and *RT-Global Resources* of Russia. Implementation will be on the basis of a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP). The estimated cost is USD 2,5 billion. The government is formulating an incentive package but the process is dogged

by controversy over board and senior official appointments to the new *National Petroleum Authority* and the *Uganda National Oil Company*. The local media are using the term "slippery oil boards".

In 2011, the initial developer, *Tullow* undertook a farm-down of interests to the two 'big ticket' players with enough financial muscle to tackle the refinery and support Projects, *CNOOC* and *Total*. This was followed in 2012 with two production sharing agreements with government. The three main role players hold blocks EA-1, EA-1.a, Ea-2 and Kingfisher. They could spend USD 14 billion on development of the fields. Other concession-holders on the lake are *Neptune* (block 5) and *Dominion* (block 4.b). *Tower Resources* is also present. Blocks 3.b, 3.c, 3.d and 4 were still open at the time of writing.

The oil fields are located in the remote Hoima and Bulisa districts with a current population of around 100 000 but likely to grow sharply as developments proceed. A major ancillary initiative is the Lake Albert Infrastructure Project. It includes a 50-95 MW dual fuel power plant to supply electricity to the local communities and the national grid, as well as the supply of clean water to benefit some 40 000 people. The estimated cost of the Project is USD 105 million. It will start in 2015 and end in 2018. Investors and lenders are still being sought.

Some support infrastructure Projects have been undertaken, are starting or are planned. The Hoima road to Kaiso village and the Lake is a new highway that is called "the oil road". The alternative export corridor to Lamu on Kenya's northern coast is still being supported by regional governments.

Halliburton has indicated that it will be establishing a major base in the area. Accommodation is still limited but the 12-cottage *Lake Albert Safari Lodge* will be expanding. There will be a need to re-house over 4 000 families on or near the refinery site. An airport for light aircraft is also planned. Fuel storage facilities will be required.

There are a number of NGO's that are observing the Lake Albert developments including *Global Witness*, *CAFOD* of the UK and *Trocaire* of Ireland. The social environmental impact of the new developments is an important issue. There are local sensitivities and the traditional Bunyaro Kingdom will inter alia have to receive benefits.

The situation on the DR Congo side of the lake is much less certain. The lake is 160kilometres long and 32 kilometres wide with a steep topography on the DRC side that will increase the cost of development. An oil and gas policy was enacted in 2008 but new guidelines have not yet been implemented. The Ministry of Energy and

Mineral Development are drafting a new oil law. Instability in the Ituri area is another deterrent.

There are some concession disputes mainly concerning blocks 1 and 2. *Tullow* and *Heritage* have claims there. There was controversy over the award of concessions of already-concessioned acreage to *Caprikat* and *Foxwhelp* which reportedly have connections with South Africa. Block 3 is held by the South African operator, *SACOIL* while block 5 is allocated to *Dominion*. Block 4 is open. Other players include the *Divine Inspiration* consortium, *Cohydro* of the DR Congo, *SOCO* of the UK, *Tower Resources* of the UK, *Global Petroleum* of Australia, *Oil of DR Congo*, *H-Oil* and *Congo Petrol & Gas*.

We await repercussions from the recent sharp fall in the world oil price and to what extent the oil companies will reduce their operations. There are reports that *Tullow* is implementing staff cuts and has written off over USD 2 billion assigned to exploration. However, the adverse effect could be partly offset by lower operating costs.

NOTE: Africa Project Access is organising a business mission to Kampala and Lake Albert scheduled for 15-19 March 2015. The objective will be position our companies with supply of the appropriate products and services for the upcoming Projects as detailed above. APA clients and associates are welcome to contact Paul or Nicole for further details.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

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The following are APA's PLANNED GROUP VISITS FOR 2015 (subject to change):

- *15-19 March: Visit to Kampala and Lake Albert, Uganda*
- *April: Solwezi & Lumwana, North West Province, Zambia (with SA-Zambia Chamber)*
- *25 June: Visit to Saldanha Bay Port, Western Cape*
- *13-19 September: Accra and Takoradi Port, Ghana*
- *28-29 October: Visit to Mining and Oil Companies Offices in Gauteng*

On 27 January 2015, APA organised a DEVELOPMENT FINANCE FOCUS WORKSHOP for various suppliers of financial services and products to the South African export community. The objective was to produce a practical, user-friendly and easily-understood compendium of these services and products for APA clients and export council members. .

