

South African economic interest re-surfaces

According to information obtained by *The Indian Ocean Newsletter*, the Mozambican ministry of agriculture has received over 2,500 applications for land attribution permits from South African farmers or agricultural associations, from Lowveld, Natal province's coastal region. These applications concern Mozambican lands situated south of the Limpopo river and along the Ressano Garcia-Moambe route. Meanwhile, the *Southern African Black Taxi Association* (SABTA), based in South Africa is in the process of negotiating with the Maputo authorities for permission for their members to practice in Mozambique, in particular on the routes used by Mozambican miners working in South Africa, from the border town of Ressano Garcia to Maputo and Xai Xai.