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FACT OF THE MONTH

Over 640 million Africans have no access to energy, corresponding to an electricity access rate for African countries at just over 40 percent, the lowest in the world. Per capita consumption of energy in sub-Saharan Africa (excluding South Africa) is 180 kWh, compared to 13 000 kWh per capita in the United States and 6 500 kWh in Europe. (Source: *Africa News*)

How Do We Boost Junior Mining & Exploration in South Africa? The Case for the Flow-Through Share Scheme

Minister *Mantashe* has declared that the government would like to see South Africa's share of global expenditure on Greenfields mining exploration increase from the current 1% to 5%. The *Minerals Council of South Africa (MCSA)* has said that it would like to see this figure increase to 3% within five years. The minister has remarked that exploration is a "priority" and has listed the government's financial allocations to bolster it including a strong emphasis on support for the *Council for Geoscience*.

These calls for prioritisation of exploration have been accompanied by strong references by mining companies and specialists to the considerable potential of to date relatively unexploited battery minerals (such as cobalt, lithium, graphite and nickel) in this country. The relevance of manganese has been emphasised in this context. *Ferrochrome* has for example recently pledged support for junior mining and exploration in South Africa. Junior mining could have a strong future here.

Junior miners are the key role players for exploration operations. Exploration is what they are about. However, these juniors have many hurdles to jump before they can register success. There are many requirements that arise from intrinsic factors such as global demand for specific commodities (such as battery minerals which have risen sharply in demand) and support infrastructure (notably transport and power supply.) However there are other requirements relating to the legislative environments in the countries in which they operate. These go from the general (attractiveness of mining legislation and ease of doing business and investing) to more specific issues such as the mining charter, licensing system and financial benefits such as tax incentives.

With regard to the last-mentioned, the *MCSA* has called on government to give serious consideration to a Flow-Through Share Scheme along the lines of the successful scheme long undertaken by Canada – a country that is globally recognised as a leader in junior mining.

This is a scheme whereby mining exploration and development expenses are considered for taxation purposes. Junior companies issue flow through

shares to raise capital from investors by renouncing their exploration expenses with a flow through to investors who can monetise the shares through tax deductions.

In another junior mining global leader, Australia, the proposed flow-through scheme did not materialise in original format but support to juniors manifested itself through the Junior Minerals Exploration Incentive (JMEI) of 2017. It is similarly based on the renouncement of operating losses in favour of investors and the granting of tax credits.

The Economic Transformation Committee of the *African National Congress* has called for the incentivising of investment in mining exploration. Minister *Mantashe* has listened to the request by the *MCSA* for consideration of a flow-through share scheme. He provided replies at the recent Junior Mining Indaba by emphasising the need for consultation between the industry and the government before a proposal for the scheme can be made. He added that from his experience in government, anything to do with finance will ultimately have to be submitted to Treasury for approval.

The presumption can understandably not be made that Treasury will immediately and automatically perceive the benefits of the scheme. The benefits will have to be fully explained by the industry and the key role players. There will have to be much 'out of the box' thinking, vision and follow-through if we are to see junior mining and exploration increase substantially in South Africa.



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QUOTABLE QUOTES

"If South Africa were to be left behind in these projects, our companies might not be presented with such a massive opportunity nearby for a long time."

(Chief Executive Officer of the *Export Credit Insurance Corporation* of South Africa, *Kutoane Kutoane* on supply by South African companies to the Mozambique LNG projects off Cabo Delgado Province.)

"... tough conditions that can only be accepted by mad people. They told us that once they build the port, there should be no other port to be built all the way from Tanga to Mtwara South."

(The president of Tanzania, *John Magufuli* on his rejection of the proposal by China for the construction of Bagamoyo port.)

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PROJECTS

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PROJECT OF THE MONTH

The Guinea government has signed two agreements for the construction of a [DEEPWATER PORT AND RAIL LINE](#) for the export of iron ore from the Simandou iron ore deposit. The agreements were signed with a consortium comprising the *Société Minière de Boké (SMB)*, *Winning Shipping* of Singapore, Chinese aluminium producer, *Shandong Weiqiao*, *United Mining Supply* of Guinea and the Guinea government through the Ministry of Mines and Technology. The port is planned to have a capacity of 80 million tons per annum and the rail line called the *Transguinée* will be 650-670 kilometres long. The rail route is complicated by the insistence of the Guinea government that the iron ore brought from the remote south-eastern corner of the country must traverse only Guinean territory. *SMB* has predicted that mine production from Blocks 1 and 2 won in a US\$ 14 billion bid by the consortium should be operational by 2025. The Simandou deposit is one of the largest in the world with a resource of 2 billion tons of high-grade ore. *Rio Tinto* is also involved in the Simandou mining project.

