

## Ex-SAS man hired to talk peace to rebels

**JOHANNESBURG/** The South African government's electricity corporation Eskom has employed former Rhodesian Special Air Services commander Garth Barrett to negotiate an end to sabotage attacks by Renamo rebels on Mozambique's Cahora Bassa hydroelectric scheme.

Barrett, 47, who left Zimbabwe a month after independence in 1980, has close links to Renamo through his personal involvement in training its first recruits following the movement's establishment by Ian Smith's Central Intelligence Organisation in 1974.