26 October to 1 November 2014, Africa Project Access led a large GROUP VISIT TO PEMBA AND PALMA, NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE. There were twenty-six delegates. The visit included meetings with Anadarko, Halliburton and site visits to industrial parks in Pemba and Palma as well as port inspections.

10-16 August 2014, Africa Project Access and the South Africa-Zambia Chamber of Commerce led a GROUP VISIT TO LUSAKA AND LUAPULA PROVINCE, ZAMBIA. There were fifteen delegates. The visit included site visits to a manganese mine, hydro power stations, agricultural and tourism Projects.

On 20 June 2014, APA led a GROUP VISIT TO RICHARDS BAY HARBOUR, KwaZulu-Natal to investigate inter alia future plans for the export of coal from Botswana and Swaziland, and the possibility of establishing the port as a supply centre for gas operations on the East Africa coast. The visit was facilitated by Trade & Investment KwaZulu-Natal.

The last FULL APA BRIEFING took place at Sage Pastel on Monday 10 November 2014 and covered the findings of the APA group visit to Pemba and Palma, Mozambique. A panel of clients from various sectors presented their impressions.

A special PORTS AND RAIL SUB-GROUP MEETING was held on Thursday 18 September 2014 at the Henley Business School. It was decided that the next meeting will include Transnet Capital Projects and the Africa Strategy of the Department of Public Enterprises.

A special SUB-GROUP MEETING ON OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE ROVUMA BASIN (PEMBA/PALMA) was held on Thursday 18 September 2014 at the Henley Business School. It was decided that the next meeting will include relevant development finance institutions, retail chains and commercial property management companies.

A WATER & SANITATION SUB-GROUP MEETING was held on Thursday 26 June 2014 at the Henley Business School. It was decided that the next meeting will include a water utility such as Rand Water or Umgeni Water, a contractor, an environmental consultancy, a logistics company and a development finance institution such as the DEG. It was also proposed that a special briefing be held on the financing of water and sanitation Projects in Africa.

A special OIL AND GAS SUB-GROUP MEETING was held on Thursday 13 March 2014 at the Henley Business School. The next meeting will include representatives of the South African Oil and Gas Alliance as well as Schlumberger.

A special MINING SUB-GROUP MEETING was held on Thursday 13 March 2014 at the Henley Business School. The next meeting will include representatives of a mining house, Renaissance Capital and other mining equity fund managers. A map of Africa with main mining areas will be produced. A tour of mining houses and international mining engineering companies with offices in Johannesburg will be arranged.

The twelfth ICT/TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB-GROUP was held on Wednesday 30 July 2014 in collaboration with the South African Electro-Technical Export Council (SAEEEC) at their offices in Midrand. A group visit to South Africa-based mining, gas and engineering companies involved in major resources Projects in Africa was discussed. It was decided that representatives of the Konza City ICT Park in Kenya will be invited to address the next meeting. It was concluded that one of the main South African mobile telecommunications operators, Convergence Partners, Technology 100 and Broadband Barn from the Western Cape will also be invited.

The APA AGRICULTURE FOCUS SUB-GROUP briefing took place at the Henley Business School on Thursday, 29 January 2015. It was agreed that the next meeting would include Deloitte, The DBSA and IDC agriculture units and agriculture fund managers.

The APA HOTELS/COMMERCIAL PROPERTY SUB-GROUP briefing was held on Thursday 29 January 2015 at the Henley Business School. It was agreed that a hotel management group such as Atterbury and African Century Properties, Remote Site Solutions and Aurecon will be invited for the next briefing.

The APA POWER SECTOR SUB-GROUP MEETING took place at the Henley Business School on Thursday 10 April 2014. It was agreed that the next meeting will include the ESKOM Division responsible for regional transmission, TransAfrica Projects, former ESKOM official, Peter O'Connor, Doug Kune, and an EPC contractor.

The APA TRANSPORT SECTOR SUB-GROUP MEETING took place at the Henley Business School on Thursday 10 April 2014. It was agreed that the next meeting will include Transnet Freight Rail, Grindrod, OneLogic and a company producing locomotives in Port Elizabeth.

The sixth APA HEALTH SECTOR SUB-GROUP MEETING was held on Wednesday 13 November 2013 at the Henley Business School. Various health and health-related Projects and initiatives were discussed. It was agreed that the APA ICT and Health sub-groups should merge for a special session on the application of ICT in the health sector and specifically remote diagnosis. The sector lead for health at the International Finance Corporation as well as a specialist on cold chain warehousing should be invited.

