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FACT OF THE MONTH

The opening on 10 May 2021 of the 920 metre Kazungula bridge across the Zambezi river between Botswana and Zambia led to an immediate influx of traffic. The Botswana tax authority collected the equivalent of almost US\$ 19 000 on the first day from over 160 trucks and vehicles crossing between the two countries.

Which Will Be the South Africa's Main Gas Port?

Total's well-publicised gas condensate discovery at the Brulpadda prospect off South Africa's southern coast as well as the positive indications from *Africa Energy's* Luiperd project there has helped galvanise the government's efforts to develop the country's nascent gas industry. The new Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Bill is aimed at ensuring maximum local benefit from a new offshore oil and gas industry. The bill includes stipulations for a 20% government stake in operations and reservations of ownership by black investors. It also includes the establishment of a new state petroleum company that will be a partner in new operations.

Linked to the offshore gas development is Operation Phakisa which was launched in 2014 to stimulate coastal economies. Also relevant are state plans for the country's future energy mix which must see a reduction inter alia in the use of coal. Gas currently accounts for only 7% of South Africa's energy supply but the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy has expressed strong intent to upscale the country's liquefied natural gas potential through gas-to-power plants. Gas is generally viewed as the most environmentally friendly fossil fuel.

The gas from the Pande and Temane fields in southern Mozambique has been exploited for some time and piped to South Africa for power generation. However, despite the insurgent attacks in Mozambique's far northern Cabo Delgado Province, the vast gas deposits of the Rovuma Basin wait to be drawn upon and provide a strong backdrop to the gas debate.

However, a question being asked by observers is which of South Africa's ports will be the main storage repository for imported or locally resourced gas? There would appear to be some measure of competition between the main contenders: Richards Bay, Coega and Saldanha Bay.

To many, Richards Bay makes most sense. It has a considerable number of local industries which would be off-takers of the gas. It is also best geographically suited for the import of gas from Mozambique and Tanzania. It is also closest to the major Matola LNG import terminal near Maputo.

Furthermore, *Transnet* has announced plans for the development of an LNG import terminal at Richards Bay that could be operational by 2024. Another positive for Richards Bay is its proximity as an off-take point for *Transnet's* repurposed Secunda-Durban Lilly gas pipeline.

In 2019, government officials indicated that Ngqura port to be the preferred location and there is considerable political impetus attached to its selection. The Coega industrial development zone is the country's largest and there is considerable relevant industry in the area.

Saldanha Bay port already has a dedicated oil and gas area and has long had plans for accommodating LNG. It has much of the required infrastructure and local industries. It is also blessed with a large and deep natural harbour with a good natural draft.

Mossel Bay is the port that is historically linked to the oil and gas industry and is home to the *PetroSA* gas-to-liquids refinery. The marine engineering sector is established there. Some observers state that gas could be brought from Coega as well as Saldanha Bay to Mossel Bay and possibly piped to Cape Town.

Both Mossel Bay and Coega are in relatively close proximity to Blocks 11B and 12 B from which *Africa Energy* has declared first gas and condensate will be produced.

However, when asked about a final decision on the country's preferred gas repository, government officials remain hesitant to firmly commit.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"You'll have to grow your business being very cognisant of buying low-emission projects. The value of projects is going to change based on their environmental profile and we will be left with unmined resources because they can't be mined in a carbon responsible way."

(Neal Froneman, Chief Executive Officer of Sibanye-Stillwater in a recent interview with the Business Times.)

"People are finding money if they really want something."

(Dianna Games, Executive Director, South Africa-Nigeria Business Chamber on Nigeria as an important market despite Nigerian consumers earning around one US Dollar per day.)

SPECIAL NOTE

With the implementation of the Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act in South Africa on 01 July 2021, *Africa House* will no longer be able to publish contact details in this publication.

We have therefore dropped the "CONTACTS" section of the newsletter and have included hyperlinks throughout the publication to companies and organisations mentioned. Contact details of organisations and companies associated with projects are also listed on the Africa House Project Portal and hyperlinks to mentioned projects are included.

