

Pylon route shifted for 'safety reasons'

THE PORTUGUESE authorities have shifted the route to be taken by the pylons which will transmit electricity from the Cabora Bassa hydro-electric scheme in Tete province of Mozambique to South Africa for 'safety reasons'.

They have also announced that strips of land on either side of the pylons will be deforested to make it easier to defend the pylons from FRELIMO attacks.

FRELIMO guerrillas in Tete are still holding up Portuguese plans to prospect for minerals in the area around Cabora Bassa.

A new consortium led by the US Bethlehem Steel Corporation has been granted prospecting rights for a large number of minerals in the Tete district.