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

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Oil & Gas Services Centres in Sub-Saharan Africa

Despite the sharp fall in the world oil price, African governments appear to be moving ahead with oil and gas services centres. These centres constitute ports servicing current and new oil and gas fields which are being expanded into full services centres with support infrastructure including power and water supply and access roads. These improvements are accompanied by major developments in social amenities including housing, hotel and retail centres. This is in addition to expansion at the ports themselves including the installation of bulk handling facilities.

The following is a selection of these oil and gas services centres which constitute economic 'hotspots' offering a range of greenfields Projects.

The two centres of current interest in South Africa are Saldanha Bay and Richards Bay.

The preferred bidders for the one-stop Saldanha Bay oil services and rig repair centre are scheduled to be announced in September 2015. The Requests-for-Proposals pertain to a 380-metre long and 21 metre deep berth to service and repair deepwater rigs operating in the Gulf of Guinea. A supply base for equipment and other requirements will also be established. Support infrastructure such as cranes and warehouses will be installed to service oil vessels as well as rigs. . The oil, gas and marine repair industry cluster envisages maintenance and repair of offshore drilling units, a ship repair yard, a service base, a multi-user fabrication and storage yard of 25-100 hectares, a regional oil disaster response base and communal/support services. The new industrial development zone (IDZ) is being set up as a duty-free base for support industries. The cost is around R6 billion and the Project is scheduled for completion early in 2018. There have been a number of lease agreements signed with international oil and gas companies as well as joint ventures concluded between South African and international companies. A R200 million

investment by a global oil services company was also mentioned.

Transnet National Ports Authority hopes to increase the throughput of coal exported from Richards Bay from 92 million tons per annum to 120 million. There are six coal berths but five more could be added to handle coal from Botswana. An additional coal facility is included in the Long-Term Plan to 2040. A major constraint is insufficient rail capacity. An area of the harbour has been reserved for LNG handling. Studies are underway to determine the port's capacity to handle LNG. The IDZ is also considering establishing itself as a supply point for the LNG Projects in northern Mozambique and southern Tanzania. A Request for Proposals was issued for the establishment of a large vessel and rig repair facility but the response from the private sector was insufficient and a further RFP will be announced. The Long-Term Plan to 2040 also includes a new breakbulk terminal, a new bulk liquids terminal, a new dry bulk terminal, a rail infrastructure upgrade and a new local depot. The expansion of Richards Bay port is dependent upon prior commitment from customers. The long-term plan entails expenditure of R 30 billion and the risk cannot be undertaken without client pledges. The *TNPA* may have to re-examine the feasibility studies and downsize accordingly. The Richards Bay IDZ will be developed in three phases and will cover an area of 172 hectares close to the harbour. *Tata Steel* has taken 54 hectares and there is a new investment from an unnamed investor totalling R2,5 billion. *RBT Grindrod Terminals* is examining the possibility of establishing an inland coal terminal for junior (BEE) miners. It is not clear whether this will include junior operators in Botswana and Swaziland. The intention is to consolidate the coal and export it via Richards Bay.

The Namibians have long identified opportunities arising from the development of Walvis Bay port into a services centre for the oil

operators in the Gulf of Guinea and the establishment of the SADC Gateway Terminal covering 1 330 hectares.. They have the advantages of proximity and an efficient port utility.

A 40 hectare new container terminal costing R4 billion will be commissioned in 2017 plus a 600 metre quay wall constructed. A loan has been approved by the *African Development Bank*. This will increase the port's container handling capacity from 350 000 TEU's per annum to 750 000 and eventually 1,05 million. The current terminal will be converted into a multi-purpose facility. An additional 10 000 metre wall will be built and 30 berths established. (The transport of coal from Botswana on the TransKalahari route is envisaged.) A R30 billion tanker jetty is planned for 2016. Phase 2 provides for a dry bulk terminal. Phase 3 provides for a coal terminal and ship and additional rig repair facilities. An industrial park and zone is planned for an area situated east of Dune 7 near Walvis Bay.

The major Rovuma Basin gas find spanning the territorial waters of northern Mozambique and southern Tanzania has led to important developments in Pemba, Palma and Mtwara. A major LNG plant is planned for Palma.

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.

The planned Palma industrial park and complex will cover an area of 18 000 hectares. It will be divided into the industrial park (4 923 hectares), a business centre (609), a congress centre (534), services and commercial centre (256), housing and equipment storage (3 532), tourism buildings (179), leisure and sports(3 276) and an ecological park (2 880). The urban development plan for the complex is being finalised. The implementing agency, *ENH Logistics* has established an interim camp site in Palma. *African Century Real Estate (ACRE) Mocambique* is coordinating the

construction of the park. The park will comprise twenty-one warehouses each with an area of 40x15 metres.