Please feel free to contact Nicole Drake should you have any questions





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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS EDITION

- Further Development of the Pandamatenga Agriculture Project, Botswana
- Road Linkages for Eastern DR Congo and Western Uganda
- Launch of the Temane Gas-to-Power Plant, Mozambique
- Re-Activation of the Kombat Copper Mine, Namibia
- Renewal of Plans for the Lindi Onshore LNG Plant, Tanzania
- 5G License Awards, Mauritius
- Preparations for a New Desalination Plant, Namibia
- Sugar and Dairy Production Projects in Northern Nigeria
- New Hotel, Conference Centre and Hospital for Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
- Plans for Covid-19 Vaccine Production Centres in South Africa, Senegal, Rwanda and Nigeria
- Funding for the Libreville-Brazzaville Transport Corridor, Gabon and Republic of Congo
- Solar Power Programme, Northern DR Congo
- Inauguration of the Mwanza Precious Metals Refinery, Tanzania
- Approval for the EPCC Contract for the Tilenga Oil Project, Uganda
- Progress on the Central African Backbone Communications Project
- Development of the Bagamoyo Sugar Production Plant, Tanzania
- Private Schools Development Programme, Kenya
- Programme for the Upgrade of Airports in Senegal

PROJECTS

Africa House subscribers should note that the projects listed below in this publication are a selection from our Project Database. Templates on many more projects can be found on the

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Projects & Opportunities



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PROJECT OF THE MONTH

The [African Development Bank \(AfDB\)](#) is providing the Botswana government with a loan of US\$ 60 million for the [PANDAMATENGA AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT](#) in northern Botswana. The project includes construction of drainage channels and pipe culverts as well as 190 kilometres of access roads. The objectives of the project are to increase agricultural production in the area (notably cereals) and achieve crop diversification through the establishment of a water control system and an access road network. Some 260 farming households will benefit. The government is developing the Pandamatenga Special Economic Zone as an integrated agropolis. The project is being implemented within the context of the National Master Plan for Agriculture and Dairy Development.

Editor's Note: Africa House has led a business group visit to the Pandamatenga area and can provide its subscribers with further information on request.

AGRICULTURE



NIGERIA

[*Flour Mills Nigeria \(FMN\)*](#) through its subsidiary, [*Golden Sugar Company*](#) is investing US\$ 30 million in a new **SUGAR PRODUCTION COMPLEX** in Nasarawa State in northern Nigeria. The 2 450 hectare complex will include a plantation and a sugar processing plant. The company is expanding its sugar operations and has also recently acquired additional plantation land for its sugar complex at Mokwa in Niger State.

[*Arla Foods*](#) of Denmark will be building a **DAIRY PRODUCTION PLANT** on a 200 hectare site in Kaduna State, northern Nigeria. The plant will produce 10 000 litres of raw milk per day using modern processing facilities. There will initially be 400 head and the project will support about 1 000 dairy producers. The plant should be operational before the end of 2022.

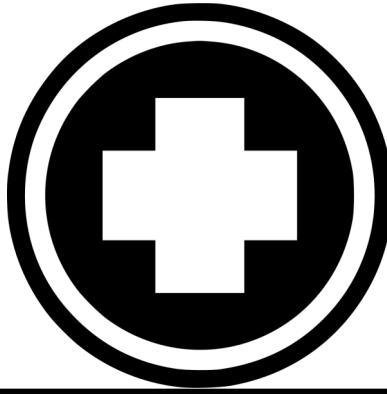
SEYCHELLES

The [*Ministry of Investment, Entrepreneurship and Industries*](#) has embarked on a **PROGRAMME FOR REVIVAL OF THE CINNAMON INDUSTRY**. Land will be made available for potential investors to harvest cinnamon. The initiative is part of a broader programme for identification of the country's natural resources for the purpose of export. Cinnamon is an invasive species and has to be controlled.

TANZANIA

The [*Said Salim Bakhresa Group \(SSBG\)*](#) are developing the **BAGAMOYO SUGAR PRODUCTION PLANT** and expect production to start in June 2022. The company has a 2 000 hectare sugar plantation near the planned factory. The factory will initially produce about 35 000 tons. The project will be developed over three phases at a total cost of around US\$ 300 million. The civil works for the plant are currently being completed.