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Projects & Opportunities



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AGRICULTURE



ETHIOPIA

The Ethiopian government has announced the development of a [NEW ABATTOIR](#) in the east of the country. The facility will be able to slaughter 3 000 sheep and goats as well as 100 camels per day. The production will be exported mainly to the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia and will earn hard currency for the country. Ethiopia has also launched an initiative for the establishment of a formalised leather products industry.

GHANA

Kingdom Exim Group Limited of Ghana has announced that it will be allocating US\$ 15 million over three years for the construction and equipment of a [CASHEW NUT PROCESSING PLANT](#). The company has plantations in the Bono East area of the country and is assisting independent growers. Bono East, Bono and Ahafo have been identified as areas earmarked for cashew nut production. Ghana produces 236 000 tons per annum and is second to Côte d'Ivoire as the main West African exporter. Ghana has recently established a national cashew nut agency.

SUDAN

The **HAIDOB LIVE ANIMAL LOADING PORT** in Sudan is scheduled for completion by the end of 2020. The port is situated some 60 kilometres south of Port Sudan. The port will export live camels, goats and cattle to China and other Asian markets. The contractor is *China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC)* and the implementing agency is the state ports utility, *Sea Ports Corporation*. The cost is US\$ 142 million. *CHEC* suspended its operations at the port in 2017 but has since resumed construction. The project falls under China's New Silk Road programme.



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HEALTH



GABON

La Santé Pharmaceutique SA Gabon which is held by Indian interests has announced the establishment of a [GENERIC MEDICINES PRODUCTION PLANT](#) on a 25 000 square metre site in the Nkok Special Economic Zone situated on the outskirts of Libreville. This will be the country's first pharmaceuticals plant. The cost is 20 billion CFA or about US\$ 36 million. The plant will produce 360 million tablets per annum, 200 000 capsules as well as syrups and creams. The generic medicines will be cheaper and will be distributed locally and to the sub-region.

TANZANIA

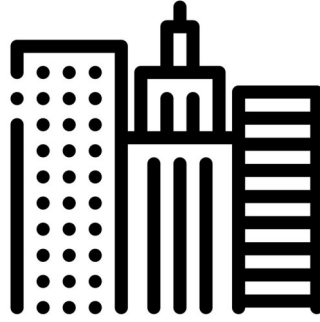
There are reports that there could be further extension of the [AGA KHAN HOSPITAL](#) in Dar es Salaam. In early 2019, the *Agence Francaise de Développement* (AFD) and the *Aga Khan Development Network* (AKDN) pledged a total of US\$ 80 million for the expansion of the hospital from a 74-bed to a 170-bed facility. The extension includes the development of 35 outreach health centres in the country.

The Swiss-based health sector NGO, *Fondation Botnar* is undertaking a proof-of-concept venture for its [AFYA-TEK DIGITAL PLATFORM](#) in the Kibaha District outside Dar es Salaam and in the Pwani Region. The digital platform links community health workers, health facilities such as clinics and private medicine and drug dispensers to provide better healthcare to the populations in growing urban areas. The *Afya-Tek* platform was designed by the *Apotheker Consultancy* and *D-Tree International*.



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HOTELS & COMMERCIAL PROPERTY



DJIBOUTI

The Accor hotel group of France will be establishing its first establishment in the port state of Djibouti, a former French colony. It has signed a management agreement with the local real estate and property management company, the *Kamaj Investment Company*. The [PULLMAN LIVING APARTMENT](#) will be opened in 2023 and will include 1, 2 and 3-bedroom apartments. It will be situated in the Heron District near the city centre close to the Free Trade Zone, upper market residential area and embassies. Accor will later establish a 110-room Novotel and an MGallery hotel in Djibouti.

NAMIBIA

The *National Housing Enterprise (NHE)* of Namibia has announced a [NATIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMME](#) that entails the construction of 335 housing units throughout the country. The programme will be based on the NHE's Public Private Partnership (PPP) construction model. Private investors are invited to submit Requests for Funding proposals and the investments by private operators are offset by the sale of constructed houses.

SOUTH AFRICA

The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government has indicated that the [DURBAN AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY PARK](#) Special Economic Zone (SEZ) should be operational in 2021. It will be situated close to the existing *Toyota* motor assembly plant at the back end of the proposed Durban dug-out port near Umbogintwini just south of Durban. The provincial government is collaborating with *Toyota* on the project. The range of automotive components will include leather upholstery.

