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The Empresa Nacional de Caju, the state cashew firm, has commissioned a study on the rehabilitation of two cashew processing factories that recently came under state control.

The Antenes company in Nampula province and the Mocita company in Gaza were both declared bankrupt earlier this year after they had been abandoned and left without management. The Anglo American corporation of South Africa had the majority shareholding in both companies.

A team from the Italian manufacturer of the factories' equipment is carrying out the study.

Visiting French Co-operation and Development Minister, Jean-Pierre Cot signed a general co-operation agreement recently, France's first such accord with an African country since Socialist President Francois Mitterand took office in May. Attached financial protocols include credits of \$29m for cotton-growing in Mozambique.