HEALTH



REGIONAL

The [World Health Organisation \(WHO\)](#) has announced that a hub for the sharing of Covid-19 mRNA technology will be established in South Africa. The [World Trade Organisation \(WTO\)](#) has also announced the setting up of **COVID-19 VACCINE PRODUCTION CENTRES** in South Africa, Senegal, Rwanda and Nigeria. The initiative is supported by the [European Union \(EU\)](#) and other agencies.

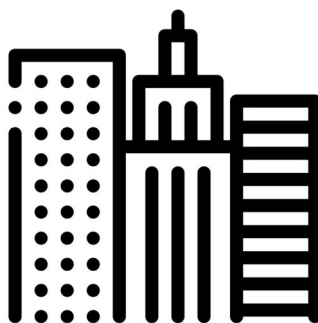
ZIMBABWE

There are plans for the construction of a [NEW HOSPITAL IN VICTORIA FALLS](#). The objective would be to establish a facility for the SADC region within the context of medical tourism. In late 2020, an organisation called [International Health Delivery \(IHD\)](#) was in consultation with government on the project and a site had yet to be confirmed. In June 2021 it was announced that a hospital facility will be included in a deal with [Old Mutual Zimbabwe](#) pertaining to a major hotel and tourism facility development in the Victoria [Falls Special Economic Zone \(SEZ\)](#).

The [Ministry of Industry and Commerce](#) is spearheading the [NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL REVITALISATION PROGRAMME](#). Zimbabwe imports about 90% of its pharmaceutical product requirement. A "Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Strategy in Zimbabwe 2021-2025" has just been launched. The *Pharmaceutical Sector Revitalisation Fund* has been set up. It will draw on public and private sector funding. It is estimated that US\$ 43 million is required for the upgrading of factories with new equipment and for product development.



HOTELS/COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY



KENYA

The Nairobi-based non-banking financial institution, [Ed Partners Africa](#) has raised US\$ 1,9 million for a **PRIVATE SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**. The institution is offering credit facilities to private schools that serve the lower income population. The funds will inter alia assist schools in the expansion of classrooms and the provision of sanitary facilities. The initiative is attracting additional catalytic funding for the affordable private education sector. *Ed Partners Africa* has assisted some 140 private schools.

SOUTH AFRICA

According to the [Ministry of Human Settlements](#), an old *ESKOM* building in Braamfontein in the inner city of Johannesburg is to be renovated and converted for **STUDENT AND SOCIAL HOUSING**. Built in 1954 as an *ESKOM* regional office block, it comprises 16 floors and 200 parking bays. The [Housing Development Agency \(HDA\)](#) estimates the cost of the project at about R290 million (about US\$21 million). Plans include solar energy and water harvesting. Support amenities include ICT facilities, medical facilities, study rooms, canteens and restaurants and a gym.

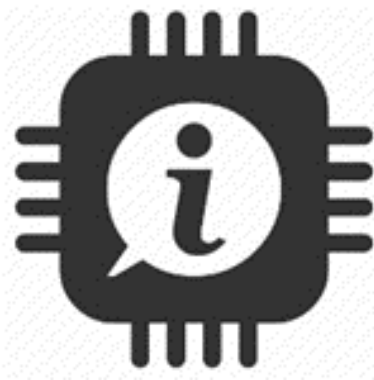
ZIMBABWE

[Old Mutual Zimbabwe](#) and the Zimbabwean government have concluded a land deal for a new **HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE IN VICTORIA FALLS**. The government has allocated an area of 55 hectares in the Victoria Falls Special Economic Zone (SEZ). The four-star hotel will also have a 5 000-seater conference centre. Later planned developments include a clinic, a shopping mall and a golf course. The government will be represented by the national company, the *Mosi Oa Tunya Development Company (MOTDC)*.

[BancABC](#) of the [Atlas Mara](#) financial services group has concluded a major US\$ 11 million **HOUSING DEAL** with the pan African housing agency, [Shelter Afrique](#) for the construction of 2 500 housing units for the low and middle income groups. The Ministry of Housing and Social Amenities has reported that the current housing backlog in the country is 1,5 million units.

Zimbabwe's largest clay brick manufacturer, [Beta Bricks](#) will soon be opening a new **BRICK MANUFACTURING PLANT** at Melfort, about 40 kilometres east of Harare. It will have a production capacity of 180 million bricks per annum. The company has three other plants in Mount Hampden. It is a subsidiary of [Beta Holdings](#).