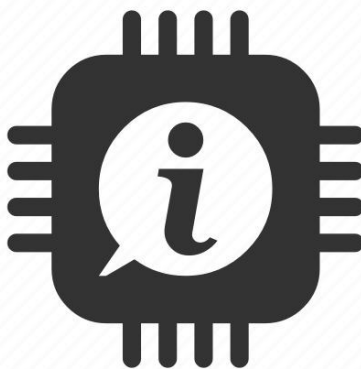
TANZANIA

The [RESILIENT NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FOR TOURISM AND GROWTH PROJECT \(REGROW\)](#) is in early implementation phase. The project will develop community-based projects in areas close to wildlife parks in the southern highlands of Tanzania. This region is less developed for tourism than the north of the country. A southern tourism circuit will be developed to attract local, regional and international tourism. The *World Bank* has allocated US\$ 150 million as an *IDA* credit towards the project. The implementing agency is the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism. Additional roads as well as new accommodation facilities will be required. A major feature of the southern tourism circuit is the 30 000 square kilometre Nyerere National Park, (formerly Selous Game Reserve.)

ZAMBIA

The *Kalulushi Municipal Council* and *Smart City Limited* are developing the [KALULUSHI SMART CITY PROJECT](#) in the Copperbelt Province. The partners have recently launched an invitation for bids for the appointment of contractors for the project. The Kalulushi Smart City will be developed on a 67 hectare site and will be undertaken in two phases.

ICT / TELECOMMUNICATIONS



CAMEROON

The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications has announced that 5 000 kilometres of [FIBRE OPTIC CABLE](#) will be added to the national communications network to improve broadband access to the population and industry. This will bring the network to a total of 25 000 kilometres. The network will emanate from the main urban centres of Douala and Yaoundé. Broadband access in the country has increased considerably in recent years and was estimated at 30% in January 2020.

GHANA

The [GHANA RURAL TELEPHONY AND DIGITAL INCLUSION PROJECT](#) was officially launched on 4 November 2020. The project will connect 300 rural communities to the national mobile telecommunications network. The Ghana Ministry of Communications has appointed *Huawei Technologies* to implement the project. Funding is from the *Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communications (GIFEC)* and the *China National Technical Import and Export Corporation*.

ETHIOPIA

The database supplier, the *Raxio Group* through its subsidiary, *Raxio Ethiopia* is planning the development of Ethiopia's first [COMMUNICATIONS DATA CENTRE](#). The centre will be established at the Information and Technology Park in Addis Ababa run by the *Industrial Parks Development Corporation*. It will be commissioned during the third quarter of 2021. It will service mobile network operators, financial services institutions and other clients. The company is taking advantage of Ethiopia's liberalisation of its communications sector. *Raxio* is planning other data centres in Mozambique and the DR Congo.

SOUTH AFRICA

Teraco Data Environments has begun construction of a 50 000 square metre [DATA CENTRE](#) in Ekurhuleni, Gauteng Province. Completion is scheduled for early 2022. The centre is necessitated by the increase in interconnectivity of South Africa with the rest of the continent through terrestrial fibre and undersea cable links as well as the increasing option for global cloud usage in the continent. Banks, retail organisations and major companies will be able to use the *Teraco* centre as a carrier-neutral centre.



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MINING



CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)

The Canadian junior, *Loncor Resources* is expanding and consolidating the exploration area for the [NGAYU GOLD BELT](#) in the north-eastern DR Congo. It has entered into a number of transactions to increase the operational area of its existing Ngayu gold project. It has recently concluded a joint venture agreement with *Barrick Gold* of Canada for the incorporation of two exploration permits bringing the exploration area to 2 000 square kilometres.

LESOTHO

The *Lucapa Diamond Company* of Australia has announced that it will be expanding its operations at its [MOTHAE DIAMOND MINE](#) through the issue of share placements. The cost of the expansion is estimated at approximately US\$ 7,3 million. The expansion should be completed during the first few months of 2021. The mine's capacity will be increased from 1,1 million tons per annum to 1,6 million tons per annum. The current plant has been operational for some 18 months.

MADAGASCAR

Base Resources of Australia has announced that the final investment decision (FID) on the [TOLIARA MINERAL SANDS PROJECT](#) situated on the south-western coast of Madagascar will be delayed until late 2021. The operation will have a processing capacity of 13 million tons per annum in the first phase increasing to 19 million tons in the second phase. Ilmenite, zircon and rutile will be produced. The estimated cost of the first phase is US\$ 442 million. Duration would be approximately 24 months.

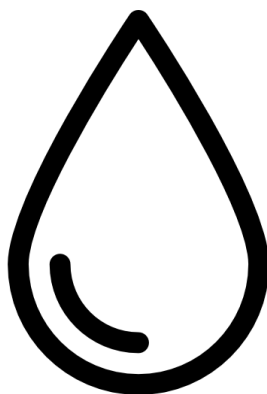
ZAMBIA

London-based and AIM-listed *Arc Minerals Limited* has announced positive assay results at its [FWIJI COPPER PROJECT](#) in the ZACO license area of north-western Zambia. It has reported significant mineralisation and will be conducting further drilling operations.