Mtwara port's capacity will be expanded to about 28 million tons per annum. The implementing agency is the *Tanzania Port Authority (TPA)*. Most bidding companies have been from Asia but others are local and from the Netherlands. The government has earmarked an investment of USD 214 million for the port. 263 hectares have been secured for expansion. The port will be able to berth seven ships from the current four. 100 hectares will be for a free port zone and 400 hectares for oil and gas processing. The preliminary survey was under taken with Japanese funding. A land area has been demarcated for the establishment of support infrastructure as well as an industrial zone and four additional berths are being planned. The port will be converted from a small, traditional cashew nut export point to a logistics centre for the future natural gas developments in the Rovuma Basin. Public Private Partnerships (PPP's) are being offered to potential investors. The Mtwara Municipality in southern Tanzania is updating the Mtwara city master plan. The current plans are for an upgrade to city status. The area of administration has been increased. Ten thousand new plots have been identified and for each 1 000 plots, support infrastructure such as offices and a school or clinic will be built.

In West Africa, there is much focus on the 'new' oil producers, Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire.

The development of the port city of Takoradi which is also the centre of Ghana's oil and gas industry is gathering momentum. *Lonrho Ports* has announced that it will be developing a Freeport close to Takoradi. The *Huasheng Jiangquan Group* of China has also announced that it will be investing USD 2 billion for the development of an industrial park in Shama in the Western Region near the city. There are a number of other support Projects including the Sekondi-Takoradi slum upgrading initiative and the Sister City Programme. An enterprise development centre in Takoradi has recently been inaugurated. The established industrial area is at the other main port of Tema. The Sekondi-Takoradi industrial city Project is being funded under a loan facility approved by the *China Development Bank* and a 2 million Cedi grant from the *Urban Development Grant (UDG)*. The Project will develop the free zone and revive the

western rail system. *Viking Offshore Support Services* have concluded an agreement with the *Ghana Ports and Harbours Assembly* for a long lease to develop the oil services base, (Petronia City). The Takoradi port development Project is scheduled to be completed in 2016. The cost is USD 197 million. New facilities will include a break water extension, dredging, land reclamation and bulk handling berths for bauxite, manganese and clinker. The port will become a one-stop terminal for maritime, oil, petroleum and gas operations. The King's City mixed-use commercial property development is being planned for a site close to Sekondo-Takoradi. The Project includes a new urban centre, 24 000 residences, light industrial installations and warehousing. The contractor is the *Renaissance Africa Group* of Ghana. *DLC Africa Town Planners* are coordinating the Project. The environment impact assessments have been completed and initial land secured.

The cocoa and coffee exporting port of San Pedro in western Côte d'Ivoire is expanding beyond its historic role. It has earmarked 2 000 hectares of unused land for development. The state oil company, *Petroci* and the *Port Autonome de San Pedro* are partnering for the construction of a new refined fuels terminal with a storage capacity of 50 000 tons. The duration is 36 months and construction should begin in 2015. The cost is approximately USD 63 million. The production will also be exported to neighbouring countries. There is much emphasis on the rehabilitation and expansion of the country's second port to handle the increasing mining production in the west of the country as well as the upcoming oil industry.

Oil with a high wax content has been discovered in Lake Albert. The Uganda side of the lake is being developed well ahead of the DR Congo side.

A major ancillary initiative to the exploitation of gas in Lake Albert is the Lake Albert infrastructure Project in the Hoima and Bulisa districts of western Uganda. 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.

The Ugandan authorities through the Ministry of Energy have delayed the announcement of the lead investor for the oil refinery to handle production from the Lake Albert fields. A 29 square kilometre area in the Hoima District in north-western Uganda near the lake has been selected. In June 2014, selected two consortia were selected 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 government is formulating an incentive package. The estimated cost of the Project is USD 2,5 billion. It includes the refinery and storage facilities in Hoima, a terminal near Kampala linked to a 205-kilometre pipeline.

Traditional oil producers such as Nigeria, Angola and Cameroon continue developing centres.

In Nigeria, the launch of the Delta Gas Revolution Industrial City and Ogidigben Export Processing Zone Project has been delayed. The governmental implementing agencies in the Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) are the Ministry of Petroleum Resources and the Delta State Government. The main contractor is *Julius Berger*. The total cost is estimated at USD 16 billion. The site is approximately 220 kilometres south-east of Lagos and 60 kilometres west of Warri in Delta State. It is on the east bank of the Escravos River and close to the ocean. The Project includes a marine university and a 150 MW independent power plant. The Gas City will be developed around a major gas processing facility that will supply gas for power and for fertilizer and petro-chemicals. The Project forms part of the Nigeria Gas Master Plan.