ICT / TELECOMMUNICATIONS



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The [CENTRAL AFRICAN BACKBONE \(CAB\) PROJECT](#) is progressing with the Cameroon-Republic of the Congo fibre optic cable link almost completed. Outstanding linkages are the Kinshasa-Lubumbashi-Kisangani link and completion of links with the Central African Republic. Total project funding is US\$ 273 million with the *World Bank* as the main funder. The CAB was initiated to link the countries of the [Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa \(CEMAC\)](#).

BURKINA FASO

Horizon Industries of Burkina Faso and [Haier](#) of China have begun construction of a **COMPUTER AND MOBILE HAND SET ASSEMBLY PLANT** located in the Kossodo Industrial Development Zone in Ouagadougou. The companies have to date raised about US\$ 14 million from local banks and other funders for the project. It will produce approximately 200 affordable laptops, tablets and hand sets per day.

ETHIOPIA

The pan-African technology company, [Flutterwave](#) and the Ethiopian digital wallet platform, *Amole* have concluded a partnership for implementation of an **INSTANT CASH INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER FACILITY** whereby Ethiopians in the diaspora will be able to make instant remittances to their home country. The Ethiopian diaspora is particularly large and is estimated at over eight million. Billions in hard currency are remitted every year.

MAURITIUS

The [Information and Communication Technologies Authority \(ICTA\)](#) of Mauritius has awarded **5G LICENSES** to [Cellplus](#), [Emtel](#) and [Mahanagar Telephone Mauritius \(MTML\)](#). Each company will present its plans for network coverage. The commercial launch of the 5G services is expected to take place at the end of 2021.

MINING



ETHIOPIA

[*Kefi Minerals*](#) has announced that the early works programme for the [TULU KAPI GOLD PROJECT](#) in Oromia State has begun. The project company is the [Tulu Kapi Gold Mine Share Company \(TKGM\)](#). The full project launch should take place in mid-2021, with project commissioning scheduled for late 2022 and full production by mid-2023. *Kefi* has appointed the [Corica Group](#) as the contractor. The resource is estimated at 1,72 million ounces.

MAURITANIA

[*Aya Gold and Silver*](#) of Canada has commenced a feasibility study on the [TIJIRIT GOLD PROJECT](#) in north western Mauritania. It has also identified drilling targets. The processing plant at the site will handle at least 1 000 tons per day. In 2018, a technical report on the project with resource estimate was produced by [SGS Canada](#).

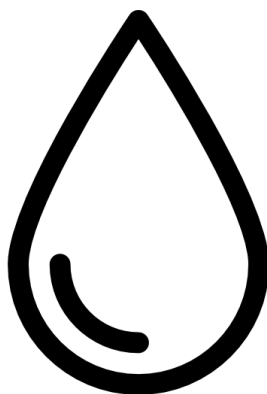
NAMIBIA

The [Namibian Ministry of Mines and Energy](#) has renewed the permit for [Trigon Metals](#) of Canada to re-activate the [KOMBAT COPPER MINE](#) situated in the Grootfontein district of northern Namibia. The company hopes to produce 6 000 tons of copper concentrate in 2022. It supplies concentrate to the smelter in Tsumeb.

TANZANIA

The [MWANZA PRECIOUS METALS REFINERY](#) in north western Tanzania has just been inaugurated. The objective is to restrict exports of raw gold through local beneficiation. The capacity of the refinery will be the refining of 480 kilograms of gold per day. The plant was built by the [State Mining Corporation \(STAMICO\)](#). The cost was US\$ 5,2 million. The shareholders are the government with a minority share and a group of private investors. This will be the largest gold refinery in East Africa.

OIL & GAS



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Production from the [GRANDE TORTUE-AHMEYIM GAS FIELD](#) situated on the maritime border between Senegal and Mauritania could commence in 2023. This is Africa's deepest offshore natural gas field at 2 kilometres. The cost is estimated at US\$ 4,8 billion. Parties involved are *BP* as the operator, [Kosmos Energy](#), the [Société Pétroles du Sénégal \(Petrosen\)](#) and the [Société Mauritanienne des Hydrocarbures \(SMHPM\)](#).

