

SA EXPORTS TO MOZAMBIQUE

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JOHANNESBURG. — South Africa's exports to Mozambique topped the R80-million mark in 1980, figures issued in Maputo show.

South Africa supplied 14,4 percent of Mozambique's imports. Only Iraq, from which Mozambique buys its oil, was higher on the import list, with 17,7 percent.

Mozambique bought almost all types of goods from South Africa — including raw materials for factories, fertiliser for its agriculture, machinery, cars, lorries and radios.

Buyers were state trading concerns as well as private firms.

Finance and delivery usually posed no problems, according to the South African Foreign Trade Association.

Mrs Sally Gallagher, area manageress for Safto, said there had lately been a considerable easing in the bureaucratic ways in which the economy used

to be managed. A pragmatic approach to business had become noticeable.

About 6 000 Portuguese had chosen to become full citizens. Foreigners, many of them Cubans and East Germans, were employed on short-term contracts for specific tasks.

Mozambique still bristled with problems, but they were gradually being overcome.

One problem area was the development of the country's agricultural resources.