



Africa Project Access

AFRICA PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Issue 230, July 2014

©Copyright AFRICA PROJECT ACCESS

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

IN THIS EDITION

- **Regional Implications of Developments at Richards Bay Harbour & IDZ, KwaZulu-Natal**
- **Base Metals Refinery Refurbishment in Zimbabwe**
- **Major Diamond Mine in Lesotho**
- **Update on Simandou Iron Ore Deposit in Guinea**
- **New Agriculture Fund for Project Preparation in Selected African Countries**
- **New Renewable Energy Projects in Côte d’Ivoire**
- **Major Fertilizer Plant for Nigeria**
- **Update on Queen ‘Mamohato Memorial Hospital Project in Lesotho**
- **Further Urban & Industrial Development of Takoradi, Ghana**
- **Expansion of Abidjan Port, Côte d’Ivoire**
- **ZimAsset National Economic Recovery Programme for Zimbabwe**
- **Major Mixed-Use Urban Development in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**
- **Progress on the Lake Albert Oil Refinery Project, Uganda**
- **Plans for a Coal-to-Liquids Plant (CTL) in Botswana**

New Data & Publications

Africa Project Access Visit Reports

Luapula Province, Zambia, Richards Bay, Dar es Salaam-Mtwara, Tanzania; Kinshasa-Matadi & Katanga, DR Congo; North-Western Province, Zambia; Juba, South Sudan; Tete, Zambezi Valley, Nacala, Pemba, Mozambique; Kampala, Uganda, Guinea Conakry etc
(Contact *Africa Project Access* at Johannesburg 27 11 4656770 or cell 0826510707 for details on how to obtain copies)

Editorial

Project Developments & Opportunities in Smaller African Markets Part Three

Based on the Africa Project Access Database, we have selected a few of the smaller sub-Saharan Africa markets and identified some areas of opportunity that could interest operators and investors.

Burkina Faso

As a land-locked market, Burkina Faso depends strongly on Abidjan port for its imports and exports. It is dependent on ECOWAS regional Programmes such as the 2 970 kilometre Cotonou-Parakou-Dosso-Niamey-Ouagadougou-Kaya railway Programme that links Benin to Niger, Niger to Burkina Faso, Benin to Togo and Burkina Faso to Côte d'Ivoire. Another regional priority is the Benin-Burkina Faso-Nigeria-Togo North Corridor Power Transmission Line.

There is some mining activity an example of which is the Balogo gold Project in the south of the country. Production is expected to commence towards the end of 2014. Agriculture is a national priority and the Bagré Agricultural Growth Pole Expansion is enhanced by the decision of the *World Bank* to commit USD 115 million for the extension of the Bagré hydro dam on the White Volta that will also provide irrigation.. Crops include rice, sesame, maize, horticulture and cotton. Livestock is included.

The Gambia

This Anglophone West African country is strip of land from the coast along the Gambia river wedged into the territory of Senegal. There have been attempts in the past to establish a confederal entity called SeneGambia. Its geographic position

means that effective transport logistics with Senegal are essential. The *African Development Bank* is funding the Trans-Gambia bridge and cross-border improvement Project which will facilitate the links between the two countries.

The Gambia is best known for its tourism although this has dropped off in recent times. Recent Project include the *World Bank*-assisted Gambia Growth and Competitiveness Project that will establish national centres of agricultural specialisation, promote demand-driven technologies and coordinate agricultural Projects and initiatives.

In late 2012, an invitation for bids was launched for the rehabilitation and construction of eleven hospitals and health centres throughout the country. These Projects fall under the Expansion of Health Facilities Programme. Funding is from the *Islamic Development Bank*.

Guinea-Bissau

This former Portuguese West African colony has experienced long periods of political unrest and this has inhibited economic activity. The situation has calmed recently.

The country has much bauxite potential. The reserves are situated in the Boé region some 240 kilometres from the port capital of Bissau. Some seven years after award of the bauxite concession to an Angolan company, the resources are still not being effectively worked. The Angolans have however announced their intention to recommence the Project that will include expansion of the port of Buba.

The Bijagos archipelago of 88 islands off Bissau constitutes much potential for tourism development. The network of islands (only 23 of which are inhabited), has been declared a *UNESCO* biosphere reserve and there is much sensitivity relating to environmental impact. Portuguese and Italian companies have established a few tourism facilities but more hotels and lodges are planned notably in the Orango National Park Reserve.

The country's population is dependent on agriculture and fishing. It is a commercial producer of cashew nuts.

Mauritania

This vast north-west African Francophone state has only a population of just over three million. It is situated on the fringe of the Maghreb and acts as a logistics link to sub-Saharan Africa. The Nouakchott Port Authority is driving a Programme to attract trade with the inland countries of Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and Chad. The Chinese have undertaken a USD 288 million Project for the extension of Nouakchott Port. A dry port is planned for at Gogui on the border with Mali. The

government is launching a free port/export zone at Nouadhibou situated 465 kilometres north of Nouakchott on the border with the Western Sahara. The intention is to establish the port town as an industrial growth pole with a capacity for the export of iron ore, mining products and gas.

Mauritania is blessed with gas and iron ore resources. The offshore Banda field has an estimated natural gas reserve of over one trillion cubic feet. Plans are for the gas to feed a 350 MW gas-fired power plant. The national power utility, *SOMELEC* is commissioning a dual gas and fuels power plant. There have been a few disputes relating to the Otoy iron ore deposit in central Mauritania. The total resource is estimated at one hundred million tons.

The capital of Nouakchott is undergoing some expansion. The *Sheraton* hotel group is scheduled to open a major hotel to be located in the city's ventral business district close to the international airport.

Additional Services

ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR SUBSCRIBERS & ACTIVITIES OF AFRICA PROJECT ACCESS

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 Webber Wentzel Attorneys on Thursday 22 May 2014 and covered the launch of the business facilitation in Tete, an update on the current situation in Moatize, Mozambique and a report on the recent APA visit to Luapula Province in Zambia.