TANZANIA

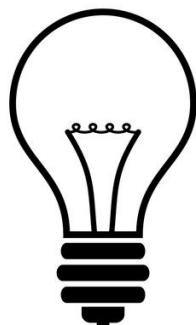
The Tanzanian authorities have indicated that the construction of the delayed [ONSHORE LNG PLANT](#) in the Lindi area on the southern coast should begin in 2023. The cost is estimated at US\$ 30 billion. In 2007, [Equinor](#) of Norway signed a Production Sharing Agreement (PSA) with the [Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation \(TPDC\)](#) for Block 2 Offshore. The site for the LNG plant was then identified. A Resettlement Environmental Impact Assessment (REIA) is underway.

UGANDA

The consortium *Petroleum Service Corporation* comprising [McDermott International](#) of the USA and [Sinopec International](#) of China have received conditional approval for an Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Commissioning (EPCC) contract for the [TILENGA OIL PROJECT](#) in the Lake Albert Basin. The operator is [TotalEnergies](#). The contract is subject to final approval by the partner, the [Uganda National Oil Company \(UNOC\)](#). The cost of the project is estimated at US\$ 2 billion. The project entails the development of six fields and some thirty platforms. Future production is predicted at 200 000 barrels per day.

Four companies have been pre-selected by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development for five **LAKE ALBERT BASIN EXPLORATION BLOCKS**. They are [TotalEnergies](#) of France, the [Uganda National Oil Company \(UNOC\)](#), [DGR Global](#) of Australia and *PetrolAfrik Energy Resources* of Nigeria. The five blocks cover an area of 4 930 square kilometres along the border with the DR Congo. The awards from the bidding round for these blocks have been delayed since May 2019.

POWER



REGIONAL

The **COTE D'IVOIRE-BURKINA FASO POWER INTERCONNECTOR INITIATIVE** has received support from the [Millennium Challenge Corporation \(MCC\)](#) of the USA. The MCC has signed agreements with the governments of the two countries within the context of the West Africa Regional Energy Interconnector being driven by the [West Africa Power Pool \(WAPP\)](#). A transmission line from Ferkességougou in the north of Côte d'Ivoire to Bobo-Dioulasso in southern Burkina Faso is planned. The line will later be extended to Ouagadougou.

BOTSWANA

The [Botswana Power Corporation](#) plans to extend the transmission line to Maung onward to Ghantsi as part of the [NORTHWEST TRANSMISSION GRID CONNECTION PROJECT](#). The government is developing infrastructure in the less-developed west of the country to thereby enhance further mining activity in the region. Renewable energy, water supply and communications projects are being encouraged.

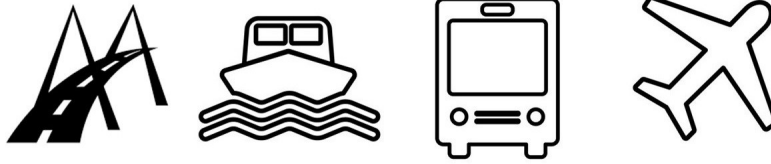
CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)

The Ministry of Water Resources and Electricity has appointed a consortium comprising [Eranove](#) of France, [AEE Power Ventures](#) as EPC contractor and [Gridworks Development Partners](#) of the UK to implement the [ESSOR MINI-SOLAR PROGRAMME](#). Three mini-solar grids with distribution systems will be developed for some 450 000 inhabitants in Bumba, Isiro and Gemena in the north of the country. The consortium will be responsible for the finance, construction, production, maintenance and commercialisation of the solar systems. The joint project company is [Moyi Power](#). The ESSOR programme is being supported by EssorA2E which is a UK-funded renewable energies technical assistance programme.

MOZAMBIQUE

Construction of the 450 MW [TEMANE GAS-TO-POWER THERMAL POWER PLANT](#) has just been launched. The project includes installation of transmission lines. The cost is estimated at US\$ 1 billion. The project is being implemented by the *Temane Energy Consortium (TEC)* with [Globeleq](#) as the lead developer with support from [eleQtra](#). There are a good number of funding agencies involved including the [World Bank](#), the [African Development Bank \(AfDB\)](#), the [US International Development Finance Corporation \(DFC\)](#), the [OPEC Fund](#), the [Islamic Development Bank \(IsDB\)](#) and Norway. Technical assistance will be provided to the national power utility, [Electricidade de Mocambique \(EDM\)](#).