ZIMBABWE

Bravura Holdings Limited has announced that it will be developing a [PLATINUM MINE](#) in the Selous area in Mashonaland West Province south of Harare. The company has a 3 000 hectare concession. The company's country manager for Zimbabwe, *Lionel Mhlanga* has said that it has US\$ 1 billion for the investment and construction could begin within the next 18 months. *Bravura* also intends mining other minerals in Zimbabwe including tin and rare earths.

OIL & GAS



BOTSWANA

Tlou Energy of Australia is seeking finance for its [LESEDI GAS-TO-POWER PROJECT](#). The project entails extraction of coal bed methane gas from the Lesedi gas field in central Botswana for conversion for the generation of 12 MW of power. The project would be developed in two phases at a total cost of US\$ 30 million. Some 100 kilometres of transmission lines will link the gas field to the town of Serowe and then to the national transmission network. Generators, transformers and other electrical equipment's and infrastructure will be acquired.

COTE D'IVOIRE

The national petroleum utility, *PETROCI Holding (Société Nationale d'Opérations Pétrolières de la Côte d'Ivoire)* and its joint venture partner, *Sahara Energy Logistics Holdings Limited (SAHARA)* are planning the development of a [LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS \(LPG\) STORAGE FACILITY](#) at Abidjan port. The facility will have a storage capacity of 12 000 metric tons. The estimated cost is about US\$ 40 million. It will increase the national LPG storage capacity by 60%. Various legal firms are advising the joint venture on the project.

SOUTH AFRICA

The recent discovery by *Total* of France of a substantial resource of gas condensate at Luiperd Block 11B/12B has increased impetus for South Africa's [OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION PROGRAMME](#). *Shell* and the *Africa Oil Corporation* of Canada are reportedly interested in purchasing rights to operate the Algoa and Transkei Blocks off the country's south coast. These developments will enhance South Africa's gas-to-power development strategy.

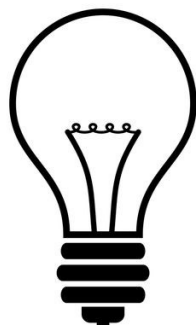
TANZANIA

The *Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC)* has indicated that talks on the construction of the [LINDI LNG EXPORT FACILITY/PLANT](#) on the southern coast will be resumed after the presidential elections. There have been regulatory delays of the project. International companies including *Equinor* of Norway, *Shell*, *ExxonMobil*, *Pavillion Energy* of Singapore, *MedcoEnergy* of Indonesia and *Ophir Energy* have expressed interest in the development. The cost of the plant is estimated at US\$ 30 billion.

ZIMBABWE

The Australian exploration company, *Invictus Energy* has commenced its advance drilling programme for [NATURAL GAS AND CONDENSATE](#) in the Muzarabani zone in Masvingo Central Province near the border with Mozambique. The programme will ascertain details relating inter alia to topography, water drainage, soil and road infrastructure. The company is planning the development of two wells in 2021. The cost if the operation is around US\$ 17 million. *Invictus* has obtained environmental approval from the Zimbabwean authorities.

POWER



REGIONAL

Initial studies for the construction of the 600 MW [CHOLLET HYDRO POWER DAM](#) on the Dja River situated on the common border of Cameroon and the Republic of the Congo are scheduled to commence in early 2021. A contractor will be appointed thereafter. An agreement on the project has been concluded between the Ministry of Water Resources and Energy of Cameroon and the Ministry of Energy and Water of the Republic of the Congo. The dam will initially supply power to Cameroon and the Republic of the Congo but later phases will extend supply to the DR Congo, Gabon and the Central African Republic. The project falls under the Regional Economic Programme for Central Africa.

KENYA

The joint venture between *Gulf Power* and *Centum, Amu Power Company Limited* is involved in talks with the Kenyan authorities for the revival of the [LAMU COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT PROJECT](#). In June 2019, the *National Environmental Tribunal* blocked the project by revoking its environmental license. Environmental activists opposed the project. *Amu Power* had secured a Public Private Partnership Agreement (PPA) with *Kenya Power* for development of the 1 050 MW coal-fired power plant at Manda Bay in the area of the new port of Lamu. Potential funders are limited by new policies relating to the funding of coal projects.

MOZAMBIQUE

ADC Projects of South Africa and *ECI-Distribution* of Austria have been awarded the operations and maintenance contracts for the 40,35 MW [KUVANINGA GAS-FIRED POWER PLANT](#) in Chokwe, Gaza Province. *ADC Projects* will operate the plant and *ECI-Distribution* will be the technical partner. *Investec Bank* is a lead financier of the project.