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 eleventh **ICT/TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB-GROUP** was held on Wednesday 12 February 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 and the International Finance Corporation will be invited to address the next meeting. It was concluded that one of the main South African mobile telecommunications operators as well as Convergence Partners will also be invited.

The **APA AGRICULTURE SUB-GROUP** briefing took place at the Henley Business School on Thursday, 13 February 2014. It was agreed that the next meeting would include representatives of the development finance institutions notably the International Finance Corporation as well as agri fund managers. The presence of a logistics company is also required.

The **APA HOTELS/COMMERCIAL PROPERTY SUB-GROUP** briefing was held on Thursday 13 February 2014 at the Henley Business School. It was agreed that, a hotel management group such as Atterbury Properties, Accor and City Lodge as well as a logistics company 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 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 Mtwarra 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 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 B.A. Link in a series of **AFRICA COUNTRY FOCUS BRIEFINGS**. Recent briefings were on Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Angola, Rwanda, Botswana, Mozambique the DR Congo and Namibia.*

Contact: Arlene Wilson-Max, mobile: 27 (0)796024927, e-mail: balinks@telkomsa.net

*The March/April 2014 edition of the London-based publication, **AFRICA INVESTOR** carries articles on private equity firms, investment insurance and mitigation, General Electric in Africa, outcomes of the World Trade Organisation meeting in Bali, upcoming elections in Africa, must-do investments, real estate, cyber crime, Paul Runge of APA has a regular projects feature in the publication, "In The Pipeline."*

*The April/May 2014 edition of **AFRICAN TRADER** carries articles on renewable energies, investments in Africa, the power deficit, broadband infrastructure, the Northwest rail in Zambia, Nigerian petroleum import dilemma, red meat for Africa and GMO crops.*

Projects

(Africa Project Access subscribers are welcome to contact Paul or Nicole at Johannesburg telephone 27 11 4656770, fax 27 11 4659580, cell 0826510707,
Email: afric.projs@pixie.co.za
for templates/further details/contacts pertaining to specific Projects listed below)

ANGOLA

The **LNG PLANT** in Soyo, Northern Angola is expected to resume production in mid-2015. Production was halted in April 2014 when a flare line ruptured. A shutdown will allow the main contractor, *Bechtel* to repair and enhance capacity. The cost of the plant was USD 10 billion. The main Project owner, *Chevron* is in the meantime chartering out its tanker fleet.

The **RIVUNGO CANAL PROJECT** on Zambia's north-western border with Angola is making good progress. The USD 50 million canal links Shangombo in Zambia with Rivungo in Angola over a distance of fifteen kilometres of which ten kilometres have been completed. The contractor is *Clay Disposal Zambia* and the implementing agencies are the transport ministries of the two countries. A border post as well as *Zambian Road Development Agency* offices will be built before the end of 2014. The canal will facilitate Zambia's access to the Angolan coast.

BOTSWANA

The *Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC)* is promoting a **COAL-TO-LIQUIDS (CTL) PLANT** in the Morupule area. A two-year feasibility study has been commissioned by the Ministry of Minerals in collaboration with the Chamber of Mines. A number of coal miners are keen to supply the coal for the plant including *Walkabout Resources* of Australia which is developing the Takatokwane mine. Botswana is keen to exploit its vast coal resource estimated at 200 billion tons. An advantage of the CTL plant is that lower grade coal can also be utilised.

CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)

A special agency of the DR Congo Presidency, *Réserves Stratégiques Générales (RSG)* has finalised an initial agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture of Egypt for the establishment of an **AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION UNIT** in the environs of Kinshasa. The *RSG* will provide the land and Egypt will fund the infrastructure. Initial funding of USD 1million has been secured. The initiative is being supported by the DR Congo investment promotion agency, *ANAPI*.

COTE D'IVOIRE

The *Hanergy Group* of China has announced that it will be investing USD 500 million in the establishment of a **SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS PRODUCTION PLANT**. The location was not announced. Advanced solar technology will be used. The *Hanergy Group* is involved in hydro, wind and solar energy. The government is now conducting tests with solar Projects and working on a new energy code.

In March 2014, the *Finagestion Group* and the Ivorian government signed an MOU for a BOO contract for the design, financing, construction and operation of two **HYDRO PLANTS** at the Tiboto and Tahibli sites on the Cavally River in Western Côte d'Ivoire with estimated capacities of 225 MW and 19,5 MW respectively. An engineering firm is sought to undertake the studies. *Finagestion* has a power generation source of 532 MW from thermal plants and 432 through subsidiary, *CIPREL*.

The 378 MW **SONGON THERMAL GAS-FIRED POWER PLANT** on the outskirts of Abidjan is being developed by FK Generators/Telemenia of Israel. It will be implemented as a 30-year BOT Project. The natural gas will be drawn from the Jacquville Gas Fields. The site was originally planned at Abatta but changed after several studies. The Abatta thermal power plant also on the outskirts of

Abidjan is being developed by *Contour Global* in 110 MW stages to reach 330 MW. The final phase is scheduled for 2015-2016. Power consumption in Côte d'Ivoire is rising rapidly and stands at over 4,1 Gigawatt hours.

The following are **RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS** being considered by the concessionaire, *CI-Energies*:

- 5 MW hydro Project on the Bia River in the Aboisso Region (8 600 million CFA; implementing agency: Ministry of Petroleum & Energy, consulting engineer for feasibility study: *CI-Energies*, consultant for studies/contractor/financial partners: to be identified).
- Solar Energy Programme: (474 000 million CFA; implementing agency: Ministry of Petroleum & Energy, consulting engineer for feasibility study: *CI-Energies*, consultant for studies/contractor/financial partners: to be identified).
- 156 MW Boutoubre Hydro Project on the Sassandra River in western Côte d'Ivoire including a 3 kilometre 225 kV transmission line from San Pedro to Boutoubré and doubling of the 82 kilometre transmission line from Soubré to Buyo (250 000 million CFA; implementing agency: Ministry of Petroleum & Energy, consulting engineer for feasibility study: *CI-Energies*, consultant for studies/contractor/financial partners: to be identified).
- 280 MW hydro Project on the Bandama River in southern Côte d'Ivoire including two 10 kilometre transmission lines (224 240 million CFA; implementing agency: Ministry of Petroleum & Energy, consulting engineer for feasibility study: *CI-Energies*, consultant for studies/contractor/financial partners: to be identified).
- 112 MW Gribo Popoli hydro Project on the Sassandra River including a 3 kilometre 225 kV transmission line from San Pedro (implementing agency: Ministry of Petroleum & Energy, consulting engineer for feasibility study: *CI-Energies*, consultant for studies/contractor/financial partners: to be identified).

