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UPDATE
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BACKGROUND

The N4 toll road project forms part of the Spatial Development Initiative, the **Maputo Corridor**.

The objective of the SDI is to **stimulate economic growth** of the region and **trade** between the two countries.

The **constant traffic growth of 5-7%** per annum since 1998 confirms the need for infrastructure.

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1. The **Concession Contract** for the N4 Toll Road from Witbank to Maputo was awarded to TRAC in 1997 by the South African and Mozambican Governments. In 2004 the Concession Contract was **extended** to include the N4 from Witbank to Pretoria (hans Strydom off-ramp) and in 2005 the project was **refinanced**.
2. The Contract requires TRAC to **design, construct, upgrade, rehabilitate, operate and maintain** the N4 for 30 years (1997 – 2027).
3. **Law Enforcement** and **Emergency Services** are **excluded** and remain the responsibility of the States.
4. TRAC manages **630 kilometers** of toll road in two countries.
5. Operations consist of **6 main line toll plazas and 8 ramp plazas**.
6. Other contracts include the **maintenance of several feeder roads** and managing **23 load control centres** (weighbridges) to protect the road and region against overloading.
7. TRAC employs over **400 full time staff** and offers subcontracts to over **60 local small subcontractors**.

Update - Construction

- 2006 - Completed resurfacing Section 19 in Maputo. Overloading damage already showing.
- 2007 - Finished resurfacing near Machadodorp.
- 2007 - Started widening the road from Wonderfontein to Belfast (adding an extra lane in both directions). Construction will take 26 months.
- 2007 - Resurfacing the concrete section near Middelburg Toll Plaza will start. Construction will last 12 months.
- 2007 - Pedestrian Bridge in Maputo. Repairs to start as soon as parts arrive.
- General: Street lights in Mozambique

Update - Nelspruit Ringroad

- Currently in the process of finalising the preliminary design.
- Approximately 23 kilometers of new road passing north of the town.
- Started the Environmental Impact Assessment and Public Participation process. Scoping report submitted.
- Objective is to complete the road by 2009.
- Funding the road still to be finalised as it does not form part of the Concession Contract requirements.

Update - Moving the Machado Toll Plaza

- **Studying the analysis** and recommendations from SDG. A final decision will be taken towards end of July 2007.
- **Objective** to improve fairness of tolling as well as relieve local communities of current tolling between the integrated towns of Machadodorp, Belfast and Waterval Boven.
- An Environmental Impact Assessment and Public Participation **process** will be initiated if the decision is to proceed.

Update - Toll Plaza Operations

- Testing the Vitas **camera system** at the Maputo Toll Plaza enabling TRAC to improve the prevention of corruption.
- Currently testing **dedicated toll lanes** at Maputo Toll Plaza to relieve traffic congestion.
- **Electronic toll collection** will be considered in future.

THANK YOU

