

## Angola Business Environment News

**Alert – avoid problems with the MININT MISA immigration inspectors – ensure compliance with the new immigration law.**

**Solutions-related events 2008 update:**

**June** Keith Campbell on “The Outlook for the Upcoming Elections” – held on 12 June 2008 – presentation on SA-ACC website

**July** Jopie Coetzee on “Advanced Investment Risk Mitigation using Vector analysis” – held on 9 July 2008 – presentation on website

Roger Ballard-Tremeer on “Trade and Investment opportunities in Angolan Agriculture” at Agribusiness Africa 2008 – 21 July 2008 – presentation on website

Themis on “Mitigating governance and compliance risk using software” – held on 22 July 2008 – presentation on website

**August** WISER’s Angola Seminar – 5 August 2008

Africa Investor’s Angola Business Briefing – held on 6 August 2008 – with Deputy Prime Minister Dr Jaime Aguinaldo

Briefing on “Trade and investment opportunities in Angola” for visiting business delegation from Malaysia – held on 7 August 2008 - Roger Ballard-Tremeer

IIR’s SA-Angola Forum 2008 – held on 19/20/21 August 2008 – lead speaker Dr Gabriel Kiala; Chair / Workshop leader Roger Ballard-Tremeer

**September** Panel discussion on “Tackling the Worsening Port Congestion Crisis by Road” – details to be advised

Corin Mitchell on “Accessing the Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund for your Agricultural projects” – details to be advised

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**Beware of the “sale of oil blocks” scam now being perpetrated – if you are approached by an entity purporting to offer oil blocks for sale outside the licensing round, allegedly on behalf of SONANGOL, contact ABEN immediately.**

Historically, directors, and particularly non-executive directors, had little formal liability when it came to the decisions they made at their companies. Now, however, there is a much more serious fiduciary burden on directors, and they face possible fines or jail time if they fail in their duties... The negligent and / or fraudulent carrying on of business by directors and / or the company officers (including country managers) thereby causing liability to the company may result in the directors and / or the company officers being personally liable at least in terms of delict in common law – in a weak governance environment the risk of negligence escalates considerably – mitigate this cross-border risk using software and gap coaching – contact ABEN

### **Monitor the ANGOP election coverage using this webpage**

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### **Immigration services outlines actions**

... Angola’s Immigration Services and Foreigners (SME) is holding their 12nd Broad Consultative Council to outline their national action, Angop learned Wednesday [27 August 2008] in Luanda. The deputy minister of Interior and SME director, Eduardo Ferreira Martins, who was speaking at the opening of the meeting, mentioned the participation of his institution in the security of the ongoing electoral process as one of the main priorities for the organ. The continued implementation of technical and organisational measures, through training of personnel, was also mentioned as one of the priorities for the institution. He said the introduction of new and better technical means is indispensable to the substantial reduction of the time in the issuing of passports and visas. According to him, the meeting is to discuss programmes and objectives, but mainly the methods and procedures in all domains of the organ’s activity. The official stated as well that the SME will soon achieve the results of the measures that will be introduced for the reinforcement of the capacity in granting migratory facilities to nationals and foreigners, particularly passports and visas. The 12nd Consultative Council that will close Thursday will also discuss the role of the attorney’s office in the standardisation of criteria of control of circulation of people in domestic airports...

[http://www.portalangop.co.ao/motix/en\\_us/noticias/politica/Immigration-Services-Outline-Actions,c36fc5a0-faad-4a83-ab58-af91fd8af9fa.html](http://www.portalangop.co.ao/motix/en_us/noticias/politica/Immigration-Services-Outline-Actions,c36fc5a0-faad-4a83-ab58-af91fd8af9fa.html)

### **ICMM publishes good practice guide for HIV / AIDS, TB and Malaria**

... ICMM’s *Good Practice Guidance on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria*, which is aimed at managers and health practitioners, provides practical information for disease management. The Guidance stresses the need for an integrated approach to the three diseases, and highlights the new links between them emerging in recent research. It also highlights the need for collaboration between mining and metals companies, communities, and local and international institutions and organizations.

