

## Anglo American explores 'Mozambican option'



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MAPUTO — The chairman of Anglo American Corporation (AAC), Mr Gavin Relly, held talks with government leaders here on the possible involvement of the AAC group in developing Mozambique's natural resources.

Mozambique's economy has been battered by a 12-year civil war which the Marxist-orientated government blames on South African backing for the Mozambican National Resistance rebel movement.

Anglo's chairman met

President Joachim Chissano, Prime Minister Mr Mario Machungo and other officials during a seven-hour visit, according to the Mozambican news agency AIM.

It said Mr Relly indicated that his group might be interested in forestry, agriculture and natural gas projects, but he declined to give details.

The news agency said Mr Relly and Mr Machungo discussed "conditions for investment, including the security situation".

The South African Government says it stopped aiding the rebels after signing a non-aggression treaty with Mozambique in 1984. There is widespread international support for Mozambique's claim that the assistance continues, at least in regard to logistics and communications.

Mozambique and South Africa recently engaged in negotiations to restore a major hydro-electric project in north-west Mozambique that has been frequently sabotaged. — AP.