A special port competitiveness commission has been revived by the Ivorian government for **EXPANSION OF ABIDJAN PORT**. Plans include the widening and deepening of the Vridi entry channel, the construction of a second container terminal, modernisation of the quays, deepening the harbour from 14 to 17metres, establishment of a grains terminal and the development of a commercial area of 300 hectares. The fishing port of Abidjan will also be modernised. The total cost of these investments is estimated at around 710 billion CFA. The port is currently seriously congested as it serves the country as well as the landlocked neighbouring markets.

ETHIOPIA

The **POLI LOTUS INTERNATIONAL CENTRE/YEKA SUBCITY URBAN COMPLEX** in the eastern suburbs of Addis Ababa is being developed by *Tsehay Real Estate plc*. The architect is the *Institute of Architecture and Design* of the *Chinese Academy of Sciences* and the contractor is *Qian Tang Construction* of China. The USD 200 million Project includes high-grade hotels, office buildings, a commercial centre and residential units. It will have independent power and water supply systems. It is situated near a planned light railway station.

GHANA

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.

GUINEA

There are reports of an imminent agreement between the Guinea government and *Rio Tinto* regarding the southern component of the **SIMANDOU IRON ORE DEPOSIT** in south-eastern Guinea. *Chalco* of China is involved and the *World Bank* is assisting. The Project has a production capacity of around 90 million tons per annum. The mining permit for the northern component was withdrawn from *BSGR* in April. There is much conjecture about whether the rail line to transport the ore should be via the longer, more costly route through Guinean territory or the shorter route through Port Buchanan in Liberia.

LESOTHO

Commissioning of the **LIQHOBONG DIAMOND MINE** is expected towards the end of 2015. The Project is owned by *Firestone Diamonds* (75%) of the UK and the Lesotho government (25%). The definitive feasibility study was completed in October 2012 which set out the basis for an open pit mine with a duration of 15 years. Production is estimated at 3,6 million tons yielding over one million carats.

The initial capital expenditure is set at R1,8 billion including grid power infrastructure. *Firestone* has reportedly placed its BK11 mine in Botswana on hold while it concentrates on developing Lihobong.

The **QUEEN 'MAMOHATO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** is experiencing a higher than forecast patient load. *Netcare* of South Africa holds 40% of the *Tsepong Consortium* which won the R800 million tender in 2007 to build, finance and operate the hospital for the Lesotho government. It is considered a flagship Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) Project. The *International Finance Corporation (IFC)* was the transaction advisor for the Project. The NGO, *Oxfam* has reported that the Project is costing the government more than originally expected.

LIBERIA

There are reports of an imminent agreement between the Guinea government and *Rio Tinto* regarding the southern component of the **SIMANDOU IRON ORE DEPOSIT** in south-eastern Guinea. *Chalco* of China is involved and the *World Bank* is assisting. The Project has a production capacity of around 90 million tons per annum. The mining permit for the northern component was withdrawn from *BSGR* in April. There is much conjecture about whether the rail line to transport the ore should be via the longer, more costly route through Guinean territory or the shorter route through Port Buchanan in Liberia.

MADAGASCAR

** A Madagascan finance and Project management company is proposing the establishment of a new **PRIVATE HOSPITAL** in Madagascar. The company has a healthcare affiliate company. Private pension funds comprise part of the funding raised.

** A Madagascan finance and Project management company is proposing the establishment of a new **ETHANOL PRODUCTION PLANT** in Madagascar. It is also planning an L.E.D. screen manufacturing facility. The business climate in Madagascar has improved since the recent general elections.

MALAWI

In 2013, it was reported that the *China Gezhouba Group* will be building a coal-fired **POWER PLANT** at Kammwamba in the Neno District of southern Malawi. It is hoped that it will generate 300 MW. Another Chinese group would be upgrading and building power transmission lines. As the agreements were signed with the *Banda* presidency, it awaits to be seen if they will be ratified by the new incoming administration. Malawi has largely unexploited coal reserves of around 20 billion tons in the north and the south of the country.

MOZAMBIQUE

The *Agriculture Fast Track Fund (AFT)* has approved grant funding of USD 1,3 million for the preparation of two **AGRICULTURE PROJECTS**, the *Odebrecht* Integrated Poultry Production Project and the *EcoFarm* Sugar Production Project. The Project involves assistance to 1 150 sugar farmers on a sugar estate. Contributors to the *AFT* include the *African Development Bank*, *USAID*, *DANIDA* and Sweden. It is a Project preparation facility for environmentally sound and socially beneficial food security Projects in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Mozambique.

The Italian gas company, *ENI* is inviting companies to submit front end engineering design proposals for an **LNG FLOATING FACILITY/PLANT** to be situated probably in the Palma area on the far northern coast. *Anadarko* of the USA is also establishing an LNG plant in Palma and the interaction between the two initiatives is unclear. Experts differ greatly on the size of the Rovuma Basin gas resource but it is estimated at between 100 and 350 trillion cubic feet.

The Mozambican transport utility, *CFM* is planning further improvements of the 317 kilometre **BEIRA-MACHIPANDA RAIL LINE**. The line is an important export-import route between Mozambique and Zimbabwe. Main supplies to Zimbabwe are wheat and fertilizers while Zimbabwean granite is exported through Beira port. *CFM* has already spent some USD 10 million on improvements to the line resulting in a marked decrease in derailments and the running of 2-3 trains per day. The Project falls within Mozambique's Regional Gateway Programme aimed at improving conditions for cross-border traffic in the southern African region.