Africa Project Access is participating with the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce & Industry (JCCI) on a series of AFRICA MARKET FOCUS BRIEFINGS. The last was held on 17 September 2014 on the Kinshasa-Matadi and Kolwezi-Lubumbashi Corridors in the DR Congo.

The November-December 2014 edition of the London-based publication, AFRICA INVESTOR carries articles on private equity in Africa, an IFC view of development in Africa, President Mahama of Ghana, monocline insurance, the impact of Ebola and the development of malls in the continent. Paul Runge of APA has a regular projects feature in the publication, "In The Pipeline."

The May/June 2014 edition of AFRICAN TRADER carries articles on the Zimbabwean economy, the curse of natural resources, PPC's expansion into Africa, solar-powered irrigation, the potential of Nigeria and African agri-business activity.

PROJECTS

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Templates including contact details of the projects below will follow in the Africa Project Access Database in approximately 7 days.

BENIN

GASOL of the UK is negotiating with the *West Africa Gas Pipeline Company (WAPCO)* to supply **NATURAL GAS** to the power utilities of Benin and Togo (*Communauté Électrique du Benin, CEB*) and Ghana (*Volta River Authority, VRA*). It is also negotiating with funding institutions for the required finance. The company plans to situate a floating facility in the basin to be re-supplied by LNG vessel carriers. A 15-kilometre pipeline will connect the LNG basin from offshore to the West Africa Gas Pipeline. The Project will reduce dependence on diesel and liquid fuels for power generation.

CAPE VERDE

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CAMEROON

There are three contenders for the management of the **CONTAINER TERMINAL AT THE KRIBI DEEPWATER PORT**. They were selected after submissions were called for in August 2014 and are: *Bolloré/Delmas-CMA/China Harbour Engineering Company*, *APM Terminals* and *International Container Terminal Services Inc*. The Kribi port will relieve congestion at Douala Port. The government will pay an initial 50 million Euros towards the cost of the terminal. The implementing agency is the *Cameroon National Ports Authority (ONCP)*. The port is nearing completion. It will be served for heavy cargo by a new dual carriageway access road and a rail line within the context of the Mbalam-Nabeba iron ore mine.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

The Nigerian trading group, *Taleveras* has concluded an agreement with the government of Equatorial Guinea for the establishment of a major **OIL STORAGE HUB** at Punta Europa on Bioko Island. It would have a capacity of 1,3 million tons. Storage will be for a range of fuels including jet fuel. This will be the largest oil storage facility in Africa. There is a strong demand for oil and fuel storage facilities and products.

GABON

The **ALHAMBRA II SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMME** is being implemented by the state-initiated *Société Nationale des Logements Sociaux (SNLS)* at Angondjé, a suburb of Libreville, Gabon. The Programme is aimed at Gabonese whose incomes vary between 150 000 CFA and 600 000 CFA. Bank credits are not required. The units are between 90 square metres and 114 square metres. The Project includes schools, commercial areas and green belts. The country's housing deficit is estimated at around 200 000 units. As a middle-income country, Gabon has for some time been implementing middle to lower-income housing Programmes. The *Shanghai Construction Group* recently completed construction of a major sports stadium in the suburb.

GHANA

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GUINEA

Rio Tinto is addressing the problem of support transport infrastructure for the **SIMANDOU IRON ORE PROJECT** in southern Guinea. The cost of the 650 kilometre rail line with a bulk handling facility at a new port is around USD 15 billion. The main resources role players, *Rio Tinto* and *Vale* will need to collaborate to overcome the support infrastructure problems. There are efforts to create a consortium to provide the required financing. *Rio Tinto* is also proposing road transport which will entail considerable upgrading Projects.

KENYA

** A local company is offering plots for sale in the affluent neighbourhood of **WESTLANDS** in Nairobi. It is located about three kilometres from the central business district. It is one of eight administrative divisions of the city. There are a number of commercial property Projects in the area including mixed use development, office blocks and area upgrading. *Pinnacle Projects Limited* has been involved. The *Le Mac* Project entails a 22-storey Dubai-style tower for commercial and residential use. An area of 1,8 acres was excavated. It is being developed by *Mark Properties*.