TRANSPORT



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The long-awaited [MOYALE ONE-STOP BORDER POST](#) between Kenya and Ethiopia has commenced operations. The project will enhance trade between the two countries. It is an integral initiative for the [Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia \(LAPSSET\)](#) Transport Corridor. This will be Ethiopia's first one-stop border post and Kenya's fifth. The required infrastructure including solar power has been installed. Moyale is expected to grow as officials from both countries will have to be housed in the town.

Uganda and the DR Congo governments have signed a cooperation agreement for a [WESTERN UGANDA-EASTERN DR CONGO ROADS PROGRAMME](#). The programme aims to link Ugandan border towns with the minerals-rich eastern DR Congo and facilitate trade. The programme comprises three roads: Kasindi-Beni (80 kilometres), Beni-Butebo (54 kilometres) and Bunagana-Rutshuru-Goma (89 kilometres). [Dott Services](#) of Uganda has been appointed as the main contractor. The cost is estimated at US\$ 334 million. The governments are undertaking joint security operations to protect the contractors.

The [African Development Bank \(AfDB\)](#) is contributing US\$166 million to the realisation of the 1 160 kilometre [LIBREVILLE-BRAZZAVILLE TRANSPORT CORRIDOR](#) linking Gabon and the Republic of the Congo. The project includes construction of the Ndendé-Doussala road (49 kilometres) and a border bridge over the Ngongo river. The project Falls under the Support Programme for Infrastructure in Gabon (PASIG). The programme is scheduled for completion in 2024. The funds will also be used for the development of the Trans-Gabon Transport Corridor linking Libreville to Mayumba in the south.

SENEGAL

The upgrade of [KEDOUGOU AIRPORT](#) in the Tambacounda region of south-eastern Senegal is now scheduled to begin in 2022. In 2019, the Senegalese president announced that the airport would be transformed to international status. The project is part of a programme for the upgrade of airports throughout the country and the enhancement of Senegal's status as a regional hub.

The aviation authority can be contacted via their website [here](#).



WATER & SANITATION



KENYA

The [*United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation \(UNESCO\)*](#) and the Slovak government are supporting the [*TURKANA WATER SECURITY PROJECT*](#). Turkana is a large county in a semi-arid region of north-western Kenya with relatively little infrastructure and serious water supply challenges. The project which was initiated in 2020, includes 160 community water points and a workshop where training on pump maintenance is undertaken.

NAMIBIA

The feasibility study for a new [*DESALINATION PLANT*](#) in the Erongo region of Namibia has been completed. The minister of agriculture has stated that the study indicates that a second desalination plant could be viable. The government intends attracting the required finance through a Public Private Partnership (PPP) in collaboration with [*Namwater*](#) as the responsible authority.

SOUTH AFRICA

The [*Department of Water and Sanitation*](#) has received cabinet approval for its direct intervention in the **EMFULENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION PLAN** in Gauteng Province. The Department will take over the municipality's water and sanitation services. [*Rand Water*](#) has been appointed as the implementing agency. The area has been experiencing water and sanitation supply problems for some time.



WHISPERINGS - FOOTNOTES



- *Vale* of Brazil is buying *Mitsui's* minority stake in the **MOATIZE COAL MINE AND NACALA LOGISTICS CORRIDOR** in Mozambique at a cost of US\$ 2,5 billion. *Vale* will be exiting from coal and from an unprofitable asset. There is speculation that a Chinese or Indian concern may fill the gap.

- It is reported that *Eni* of Italy will be activating its **CORAL SOUTH FLOATING LNG FACILITY** in northern Mozambique in

2022. This despite the declaration of force majeure by *Total* for its onshore LNG operations in Cabo Delgado province due to attacks by insurgents. Offshore operations are more easily secured.

