

**RSA Technicians To Aid Port Rehabilitation**  
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[Text] The governments of Mozambique and South Africa have signed an agreement for South African loans of 6 million rands for rehabilitation work on the Maputo port. The agreement was signed in Maputo yesterday by Mozambique's Deputy Transport Minister Isaias Muhate and by the South African Deputy Foreign Minister Jacobus Meiring.

Of this money, 3 million rands had already been lent by South Africa about a year ago when an agreement was signed for the rehabilitation of coal terminate in Maputo and Matola ports and a general cargo's berth in Maputo.

A source in the Mozambican Transport Ministry says these installations have been partially upgraded with the South African money but that the funds ran out in May this year. Since last February, the two countries have been negotiating new South African finance to maintain these installations and to provide South African technical assistance services.

This second loan is also for 3 million rands. The total of 6 million rands is to be repaid at an interest rate of 2 percent as from 1994. The agreement envisages the presence of South African technicians taking part in the operational management of the installations and providing technical assistance.

This project is seen as acting as a confidence building factor for South African exporters.