The *Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC)* and the Ministry of Industry are promoting the revival of the country's **LEATHER TANNING INDUSTRY** through several Projects. Kenya has a herd of 17,5 million head of cattle. Five hundred acres have been set aside for the establishment of a leather products production plant at Kenania in Athi River. Production will be around 150 tons of raw hides per day being processed to produce shoes, bags and garments. Included are tanneries, a waste treatment plant and a

training centre. Tanneries are being established in the towns of Kajiado, Garissa, Wote, Isinaga, and Mogolio. The tannery at the Athi River prison is being expanded.

MOZAMBIQUE

The *Sena Line Construction Brigade* has stated that work to upgrade the capacity of the 575-kilometre **MOATIZE-BEIRA SENA RAIL LINE** from 6,5 MTPA to 20 MTPA should be completed before mid-2015. The USD 160 million contract includes five passing loops, new ballast, culverts, aqueducts and numerous bridges. The Project has been hampered by a shortage of stone for ballast, and the need to restore the Dona Ana bridge. In May 2014, there was a derailment reportedly due to excessive train speed. The line is serviced by around 24 trains per day. Main role players include the national transport utility, *CFM* as well as *Mota Engil* of Portugal. *Elias Xai-Xai* is a director at the *Sena Construction Brigade*. A number of observers believe that the capacity of the line is less than stated and that the termination date for the upgrade will be later than declared.

The new ports utility for Mozambique's northern ports, *Portos de Cabo Delgado (PCD)* has had the environment license for the planned **PEMBA OIL AND GAS LOGISTICS CENTRE** approved. This means that the Project can effectively proceed. It includes a 300 metre jetty, machine shops, equipment storage facilities, fabrication facilities and access roads to the 8 000 hectare site. Phase 1 is scheduled for completion by the end of 2016. The main contractor is the recently-established *ENHILS Logistics* which is a joint venture of the national hydrocarbons utility, *ENH* with 51% and *Orlean Invest* of Nigeria.

Anadarko of the USA has just begun operations at the **KIFARU-1 EXPLORATION WELL**, part of the Rovuma Basin onshore concession. The concession is situated just south of the Tanzanian border. *Wentworth Resources* of Canada also has an interest in the concession as has the national utility, *ENH*. *Anadarko* began its deepwater operations in 2010.

NIGERIA

The Nigerian authorities through their *National Automotive Council (NAC)* are registering some success with the **NATIONAL VEHICLE ASSEMBLY PLANT PROGRAMME**. The new policy and Programme was announced in 2013 and aim to revive the once-existent industry previously comprising two assembly plants. It is reported that 22 automotive firms and financial agencies have shown interest in establishing assembly plants in Nigeria and that 12 have approved their Projects. The latest development is an announcement of the return of *Volkswagen* in collaboration with the *Stallion Group* of Dubai and Nigeria. In May 2014, *Peugeot* announced a plant in Kaduna. *Foton* announced a plant in Lagos. *Dana Motors* has reportedly reached an agreement with *Kia* of South Korea. *Leyland* is being revived. *Nissan* will be producing a new line of SUV's. Some of the local motor companies are proposing assembly plants to Chinese manufacturers. Nearly 300 000 used and new motor vehicles are imported annually mainly through Benin and this is negative for the national balance of payments. The government is now protecting local manufacture of vehicles by increasing the import duties from 20% to 70%.

RWANDA

There are likely to be further infrastructure and commercial property developments at the recently inaugurated **RUSUMO BRIDGE ONE-STOP BORDER POST** over the Kagera River between Rwanda and Tanzania on the Central Corridor. The 80-metre long, 13,3 metre wide bridge replaced an older bridge. It was constructed by *Daiho Corporation* of Japan and funded by the *Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JAICA)*. The cost was about USD 24 million. The Tanzanian and Rwandan ministries of infrastructure were the governmental agencies. The border post will greatly facilitate the movement of cargo from Dar es Salaam port to Rwanda, Burundi and the Eastern DR Congo.

SENEGAL

** The Senegalese investment promotion agency, *APIX (Promotion des Investissements et Grands Travaux)* is inviting South African farmers to consider **AGRI-INDUSTRIAL PARTNERSHIPS** in Senegal. The country is a net food importer but produces livestock and poultry, peanuts, cotton, food grains, horticultural products, sugar among others. The Casamance region is a relatively fertile area in this dry Sahel belt but lacks support infrastructure.