In Angola, development of Porto Amboim situated in Kwanza Sul Province between Luanda and Lobito (about 220 kilometres south of Luanda) as a major oil and gas logistics base could take off in 2017. *Sonangol* and *Esso* are developing large offshore oil deposits in the vicinity and this will contribute to the town's growth. *Paenal* (joint venture of Sonangol) and *Heerema* have established two major fabrication yards in Porto Amboim. Africa's largest crane capable of lifting cargo up to 2 500 tons and designed by a Japanese company was installed in 2013 in the port. *Gauff Engineering* is preparing a water supply system for the town.

Phase 2 of the Kribi deep sea port in Cameroon will entail the construction of new terminals as well as the establishment of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ). The terminals will be required by 2018. Studies are underway for the development of specialised industrial zones. Phase 1 of the Project is expected to be completed by mid-2014. The implementing agency is the Cameroon National Ports Authority (ONCP).

New centres are being established elsewhere in Central Africa.

In Equatorial Guinea, the Nigerian trading group, *Taleveras* has concluded an agreement with the government 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.

The development of these oil and gas services centres may however be delayed as a result of the sharp fall in the world oil price and also because of high operational costs.

PROJECTS

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ANGOLA

Reports on the date of commencement of operations for the 6 165-kilometre **SOUTH ATLANTIC CABLE SYSTEM (SACS, Sistema de Cabo do Atlantico Sul)** linking Sangano near Luanda, Angola with a data centre in Fortaleza, Brazil differ. Some indicate mid-2015 while others refer to the end of 2016. The 4-fibre pair cable is being implemented by *Angola Cables*. *NEC Corporation* has the supply contract. The cost of construction is estimated at USD 278 million. A guarantee has been issued by the Angolan government. The cable will avoid having to send data through Europe and the USA. It will link from Fortaleza to Miami and the *Cable of the Americas*. It will also have onward connectivity to the *SAT-3/WASC* cable. The *South Atlantic Express Cable* is scheduled to enter into service in 2017.

Plans are underway for the expansion of the **LUANDA MEDICAL CENTRE (LMC)** into a multi-disciplinary 250-bed surgical-diagnostic hospital for the capital. It will have two modern operating theatres and a diagnostic laboratory. The value of the Project is estimated at USD 30 million. The Project is being implemented by Swiss-based *Vital Capital Fund* in partnership with the *Mitrelli Group* and *CURE Healthcare Management Services (CHMS)* and with the support of the Ministry of Health.

The Namibian government has bought land in Luanda and is planning a nine-floor **TRADE HUB** in the Talatona suburb. The investment will be approximately USD 25 million. The agreement was signed in Angola by the visiting Namibian Minister of Trade and Industry. The two countries have formed a Joint Permanent Commission for Cooperation. The Namibians also wish to establish a trade hub in Lubango to assist with the distribution of Namibian goods and services in Angola. The Angolan partner is its Ministry of Industry.

CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)

There are reports that a South Africa-based consortium has proposed the construction of a **NEW BRIDGE OVER THE LUAPULA RIVER** to establish a more direct link between Luapula Province in Zambia and Lubumbashi in Katanga, DR Congo. The river marks the border between the two countries. The port town of Kasenga on the Luapula River is only 200 kilometres from Lubumbashi. There is already a recently-built bridge over the river at Chembe in the south of Luapula Province.

Production at the **MPOKOTO GOLD PROJECT** in the west of Katanga Province is scheduled to start in 2016. The Project is being operated by *Armada Mining* of the UK. The metallurgical tests have been positive and the complete definitive feasibility study is being finalised. Further drilling will take place and a processing plant developed. The initial lifespan of the Project is nine years. The initial start-up cost is USD 20 million. The resource is estimated at 678 100 ounces. The Project is held 20% by the state mining company. The Project is situated 25 kilometres from the Zambian border and close to the rail leading to the border town of Dilolo on the Lobito Corridor line in Angola.

CONGO (REPUBLIC)

The Congo government has received funding from the *African Development Bank (AfDB)* for the **DOLISIE DRY PORT PROJECT** and has issued a call for expressions of interest from consulting firms for the detailed study. The Project is a component of the Libreville-Brazzaville-Pointe Noire Corridor. The funds will also cover the cost of development of the Ndendé-Doussala-Dolisie road. The Dolisie section of the Corridor in Niari Province of south-western Congo is seen as the missing link. A dry port is also planned for Ndendé in Gabon. The Gabon government received 80 million Euros from the *AfDB* for the feasibility study for this Project.

COTE D'IVOIRE

Taruga Gold of Australia is undertaking geological mapping, rock and sediment sampling for the development of its 400 square kilometre **MANKONO GOLD CONCESSION** in central Côte d'Ivoire. The company also has six gold concessions in the area. It is collaborating with *Resolute Mining* also of Australia on some of these. The company will spend USD 3 million on further exploration over the next four years.

ETHIOPIA

The Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Construction is preparing a 205 million Birr ten-year **NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME**. The objective is to construct 150 000 buildings in 248 towns. The National Programme will be divided into two sub-Programmes: the Construction Industry Competitiveness Programme and the Building Construction Competitiveness and Implementation Capacity Programme. A civil engineering and research and design centre will be established.

