

Africa News

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TIPS

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to find news on industries, markets, and political and economic conditions in Africa and its global partners.

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DIALOG(R)File 606:Africa News
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Submarine cable system is launched

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Friday, June 18, 1999 20:42 EDT

JC=,LA=,RT=,DT=

JOURNAL CODE: AN LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT DOCUMENT TYPE:
NEWSWIRE

WORD COUNT: 417

/LP/TX

TEXT:

Johannesburg (Business Day, June 18, 1999) - The launch yesterday of a \$600m undersea cable system, funded by 40 nations, is to provide a telecommunications channel to cater for Africa's international connectivity requirements for the next 25 years.

In one of his first engagements as head of state, President Thabo Mbeki presided over the ceremony. Telkom MD Sizwe Nxasana said Mbeki's interest in the project was a "clear sign of how seriously we in SA are taking this project".

/TX

Nxasana said there was confidence that SA's new communications minister, Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri, would continue government's interest in the project.

"This project has brought together 40 nations and some of the world's most influential telecommunications players in a joint effort to link more people to each other," he said.

"It will provide a safe, secure, fully digital and reliable wet global highway that will effectively link Portugal to west Africa to Cape Town to India and Malaysia."

The southwest African submarine cable is a 15000km fibreoptic cable linking Europe with SA and a number of countries on the west African coastline.

The SA-Far East system continues the connection another 13800km as far as Malaysia via Reunion and Mauritius, with a landing that brings India into the system.

"It's an 80 gigabit link, or in layman's terms, that is capacity equal to 4,83-million simultaneous telephone conversations or over 8000 digital television transmissions."

Nxasana said that by 2001, the submarine cable system will be owned, controlled and maintained by the individual operators.

The system will give African countries direct access to each other as well as significantly increased access to global markets, while keeping the majority of the revenue it generates on the continent where it can be used to spur the economic development of Africa as a whole.

(...)

Construction is scheduled to begin almost immediately and the project is scheduled to be fully operational in 2001.

Lying between 1000m and 8000m below the surface of the ocean, the cable system will be built to be impervious to bad weather and vandalism.

By Robyn Chalmers and ECN

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/CO,CO=

COMPANY NAMES: SA ; SA INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LTD

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GEOGRAPHIC NAMES: AFRICA ; WEST AFRICA

/PN,PN=

INDUSTRY NAMES: BROADCASTING ; POLITICAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS ; COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES ; MEDIA INDUSTRIES

/DE,EN=

EVENT NAMES: GOVERNMENT ; INTERNATIONAL ISSUES ; POLITICAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SAMPLE RECORD FROM FILE 806

DIALOG(R)File 806:Africa News
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00100026 Supplier Number: 281u0752 (THIS IS THE Fulltext)
 Taxing Time For South African Wineries
 Africa News Service
 Oct. 07, 1996 17:17 E.T.
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Newswire RECORD TYPE: Fulltext LANGUAGE: English
 WORD COUNT: 504
 TEXT:

/LP, /TX Johannesburg (October 7, 1996), Mail and Guardian via Africa News -
 Heavily taxed at home, South Africa's wine producers are
 increasingly concerned about illegal imports and exports of
 spirits, which could be costing the country about R9- billion a
 year in lost revenue, according to some estimates.

/TX Stellenbosch Farmers Winery (SFW) chairman Jeff Malherbe said in his
 annual report this week that this amount was more than "three times
 the country's current budget for the Reconstruction and Development
 Programme.

"Business looks to the government to create a stable environment
 with clear regulating policies within which sustainable economic
 development can take place. It is, therefore, gratifying to note
 (...)
 SFW said its export sales had grown by 38% in volume over the last
 year and were expected to show continued growth. "In order to meet
 this expected increase, SFW will assess the potential of joint
 ventures with international partners," SFW managing director Frans
 Stroebel said.