SOUTH AFRICA

Eskom has announced the 282 kilometre 400 kV [NAMAQUALAND TRANSMISSION LINE](#) that will extend from the Gromis sub-station, Kleinsee, Northern Cape Province to the Juno sub-station near Vredendal in the Western Cape Province. The main contractors are *Power Line Africa* and the *Siyavuya/Umsi* joint venture. Project steering committees will be appointed to oversee various aspects of the project including the socio-economic impact. *Eskom* is implementing a Transmission Development Plan that entails 4 800 kilometres of new H-V line over the next ten years.

ZIMBABWE

Sun Exchange of the USA is installing a 1,9 MW solar power plant for *Nhimbe Fresh Exports Limited* for [COLD STORAGE CHAMBERS](#) at its fruit and vegetable production operation at Marondera in Mashonaland East Province. The solar plant will also power water pumps. The *Nhimbe Fresh* operation produces inter alia strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and peas.

TRANSPORT



CAMEROON

In Cameroon, the Kribi Port Authority (*Port Autonome de Kribi – PAK*) is seeking to raise funds for its [KRIBI PORT EXPANSION PROJECT](#) from the Central African Stock Exchange (*Bourse des Valeurs Mobilières d'Afrique Centrale – BVMAC*). The cost of the project is estimated at 400 billion CFA or about US\$ 716 million. The objective is to double the size of the port by 2024. In mid-2020, Philippines-based *International Container Terminal Services Incorporated (ICTSI)* was awarded a 25-year concession for the development, operation and maintenance of the Kribi multipurpose terminal. *ICTSI* will extend berths and yards at the port. The port development will enhance the Kribi Logistics Corridor involving Cameroon, Chad, the Central African Republic, the Republic of the Congo, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea.

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NIGERIA

The Nigerian Federal Ministry of Aviation has announced a major [NATIONAL AIRPORTS CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME](#). The objective is to increase the number of airports in the country to 62 by 2023. The programme includes the construction of ten new airports in various states including Anambra, Benue, Ekiti, Ebonyi and Gombe. A number of existing airports will also be revamped including those in Kebbi and Osobe. There are plans for the launch of a new airline, *Nigerian Air*.

TANZANIA

The *Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS)* has signed agreements with a total value of US\$ 95,7 million with the *China Civil Engineering Construction Company (CCECC)* and *AVIC International Project Engineering Company* for the construction of the [DODOMA OUTER RING ROAD](#). The 112,3 kilometre dual carriageway road will include bitumen standard, bridges, culverts, drainage and ancillary works. *CCECC* will build 52,3 kilometres and *AVIC* will construct 60 kilometres. Duration will be about 40 months. Funding is from the *African Development Bank (AfDB)* and the *African Growing Together Fund (AGTF)*. The road is necessitated by the expected rapid growth of Dodoma city as the capital. It will enhance the development of the Central Corridor connecting the coast to the country's interior.

WATER & SANITATION



ANGOLA

The *Suez Group* of France has been awarded a US\$ 98 million contract by the water utility, *Empresa Publica de Aguas (EPAL)* for the development of the [LUANDA BITA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT](#) in the environs of Luanda City. *Suez's* construction partners are *Mota Engil* and *Soares da Costa* of Portugal. Raw water will be drawn from the Kwanza River to supply a water treatment plant in Bitá. The duration of the plant's construction is estimated at 39 months with a period of post-project support. Over seven million inhabitants will be supplied with drinking water. In July 2019, the *World Bank* approved an *IBRD* guarantee for the project.

BOTSWANA

Khato Civil Engineering of South Africa has reported that the [MASAMA WATER PROJECT](#) is progressing well. *Khato Civils* with *South Zambezi Engineering* and *Evolution Engineering* commenced the project in May 2020 after being appointed by the *Water Utilities Corporation (WUC)*. Completion is expected around April 2021. The project entails the design and construction of a pipeline of some 83 kilometres from the Masama East and West wellfields to the Mmamasha treatment plant in Gaborone. Delivery of the last batch of pipes is expected by December 2020. *Khato Civils* is also undertaking the Lilongwe-Salima water pipeline in Malawi.

CAPE VERDE

The *Africa Water Facility (AWF)* supported by the *African Development Bank (AfDB)* is promoting the [SURFACE WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING PROJECT](#) in the Cape Verde. The project entails the development of five dams on the islands. Funding for the relevant feasibility studies is sought. The cost is estimated at 82 million Euros or about US\$ 97,5 million. The islands lie on the dry Sahel Belt and water supply is highly problematic. Most water is drawn from desalination plants or from pump-extracted groundwater.



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ADC has been awarded the operations contract for the Kuvaninga gas-fired power plant in Mozambique.

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Khato Civils is undertaking the Masama water project in Botswana.