The *International Finance Corporation (IFC)* is the lead financial arranger for the **DAKAR TOLL ROAD EXTENSION**. The current 25 kilometre Dakar-Diamniadio toll road will be extended by a further 17 kilometres. The capital will be better linked to the site of the new international airport, the coastal tourist areas and the second city of Thiès. The estimated cost is USD 150 million. Other funders are the West African regional bank and the *African Development Bank (AfDB)*. The contractors are *Eiffage* and its Senegalese affiliate, *Société Sénégalaise de l'Amiante Ciment (SENAC)*. The Project is based on a 25-year Public-Private-Partnership (PPP). The Project falls under the Emerging Senegal Plan.

SWAZILAND

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TANZANIA

The **NACHU GRAPHITE PROJECT** in south-eastern Tanzania is gaining momentum. The operator, *Magnis Resources* (formerly *Uranex*) of Australia has secured offtake agreements for supply of 200 000 tons per annum with *Sinosteel Liaoning*, *SINOMA* and *Dalian New Materials Corporation*. The resource at the mine is about 150 million tons. *Magnis* has also signed an EPC contract with *China Railway Construction Corporation*. Commercial activity should commence by the end of 2016. The mine is situated inland from Lindi and 200 kilometres by road from Mtwara. The Project therefore has relevance to the Mtwara Development Corridor.

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UGANDA

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ZAMBIA

The joint venture between the *Liquid Telecom Group* and the *Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC)*, *CEC Liquid Telecom Zambia* has commenced building the 500 kilometre **LUSAKA-LIVINGSTONE FIBRE OPTIC LINK**. It will pass through the towns of Kafue, Mazabuka, Monza, Choma and Kalomo. The Project will provide ICT capacity to the less developed southern part of the country. The line will also link to *Liquid Telecom's* fibre optic network in Zimbabwe.

ZIMBABWE

PowerTel Communications is undertaking a Programme of expansion of the **NATIONAL FIBRE OPTIC BACKBONE AND BROADBAND NETWORKS** throughout the country. Initial priorities are the Harare-Mutare and Bulawayo-Beitbridge links. The former would permit access to the *EASSY* undersea cable off the Mozambican coast. The Beitbridge link will ensure a high-speed link to South Africa. There is a possibility that the company will become Zimbabwe's fourth mobile telecommunications operator with *Econet*, *Telecel* and *NetOne*. The regulatory authority is the *Posts and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (Potraz)*. *PowerTel* is a subsidiary of the *Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (ZESA)*.

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTION, HOTELS, LEISURE DEVELOPMENTS AND TOURISM-RELATED PROJECTS

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

** A local company is offering plots for sale in the affluent neighbourhood of **WESTLANDS** in Nairobi. It is located about three kilometres from the central business district. It is one of eight administrative divisions of the city. There are a number of commercial property Projects in the area including mixed use development, office blocks and area upgrading. *Pinnacle Projects Limited* has been involved. The *Le Mac* Project entails a 22-storey Dubai-style tower for commercial and residential use. An area of 1,8 acres was excavated. It is being developed by *Mark Properties*.

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The **ALHAMBRA II SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMME** is being implemented by the state-initiated *Société Nationale des Logements Sociaux (SNLS)* at Angondjé, a suburb of Libreville, Gabon. The Programme is aimed at Gabonese whose incomes vary between 150 000 CFA and 600 000 CFA. Bank credits are not required. The units are between 90 square metres and 114 square metres. The Project includes schools, commercial areas and green belts. The country's housing deficit is estimated at around 200 000 units. As a middle-income country, Gabon has for some time been implementing middle to lower-income housing Programmes. The *Shanghai Construction Group* recently completed construction of a major sports stadium in the suburb.

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

The *Pearson Group* of the UK (owner of the *Financial Times*) has created a 10 million British Pound fund to invest in **PRIVATE SCHOOLS** in Africa and Asia. The sharp increase in the number of private schools in Africa has led to new interest by private equity investors. The *International Finance Corporation (IFC)* has produced reports on private education in the continent.

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USEFUL WEBSITES

Updates on **HYDRO** and renewable energy Projects can be found on www.hydro4africa.net

ICT INITIATIVES in Africa can be found on www.itnewsafrika.com

A high resolution **MAP OF AFRICAN POLITICAL LEADERS** can be found on www.docdroid.net

The website for the **HOMECOMING REVOLUTION**, the “Brain Gain Company” for Africa and the African diaspora is www.homecomingrevolution.com The organisation was established in 2003 and concentrates on South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda and Ghana. It inter alia identifies work opportunities for Africans returning to the continent.