He said SFW was now exporting to 50 countries, with Germany the
 largest market. Exports to Africa had grown "significantly", mainly
 to Kenya and Zimbabwe.
 Distillers' managing director Jan Scannell said exports had risen
 22% in volume and 46% in value to R84-million in the past year and
 this was expected to be maintained in the coming year. To meet
 overall increased demand, Distillers had approved projects worth
 R47-million in the coming year, mainly to improve efficiency and
 quality assurance.

by Lynda Loxton

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/DE, CN= COUNTRY NAMES: AFRICA; GERMANY; KENYA; SOUTH AFRICA; ZIMBABWE
 /DE, IN= INDUSTRY NAMES: FINANCE; BUSINESS

SEARCH OPTIONS

BASIC INDEX

SEARCH SUFFIX	DISPLAY CODE	FIELD NAME	INDEXING	SELECT EXAMPLES
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/CO	CO	Company Name ^{1,2,3}	Word	S SA(W)INTERNATIONAL/CO
/DE	DE	Descriptor ^{2,4}	Word & Phrase	S PUBLIC(W)AFFAIRS/DE S INTERNATIONAL(W)ISSUES/DE
/GN	GN	Geographic Name ^{2,3}	Word	S WEST(W)AFRICA/GN
/LP	LP	Lead Paragraph	Word	S TELECOMMUNICATIONS/LP
/PN	PN	Industry Name ^{2,3}	Word	S COMMUNICATIONS(W)TECHNOLOGIES/PN
/TI	TI	Title	Word	S CABLE(W)SYSTEM/TI
/TX	TX	Text	Word	S SA(W)FAR(W)EAST(W)SYSTEM/TX

¹ Searchable in the Basic Index and in the Additional Indexes.⁴ Also /DF.² Contains INFOSORT terms (see HELP INFOSORT).³ Available only in File 606.

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CN= CO= DL=	CN CO DL	Country Name ⁵ Company Name ^{1,2,3} Dateline ³	Phrase Phrase Word & Phrase	S CN=KENYA S CO=SA INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS? S DL=JOHANNESBURG S DL=CAPE TOWN?
DT= DY= EN= GN= IN= JC= JN= LA= MO= PD= PN= PY= RT= — UD= —	DT DY EN GN IN JC JN LA MO PD PN PY RT SO — WD	Document Type Publication Day ³ Event Name ^{2,3,6} Geographic Name ^{1,2,3} Industry Name ^{1,2,3} Journal Code ³ Journal Name Language Publication Month ³ Publication Date Industry Name ^{1,2,3,6} Publication Year Record Type Source Information Update Word Count	Phrase Phrase Phrase Phrase Phrase Phrase Phrase Phrase Phrase Phrase Phrase Phrase Phrase Phrase Phrase Phrase	S DT=NEWSWIRE S DY=FRIDAY S EN=INTERNATIONAL ISSUES S GN=WEST AFRICA S IN=FINANCE S JC=AN S JN=AFRICA NEWS S LA=ENGLISH S MO=JUNE S PD=19990618 S PN=MEDIA TECHNOLOGIES S PY=1996 S RT=FULLTEXT S UD=9999

⁵ Available only in File 806.

⁶ Also searchable using /DE.

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LIMIT	/LONG -- Word Count of 1,000 words or more /SHORT -- Word Count of less than 1,000 words /YYYY -- Publication Year	S S2/LONG S S4/SHORT S S2/1999
SORT	AA, JN, PD, PY, TI	SORT S5/ALL/PD
RANK	All phrase- and numeric-indexed fields in the Additional Indexes can be ranked.	RANK AU S3
RD, ID	Remove duplicates (RD) or identify duplicates (ID,IDO).	RD S5
CURRENT	Search only the most recent year plus one (CURRENT1) to five (CURRENT5) years.	B 606 CURRENT2

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7	Long	Bibliographic Citation, Text, and Word Count
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