AFRICAN UTILITY CONTACTS



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TANROADS has recently signed agreements for the construction of the Dodoma Outer Ring Road.

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The Corporation is overseeing the development of the Haidob Live Animal Loading Port near Port Sudan.

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The *Africa Water Facility (AWF)* is promoting a project for the development of five dams in the country.

AFRICAN REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS



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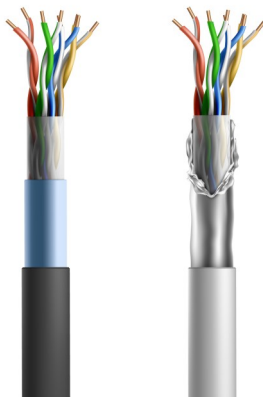
Hassan Musa is Director: Air Transport Management at the **NIGERIAN FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AVIATION**, Website: www.aviation.gov.ng

The Ministry is planning a major National Airports Construction Programme.

Richard Balla is Director: Chollet Dam Project at the **CAMEROON MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND ENERGY (MINEE)**, telephone Yaoundé 237 32 223400, Website: www.minee.cm

The Chollet hydro dam will supply power to Cameroon and the Republic of the Congo and later to other neighbouring states.

ICT/TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTACTS



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Teraco is constructing a major regional data centre in Ekurhuleni, South Africa.

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Raxio is developing Ethiopia's first private communications data centre in Addis Ababa.

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GIFEC is co-funding the Ghana Rural Telephony and Digital Inclusion Project.

MINING CONTACTS



Vassilios Carellas is Chief Operating Officer at **ARC MINERALS LIMITED**, telephone London 40 20 79172942, e-mail: info@arcminerals.com Website: www.arcminerals.com

Arc Minerals has reported positive results at its Fwiji copper project in Zambia.

Andre Greyling is General Manager: Project Development at **BASE RESOURCES**, telephone Toliara 261 20 9444887 or Perth 61 8 94137426, e-mail: jfuller@baseresources.com.au Website: www.baseresources.com.au

Base Resources has announced a delay in its final investment decision for the Toliara Mineral Sands project in Madagascar.

Alex Kidman is Principal: Group Projects at the **LUCAPA DIAMOND COMPANY**, telephone Perth 61 8 83815995, Website: www.lucapa.com.au

Lucapa is expanding its Mothae diamond operation in Lesotho.

John Barker is Vice President: Business Development at **LONCOR RESOURCES**, telephone Toronto 1 416 3612510, Website: www.loncor.com

Loncor is expanding its exploration area in the Ngayu Gold Belt in the DR Congo.

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Tlou Energy is planning its Lesedi Gas-to-Power project in Botswana.

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Equinor is interested in the development of the Lindi LNG export facility in Tanzania.

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Africa Oil is reportedly purchasing operating rights for offshore gas blocks in South Africa.

Brent Barber is Country Manager: Zimbabwe at **INVICTUS ENERGY**, telephone Perth 61 8 61025055, e-mail: info@invictusenergy.com Website: www.invictusenergy.com

Invictus is undertaking a natural gas and condensate drilling programme in Muzarabani, Zimbabwe.

Ibrahima Diaby is Director General at the Côte d'Ivoire national petroleum utility, **SOCIETE NATIONALE D'OPERATIONS PETROLIERES DE LA COTE D'IVOIRE (PETROCI HOLDING)**, telephone Abidjan 225 21 273032/3, e-mail: petrociholding@globeaccess.net Website: www.petroci.ci

Petroci is planning a new LPG storage facility at Abidjan port.

AGRICULTURE/AGRI-BUSINESS CONTACTS



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The Group has announced the establishment of a new cashew nut processing plant in Ghana.

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Nhimbe Fresh is procuring a 1,9 MW solar plant to power cold chambers for its fruit and vegetable production plant near Marondera, Zimbabwe.

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The NHE is implementing a National Housing Programme.

Houssein Mahamoud Robleh is Chief Executive Officer at the **KAMAJ INVESTMENT COMPANY**, telephone Djibouti 253 354091, e-mail: kamaj@intnet.dj

Kamaj will be managing three new accommodation establishments being developed by the Accor hotel group in Djibouti.

HEALTH SECTOR CONTACTS



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The Aga Khan hospital in Dar es Salaam is being expanded.

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Fondation Botnar is implementing a project for the application of a digitalised platform project for the improvement of healthcare among communities in Tanzania.

Rajeev Lila is Managing Director at **LA SANTE PHARMACEUTIQUE SA GABON**, telephone Libreville 241 77074411, e-mail: info@lasantepharma.com

The company is establishing Gabon's first generic medicines manufacturing plant outside Libreville.