- There are reports of a serious **SHORTAGE OF CEMENT** in Ethiopia. The situation for the construction industry in the country will worsen due to the scheduling of upcoming maintenance at several cement factories.
- President *Tshisikedi* of the DR Congo is clearly strengthening **DR CONGO-EAST AFRICA TIES**. The country has applied to join the *East African Community* and flights from East African capitals to Kinshasa are planned. Looking more to the East and less to the South?
- The rapprochement between **FRANCE AND RWANDA** following the recent visit of President *Macron* has a strong business aspect. A group of senior representatives of French companies accompanied the French president and are reportedly interested in investing in numerous sectors including energy, agriculture, ICT, health, transport and logistics.
- The **NEW HOTELS PIPELINE** in Africa is considerable. The top recipients in sub-Saharan Africa include Nigeria and Ethiopia. It is noteworthy that the Cape Verde also features highly. Cape Verde can be regarded as an African success story with strong improvement in GDP and the development of a major tourism industry. *Editor's Note: Africa House can connect its subscribers to a specialist in African hotel developments.*
- There is a view that Africa is a dumping ground for **E-WASTE** from developed countries. The world is certainly struggling with this problem. Some African countries such as Kenya and Rwanda have developed e-waste regulation and strategies. Capacity for regulation and implementation may be lacking in African jurisdictions. It would appear that initiatives with relevant major corporations such as *Hewlett Packard* are more effective in achieving a sustainable solution. In South Africa, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation is being prepared.
- The pending closure of the *Clover* dairy factory in South Africa's North West Province is a manifestation of the **DETERIORATION OF SMALL TOWNS AND RURAL AREAS** in much of the country. It is reported that the *Clover* operation has for long been troubled by electricity and water supply shortages as well as poor road infrastructure.
- There are reports that the *Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (ZESA)* has cut power supply to a main city water supplier because of debt owed and this has led to major cuts in **POTABLE WATER SUPPLY TO HARARE**.
- African governments are increasingly clamping down on mining companies that obtain **MINING LICENSES** for speculation purposes. They are placing pressure on miners to commence operations and not 'sit on' their prospects. Botswana is a good example of this trend.

WEBSITES



The website for *FUTURE RESILIENCE FOR AFRICAN CITIES AND LANDS (FRACTAL)* is www.fractal.org.za. This is a multi-disciplinary group of researchers from partner organisations that assist decision-makers integrate climate knowledge into resource management and urban planning. The *University of Cape Town* is among the partners. It is also associated with the *Future Climate for Africa* jointly funded by the *Department for International Development (DfID)* and the *National Environment Research Council (NERC)* of the UK. There is much emphasis on water resources for the future.

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

The [*DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SOUTHERN AFRICA \(DBSA\)*](#) received three awards at the 2020 *TXF ECA-Backed Deals of the Year Awards*. They related to the bank's participation in the Mozambique LNG, the Standard Gauge Railway in Tanzania and the Angola Solar Power Project.

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

[*KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE*](#) and the [*AFREXIMBANK*](#) have signed a partnership deal for the stimulation of investment in KwaZulu-Natal-based projects including the Richards Bay industrial park, the Dube Trade Port and Durban port. An objective is to enhance the status of the province as a gateway into the region by taking advantage of the [*African Continental Free Trade Area \(AfCTFA\)*](#). The province has identified valid projects totalling R20 billion (about US\$ 1,46 billion) in value.

[*INVEST AFRICA*](#) is a UK-based business and investment platform that seeks to mobilise private capital for investments in Africa. It promotes interaction between UK business leaders and policy makers with the African private sector and relevant African public sector bodies and recently hosted the UK-Africa Trade Forum. It has 400 members including companies, private equity firms, development finance institutions, professional organisations and entrepreneurs. Its partners include the [*European Business Council for Africa*](#) and the [*Africa Private Equity and Venture Capital Association*](#). In 2018, *Invest Africa* merged with the *Business Council for Africa*.

Fund manager, [*Berkeley Energy*](#) has announced that it has raised 130 million Euros (about US\$ 155 million) for the *AFRICA RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND II*. There are seven development finance institutions that are contributing to the fund. It is targeting medium-sized renewable energy projects of 10-100 MW in sub-Saharan Africa excluding South Africa. Solar, wind, hydro-power and battery storage projects are being considered for investment.

The non-profit conservation organisation, [*AFRICAN PARKS*](#) has been granted US\$ 108 million by the Washington-based [*Wyss Foundation*](#) for the management of nine of its fifteen parks in Angola, Benin, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda and Zimbabwe.