KENYA

The final investment decision on the **TURKANA OIL PROGRAMME** in northern Kenya could be taken in 2016. The operators and concession-holders, the 50/50 joint venture of *Tullow Oil* and *Africa Oil* have indicated that they require an oil price of around USD 80 per barrel. Eight wells will be drilled in 2015 and 2016. Estimates of the resource vary between 600 million and one billion barrels. There are also plans for a 550 MW gas-to-power plant. The Kenyan government through the Ministry of Energy is raising funds for investments in the development of the oil fields. It will also introduce new oil and gas legislation soon. It

has been in discussions with the Norwegian government regarding access by Norwegian firms to the oil concessions. Other operators in the area are *Marathon Oil* and *Taipan* of Canada. The latter is working on the oil finds in the neighbouring Mandera County.

Construction of the **LAMU COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT** on Kenya's northern coast is scheduled to begin in October 2015. The estimated total cost is about USD 1,8 billion. The 25-year BOO concession was awarded to the *Amu Power* consortium comprising *Gulf Energy* and *Centum Energy* of Kenya. The consortium also includes a number of Chinese contractors such as *Sichuan Electric Power*. Coal will be imported from South Africa until the Mui Basin coalfields in Kitui country are developed. Apart from the power plant, the Project includes a jetty and housing complex for 300 workers. There will also be a range of support industries and agricultural Projects. A power purchase agreement will be concluded with *Kenya Power* with the approval of the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum.

The Ministry of Energy has announced that three firms have pre-qualified for the **MUI BASIN COAL FIELDS PROJECT** in Kitui. The three consortia are *TransCentury Investments* with *Continental Coal* and *Power Machines*; *Liketh Investments* with *HCIG Energy Investments*; and *China Northeast Electric Power Engineering Corporation* with the *China Coal Technology & Engineering Group*. The Ministry estimates the coal reserves in the Basin at one billion tons. Some of the production has been reserved for future supply to the planned Lamu power plant. The Mui Basin has been divided into eight sub-basins.

The Nigeria-based can manufacturer, *GZ Industries* is planning the construction of a **CAN PRODUCTION PLANT** on a 50 acre plot on the Arusha highway at Kajiado situated 80 kilometres south of Nairobi. The production target is 1,2 billion cans per annum and the cans will be distributed in Kenya and the regional East African markets. Full operations are expected to start in early 2018. The cost is estimated at USD 100 million. The environment impact assessment has been submitted to the *National Environment Authority (NEMA)*.

The *National Cement Company* of Kenya is expanding its **ATHI RIVER CEMENT GRINDING PLANT** to achieve a capacity of 1,7 million tons per annum which is a five times increase on current capacity. The plant is situated some 40 kilometres south of Nairobi. USD 70 million has been raised mainly from the *International Finance Corporation (IFC)*. Cement consumption in Kenya has been increasing at around 12% annually over the past few years. Much cement is imported and this Project will represent a major import replacement. The company will also be building a 15 MW coal fired plant at Kajiado as part of its expansion.

MOZAMBIQUE

The *Sub-Saharan Regional Pipeline Corporation (SSRPC)* is investing approximately USD 300 million for the rehabilitation of the 350 kilometre N 303 **TETE PROVINCE-ZAMBEZI RIVER ROAD** that links Tete to the point on the Zambezi River where the borders with Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Zambia meet. It will replace the current dirt road and greatly facilitate the flow of goods especially as it provides an effective link to the Nacala rail line. The road will be widened, signage will be installed as well as drainage. Nineteen new bridges will be built. Zimbabwe-based suppliers will especially benefit. Copper exports from Zambia also now have a new and more cost-effective route. *Louis Berger* has been awarded the USD 7,6 million consultancy contract for the Project which entails the environmental impact assessments and resettlement studies.

The *Empresa de Desinvolvimento de Maputo Sul (EDMS)* has begun the resettlement of households affected by the imminent construction of the 680 metre **MAPUTO-KATEMBE BRIDGE** that will link the north and south banks of Maputo Bay. The Project will include two towers and two blocks. The bridge will link to the Maputo ring road which is nearing completion. The construction contract was won by *China Road & Bridge Corporation*. The Project has been delayed by the resettlement that concerns about 2 300 people.

NAMIBIA

Tenders from consultants were invited by the Ministry of Finance with the Ministry of Transport for feasibility studies for a **COMMUTER RAILWAY SERVICE** linking the city of Windhoek with key suburbs such as Katutura, nearby towns such as Okahandja and the international airport. Thirteen firms have initially bid for the undertaking of the preliminary studies. The Project falls under the *City of Windhoek* City Transport Master Plan. *TransNamib* will supply the rolling stock. There has been a strong increase in traffic congestion in the rapidly growing capital.

The Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources of Namibia and the government of Spain have inaugurated the **INLAND AQUACULTURE CENTRE** at Katima Mulilo in northern Namibia. Spain is contributing 16 million Namibian Dollars towards the Project. The production of catfish and tilapia will be stimulated. The production capacity will be 1,5 million fingerlings.

NIGERIA

Hilton Worldwide is undertaking a **HOTELS PROGRAMME** in Nigeria. The 250-room *Hilton Lagos Airport* is now scheduled to open late 2017 or early 2018. Other parties involved include the Ministry of Aviation, *Aero Marine* and *Global Trade & Investment*. The 220-room *Hilton Garden Inn* situated 1,5 kilometres from the Lagos airport terminal is scheduled to open mid-2017. Management will be by *Oneplus Holdings* of Nigeria. *Hilton* has another four hotel Projects under construction in Nigeria. There is a particular need for hotel accommodation in the Lagos airport vicinity.

SENEGAL

The feasibility study for the 850 kilometre **DAKAR-TAMBACOUNDA-ZIGUINCHER RAIL LINE** has been completed. The cost is estimated at USD 500 million. The line would link the capital with the resource-rich southern Casamance Province. The line would facilitate transport of resources from the mining area of Tambacounda and the agriculturally rich Casamance. The government is attempting to promote tourism in Casamance which has fallen off in recent years.

The Senegalese government and the *African Development Bank (AfDB)* have launched the third phase of the multi-donor **PEPAM PROGRAMME (MILLENNIUM POTABLE WATER & SANITATION PROGRAMME)**. The bank has allocated an amount of 29 billion CFA. The urban component is for the cities of Dakar and Ziguinchor while the rural areas of Louga, Linguère, Kaffrine and Tambacounda have been targeted. Pumping and purification stations will be established as well as latrines, wells and pipe networks. The Programme is being piloted in Senegal with the intention of replicating it in other countries that are water stressed.

SOUTH AFRICA

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The Independent Power Production (*IPP*) office at the Department of Energy has issued a Request for Information (RFI) from consultants regarding the effective implementation of **GAS-TO-POWER PROJECTS**. The department has indicated that a tender for 3 000 MW of gas-to-power could be issued by the end of 2015. The Projects would necessitate the importation from neighbouring countries of LNG and import terminals and pipelines. The gas-to-power initiative falls under the Independent Power Producer

Procurement Programme and the Integrated Resource Plan 2010-2030. President *Zuma* announced the future gas-to-power strategy during the recent state of the nation address.

SWAZILAND

The *Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA)* and the *Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC)* have been long promoting the **MPAKA THERMAL POWER PLANT** in eastern Swaziland. The coal reserves in the Mpaka area are estimated at 150 million tons. The planned capacity of the plant is 1 000 MW. A pre-feasibility study on the Project was undertaken some five years ago. Private investors are sought for a 25-year Public Private Partnership (PPP). Production would be used to offset imports and to supply the *SADC* grid.

TANZANIA

Orca Exploration will be expanding the infrastructure at the **SONGO SONGO GAS PROJECT**. The company hopes to increase natural gas production that will be supplied to the *Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC)* and local industry. The cost of the upgrade is estimated at about USD 120 million. The owners of *Songas* are *Orca*, *PanAfrica Energy* and *TANESCO*. The *International Finance Corporation (IFC)* has been approached for funding. The Project will be implemented from the end of 2015 to mid-2016. A new offshore well will be drilled and two existing wells will be upgraded. Songo Songo is producing less than the *Songas* capacity of 102 MMcfd.

UGANDA

The Ministry of Energy has included six petroleum blocks in Uganda's first competitive licensing round aimed at implementation of the **NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAMME**. The concessions are offered for an area of 3 000 square kilometres in the Albertine Graben area. The wards should be made by the end of 2015. Over four hundred companies have shown interest. About ten percent of the area has already been licensed following the initial oil discovery in 2006. The completion of the creation of the *National Petroleum Regulatory Authority* as well as *Uganda National Oil Company* are still awaited.

ZAMBIA

CEC Liquid Telecom is investing USD 15 million in the **FIBRE TO THE HOME PROJECT (FTTH)** that will connect 20 000 premises in Lusaka by the end of 2015. Some businesses and homes have already been connected in Long Acres, Rhodes Park and other suburbs. Up to 100 megabits will be provided. A pilot Project was completed last year. The company is also involved in a new fibre link between Lusaka and Victoria Falls. The company is a joint venture between the *Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC)* and the *Liquid Telecom Group*.

In 2011, *First Quantum Minerals Limited* of Canada closed its Bwana Mkubwa copper mine and smelter in Ndola due to the exhaustion of the resource. There are now reports that the area will be used for the development of a **HOUSING ESTATE**. The mine was opened in 1902 and is the oldest in Zambia's copperbelt. There is a substantial rental market in the area but Zambia-based banks need to establish a comprehensive mortgage product for their clients. The government has identified the need for 1,3 million new housing units by 2030.