OIL IN UGANDA is a newspaper format bulletin on a wide range of developments including Projects and social developments in the Lake Albert area. www.oilinuganda.org

An interesting **WEEKLY CHRONOLOGY** of political and economic developments in Africa is produced by *Africa Risk Consulting* of London. The website is www.africariskconsulting.com Contact: tara@africaconsulting.com

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POWER SYSTEMS of the *ACTOM Group* has completed a contract for the supply of substations to the Kibali gold mine in the DR Congo.

TRAVEL NOTES

Experienced Africa travellers know that it is unwise to travel to markets during and around **ELECTIONS**. The followed are scheduled elections in 2015: Zambia (20 January), Comoros (25 January), Nigeria (14 February), Central African Republic (February – to be confirmed), Togo (March), Sudan (2 April), Burundi (26 June), Somaliland (June), Côte d’Ivoire (October), Tanzania (October)Burkina Faso (November).

A method of obtaining **VISAS FOR MORE STRINGENT AFRICAN MARKETS** is to register for officially approved conferences and exhibitions. An example is the Lubango International Business Forum in Angola to be held sometime in 2015. The process for obtaining visas for Angola is usually arduous.

A recommended bed and breakfast in **WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA** is *Jordani*, telephone 264 61 220141, e-mail: jordani@iway.na

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The recent **TORRENTIAL RAINS** in central and northern Mozambique as well as Malawi have damaged roads, rail lines and bridges.

Note: APA has a number of photos available to clients on request.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

The **LUBANGO INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS FORUM** in southern Angola is being promoted by the Huila provincial government and will be held during 2015. The theme will be “Angola Invests”. Dates and details have yet to be conformed.

The **MINING INDABA 2015** will be taking place 9-12 February at the Cape Town Convention Centre.
Contact: website: www.miningindaba.com

BREAKBULK AFRICA will be taking place 16-19 February 2015 at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg.

Website: www.breakbulk.com/africa

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The AFRICA ENERGY INDABA 2015 will be taking place 16-20 February 2015 at the Sandton Convention Centre. APA will be running an Energy Projects Roundtable on 19 February 2015. The event will feature the US-supported Power Africa Programme.

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The Afrika Verein of Germany is organising a conference **MANAGING RISK IN AFRICA** in Munich on 25 February.

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The South Africa-Zambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry is organising the DOING BUSINESS IN ZAMBIA conference with focus on property development, the built environment and manufacturing. It will take place on 26 February 2015 at the FNB Conference Centre in Sandton.

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The **PROPAK EAST AFRICA 2015** exhibition and conference for packaging, labels, food processing, printing and plastics industries will be taking place 17-19 March 2015 at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre in Nairobi.

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NUCLEAR AFRICA 2015 conference and exhibition will be taking place 18-20 March 2015 in Midrand.

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The **WATER SHOW AFRICA** exhibition will be taking place 24-25 March 2015 at the Sandton Convention Centre.

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The **BRAZIL IN MOZAMBIQUE WEEK** will be held 11-18 April 2015 in Maputo.

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The **EAST AFRICA PROPERTY INVESTMENT SUMMIT** will be held 15-16 April 2015 at the Villa Rosa Kempinski Hotel in Nairobi.

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The **ONSHORE GAS AFRICA CONFERENCE** will be taking place 21-22 April 2015 at the Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel in Sandton.

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The **GHANA OIL & GAS SUMMIT** will be taking place 21-23 April 2015 at the Accra International Conference Centre.

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The **AFRICA UTILITY WEEK 2015** will be taking place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre 12-14 May.

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The GAS AFRICA CONFERENCE will be taking place 23-24 June 2014 at the Maslow Hotel in Johannesburg.

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WATER AFRICA & WEST AFRICA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION 2015 will take place 24-26 June at the Accra International Conference Centre in Ghana.

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The **4TH ANNUAL AFRICAN RAILWAY SUMMIT** is scheduled to take place in November 2015 (day to be finalised) at the Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel in Johannesburg.