DONOR/DFI/FUND/ECA CONTACTS



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The World Bank is funding the REGROW tourism development project in Tanzania.

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Julia Crause heads the German **KFW DEVELOPMENT BANK** office in Maputo, telephone 258 21 488708, e-mail: kfw.maputo@kfw.de Website: www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de

KFW has recently allocated 107 million Euros for selected projects in Mozambique.

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BRICS/ASIA/AMERICA/EUROPE CONTACTS



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ICTSI has been awarded a concession for the operation of the Kribi port multipurpose terminal in Cameroon.

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WEBSITES



Prospective suppliers to *Total's* **MOZAMBIQUE LNG PROJECTS** are advised by the company to access the Supplier Registration Platform and complete registration through their site: www.mzlng.total.com

The website of the **INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY (IRENA)** www.irena.org includes a global atlas containing maps of renewable energy resources for locations across the world.

www.un.org.za/agencies/ provides a list and description of **UNITED NATIONS OFFICES IN SOUTH AFRICA**.

The site of the **PUMP INDUSTRY JOURNAL**, "Pumps Africa" carries updates on water and sanitation projects in Africa: www.pumps-africa.com

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

[WORKFORCE AFRICA](#) has been invited to tender for training courses for personnel working at the Coral South and Rovuma LNG projects in northern Mozambique. The company is supplying personnel for EPC companies and subcontractors involved in the projects. Its service is backed up by technical and general training courses conducted through the company's network of partners in South Africa and Mozambique.

South African construction company [CONCOR's](#) Roggeveld wind farm project in the Karoo has won the Civil Engineering category in *Construction World's Best Projects 2020* and also received a Highly Commended Award in the AfriSam Innovation in Sustainable Construction category. The 47-turbine, 147 MW project was developed by *Red Rocket* under government's REIPPPP initiative and was constructed by EPC contractor *Nordex Energy South Africa*. Concor successfully completed the civil balance of plant work, including turbine bases spread over a construction footprint of 40 hectares.

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

The Board of Executive Directors of the *World Bank* has approved US\$ 250 million from its *International Development Association (IDA)* facility towards the establishment of the **DEVELOPMENT BANK OF GHANA (DBG)**. The new bank will increase lending to priority sectors of the economy and enhance private sector funding for medium and small enterprises operating in the country. It will provide a partial credit guarantee facility and a digitised financing platform. US\$ 500 million is being raised as seed finance for the institution.

The French development finance institution, *Proparco* and the technical commercial group, *Digital Africa* have launched the **BRIDGE FUND**. The fund will provide bridging finance through co-investment for innovative technical African start-up companies facing the impact of the Covid-19 epidemic. These companies are involved in sectors such as agriculture, health and logistics. They must be co-financed by recognised institutional investors. They must have been in existence for a minimum of 18 months and generate 75% turnover of at least 200 000 Euros in Africa and have staff active in African operations. The bridging loans have a maximum period of 18 months.

The **KFW DEVELOPMENT BANK** of Germany has allocated 107 million Euros (about US\$ 127 million) over the next two years for selected projects and programmes in Sofala and Inhambane provinces in Mozambique. Sectors covered include public finance, education, energy and biodiversity.

AFRICA & THE WORLD



It is expected that **REMITTANCES** from expats from Sub-Saharan Africa to their countries of origin could total some US\$ 50 billion in 2020. These remittances constitute a major source of capital for the home countries. The *Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe* has announced that remittances from the country's diaspora have risen 33% while others estimate the figure to be as high as 45%.

TRAVEL NOTES



Business travellers to **MOZAMBIQUE** should ensure that they have all the paper work required by the Mozambican authorities on arrival in the country. ("No short cuts.") An *Africa House* associate in Pemba advises registration with the immigration office for longer-term visitors to the town.

Travellers to Tanzania should consider learning basic, useful phrases of the **SWAHILI LANGUAGE**. While English is the official language and knowledge of Swahili is not a necessity for business dealings, relationships will be enhanced through usage of greetings and other courtesies in this widely-spoken indigenous language. The general level of English practised in the country is not high.