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Kasenga on the Luapula River is only 200 kilometres from Lubumbashi. There is already a recently-built bridge over the river at Chembe in the south of Luapula Province.

There are long-mooted reports that Zambia is considering the construction of a **COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT**. The country relies mainly on hydro power. In 2013, *Nava Bharat* of Singapore and *Maamba Collieries* stated that they would be building a 300 MW coal-fired power plant. In the same year, *Vedanta Resources/Konkola Copper Mine/Emco Energy* stated that it could build a coal-fired power plant in the Sinazongwe district of Southern Province where it was exploring for coal. *Konkola* is one of the country's biggest power consumers. Also in 2013,

The local independent power producer, *Western Power Limited* is planning the construction of the 50 MW **SIOMA POWER PLANT** in the Western Province. The cost is estimated at USD 200 million. Completion is scheduled for 2018. The power will be supplied to the national utility, ZESCO. The *Rural Electrification Authority* (REA) is also supporting the Project. A loan of USD 1,5 million has been secured from the *Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)*. The *National Pension Scheme Authority* is being approached for part funding.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock is promoting an **AQUACULTURE VALUE CHAIN PRODUCTION PROGRAMME** in the North West Province. The Solwezi and Kasempa areas have been earmarked. The fish population of the province is estimated at 2,5 million. The aim is to improve food security and stimulate production from small farmers. There is an existing aquaculture Project in the Lumwana area.

ZIMBABWE

The Zimbabwe investment firm, *Masawara Plc* is undertaking a new feasibility study for the **LUPANE METHANE GAS PROJECT** in north-western Zimbabwe. There is thought to be a reserve of 13 trillion cubic feet of coal bed methane gas. The gas will be used inter alia for power to the firm's *Sable Chemicals* plant. This will facilitate the production of fertilizer. There are reports of interest from Chinese and Indian companies.

REGIONAL

The Independent Power Production (*IPP*) office at the Department of Energy has issued a Request for Information (RFI) from consultants regarding the effective implementation of **GAS-TO-POWER PROJECTS**. The department has indicated that a tender for 3 000 MW of gas-to-power could be issued by the end of 2015. The Projects would necessitate the importation from neighbouring countries of LNG and import terminals and pipelines. The gas-to-power initiative falls under the Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme and the Integrated Resource Plan 2010-2030. President *Zuma* announced the future gas-to-power strategy during the recent state of the nation address.

The *Sub-Saharan Regional Pipeline Corporation (SSRPC)* is investing approximately USD 300 million for the rehabilitation of the 350 kilometre **TETE PROVINCE-ZAMBEZI RIVER ROAD** that links Tete to the point on the Zambezi River where the borders with Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Zambia meet. It will replace the current dirt road and greatly facilitate the flow of goods especially as it provides an effective link to the Nacala rail line. Zimbabwe-based suppliers will especially benefit. Copper exports from Zambia also now have a new and more cost-effective route. *Louis Berger* has been awarded the consultancy contract for the Project.

There are reports that a South Africa-based consortium has proposed the construction of a **NEW BRIDGE OVER THE LUAPULA RIVER** to establish a more direct link between Luapula Province in Zambia and Lubumbashi in Katanga, DR Congo. The river marks the border between the two countries. The port town of

Kasenga on the Luapula River is only 200 kilometres from Lubumbashi. There is already a recently-built bridge over the river at Chembe in the south of Luapula Province.

Reports on the date of commencement of operations for the 6 165-kilometre **SOUTH ATLANTIC CABLE SYSTEM (SACS, Sistema de Cabo do Atlantic Sul)** linking Sangano near Luanda, Angola with a data centre in Fortaleza, Brazil differ. Some indicate mid-2015 while others refer to the end of 2016. The 4-fibre pair cable is being implemented by *Angola Cables. NEC Corporation* has the supply contract. The cost of construction is estimated at USD 278 million. A guarantee has been issued by the Angolan government. The cable will avoid having to send data through Europe and the USA. It will link from Fortaleza to Miami and the *Cable of the Americas*. It will also have onward connectivity to the *SAT-3/WASC* cable. The *South Atlantic Express Cable* is scheduled to enter into service in 2017.

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

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

Hilton Worldwide is undertaking a **HOTELS PROGRAMME** in Nigeria. The 250-room *Hilton Lagos Airport* is now scheduled to open late 2017 or early 2018. Other parties involved include the Ministry of Aviation, *Aero Marine* and *Global Trade & Investment*. The 220-room *Hilton Garden Inn* situated 1,5 kilometres from the Lagos airport terminal is scheduled to open mid-2017. Management will be by *Oneplus Holdings* of Nigeria. *Hilton* has another four hotel Projects under construction in Nigeria. There is a particular need for hotel accommodation in the Lagos airport vicinity.