A systematic management process is described, comprising nine generic steps to determine the type and level of intervention required for HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria - culminating, where appropriate, in the implementation of a health program with associated monitoring and evaluation. The Guidance strongly recommends an integrated, community-based approach to health care and disease management, and it provides valuable insights into improving the effectiveness of implementation - and the sustainability of results - through working with external partners including funders, contractors, service providers and suppliers...

<http://info.icmm.com/ve/ZZ9460S88u97B92u61M64>

Download guide <http://www.icmm.com/document/314>

### **Angola invests US \$ 5 billion in Northern Zaire province infrastructure**

... China’s Sinohydro and Italy’s CMC di Ravenna Tuesday started construction work on the Luanda-Soyo motorway, which is expected to take three years, Angolan news agency Angop reported. Angola’s news agency said that work on the motorway, which will be 500 kilometres long and have six lanes (three in each

direction), would employ over 1,600 workers. Angola's deputy public works minister, Joanes André, who attended the launch of the work, said that the government would spend some US\$5 billion on infrastructures in Zaire province in northern Angola. Amongst the projects to be carried out is the construction of the Nzeto/Soyo stretch of road with eight bridges, by Spanish company Carmon Reestrutura. The work, which is expected to employ 1,000 people, will be concluded within two years. Conduril Engenharia (Angola), which is Portuguese-owned, will also build a bridge spanning 450 metres over the Mbridge (Nzet[o]) river, with six lanes, which will be built within 33 months. André also said that Brazilian company Odebrecht was building the Kipanji Technical Professional Training Centre and that company T-Angola would build three social housing buildings in Soyo with four floors and 48 apartments each, which are due to be finished in less than a year...

<http://www.macauhub.com.mo/en/news.php?ID=5972>

### **Activity of Lobito may exceed that of Luanda**

... Cargo movement at the port of Lobito may exceed that of the port of Luanda if its growth level is maintained, the regional delegate for the Benguela National Reconstruction Office, Fernandes Andrade told Portuguese news agency Lusa. Built as a port for exporting mining products to neighbouring countries, as well as Angolan fishing and farming products, the port of Lobito, in Benguela province, "is now working as an import port," Andrade said, adding that, despite not yet having exceeded the volume of unloaded cargo of the port of Luanda, "it is going that way if it continues at this rate." The port of Lobito, he said, "is a very ambitious project, with several phases, and which, at the end of 2009, may have a different face." When work is concluded to improve the port's facilities as well as reconstruction of the Benguela railroad, the two facilities will be able to transport products from Angola's interior and mining products from neighbouring countries, which currently use the South Africa corridor. As well as this, "the new Lobito refinery, when it is ready, could provide a bug push, not only to the Benguela railroad, but also to the port, because there is refined oil here that could be crucial for interior countries in Southern and Central Africa," Andrade said...

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### **IGE Half-year report 2008**

... IGE Diamond AB activities during the period were primarily focused on the Luxinge project in Angola where production is planned to start in Q4 2008 for alluvial diamonds. Significant developments during the period have been the mobilisation of production equipment and the field camp to the license area in Luxinge. IGE has continued to increase the pace of its activities in Angola. The company are also preparing for a drilling program on prioritised diamond targets within the Lacage kimberlite project area. IGE Angola has performed flight surveys of Luxinge and started on the fourth license, Cariango. First results are expected during Q4 2008...

<http://www.ige.se/?file=press/pressreleases/index.xml&releaseid=374862>

### **Since 2003 400000 Angolans repatriated**

... started on 20 June 2003, the Operation of Voluntary and Organised Repatriation of Angolan Refugees brought to the country 138,594 compatriots in a voluntary and organised manner and 270,856 spontaneously...

