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Tenders go out for design of Moz one-stop border

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THE LONG awaited one-stop border post between SA and Mozambique at Ressano Garcia, "is no longer a dream but a reality," according to Dr Danilo Nala, a senior official of the Mozambican revenue authority and convenor of the bilateral committee dealing with this border post initiative.

He told the Maputo Corridor Logistics Initiative (MCLI) annual general meeting (AGM) recently that the legal complexities of delivering this facility were close to being finalised – and due to be signed off at the next heads of state meeting between

in SA, Swaziland and Mozambique.

The one-stop border principle is to be applied in three parts, Nala added – one for commercial freight, one for passengers and one for rail.

Nala also pointed out that bilateral teams had been set up and would finalise the working groups before their next meeting around mid-June.

As a kick-start, the Mozambique department of public works is looking to launch a tender for the design of the project – also due for mid-June.

"Infrastructure is only one element of a complex project," said Nala. "By 2009 we must have this border post