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SA gives medical supplies to Maputo

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MEDICAL supplies to the value of R72 000 were yesterday presented to the Mozambique Government by South Africa as part of a contribution of more than R10 million for the rehabilitation of the Cahora Bassa project.

Yesterday's consignment was presented to the Mozambique Minister of Labour, Mr Aguiar Mazula, by the South African Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Leon

Wessels.

In presenting the supplies, Mr Wessels said the people of South Africa and Maputo, as a part of the family of Africa had walked a long road together.

"A road which started before either the Republic of Mozambique or the Republic of South Africa came into being. Like many families we have had our differences, but again, like a family, there are more links that bind than separate and one of these was the Cahora Bassa project," he said.

Mr Mazula thanked the South African Government for the contribution.

"This signifies that both Mozambique and South Africa are looking for peace and that we will both fight against any of the bad things affecting our region, he said.

The medical supplies form part of a R10.5 million aid package promised to the Mozambique Government by South Africa

as a contribution to the rehabilitation of the Cahora Bassa hydro electric scheme.

The main part of the aid package was delivered to Mozambique in November last year but they requested that the medical supplies be held back for a while.

● A South African Air Force cargo plane delivering the supplies was detained for more than an hour at the Maputo airport in Mozambique yesterday.

Airport officials refused to allow the aircraft to take off for South Africa after the supplies had been delivered unless the crew paid them more than R500 for the off-loading.

The Air Force crew did not have the money and officials of the South African Department of Foreign Affairs and the Commanding Officer of the aircraft negotiated for more than an hour with the airport officials before an agreement was reached and the plane allowed to take off.