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/EDIS-7HVMQE?OpenDocument>

### **CMI on Angola – Opposition parties – elections 2008**

... Parliamentary elections will be held in Angola on 5th September 2008, as the first elections in the country since 1992. There are now 138 political parties registered in Angola, and fourteen parties (including four party coalitions) have recently been approved for the elections. This study gives a background to the upcoming parliamentary elections in Angola and provides an overview of the political situation, the 'playing field', the election system and last, and most importantly, the opposition parties of Angola. The study is based on interviews with party officials of the most important political parties, newspaper articles and a review of the few reports available on politics and political parties in Angola....

[http://www.humansecuritygateway.info/documents/CMI\\_Angola\\_oppositionpartiesupcoming2008elections.pdf](http://www.humansecuritygateway.info/documents/CMI_Angola_oppositionpartiesupcoming2008elections.pdf)

## **Angola continues its expulsion of DRC illegals**

... Having started on 25 May 2006, the current wave of expulsions of Congolese nationals from Angola is ongoing. Between 21 July and 20 August 2008, the total number of expellees has risen from 64 000 to 85 000, with the highest influx in the province of Kasai Occidental. CARITAS Congo and UNFPA have launched a joint project to monitor the movements of the expelled population in the border regions. A contingency plan is under preparation by the humanitarian community...

[http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900sid/EDIS-7HRMD8/\\$File/full\\_report.pdf](http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900sid/EDIS-7HRMD8/$File/full_report.pdf)

## **South Africa – Angola Chamber of Commerce – five years of members applying this code of conduct in trade with, and investment in, Angola.**

### Article 1: Extortion and coercion

No one may, directly or indirectly, demand or accept a bribe.

### Article 2: Bribery and "Kickbacks"

- a.) No Member may, directly or indirectly, offer or give a bribe and any demands for such a bribe must be rejected.
- b.) Members should not (i) kick back any portion of a contract payment to employees of the other contracting party, or (ii) utilize other techniques, such as subcontracts, purchase orders or consulting agreements, to channel payments to government officials, to employees of the other contracting party, their relatives or business associates.

### Article 3: Agents

Members should take measures reasonably within their power to ensure:

- a) that any payment made to any agent represents no more than an appropriate remuneration for legitimate services rendered by such agent;
- b) that no part of any such payment is passed on by the agent as a bribe or otherwise in contravention of these Rules of Conduct; and
- c) that they maintain a record of the names and terms of employment of all agents who are retained by them in connection with transactions with public bodies or State enterprises. This record should be available for inspection by auditors and, upon specific request, by appropriate, duly authorized governmental authorities under conditions of confidentiality.

### Article 4: Financial Recording and Auditing

- a) All financial transactions must be properly and fairly recorded in appropriate books of account available for inspection by boards of directors, if applicable, or a corresponding body, as well as auditors.
- b) There must be no "off the books" or secret accounts, nor may any documents be issued which do not properly and fairly record the transactions to which they relate.
- c) Members should take all necessary measures to establish independent systems of auditing in order to bring to light any transactions which contravene the present Rules of Conduct. Appropriate corrective action must then be taken.

### Article 5: Responsibilities of Members

The board of directors or other body with ultimate responsibility for the member should:

- a) take reasonable steps, including the establishment and maintenance of proper systems of control aimed at preventing any payments being made by or on behalf of the member which contravene these Rules of Conduct;
- b) periodically review compliance with these Rules of Conduct and establish procedures for obtaining appropriate reports for the purposes of such review; and
- c) take appropriate action against any director or employee contravening these Rules of Conduct.

### Article 6: Political Contributions

Contributions to political parties or committees or to individual politicians may only be made in accordance with the applicable law, and all requirements for public disclosure of such contributions shall be fully complied with. All such contributions must be reported to senior corporate management.

### Article 7: Company Codes

These Rules of Conduct being of a general nature, members should, where appropriate, draw up their own codes consistent with the ICC Rules and apply them to the particular circumstances in which their business is carried out. Such codes may usefully include examples and should enjoin employees or agents who find themselves subjected to any form of extortion or bribery immediately to report the same to senior corporate management. Members should develop clear policies, guidelines, and training programmes for implementing and enforcing the provisions of their codes.

With acknowledgement to the ICC <http://www.iccwbo.org/>

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