Significant Events in the Rehabilitation of the Maputo Corridor



February 1994

Dr Matthews Phosa in his opening address as Premier of Mpumalanga raised the need to revive economic activity between our two countries and the neighbouring provinces of Maputo and Mpumalanga





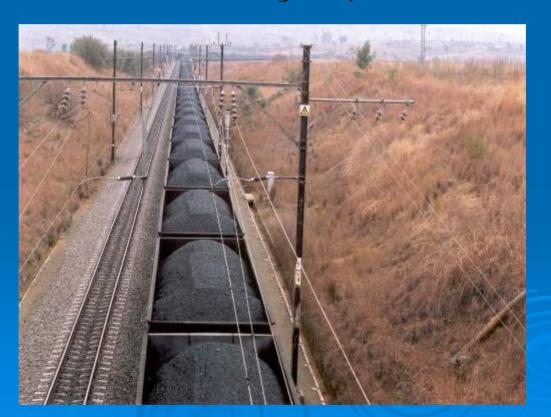


11 June 1995

Memorandum of Understanding between Province of Mpumalanga and Province of Maputo signed

August 1995

Agreement between Ministers of Transport in Mozambique and South Africa to re -establish the Gauteng-Maputo rail link





6 May 1996

Maputo Development Corridor was officially launched at an Investors' Conference

May 1996

MDC Investor's conference







26 July 1996

- Framework Agreement for the establishment of the MDC signed by Mozambican and South African governments,
- with three ancillary agreements
- > 1. Protocol for the operation of the toll road,
- 2. Statement of intent to establish a Corridor Company,
- > 3. Statement of intent about upgrading the railway and harbour.



May 1997

Witbank-Maputo toll road concession awarded to TRAC



September 1997

Shoprite opens a store in Maputo





December 1997

Financial closure on toll road concession



December 1997

Spoornet-led consortium named preferred bidder for the concession to operate the Ressano Garcia railway line





1998

Mersey Docks-led consortium named preferred bidder for the concession to operate Maputo Port



March 1998

TRAC took charge of the N4



6 June 1998

 Construction of toll road officially launched at Ressano Garcia



July 1998

> Construction of Mozal officially launched



August 1998

Mozal concludes agreement with CFM to develop and operate its own port facilities





1 December 1998

US-Mozambique bilateral investment treaty signed



December 1998

Middleburg toll plaza opened



February 1999

Negotiations on the rail concession break down



30 April 1999

Framework agreement signed for MISP and Pande gas field



May 1999

Machado toll plaza opened



27 May 1999

Contract for N3 concession signed with N3TC



July 1999

Nkomazi toll plaza opened



March 2000

Mozal Phase 1 completed

and on stream



March 2000

Moamba toll plaza opened



January 2001

Maputo toll plaza opened





March 2001

End of Initial
 construction phase of
 the toll road



16 November 2001

Revision Of Memorandum of Understanding of 1995 between Province of Mpumalanga and Province of Maputo





April 2002

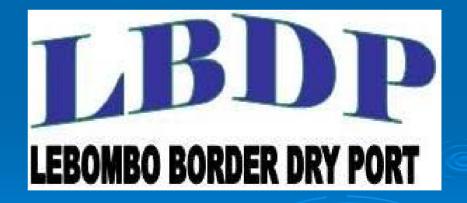
> Open weighbridges in

South Africa



28 August 2002

Nkomazi Border
 Plaza (NBP) now the
 Lebombo Dry Port –
 concession signed
 and opened



December 2002

Rail concession signed



14 April 2003

Maputo Port
 Development
 Company took over port of Maputo





June 2003

Mozal Phase 2 completed and on steam



June 2003

Clearing Agents offices opened at Lebombo Dry Port facilities



23 September 2003

Stakeholders forum in Nelspruit plea for institutional framework for engagement between public and private sector.



September 2003

Start of port rehabilitation



1 October 2003

- Border crossing hours extended
- Passenger to 22:00 from 19::OO
- Cargo from 15:30 to 17:30



January 2004

> The first fuel imported from Mozambique



February 2004

Sasol pipeline completed



18 February 2004

Launch of MCLI in Maputo

Maputo milestone

The shipping industry turned out in force last week to celebrate the official launch of the Maputo Corridor Logistics Initiative (MCLI), a private sector group dedicated to the promotion of the Maputo corridor.

Three busloads of freight industry staffers left Gauteng last Wednesday for Maputo to mark the milestone and observe at first

hand the progress achieved.

MCLI chief executive Brenda Horne joined in a toast at the launch with the two major inport driving forces, Alec Don (left), Maputo Port Development Company CE, and Jorge Ferraz, Mozambique International Ports Services (MIPS) CE.

See page 16 for more developments.