NAMIBIA

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry through its specialised agency, the *Agricultural Markets & Trade Agency (AGRO)* is promoting the **NATIONAL FRESH PRODUCE HUBS PROGRAMME** throughout the country. All government bodies are being encouraged to utilise the accredited national fresh produce hubs. The initiative is underpinned by the Green Scheme Irrigation Programme.

NIGERIA

The *Nigeria Export Processing Zones Authority (NEPZA)* is further developing the **CALABAR FREE TRADE ZONE** in Cross River State south-eastern Nigeria near the Cameroon border. In 2013, *General Electric (GE)* signed an MOU with the government for a USD 1 billion investment in a manufacturing and assembly facility in the zone. The facility will produce railway equipment and Christmas trees for the power and oil and gas sectors. Although completed in 1999, the power supply to the EPZ has been erratic and there are various proposals for renewable energy solutions.

The **MARGINAL OIL FIELDS PROGRAMME** of the Nigerian government reinforced by the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act is aimed at promoting the participation in the sector by indigenous Nigerian companies. The process is further facilitated by the willingness of international oil companies to permit Nigerian companies access to their assets. However lack of clarity and the long delays in obtaining consent for deals from the Ministry of Petroleum Resources are hampering the process. There have also been some legal wrangles involving inter alia *PetroSA*. There is some consolidation among the indigenous companies and *Oando Energy Resources* is acquiring assets of *ConocoPhillips*.

The Ogun State Government in southern Nigeria is partnering with the government of Malaysia on a major **RICE PRODUCTION PROJECT**. The Project entails the establishment of 250 hectares of rice enclaves under a first phase. Investment in milling will be encouraged. The *World Bank* has contributed 413 million Naira to assist local farmers. Ogun State has also begun a Programme for the upgrade of abattoirs.

The *Brass Fertilizer Company* and *Haldor Topsoe* of Denmark have signed an agreement for the establishment of a **UREA FERTILIZER, METHANOL AND GAS PROCESSING PLANT** on Brass Island in Bayelsa State, Niger Delta, Southern Nigeria. *Taylor-de Jongh Limited* of the UK is the financial adviser. The Project manager will be *Engineers India Limited* while the O & M contractor is yet to be selected. The total cost is estimated at USD 3,5 billion. The plant is expected to be operational in 2018. The plant will produce 3 850 MT/day of urea, 5 000 MT/day of methanol and 500mmscf/day of natural gas.

SENEGAL

TiZir Limited is a joint venture between *ERAMET* of France and *Mineral Deposits Limited (MDL)* of Australia that is implementing the **GRANDE COTE MINERAL SANDS PROJECT** on the northern coast of Senegal, 150 kilometres from Dakar. Production from the mine began in March 2014. Targeted annual production is 575 000 tons of ilmenite and 85 000 tons of zircon. The duration is 20 years. The JV is negotiating warehouse facilities at Dakar port as well as a rail link to the port.

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.

The following were some of the main developments pertaining to the southern African region gleaned from the recent *APA* group visit to **RICHARDS BAY HARBOUR AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE** in KwaZulu-Natal:

- *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 *TNPA* is studying possible reasons for the relative lack of interest in order for it to remedy the situation.
- 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.
- The IDZ hopes to take advantage of the *SEACOM* undersea fibre optic cable landing station at Mtunzini 30 kilometres south of Richards Bay to develop a strong ICT park.
- *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.
- *RBTG* handles about 150 000 tons of sulphur exports per annum. Some 60% of this goes to the Zambian and DR Congo copperbelts.

SWAZILAND

Transnet Freight Rail of South Africa and *Swaziland Railways* have formed a joint steering committee for the implementation of the 146 kilometre **LOTHAIR-SIDVOKODVO RAIL LINE** that will help shift cargo transport between the two countries from road truck to rail. The intention is to achieve a capacity of 42 million tons. The geotechnical and environmental studies have yet to be done. The Project entails some 45 bridges. The total cost has yet to be finalised. The *Southern African Railway Association (SARA)* is trying to harmonise regional rail initiatives.

TANZANIA

The *Agriculture Fast Track Fund (AFT)* has approved grant funding of about USD 700 000 for the preparation of two **AGRICULTURE PROJECTS**, the Tanga Fresh UHT Milk Production Project on the Tanzanian north coast and the *KijaniAgro* High Quality Fresh Fruits Project. *KijaniAgro* is involved in agriculture, livestock, aquaculture and agro-processing. Contributors to the *AFT* include the *African Development Bank*, *USAID*, *DANIDA* and Sweden. It is a Project preparation facility for environmentally sound and socially beneficial food security Projects in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Mozambique.

UGANDA

The long-mooted USD 2,5 billion **LAKE ALBERT OIL REFINERY PROJECT** appears to be gaining momentum. The Ministry of Energy & Mineral Development is identifying a 29 square kilometre area in the Hoima District in north-western Uganda near Lake Albert as the site for the refinery. Two bidders from the original six, *SK Energy* of South Korea and *R-T Global Resources* of Russia have been selected for further Project evaluation and planning. Estimates of the potential daily production of the refinery vary between 60 000 and 200 000 barrels. An oil production permit was granted to *CNOOC* of China in September 2013.

ZAMBIA

The **RIVUNGO CANAL PROJECT** on Zambia's north-western border with Angola is making good progress. The USD 50 million canal links Shangombo in Zambia with Rivungo in Angola over a distance of fifteen kilometres of which ten kilometres have been completed. The contractor is *Clay Disposal Zambia* and the implementing agencies are the transport ministries of the two countries. A border post as well as *Zambian Road Development Agency* offices will be built before the end of 2014. The canal will facilitate Zambia's access to the Angolan coast.

ZIMBABWE

The USD 1,3 billion **HWANGE POWER PLANT EXTENSION PROJECT** in north-western Zimbabwe has been re-awarded to *SinoHydro* of China after the cancellation of the award to *China Machinery & Engineering Company (CMEC)*. The Project will add 600 MW capacity to the plant that is currently producing about 600 MW. The duration of the upgrade is just under four years. The parties involved are the Ministry of Energy and Power Development, the *Zimbabwe Power Company* and the *State Procurement Board*.