In 2011, *First Quantum Minerals Limited* of Canada closed its Bwana Mkubwa copper mine and smelter in Ndola due to the exhaustion of the resource. There are now reports that the area will be used for the development of a **HOUSING ESTATE**. The mine was opened in 1902 and is the oldest in Zambia's copperbelt. There is a substantial rental market in the area but Zambia-based banks need to establish a comprehensive mortgage product for their clients. The government has identified the need for 1,3 million new housing units by 2030.

The Ethiopian Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Construction is preparing a 205 million Birr ten-year **NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME**. The objective is to construct 150 000 buildings in 248 towns. The National Programme will be divided into two sub-Programmes: the Construction Industry Competitiveness Programme and the Building Construction Competitiveness and Implementation Capacity Programme. A civil engineering and research and design centre will be established.

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

The **POWER AFRICA/OBAMA INITIATIVE** entails the allocation of USD 7 billion for the upgrading of the power sector in Africa. Initially, six countries were targeted but the Programme is extended its activities to more African countries. The USD 7 billion is being effectively leveraged to reach approximately USD 20 billion. The Programme goal is to add 30 000 MW to the continent's energy capacity and it is reported that more than 4 000 MW have already been achieved. There are a number of US implementing agencies for disbursement of the funds including *OPIC*, the *US Eximbank* and the *US Trade & Development Agency (USTDA)*. Each has its own procurement rules, which means that the extent to which funding is tied to US suppliers varies per agency.

The **AFRICAN FERTILIZER & AGRIBUSINESS PARTNERSHIP (AFAP)** helps make fertilizer accessible and affordable to African smallholder farmers to increase crop yields and improve food security in Africa. It works with the public and private sectors. Its partners include the *International Fertilizer Development Centre (IFDC)*, the *Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)*, the *Agricultural Market*

Development Trust (AGMARK) and NEPAD. AFAP has offices in South Africa (HQ), Mozambique, Tanzania and Ghana.

*Asset Resource Management Company Limited (ARM) and Harith General Partners Limited of South Africa have announced the first close of their **ARM-HARITH INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (ARMHIF)**. The USD 250 million private equity fund focuses on the energy and transport sectors and its main area of operation in Nigeria.*

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USEFUL WEBSITES

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

The **SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHIPPERS COUNCIL** and the Congo (Brazzaville) Shippers Council (*Conseil Congolais des Chargeurs*) have signed an agreement of collaboration.

TRAVEL NOTES

A recommended means of visiting **GOMA, EASTERN DR CONGO** is to fly to Kigali in Rwanda and from there, to take one of the bus lines to Goma. The trip takes three and a half to four hours. *Atraco Express* is one of the recommended bus lines. The relevant US and UK departments warn against travel in the eastern DR Congo. There are also **CAA** flights from Kinshasa to Goma.

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 confirmed.

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

Contact: Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture Brazil-Mozambique (*CCIABM*), telephone 55 31 32433012, e-mail: marialuza.barbosa@cciabm.com

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 ***ZIMBABWE INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR*** will take place 21-23 April 2015 at the Zimbabwe International Exhibition Centre in Bulawayo.

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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 HEALTH EXHIBITION*** will be taking place 5-7 May 2015 at the Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand.

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The **4TH WONCA AFRICA CONFERENCE** of the *World Organisation of Family Doctors* will be taking place 6-9 May 2015 in Accra, Ghana.

Contact: Website: www.woncafrica2015.com

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

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The **5TH ANNUAL AFRICA BANKING & FINANCE CONFERENCE 2015** will be taking place 19-20 May in Nairobi.

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The ***Petro.t.ex*** EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE will be taking place 20-22 May 2015 at the Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand.

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The **8TH AFRICA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTORS & PROJECT DEVELOPERS SUMMIT** will be taking place on 2 June in Cape Town.

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The **25TH WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ON AFRICA** will be taking place 3-5 June 2015 in Cape Town.

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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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2ND ANNUAL EAST AFRICA TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE 2015 which will be taking place 1st – 2nd of July, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Nairobi, Kenya. **Contact:** *Ahmed*, Bricsa Consulting, telephone 91 22 42984100, e-mail: ahmed@bricsaconsulting.com

The new dates for INFRASTRUCTURE AFRICA are 1-2 September 2015. The venue will be the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg.

