

# Maputo/Pretoria trade deal

**MAPUTO.** In the first phase of a trade agreement which came into effect on 7 July, South Africa has virtually ended import charges for a wide range of Mozambican exports, including fish and shellfish, cashews, citrus fruit, wood furniture, coconut oil, cigarettes, fibre-cement roofing sheets, tyres and artwork.

Surcharges are eliminated on all goods covered by the pact, with customs duties reduced to 3%. The next phase of the non-reciprocal agreement will extend coverage to selected categories of

clothing and a variety of textile items.

This Maputo-Pretoria trade rapprochement has brought with it new South African investor interest. Already, 60 South African firms are operating in Mozambique, according to the official Mozambique Information Agency (AIM). *FA 4/8/89*

Anglo American — which expressed an interest in developing the Pande off-shore natural gas deposit more than a year ago (*Africa Analysis*, no. 52) — is now looking at the Moatize coal fields.