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China and the US have pledged US\$20 billion trade aid



China and the US have pledged US\$20 billion to help finance global trade, as part of efforts to boost the faltering world economy. The money will be made available to importers, including those in developing countries, who have found it difficult to get credit to buy goods. Earlier, China called on the US to save more, blaming its excessive consumption for the financial crisis. The money will be made available through the countries' export-import banks.

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Global Mining sees China mine investment switch



China is switching towards later stage mining projects in developed countries and away from less developed assets in emerging markets according to Global Mining Corp. China, the world's fourth-largest economy, is a major consumer of most industrial metals and has made the move from investee to investor as its mining firms have surplus cash and are keen to find reliable sources of raw materials. Since 2004 China moved from being an importer of mining finance and started to make serious forays internationally.

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China to help fight cholera in Zimbabwe



China has pledged vaccines worth US\$ 500 000 to fight cholera in Zimbabwe. China's deputy head of mission in Zimbabwe He Meng said his government would bring the vaccines as soon as talks with the ministry of foreign affairs had been concluded. China would also assist Zimbabwe by providing food aid to help ease shortages.

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Rwanda and China sign grant deal



26 small scale miners from Ghana are undertaking a two-week study tour of China to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of their operations. The tour, under the sponsorship of the government, is designed principally at replacing the rudimentary technologies used by small-scale miners through the adoption of modern, cost effective technologies.

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South Africa likely to lift Chinese textile import curb



South Africa is unlikely to extend restrictions on Chinese textile imports beyond December 2008, when they are due to expire according to a senior government official, given the lack of applications from the industry to extend the quotas. South Africa introduced quotas to restrict Chinese textile and clothing imports in January 2007 after unions complained the cheaper products were hurting local manufacturers and causing job losses.

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China increases African investments by US\$ 10 billion



China says it has grown its investment levels in Africa from US\$ 70 billion to US\$ 80 billion this year. The growth has been over a period of nine months. Director in charge of West Asian and African Affairs in the Ministry of Commerce, Chai Zhijing, says Africa and Zambia in particular remain a strategic partner in trade relations.

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