

Several projects in the pipeline

SA investors 'interested in Mozambique'

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HARARE — SA investors were expressing interest in Mozambique, Mozambican officials said.

The officials, quoted in the latest bulletin of the Beira Corridor Group, said the recent signing of the accord between Mozambique and SA on power from the Cahora Basa dam had revived SA investor interest in Mozambique.

SA projects included:

□ Investment in Maputo's Polana Hotel, which Karos Hotels were keen to invest in and which the group's director, Stan Hoffman, had apparently said would cost about \$10m to upgrade;

□ A joint venture between Sappi and Mozambique in evaluating a forestry enterprise south of Maputo province;

□ Long-term investment pledged by Premier International, which was already involved in sending goods bought by Mozambican miners in SA back to Mozambique.

The officials said: "This is in addition to the fairly substantial role already being played by SA firms in the rehabilitation and management of the port of Maputo."

They said at the recent meeting between Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano and SA President P W Botha, SA had undertaken to make greater use of the port of

Maputo.

□ Sapa-AP reports from Lisbon that Mozambican Prime Minister Mario Machungo said yesterday his country was engaged with SA in trying to reactivate the Nkomati Accord which was signed in 1984.

Machungo, speaking to Portuguese radio during a stopover on his way to an official visit to Rumania, said Mozambique wanted to live as good neighbours with SA.

He said it was necessary to end SA's policy of racial separation before southern Africa could have lasting peace.

Machungo said Botha had given Chissano fresh assurances that SA would respect the accord during their meeting in southern Mozambique last month.

SA Foreign Minister Pik Botha opened a new trade office in Maputo on Tuesday in another sign of gradually improving relations between the two countries.

The Foreign Minister said Mozambique and SA "must stand together to help our peoples develop".

In a separate development yesterday, Mozambican news reports said MNR rebels had killed 12 people, wounded 19 and seized 17 others in separate attacks last weekend on two communal villages in the central province of Manica. — Sapa.