WHISPERINGS - FOOTNOTES

- **DODOMA CITY** is likely to grow exponentially as the Tanzanian government enforces its objective of moving the headquarters of public institutions from Dar es Salaam to the capital. Diplomatic missions will follow suit.
- Logistics contacts report an increase in the **EAST-WEST MOVEMENT OF GOODS** between the Zambian and DR Congo copperbelts and Dar es Salaam. This developing trade route encompasses a wide range of products apart from mining equipment and commodities.
- Traders and suppliers operating in Africa report a need for local facilities for the washing and cleaning of **ISO TANK CONTAINERS** including those carrying chemicals and hazardous materials. *International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO)* certified containers must be cleaned regularly and to a high standard.
- The long-mooted **NORTH WEST RAILWAY PROJECT** aimed at finally linking the Zambian Copperbelt with the Benguela rail line in Angola has new impetus. *Transmasholding* of Russia and *Uroven Limited* of the UK is assisting with a feasibility study for phase 1A from Chingola to Solwezi. There are still numerous additional phases to be completed before the Benguela line link can be achieved and a major East-West transport route achieved.
- There appears to be a resurgence in major **MINING ACTIVITY IN MADAGASCAR**. *Sumitomo Corporation* will be resuming production at its Ambatovy nickel mine and a final investment decision is likely for the Toliara Sands mineral sands project. A new hopefully more investor-friendly mining code is being formulated.
- There are reports that Nigeria will lose approximately US\$ 25 billion in **OIL AND GAS INVESTMENTS** over the next five years due to a combination of the Covid-19 epidemic and the low oil price.
- The northern Mozambican town of **PEMBA** is growing rapidly as businesses establish a presence there in preparation for the LNG projects in Cabo Delgado Province. There is much forward payment for the limited accommodation available. The population is further augmented by a strong influx of refugees from the strife-torn areas north of the town.
- Plans by the Kenyan authorities for the development of LNG import terminals at Mombasa port have added impetus to the concept of a **REGIONAL COASTAL GAS PIPELINE** extending from the Rovuma Basin in Mozambique, along the Tanzanian coast to Mombasa. The *Kenya Electricity Generating Company (Kengen)* has also issued a tender invitation for feasibility studies for natural gas projects.

RECENT ACTIVITIES OF AFRICA HOUSE

- *Duncan Bonnett* of *Africa House* hosted a virtual Tanzania Country Focus Group on 3 November 2020. Guest speakers & panelists included: *John Rogers*: Regional Director – East Africa, **Turner & Townsend** | *Mari Pennanen*: Chief Business Development Officer, **African Ports and Corridor Holdings** | *Alex Mbonye*, **Africa House** Uganda
- *Roelof van Tonder* of *Africa House* hosted a virtual Oil & Gas Focus Group on 11 November 2020. Guest speakers & panelists included: *John Rocha*: Chief Director, **DTIC – Trade Invest Africa** | *Florival Mucave*: Chairman, **Mozambique Oil and Gas Chamber** | *Paul Eardley-Taylor*: Head of Oil and Gas Southern Africa—**Standard Bank** | *Moses Nkanda*: Managing Director, **Mnazi Bay Consulting** | *Alex Mbonye*, **Africa House** Uganda | *Thomas Rodriguez*: Local Content Manager, **MzLNG**
- *Duncan Bonnett* of *Africa House* hosted a virtual Mining Focus Group on 19 November 2020. Guest speakers & panelists included: **David Morgan**: Director, *MBI-Australia* | *Joe Luamba*: Project Geologist, **Ironfield Liberia** | *Zekarias Talo*: 1st Secretary, **Economic: Ethiopian Embassy**

During November, Podcast discussions were produced for *Africa House* clients on the following topics:

- *Duncan Bonnett* spoke to *Mike Freedman* about repurposing African spaces.
- *Roelof van Tonder* spoke to *Brian Kinyua* about the latest news regarding the impact of COVID on the SGR, border posts and the new single window customs platform.



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COMMODITIES OF AFRICA

TYPE OF COMMODITY	COMMODITY	UNITS	PRICE: September 2020	PRICE: October 2020	PRICE: November 2020
Agriculture	Cocoa	US\$ per Ounce (US\$/oz)	1.85	1.63	1.86
	Coffee	US\$ per Ounce (US\$/oz)	1.09	1.05	1.15
	Cotton	US\$ per Ounce (US\$/oz.)	0.64	0.70	0.71
	Rice	US\$ per Metric Ton (USD/MT)	505	507	471
	Sugar	US\$ per Pound (US\$/lb)	12.56	14.89	14.77
Base and Precious Metals	Cobalt	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	34,200	35,065	34,140
	Copper	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	6,571.34	6,694.50	7,356
	Gold	US\$ per Troy Ounce (US\$/t oz.)	1,879.04	1,882.94	1,809.38
	Iron Ore	US\$ per Ounce (US\$/oz)	124.21	120.45	123.63
	Platinum	US\$ per Troy Ounce (US\$/t oz.)	877.00	875.00	954.00
Energy	Coal: Industrial	US\$ per Metric Ton (USD/MT)	60.78	57.47	61.04
	Coal: Coking	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	31.34	59.32	69.52
	Gas: Natural Gas	US\$ per million British Thermal Units (USD/MMBtu)	2.76	3.28	2.94
	Oil: Crude Oil	US\$ per Barrel (US\$/bbl.)	42.26	40.71	46.63

Source: Various