Maputo Corridor first for import and export

The South African and Mozambican governments have worked with great commitment to facilitate improvements to infrastructure along the Maputo Corridor

m Stephané Bothma

MAPUTO - A newly-formed private sector group, supported by organised South African and Mozambican business, has taken the initial step to promoting the Maputo Corridor as a first choice transportation route linking landlocked South African provinces and neighbouring states to world markets.

The Maputo Corridor Logistics Initiative (MCLI), a Section 21 company officially launched last week, aims to work with stakeholders, including local and Mozambican authorities, to improve efficiencies along the corridor and to provide exporters and importers with cost-effective access to their nearest deep-water ports in Maputo and neighbouring Matola.

Some 120 companies have already expressed strong interest in the initiative," said chief executive Ms Brenda Horne.

MCLI will also promote greater utilisation of the Maputo Corridor which runs along the N4 toll route linking Gauteng and Mpumalanga with Maputo," she added.

One of the most important aspects of the initiative involved the US\$70m upgrade of the Maputo Port, the establishment of a modern toll route on the N4 highway, upgrades of power and telecommunication links between SA and Mozambique, refurbishment of the railway line between the two countries and incremental

improvements to the Lebombo border post.

South African traffic trough Manuto Port has increased gradually with the upgrading of privately operated terminals. "Total volume increased from 4.3 million tons in 2002 to 4,9 million tons last year," said Horne, "Container volumes improved by 15% in 2003 and the fresh produce terminal has reported a record 25% increase in throughput of first class fruit over the previous season."

The major companies already exporting through Maputo Port include Transvaal Sugar Ltd, Capespan, BHP Billiton, Xstrata, Ore and Metal, Highveld Steel, Rio Tinto and Columbus Stainless.

According to Horne, a growing number of other major companies, such as BMW South Africa, have stated publicly that they were seriously considering using Maputo Port as a cost-effective alternative to more distant South African ports.

"Limpopo fruit exporters, for example, estimate they will save one-third of their landside transportation costs by exporting through Maputo rather than Durban," Horne told Lowvelder.

Tzancen, the centre of prolific fruit production in Limpopo, is 450 kilometres by rail from Maputo and 1 156 kilometres from Durban.

"The South African and Mozambican governments have worked with great commitment to facilitate improvements to infrastructure along the Maputo

Corridor," said Horne, adding that it was now up to the private sector to build on this foundation and turn the corridor into the first choice for the region's exporters and importers.

"Greater utilisation of the corridor will create better economics of scale and a more cost effective transportation route," Horne said.

She concluded that the Maputo Corridor was seen as Nepad in action.

African governments and businesses are working across borders to establish an efficient regional transportation route that will offer cost-effective access to world markets, boost trade and " create a highly favourable climate for more investment.



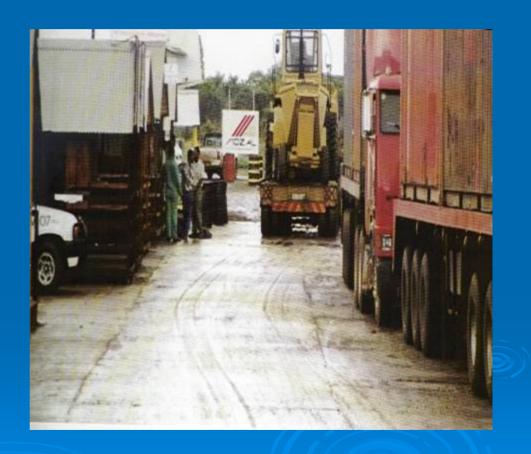
17 March 2004

MCLI registered as a multilateral, multistakeholder membership organisation to engage with public sector and to promote the corridor



June 2004

Secure parking for trucks at LebomboDry Port





MAPUTO 2004 - FIRST VESSEL LOADING AT THE NEW EXPORT FERRO CHROME TERMINAL

August 2004

Open weighbridges in Mozambique

October 2004

First trucks cleared for Game opened in Maputo

Nov 2004

Truck stop and diesel depot at LebomboDry Port



April 2005

Visa for Sa/Moz citizens for less than 30 day visits abolished



14 April 2005

Launch of MCLI 4
Focus Workgroups



April 2005

Grindrod buys 12.5% in the Port of Maputo



May 2005

Access road to SA border post

completed



November 2005

- Mozambique Government cancelled rail concession
- CFM commits to stabilise, rehabilitate and run the line – Investment of \$12 M
- MCLI rail focus workgroup regularly updated on progress



16 February 2006

Customs meeting with agents –

Announced intention to:

- extend commercial clearing hours;
- heavy traffic bypass road;
- > SAD500 project









FEBRUARY 2006

DoT – BECOMES 9TH
FOUNDATION MEMBER OF
MCLI AND SERVES ON BOARD
OF MCLI









MAY 2006

MCLI AND SA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT SIGN TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR MCLI TO BE THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE MPUMALANGA FRIEGHT LOGSITICS FORUM TO ASSIT THE PROVINCE OF MPUMALNAGA TO ROL OUT THE NATIONAL FREIGHT LOGISTICS STRATEGY

