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Botswana partners China in power deal



Botswana has signed a power deal with China to construct a 600 MW power station. The country's state-owned energy company signed the deal with the CNEEC-SBW Consortium. Project funding is being arranged and secured by government, with US\$ 183 million being made available to facilitate early mobilisation of the project.

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Reconstruction work begins on Ghanaian Akatsi-Aflao highway



President John Agyekum Kufuor set off reconstruction works on the 58.8 km Akatsi-Aflao section of the Tema-Aflao Highway at an official ceremony. The cost of the single carriage highway is estimated at US\$ 62 million and will take 24 months to complete. Chinese contractors China Geo-Engineering Corporation are undertaking the project.

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Chinese company allays fears over Nigerian rail project



The China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC), allayed the fears of Nigerians over the US\$ 8.3 billion Kano-Lagos rail line project. A CCECC representative said the government of China was specifically interested in the project in Nigeria and had held high level consultations with the federal government on the interest and eagerness of China in the project.

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26 Ghanaian Small Scale Miners on Tour of China



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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Oil rises above US\$ 52 a barrel as Chinese demand is boosted



Oil prices rose above US\$ 52 a barrel this week as a large interest rate cut in China was seen boosting its oil demand. China's biggest interest rate cut in 11 years — and the fourth in three months — was expected to lead to increased demand for oil. "This could help speed up the Chinese economy's recovery from the current slowdown" said a report from Sueden Research in London.

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Demand high for Africa-China trade facilitation services



The Standard Bank of South Africa reports that it has seen an upsurge in demand for trade facilitation services from its customers who do business with Chinese firms. The increased interest, according to the bank, has been spurred by the purchase of a 20% stake in the continent's biggest lender by the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC).

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