SinoHydro is also working on the Kariba South Expansion Project that will add another 300 MW. The national demand is around 2 000 MW.

The **ZIMBABWE AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION (ZimAsset)** is the country's blueprint for economic recovery between 2013 and 2018. It is a cluster-based Programme with the clusters: food security and nutrition; social services and poverty eradication; infrastructure and utilities; and value addition and beneficiation. Funding mechanisms include tax and non-tax revenue, leveraging of resources, creation of a sovereign wealth fund, issue of bonds, accelerated implementation of Public Private Partnerships (PPP's), securitization of remittances, re-engagement of the international finance institutions, and funding options with the *BRICS* countries.

Zimplats has issued a statement that it has begun the initial refurbishment of the **SELOUS BASE METAL REFINERY** south-west of Harare in central Zimbabwe. An agreement is being negotiated with the Zimbabwe government. Platinum from *Zimplats*, *Mimosa* and *Unki* could be processed. The cost of the Project is estimated at around USD 100. Mining firms have been requested by government to fund and establish beneficiation facilities.

The Mozambican transport utility, *CFM* is planning further improvements of the 317 kilometre **BEIRA-MACHIPANDA RAIL LINE**. The line is an important export-import route between Mozambique and Zimbabwe. Main supplies to Zimbabwe are wheat and fertilizers while Zimbabwean granite is exported through Beira port. *CFM* has already spent some USD 10 million on improvements to the line resulting in a marked decrease in derailments and the running of 2-3 trains per day. The Project falls within Mozambique's Regional Gateway Programme aimed at improving conditions for cross-border traffic in the southern African region.

REGIONAL

There are reports of an imminent agreement between the Guinea government and *Rio Tinto* regarding the southern component of the **SIMANDOU IRON ORE DEPOSIT** in south-eastern Guinea. *Chalco* of China is involved and the *World Bank* is assisting. The Project has a production capacity of around 90 million tons per annum. The mining permit for the northern component was withdrawn from *BSSGR* in April. There is much conjecture about whether the rail line to transport the ore should be via the longer, more costly route through Guinean territory or the shorter route through Port Buchanan in Liberia.

The **RIVUNGO CANAL PROJECT** on Zambia's north-western border with Angola is making good progress. The USD 50 million canal links Shangombo in Zambia with Rivungo in Angola over a distance of fifteen kilometres of which ten kilometres have been completed. The contractor is *Clay Disposal Zambia* and the implementing agencies are the transport ministries of the two countries. A border post as well as *Zambian Road Development Agency* offices will be built before the end of 2014. The canal will facilitate Zambia's access to the Angolan coast.

The Mozambican transport utility, *CFM* is planning further improvements of the 317 kilometre **BEIRA-MACHIPANDA RAIL LINE**. The line is an important export-import route between Mozambique and Zimbabwe. Main supplies to Zimbabwe are wheat and fertilizers while Zimbabwean granite is exported through Beira port. *CFM* has already spent some USD 10 million on improvements to the line resulting in a marked decrease in derailments and the running of 2-3 trains per day. The Project falls within Mozambique's Regional Gateway Programme aimed at improving conditions for cross-border traffic in the southern African region.

Transnet Freight Rail of South Africa and *Swaziland Railways* have formed a joint steering committee for the implementation of the 146 kilometre **LOTHAIR-SIDVOKODVO RAIL LINE** that will help shift cargo transport between the two countries from road truck to rail. The intention is to achieve a capacity of 42 million tons. The geotechnical and environmental studies have yet to be done. The Project entails some 45 bridges. The total cost has yet to be finalised. The *Southern African Railway Association (SARA)* is trying to harmonise regional rail initiatives.

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

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

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 **POLI LOTUS INTERNATIONAL CENTRE/YEKA SUBCITY URBAN COMPLEX** in the eastern suburbs of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia is being developed by *Tsebay Real Estate plc*. The architect is the *Institute of Architecture and Design* of the *Chinese Academy of Sciences* and the contractor is *Qian Tang Construction* of China. The USD 200 million Project includes high-grade hotels, office buildings, a commercial centre and residential units. It will have independent power and water supply systems. It is situated near a planned light railway station.

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

The **AGRICULTURE FAST TRACK FUND (AFT)** was approved by the board of the *African Development Bank (AfDB)* in May 2013. Contributors include *USAID*, *DANIDA* and Sweden. It is a Project preparation facility for environmentally sound and socially beneficial food security Projects in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Mozambique. *AFT* provides grants for feasibility studies, business plans, market research and financial modelling for approved Projects. It has recently approved USD 2 million for the preparation of initiatives in Mozambique and Tanzania.

Contacts

AIRLINE



Helena Maxwell is the Sales Manager at **KENYA AIRWAYS**, telephone Johannesburg: 27 10 205 0020 or 27 83 680 3552, e-mail: Helena.maxwell@kenya-airways.com, website: www.kenya-airways.com

AFRICAN CONTACTS

Frank von Habsburg is CEO at the Tete-based advisory firm, **ProIntel AFRICA**, cell 258 825094300, cell: 258 843137893, e-mail: frank@prointelafrica.com He will be managing the *Tete Business Facilitation Centre*.

Donna Taberer is Country Manager: Zimbabwe for the freight logistics company, **TRITON EXPRESS**, Johannesburg 27 11 5796845 or 5796700, e-mail: donnat@tritonexpress.co.za

Maminiaina Rasolondraibe is the CEO of the **MADAGASCAN FINANCE AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMPANY, Funhece Limited**, telephone Antananarivo 261 320532578, e-mail: mrasolondraibe@funreco.mg

Jackie Bertho-Andoh is Director at the Ivorian solar energy company, **NOA TRADING**, telephone Abidjan 225 20 216562, e-mail: Jackie.bertho@noatrading.com or info@noatrading.com

AFRICAN GOVERNMENT CONTACTS

Dr *Albert Okorogu* is at the **MINISTRY OF POWER** in Nigeria, telephone Abuja 234 8181421707.

