

IN BRIEF

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● A decision on the EEC-funded contract to build a multi-purpose and container terminal at Beira port is imminent, sources close to the project say (AED 5:6:87). UK consultant **Sir William Halcrow & Partners** submitted the final tender evaluation in early September, and client **Beira Corridor Authority (BCA)** is expected to start negotiations with the chosen contractor in early October so that an agreement can be signed before the end of the year, with work starting in early 1988. The successful contractor will reflect BCA's choice on the scope of the improvement work, the sources add. The original tender invited bids on smaller and larger versions of the project to develop multi-purpose quays and a container park at berths two to five — the main difference being the length of wharf to be built. Although no official announcement has been made, AED understands BCA has opted for the larger scheme — involving 645 metres of quay rather than 390 — helped by the European Development Fund's decision to increase its support to ECU 48 million (\$55 million) from ECU 40 million (\$46 million). When tenders were originally submitted in May the UK's **Fairclough Howard Marine** was lowest unevaluated bidder for the smaller scheme, and the joint venture of Belgium's **SBBM & Six Construct** and Portugal's **Construcoes Tecnicas** for the larger version.