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Africa seeks to reclaim global copper producer role

Africa is looking to reclaim its role as major copper producer thanks to growing production by countries such as Zambia and the DRC. Rising demand from countries like China has caused a significant increase in copper production. Copper shipped by Zambia and the DRC has more than doubled since 2000 to about 800,000 tonnes a year, and experts predict that it should climb to 1.5 million tonnes in 2010. [Read More](#)



China's ZTE wins Kenya optical network deal

ZTE, China's second-largest telecoms equipment maker, said it had struck a deal with the government of Kenya to help construct a network covering the western part of the country. The company will help construct a large-scale optical network which is meant to improve the Kenyan communications infrastructure. No financial terms were disclosed in the official statement. [Read More](#)

China launches humanitarian de-mining training course for Sudan

A de-mining training course for Sudan was recently inaugurated in Nanjing, the capital of eastern Jiangsu Province. The course will run over six weeks and is seen as a concrete measure in China's response to the humanitarian crisis in Sudan. A statement by the Chinese Foreign Ministry said it showed the Chinese government's firm support for the national reconciliation process in Sudan. [Read More](#)

DRC finds radioactive minerals in ore export

A truck transporting radioactive mineral ore was intercepted by Congolese security forces in the Katanga province. The truck, owned by Chinese run firm Hua-Shin Mining, was carrying copper and cobalt ore bound for export, but was stopped after it was discovered that part of the load exceeded acceptable levels of radioactivity. Ore mined in the Katanga region habitually contains trace amounts of uranium, which the Congo currently bans from exporting. [Read More](#)

Chinese firm modernizing airport in Angolan province

China Road and Bridge Corp. will undertake the rehabilitation of Mbanza Congo airport in the province of Zaire. The project is expected to run over the course of six months at a cost of US\$ 10 million. Runway upgrades, increased parking facilities and improved taxiways are expected to upgrade the airport to cope with rising demand of visitors to the region. [Read More](#)



China Gezhouba wins US\$ 829 mln Libya housing project

China Gezhouba Group Co. announced the signing of a contract for the construction of residential complexes in six areas outside the Libyan capital, Tripoli. The initial contract is worth approximately US\$ 829 million, and is set to span over three years. [Read More](#)



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