Konan Norbert N'Goran is Director: Renewable Energies at the **IVORIAN MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & ENERGY**, telephone Abidjan 225 04918514 or 012 88366, e-mail: ngoran_norbert@yahoo.fr

Ekolain Alain Ety is Director General and President of the private Ivorian power supply firm, **IVOIRE HYDRO ENERGY**, telephone Abidjan 225 20010610, e-mail: ihecontact@gmail.com or ekolanetty@yahoo.fr The company is developing a hydro plant on the Bandama River.

Ogou Yapi is Technical Director for the **BIOKALA BIOMASS PROJECT** in Côte d'Ivoire, telephone Abidjan 225 21212160, e-mail: yapi.ogou@biokala.com

AFRICAN UTILITY CONTACTS

Elias Mwenyo is Acting Executive: Marketing at the Namibian ports utility, **NAMPORT**, telephone Walvis Bay 264 64 2082111. *Chris Faure* has left the utility.

Shayo Holloway is General Manager at the **LAGOS STATE WATER CORPORATION**, telephone Lagos 234 1 7646674, e-mail: contact@lagoswater.org

Prince Chintimbwe Chaila is Director: Airport Services at the **NATIONAL AIRPORTS CORPORATION LIMITED** of Zambia, telephone Lusaka 260 211 271292, e-mail: prince.chintimbwe@lun.aero

AFRICAN REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Mahama Kappiahis Executive Director at the **ECOWAS CENTRE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY & ENERGY EFFICIENCY (ECREE)**, telephone Praia, Cape Verde 238 2604630, e-mail: info@ecree.org

ICT/TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTACTS

Matthew Wilsher is Acting CEO of **ETISALAT NIGERIA**, telephone Lagos 234 8090000200, e-mail: care@etisalat.com.ng The UAE mobile operator has been in Nigeria for a little over five years and has thus far invested some USD 1billion in Nigeria.

MINING CONTACTS

Terence Goodlace is CEO of **IMPLATS/ZIMPLATS** platinum mining company in Zimbabwe, telephone Harare 263 4 332590-3, e-mail: info@zimplats.com

Moss Radingoana is Vice President: Business Development at **SEKOKO RESOURCES**, telephone Johannesburg 27 11 7063452/48. The company is involved in the Waterberg coal Project.

Rick Sharp is Managing Director at **MINERAL DEPOSITS LIMITED (MDL)** of Australia that is implementing the Grande Côte mineral sands Project in Senegal, telephone Melbourne 61 3 96182500, e-mail: rick.sharp@mineraldeposits.com.au

OIL & GAS CONTACTS

Robert Kasonde is manager for the **OIL REFINERY PROJECT IN UGANDA** at the Ministry of Energy & Mineral Development, telephone Kampala 256 414 311111 or 232598.

Dr Chijioke Nwaozuzu is a petroleum policy expert at the *Emerald Energy Institute* of the **UNIVERSITY OF PORT HARCOURT**, Nigeria telephone 234 803 7765465 or 803 4913688, e-mail: ledor.baridoo@uniport.edu.ng or baridoodedor@yahoo.com

AGRICULTURE/AGRI-BUSINESS CONTACTS

The state commissioner for agriculture in **OGUN STATE, NIGERIA** is *Ronke Sokefun*, telephone via *Ogun State Investors Forum*, telephone Abeokuta 234 39 8652111 or 8652121, e-mail: investorsforum@ogunstate.gov.ng or ogunstateinvestorsforum@gmail.com

Donald Nzorubara is Senior Investment Officer for Agri-Industrial and Bio-mass Projects at the Côte d'Ivoire office of the **INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION (IFC)**, telephone Abidjan 225 22 400446/00, e-mail: dnzorubara@ifc.org

HOTELS/TOURISM/COMMERCIAL PROPERTY CONTACTS

Gregg Davies is Chief Investment Officer and *Livia Coetzer* is Development Coordinator for the South African commercial property equity finance and development company, **LAND EQUITY GROUP**, telephone Cape Town 27 873545050. The company is looking at new real estate Projects in Nigeria and Ghana.

Qian Tang is a shareholder in **TSEHAY REAL ESTATE PLC** which is building the *Poli Lotus* International Centre urban complex in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, telephone Addis Ababa 251 933007388 or 933007399.

Christopher Nel is a marketer at **PAM GOLDING INTERNATIONAL** for the Eden Island development in the Seychelles, telephone 248 2527575 or 2527715.

HEALTH SECTOR CONTACTS

The **NETCARE** general manager for finance involved with the *Queen 'Mamohato Memorial Hospital* in Lesotho is *Chris Smith*, telephone Johannesburg 27 11 3010000.

Geoffrey Keele is the **INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION (IFC)** spokesperson for the *'Mamohato Memorial Hospital* in Lesotho, telephone Johannesburg 27 11 7313015, e-mail: enyirinkindi@ifc.org

Isabelle Hagner is Health Care & NGO Industry Director for Africa at **SDV BOLLORE**, telephone Johannesburg 27 11 3985281 or 3985000, e-mail: isabelle.hagner@bolllore.com

Karin Barnard is a Member of the Namibian medical equipment company, **GENMED cc**, telephone Windhoek 264 61 371900, e-mail: Karin@genmed.com.na

DONOR/DFI/FUND/ECA CONTACTS

Andreas Voss is the Regional Director for West Africa and *Eric Kaleja* is the Regional Director for East Africa for the German development finance institution, **DEG**. Their respective contact details are: telephone Accra 233 302 7639-42, e-mail: andreas.voss@deginvest.de & telephone Nairobi 254 20 4228202, e-mail: eric.kaleja@deginvest.de

Geoffrey Keele is the **INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION (IFC)** spokesperson for the *'Mamohato Memorial Hospital* in Lesotho, telephone Johannesburg 27 11 7313015, e-mail: enyirinkindi@ifc.org

