

Maputo: SA's conflicting interests

Whenever the word comes in that South African-sponsored MNR rebels have blown up the Ressano Garcia line linking Maputo with the northern Transvaal, technicians from South African Transport Services (SATS) dash out with their Mozambican counterparts to help with the repairs.

At the port, a South African company, *Techni Multidiscipline Services Ltd*, draws up a \$75m "master plan" for the complete rehabilitation of Maputo port. Chapters of this are handed out to potential Western donors.

Meanwhile, South Africa puts up a R3m loan for the first phase of the project, and a steering committee, consisting of Mozambican and South African officials meets regularly to discuss the work.