The Lagos-based major pan-African investor in African infrastructure, the [*AFRICA FINANCE CORPORATION \(AFC\)*](#) now has 31 member states following the recent additions of the DR Congo and Morocco. The organisation has invested nearly US\$ 9 billion in 35 African countries.

TRAVEL NOTES



An *Africa House* client who recently flew to the **DR CONGO COPPERBELT** reports that additional Covid-19 tests are mandatory for passengers arriving at Lubumbashi airport. It is useful to have US Dollars in cash for payment.

From 7 June 2021, travellers entering or exiting **ETHIOPIA** are required to produce an *African Union* digital negative Covid-19 pass. From 1 July 2021, paper certificates will no longer be accepted due to the high incidence of fake health documents.

Airlink will be commencing its **JOHANNESBURG-ENTEBBE FLIGHTS** from 18 August 2021. There will be four flights per week.

The Nigerian airline, **AIR PEACE** is undertaking a major expansion programme called 'no-city-left-behind' to air link all major Nigerian cities. The company has announced new daily Lagos-Ilorin-Abuja flights.

AFRICA & THE WORLD



Africa produces almost ten percent of the **GLOBAL OIL OUTPUT** and the continent has five of the world's top oil producing countries, (Nigeria, Angola, Algeria, Libya and Egypt.)

RECENT ACTIVITIES OF AFRICA HOUSE

Roelof van Tonder of *Africa House* hosted a virtual **Water & Sanitation Focus webinar** on 01 June.

Guest speakers included: Dhesigen Naidoo, CEO: Water Research Commission of South Africa | Dr James Cullis, Pr Eng, PhD in Civil Engineering. Technical Director: Zutari Consulting Engineers | Sarah Evans, Founder and CEO: Well Beyond

Duncan Bonnett of *Africa House* hosted a virtual **Nigeria Country Focus webinar** on 03 June.

Guest speakers included: Joyce Dimkpa, Head Oil & Gas: Stanbic Bank Nigeria | Dianna Games, CEO: South Africa-Nigeria Business Chamber | Tara O'Connor, Executive Director, Africa Risk Consulting & ARC Briefing | Trevor Ward, CEO W Hospitality Group, Lagos | Christian Idia, ADL Solutions

Duncan Bonnett of *Africa House* hosted a virtual **Mining Focus webinar** on 22 June.

Guest speakers included: Charles Siwawa, Chief Executive Officer: Botswana Chamber of Mines | Edward Shelver, Director: Lancas

During June, a Podcast discussion was produced for *Africa House* clients on the following topic:

- Roelof talked to the CEO of Lagos based Tag Energy about harnessing the potential of the Nigerian market.

COMMODITIES OF AFRICA

TYPE OF COMMODITY	COMMODITY	UNITS	PRICE: MAY 2021	PRICE: June 2021	PRICE: July 2021
Agriculture	Cocoa	US\$ per Kilogram (US\$/kg)	1.61	1.62	1.59
	Coffee	US\$ per Kilogram (US\$/kg)	1.42	1.62	1.61
	Cotton	US\$ per Ounce (US\$/oz.)	0.88	0.82	0.85
	Rice	US\$ per Metric Ton (USD/MT)	557.00	495.00	493.00
	Sugar	US\$ per Kilogram (US\$/kg)	16.83	17.36	17.23
Base and Precious Metals	Cobalt	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	47,140.00	43,615.00	48500.00
	Copper	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	9,999.00	10,159.70	9,225.35
	Gold	US\$ per Troy Ounce (US\$/t oz.)	1,772.23	1,903.12	1,761.57
	Iron Ore	US\$ per Dry Metric ton (US\$/DMT)	179.31	184.63	214.36
	Platinum	US\$ per Troy Ounce (US\$/t oz.)	1,218.00	1,192.27	1,068.50
Energy	Coal: Industrial	US\$ per Metric Ton (USD/MT)	82.77	89.13	99.31
	Coal: Coking	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	90.4	109.00	125.25
	Gas: Natural Gas	US\$ per million British Thermal Units (USD/MMBtu)	2.90	3.02	3.67
	Oil: Crude Oil	US\$ per Barrel (US\$/bbl.)	67.08	96.43	74.78

Source: Various

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