Gérard Bilé Tanoé is Director & Coordinator for the **URGENT ELECTRICITY REHABILITATION PROJECT (PURE)** in Côte d'Ivoire, telephone Abidjan 225 20 206204 (Mme N'guetta), e-mail: d.diarra2013@yahoo.fr or tbile@sogepe.ci or btanoé@aviso.ci or btanoé@cinergies.ci

Donald Nzorubara is Senior Investment Officer for Agri-Industrial and Bio-mass Projects at the Côte d'Ivoire office of the **INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION (IFC)**, telephone Abidjan 225 22 400446/00, e-mail: dnzorubara@ifc.org

Andrea Wilhelmi-Somé is in charge of the agriculture and biodiversity Programme (**PROFIAB**) at the Abidjan office of the German technical assistance agency, **GIZ**, telephone 225 22 434392 or 430713, e-mail: andrea.wilhelmi-some@giz.de

UNITED NATIONS/NGO CONTACTS

Isabelle Hagner is Health Care & NGO Industry Director for Africa at **SDV BOLLORE**, telephone Johannesburg 27 11 3985281 or 3985000, e-mail: isabelle.hagner@bolllore.com

DIPLOMATIC CORPS CONTACTS

Godfrey Magwenzi is the Consul General of **ZIMBABWE** based in Johannesburg, telephone 27 11 6155915 or 6151117, e-mail: godfreycecil@yahoo.co.uk The Commercial Counsellor is *Angelica Katuruza*, telephone 27 11 6150290, e-mail: a.kataruza@gmail.com The Counsellor is *Linos Mapfumo*, telephone 27 11 6151561, e-mail: linos.mapfumo@gmail.com or linos.mapfumo@gta.gov.za

SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT & UTILITY CONTACTS

Julia Ramitshana is Port Operations Manager and *Nkululeko Molefe* is Corporate Affairs Officer at **TRANSNET NATIONAL PORTS AUTHORITY** in Richards Bay, telephone 27 35 9053530 or 9053118, e-mail: Julia.ramitshana@transnet.net or nkululeko.molefe@transnet.net They hosted a recent **APA** group visit to Richards Bay harbour.

Pumi Motsoahae is Chief Executive Officer, *Joe Muller* is Executive Manager: Infrastructure Planning & Development, *Sibusiso Ndlovu* is Investment Promotion Manager at **RICHARDS BAY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE**, telephone 27 35 7880571 or 7880758, e-mail: pumi.matsoahae@rbidz.co.za or joe.muller@rbidz.co.za or sibusiso.ndlovu@rbidz.co.za

Johan van den Berg is the Interim Chairman of the **SOUTH AFRICAN RENEWABLE ENERGY COUNCIL (SAREC)**, cell: 27 829255680, e-mail: johan@sawea.org.za

BRICS/ASIA/AMERICA/EUROPE CONTACTS

Trust Mvutungayi is a researcher at the Johannesburg office of the **JAPAN EXTERNAL TRADE ORGANIZATION (JETRO)**, telephone 27 11 7846084, e-mail: trust_mvutungayi@jetro.go.jp

USEFUL WEBSITES

The *United Nations Department of Public Information* produces a monthly publication, **AFRICA RENEWAL** which carries articles on developmental issues in the continent. The online version can be accessed on www.un.org/africarenewal

www.industcards.com/hydro-cote-ivoire contains a list of **HYDRO POWER PLANTS** in Côte d'Ivoire.

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

The bearing production company, **BEARING MAN GROUP (BMG)** has opened its first direct regional operating office in Mwanza, northern Tanzania. It also has an extensive presence in Mozambique.

TRAVEL NOTES

There are reports that South African passport-holders will require **VISAS FOR KENYA** from September 2014. The reports have yet to be verified. However, Jomo Kenyatta airport in Nairobi is a major travel hub and this would reduce its competitiveness with Addis Ababa. It could also be detrimental to *Kenya Airways*.

TRANSIT VISAS FOR ETHIOPIA are issued on arrival for overnighting passengers on *Ethiopian Airlines* at the Addis Ababa airport. However, travellers are warned that while a reasonable three-star hotel is arranged, the pick-up by mini-bus from the hotel the next morning is unreliable. The drivers wait for the last passenger and some of the transiting passengers miss their flights. The new airport is also clearly not capable of handling the passenger traffic when a number of flight arrivals coincide and the queues are long.

There is no need to stay at expensive five-star **HOTELS IN ADDIS ABABA**. There are numerous reasonable three-star establishments such as the two *Desalegn* hotels, *Top Ten* and the *Queen of Sheba*. The rate is around USD 100 including breakfast.

The **INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT ACCRA**, Ghana is unlikely to develop into a West African air traffic hub while the Ghanaian authorities insist on visas for passenger transiting even for a few hours through the airport to other destinations.

Travellers to Abuja, Nigeria are advised to avoid the **NICON LUXURY HOTEL** in the city. The establishment is run down and in urgent need of upgrading. It is also expensive at around USD 280 including breakfast. A problem in the Nigerian federal capital is the high hotel room rates.

ARIK AIR is a reliable and efficient airline for internal flights in Nigeria.

Forthcoming Events

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

The 6th OIL & GAS AFRICA 2014 Conference & Exhibition will be taking place 2-4 July 2014 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre

Contact: Exhibition Management Services, telephone 27 11 7837250/1/6/9, e-mail: director@exhibitionsafrica.com

The **iPAD MOZAMBIQUE POWER & GAS FORUM** will be taking place 16-18 July 2014 in Maputo.

Contact: website: www.ipad-mozambique.com

The **MOZAMBIQUE COAL** conference and exhibition will be taking place 21-22 July 2014 at the Radisson Blu Maputo. The listed keynote address will be by Vale.

Contact: website: www.immevents.com/mozambiquecoal

The INFRASTRUCTURE AFRICA CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION will be taking place 21-23 July 2014 at the Sandton Convention Centre.

Contact: Liz Hart, Siyenza, telephone Johannesburg 27 11 4639184, e-mail: liz@siyenza.za.com

The GAS AFRICA CONFERENCE will be taking place 26-27 August 2014 at the Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel in Sandton.

