

Mozambican peace 'opens doors for SA firms'

MAPUTO — The Rome peace declaration, signed by Mozambique's warring political parties, offered opportunities for SA business in that country, Mozambican Deputy Foreign Minister Salome Moalne said yesterday.

She was speaking at a reception at the Polana Hotel for a group of businessmen on an SA Institute of International Affairs fact-finding visit to the country.

The visit is aimed at acquainting the SA business community with developments in Mozambique and prospects for business after 12 years of civil war.

Moalne welcomed the SA delegation and said her government was trying to improve co-operation with the private sector.

The peace declaration, which is meant to lead to the formal signing of a ceasefire between Frelimo and Ren-

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amo on October 1, presented opportunities and challenges for SA business, she said.

SA could become involved in economic reconstruction, the resettlement of thousands of refugees, and the reintegration of government and opposition soldiers.

The fact-finding delegation is made up of representatives of major SA companies, among them Absa, Afrox, Gold Fields of SA, Nedbank and Sappl.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports from Gaborone that SA companies will be among the 113 foreign exhibitors taking part in the Botswana International Trade Fair in Gaborone from August 24 to 29. Other countries include India, Pakistan, China, Germany, Spain, Dubai, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Lesotho and Swaziland.