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AFRICA & THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

The *African Development Bank (AfDB)* estimates that **AFRICA'S MIDDLE CLASS** has been growing 3,2% since 1983. It also estimates the current number of middle class Africans to be around 300 million. However, 150 million of these are considered "floating" in that adverse developments could see them drop from the middle class ranking.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTES

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The recent MOU between *Ncondezi Mining* of the UK and *Shanghai Electric Power* of China effectively marks **CHINESE ENTRY INTO THE ZAMBEZI VALLEY COAL SCENARIO**. While Indian companies are now prominent in the area, China has to date been surprisingly reticent. *SEP* will become the controlling shareholder in the 300 MW mine-mouth coal-fired power plant.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 2

Some of the South African public have complained that *ESKOM* and South Africa is continuing **ELECTRICITY EXPORTS TO NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES** in the face of rolling load-shedding domestically. They should bear in mind that South Africa also imports power from its neighbours and that when it load-sheds internally, it also load-sheds its foreign clients. The country imports nearly 12 billion kilowatt hours annually and exports around 15 billion kWh. The import of electricity from the Cahora Bassa hydro plant as well as gas-for-power from the Pande and Temane fields in Mozambique is particularly important.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 3

The *Home coming Revolution* organisation for returning African diaspora has rated the top hundred **SECONDARY SCHOOLS** (private and religious) in Africa. South Africa is an obvious number one in sub-Saharan Africa according to number of private schools followed by Zimbabwe (13), Kenya (8), Ghana (6), Uganda (4), Nigeria (4), Ethiopia (3), Senegal (3), Tanzania (3), Malawi (2), Mauritius (2), Sierra Leone (2), Côte d'Ivoire (1, although this country has a particularly high private school enrolment rate), Namibia (1), Mali (1), Niger (1), Guinea (1), Madagascar (1). There is a particularly strong growth in the number of new low-fee private schools.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 4

There will be particular interest in the **COTE D'IVOIRE ELECTIONS** due to be held in October 2015. The mainly southern opposition *Front Populaire Ivoirien (FDI)* of former prime minister *Pascal N'Guessan* is calling for the release from prison of some of its leaders and elimination of sanctions on the party ahead of the elections. This party of former president *Laurent Gbagbo* could have enough support to influence the election operations. It boycotted the 2011 parliamentary elections and in the 2001 elections, won 96 of 225 seats.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 5

Cameroon will be raising finance of around USD 580 million for infrastructure Projects through the issue of **TREASURY BILLS AND MEDIUM-TERM BONDS**. African countries including Zambia and Rwanda have registered considerable success in raising such finance.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 6

The turbulence in the **MINING SECTOR** continues. Recent developments include cash flow problems at *Beacon Hill* which operates the Minas Moatize and Changara coal Projects in Mozambique as well as attempts by *Iluka Resources* of Australia to take over *Kenmare Resources*.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 7

The recent sharp drop in **GLOBAL PRICES FOR OIL, COPPER, IRON ORE** and other resources is bound to have a restraining effect on oil and mining Projects in sub-Saharan Africa. Already companies are announcing cuts in spending and staff. The adverse effect may however be partly offset by lower operating costs.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 8

The recent **TORRENTIAL RAINS** in central and northern Mozambique as well as Malawi have damaged roads, rail lines and bridges. A number of Project teams have been compelled to stall their operations and wait until the waters recede and working conditions re-develop.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 9

The Angolan Ministry of Transport forecasts that in 2015, the newly reconstructed **BENGUELA RAIL LINE** will carry 20 million tons of cargo. The new route will further reduce dependence by DR Congo and Zambian copper producers on South African ports.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 10

There is considerable controversy over the supply of **SEEDS** in agricultural economies such as Kenya. Seed supply relates closely to food security. NGO's such as *Agra Watch* are objecting to the high cost of seeds supplied by international groups such as *Monsanto*. They have been petitioning the Kenyan government over the recent presence of the Indian group in Kenya. The position regarding the import of GM crops is also far from settled.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

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“Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.”
(Victor Borge)

QUOTABLE QUOTES 2

“Without the railroad, the Congo is not worth a penny.”
(HM Stanley, 19th century explorer.)

QUOTABLE QUOTES 3

“My generation’s been through a time machine that’s left our parents in the old world and put our children in the new one.”

QUOTABLE QUOTES 4

“”We have been resourced for a level of activity that is vaporising as we speak.”
(Former employee of an oil and gas-specialised company on the sudden down-scaling of operations and staff following the recent fall in the world oil prices.)

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