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The **22nd AFRICA OIL CONFERENCE** will be taking place 26-30 October 2015 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

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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

SOUTH AFRICA'S EXPORTS TO THE REST OF AFRICA in 2014 stood at 30,5% of its total exports. In 2013, the percentage was 28,6%.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTES

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 1

The Northern Cape Province of South Africa with the neighbouring southern Namibian region is clearly a ‘hotspot’ for **SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS**. Of the 66 Projects in South Africa’s Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (*REIPPP*), around half are solar Projects located in the Northern Cape. It is of interest to note that only two of the South African Projects are using locally produced solar panels.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 2

A senior representative of an international oil and gas EPC contracting firm reports that the *SASOL* II and III Projects implemented some years ago in South Africa has the effect of spawning some 30 000 trained artisans and technical specialists. He concludes that there is not a shortage of **OIL AND GAS SKILLS IN SOUTH AFRICA** but rather a shortage of Projects and work.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 3

GLOBAL EXPORTS TO THE SADC REGION rose from USD 175 billion in 2012 to USD 185 billion in 2013. Main suppliers were China, South Africa, Germany, India, USA, UK, Japan, France, Portugal, Belgium, Netherlands, Ghana, South Korea, Italy, Brazil and Thailand in that order.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 4

It would appear that the Mombasa route is preferred to the Lamu corridor for **UGANDA’S PLANNED OIL PIPELINE**. The refinery will be built at Kabaale outside Hoima to a terminal at Buloba in the Wakiso District close to Lake Victoria. The 205 kilometre pipeline will have a 25,4 centimetre diameter.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 5

The Nacala Corridor Authority (*Corredor de Desenvolvimento do Norte*) has announced that the **NACALA CORRIDOR** re-opened on 10 February following floods that affected sections of the Nacala rail line. Mozambique is effectively one long flood plain and flood damage during the rainy seasons is a constant threat.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 6

There is a rising level of **INTRA-AFRICAN INVESTMENTS**. A recent example is the investment by *GZ Industries* of Nigeria in a can manufacturing operation in Kenya.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 7

The **TETE BUSINESS FACILITATION CENTRE** in Mozambique was launched on 19 November 2014. The Centre still requires companies to join the Programme.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 8

Efforts to promote **NAMIBIA-ANGOLA TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONS** are experiencing mixed outcomes. On the positive side, the two countries have signed a deal for the establishment of a Namibian trade hub in Luanda. On the negative, *Telecom Namibia* has recently pulled out of an investment in the Angolan company, *Mundo Startel*.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 9

Econet of Zimbabwe is registering considerable success with its expansion into **MICRO-INSURANCE** through its mobile telecommunications network. Its new insurance arm, *EcoSure* reports that it is registering more than 150 000 new customers in Zimbabwe per week.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 10

The recent award of the **MO IBRAHIM PRIZE FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN AFRICAN LEADERSHIP** to the outgoing president of Namibia, *Hifikepunye Pohamba* is further evidence of the relative governance success of Africa's small economies. Previous winners were former heads of Botswana and the Cape Verde in addition to Mozambique.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR SUBSCRIBERS & ACTIVITIES OF AFRICA PROJECT ACCESS

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

- *17-22 May: Copperbelt, 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*

15-20 March 2015. Africa Project Access led a successful Group Business Mission to LAKE ALBERT, UGANDA. APA clients who wish to know more about the visit are welcome to contact us.

The last FULL APA BRIEFING took place at Santam on Thursday 26 February 2015 and covered the findings of the APA pilot visit to Kampala and Lake Albert, Uganda as well as current logistics freight forwarding issues in Africa. .

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.

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 (SAEEC) 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 WATER & SANITATION 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 APA TRANSPORT SECTOR SUB-GROUP MEETING took place at the Henley Business School on Thursday 12 February 2015. It was agreed that the next meeting will include a representative of the Africa Water Facility and a logistics company.

The sixth APA HEALTH SECTOR SUB-GROUP MEETING was held on Thursday 12 February 2015 at the Henley Business School. Various health and health-related Projects and initiatives were discussed. It was agreed that the Pharmaceuticals Association of South Africa, the Lenmed Hospital Group and a logistics company specialising in the health sector will be invited to the next briefing.

Africa Project Access is participating with the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce & Industry (JCCI) in a series of ECONOMIC HOTSPOT BRIEFINGS. The last was held on Tuesday 10 February 2015 on the Lake Albert oil find in Uganda.

The January-February 2015 edition of the London-based publication, AFRICA INVESTOR carries articles on private equity in Africa, performance of African banks, the future of African currencies, mining infrastructure and energy investment opportunities. 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.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

QUOTABLE QUOTES 1

*"The big challenge in Africa right now is not finding gas but effectively tapping into these reserves."
(Ebrahim Takolia, Chief Executive Officer, South African Oil & Gas Alliance – SAOGA)*

QUOTABLE QUOTES 2

*"The outstanding issues will be resolved sooner rather than later."
(Keith Muhakanizi, Permanent Secretary, Uganda Ministry of Finance & Secretary to the Treasury on the delays to the Lake Albert refinery and export pipeline arising from the need for investment and the resolving of outstanding tax issues.)*

FURTHER INFORMATION & INDEMNITY

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- ***Hilton Hotels Programme in Nigeria***
- ***Housing Estate at Bwana Mkubwa, Copperbelt, Zambia***

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