DoT – BECOMES 9TH FOUNDATION MEMBER OF MCLI AND SERVES ON Board of MCLI



END JUNE 2006

Heads of state announced re-commitment to "One-Stop" border post on corridor between South Africa and Mozambique



1 July 2006

Commercial cargo clearing hours extended to 22:00



SCANNER INSTALLED IN PORT JULY 2006

- Customs outsourced the installation and operation of scanner to private company
- Scanning fee levied on all cargo (containers, break-bulk, cars, bulk such as granite, chrome, sugar, maize) moving in and out of the port by road, irrespective of scanned or not
- Pose serious threat to the growth of transit cargo through corridor
- MCLI opposes strongly







SEPTEMBER 2006

FIRST MULTI-LATERAL - MULTI-STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD TO PLAN FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE MFLF

1 October 2006

Roll out of SAD (Single administrative document) 500 on the SA side of our border







10 OCTOBER 2006

LAUNCH OF THE MFLF BY HIS HONOURABLE JEFF RADEBE THE SA MINISTER OF TRANSPORT









OCTOBER 2006

Petrol pipeline license application from Maputo to Nelspruit and Kendal in MCLI office for public viewing



NOVEMBER 2006

SSATP annual general meeting – Maputo Corridor included in program





MAPUTO 2006 – 55,000 TONNE BULK SUGAR TERMINAL EXTENSION OPENED



MAPUTO 2006 – 10,000m2 BAGGED SUGAR TERMINAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION



MAPUTO 2006 - PHASE 2 EXTENSION OF EXPORT FERRO CHROME TERMINAL







NOVEMBER 2006

FIRST LANDSIDE TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP OF THE MFLF HELD



OCTOBER 2006







CFM & SPOORNET SIGNED AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION ON THE MAPUTO CORRIDOR RAIL







FESTIVE PERIOD DEC 2006

44% Increase in passengers through border post from Dec 2005 with number of passengers doubling since December 2003 113,500 on single day 23 December, 2006



15 FEBRUARY 2007





CFM & SPOORNET ROADSHOW Joint address by 2 ceo's and announcing corridor rail strategy for various sectors

29 MARCH 2007

- MCLI MEMBER Petroline RSA (Pty) Ltd announces that the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) issued a licence for the construction of a liquid petroleum pipeline from the border of Mozambique at Komatipoort to Kendal via Nelspruit. The license also includes the construction of a petroleum storage depot in the vicinity of Nelspruit. The pipeline will run from an existing coastal fuel storage facility at Matola Harbour in Mozambique to the Nelspruit area in Mpumalanga, South Africa, where an inland storage depot will be constructed, complete with rail and road offloading infrastructure. The pipeline will continue to Kendal where it will potentially join the current petroleum pipeline network for inland distribution of the petroleum product.
- Petroline RSA will implement the project in a 50/50 joint venture with Petroline SARL of Mozambique.

MARCH 2007 – ANOTHER CITRUS TERMINAL

- The IDC (Industrial Development Corporation) and a consortium of private equity partners have just concluded a financial package
- The project is valued at R30 million and will have two major shareholders, Port Elizabeth Cold Store and a Mozambican company, Fidelity Investments.
- > This facility will be able to handle 70,000 tons of citrus in a six month period and 10,000 tons of frozen juice. This increase in capacity of the Maputo Port through put and the fact that there is now a weekly direct sailing from Maputo to the Far East will save South African farmers about R15 million per year just in inland logistics costs.









BORDER CROSSING PASSENGERS FESTIVE PERIOD APRIL 2007

130% Increase in passengers through border post from April 2005 when visas were abolished for passengers of SA/Mozambican for less than 30days

April 2005 165,957 April 2006 284351 April 2007 381560



2 MAY 2007

MPUMLANGA PROVINCIAL CABINET APPOVES JV BETWEEN MCI AND **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING** TO ESTABLISH THE MAPUTO CORRIDOR FORUM TO PROMOTE THE MAPUTO CORRIDOR AS ONE OF THE 5 FLAGSIP PROJECTS OF THE PREMIER AND TO EXTENC FOCUS BEYOND FREIGHT LOGISTICS

EDAP 10 TH FOUNDATION MEMBER OF MCLI

3 May 2007

Signing of bilateral agreement - SA & Mozambique on the One Stop Border Post



22 MAY 2007

> FIRST MULTI-LATERAL, MULTI-MODAL MAPUTO CORIDOR TRNASPORT COMMITTEE MEETING IN MAPUTO IN LINE WITH SDC PROTOCOL







THE WAY FORWARD



We must all work together to make the Maputo Corridor the first choice for the region's stakeholders