Contact: Bette or Jody, telephone Cape Town 27 21 7050147, e-mail: jody@mcaughtonevents.co.za

Note: There is a discount for APA subscribers.

The **5th AFRICA GAS & LNG SUMMIT** will be taking place at the Double Tree by Hilton hotel in Dar es Salaam 2-3 September 2014.

Contact: Telephone 65 65579185, e-mail: Eugene@neo-edge.com

The **16th ANNUAL EAST AFRICA POWER INDUSTRY FORUM (EAPIC)** will be taking place 3-4 September 2014 at the Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi, telephone *Christa Robijn*, Cape Town 27 21 7003564, e-mail: christa.robijn@spintelligent.com Listed speakers include senior representatives of EWSA of Rwanda and Songas of Tanzania.

The AFRICA HOTEL INVESTMENT FORUM will be taking place 30 September to 1 October 2014 at the InterContinental Hotel, Nairobi. Senior representatives of global hotel management companies such as Kempinski and Hilton are listed as speakers.

Contact: telephone 44 7813164649, e-mail: joanne.howell@benchevents.com or Jennifer Pettinger telephone 1 971 55884015, e-mail: Jennifer.pettinger@benchevents.com

The **iPAD DRC MINING & INFRASTRUCTURE INDABA** will be taking place 21-23 October 2014 in Kinshasa and the **iPAD KATANGA MINING BRIEFING & EXPO** will be taking place 29-30 October 2014 in Lubumbashi.

Contact: website: www.ipad-drc.com and www.ipad-katanga.com

The **URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2014** will be taking place at the Crowne-Plaza, Harare, 22-23 October.

Contact: Tshepho Lesake, MNCapital Group, telephone Johannesburg 27 11 6664702, e-mail: tshepho@mncapital.co.za

The *Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce & Industry (JCCI)* is organising an **OUTWARD TRADE MISSION TO RWANDA AND BURUNDI** 11-15 November 2014.

Contact: Melitta Openshaw, e-mail: melitta@jcci.co.za

The annual **AfriCom ICT/TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION** for 2014 will be taking place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre 11-13 November.

Contact: *Julie Rey*, telephone 44 20 70175823, e-mail: Julie.rey@informa.com or *Gareth Hamer*, telephone 44 20 70174056, e-mail: gareth.hamer@informa.com

The **WEST AFRICAN POWER INDUSTRY CONVENTION** will be taking place 18-19 November 2014 at the Eko Hotel & Suites, Lagos, Nigeria.

Contact: website: www.wapicforum.com

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

Contact: *Nigel Brown*, telephone 27 11 4777000, e-mail: nbrown@breakbulk.com

The **AFRICA ENERGY INDABA 2015** will be taking place 17-18 February 2015 at the Sandton Convention Centre.

Contact: *Emma Sayers*, telephone Johannesburg 27 11 4639184, e-mail: info@energyindaba.co.za

AFRICA & THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

For the six months ending March 2014, the South African packaging company, **NAMPAK** registered a 24% growth for its operations in Africa outside South Africa and 9% for its South African turnover.

Whisperings - Footnotes

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 1

Sub-Saharan Africa has overtaken North Africa with the number of hotel rooms in the pipeline.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 2

BULAWAYO in southern Zimbabwe is likely to be classified soon as a special economic zone (SEZ). This will enhance the city's position as a transport hub. There will be an increased demand for warehouse facilities there.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 3

Hubert Danso, CEO of *Africa Investor* has urged the *African Development Bank* and the *World Bank* to work with national regulators for the development of incentives for **PENSIONS AND SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUNDS** to enhance investment in Local and regional infrastructure investment Projects.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 4

In 2013, the **ZIMBABWE DIASPORA** remitted USD 3,5 billion to their country with seventy percent thereof coming from South Africa. Remittances from the diaspora have become a major input for Zimbabwe's economy.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 5

The *National Institute of Biomedical Research* at the *University of Kinshasa Medical School* in the DR Congo has partnered with international organisations to undertake major research on the **EBOLA AND MARBURG VIRUSES** in central Africa. A pioneer in the field is Professor *Jean Jacques Muyembe*, professor of microbiology at the university.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 6

There are between 30 000 and 40 000 **MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BASE STATIONS** throughout Nigeria which represents a power supply opportunity of perhaps 350 MW given that the power requirement per base station is 8-14 kilowatts.. A possible solution is a hybrid of combined diesel and PV solar.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 7

The recent approval of the **SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE (SEZ) FUND** by the South African government will enable the Richards Bay IDZ to offer greater incentives to investors in the harbour. It will inter alia improve its ability to convert into a supply hub for LNG developments on the eastern African coast. The current allocation to the Fund is R500 million but this could be increased.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 8

ZAMBIA-ANGOLA TRANSPORT LINKS have clearly been prioritised by the two governments. This trend manifests itself in the progress being made on the Rivungo canal and the north-west rail line. Both Projects will help give Zambia access to the sea via the Angolan coast.

Quotable Quotes

“If a door is shut, attempts should be made to open it. If it is ajar, it should be pushed until it is wide open. In neither case should the door be blown up at the expense of those inside.”
(Julius Kambarage Nyerere, former President of Tanzania.)

Further Information & Indemnity

***IN-DEPTH PROJECT INFORMATION
IS AVAILABLE
FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ABOVE
MARKED **
(NO CHARGE FOR SUBSCRIBERS)***

- **New Hospital, Ethanol Plant & L.E.D. Manufacturing Facility in Madagascar**
- **Richards Bay Harbour Expansion Programme, Regional/South Africa**

INDEMNITY

SOME OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE AND IS SUPPLIED TO SUBSCRIBERS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT CONTENTS WILL BE TREATED WITH APPROPRIATE DISCRETION. PLEASE NOTE THAT WHILE EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS SPECIALISED PUBLICATION, NEITHER *AFRICA PROJECT ACCESS* NOR ITS AFFILIATE BODIES AND ASSOCIATES WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR INCONVENIENCE RESULTING FROM APPLICATION OF THIS INFORMATION.