

City firm sets up Mozambique offices

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A PRETORIA-based engineering firm has set up offices in three major Mozambique cities, becoming one of the first South African companies to operate in that country since it became independent.

The consulting engineering firm, Van Niekerk, Kleyn and Edwards, opened offices in Maputo, Beira and Mampula after winning a three-year consulting contract to provide 40 000 Mozambican homes with electricity.

The firm are to act as project managers for the World Bank-financed scheme in which various electrical companies are to install fittings in 500 houses each. South African firms are tendering for

these contracts.

The project, the cost of which has not been disclosed, will involve providing household electricity to 50 percent more homes throughout Mozambique. Electrical appliances such as stoves and light fittings will be paid for by the owners of the homes through government loans.

Dr Johann Buhr, a partner in the firm, said it was the first South African company to be awarded an international tender by the World Bank in Mozambique.

"We are very excited. It shows the growing goodwill between Mozambique and this country."