

Mozambique optimistic over SA export market

MOZAMBIQUE is looking to South Africa as an export market for its natural gas as production gets under way, Mozambican Mineral Resources Minister Cde John Kachamila said on Monday.

Industry sources said South Africa wanted Mozambican gas as feedstock for fertiliser production.

Cde Kachamila said the government hoped to start production of natural gas next year for local use, supplying a small power station at Vilanculos, about 125 km south of the onshore gas field at Pande on the southern coast.

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No oil had been discov-

ered in the country so far, he said. Earlier, Cde Kachamila told a Southern Africa metals and steel conference that drilling in the Pande area had confirmed natural gas reserves of 40 billion cubic metres. The gas was dry, with 95 percent methane and free of sulphur, he said. — Ziana-Reuters.