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CVRD and Government of Mozambique sign agreement for social projects

Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) and the Government of Mozambique signed Wednesday, June 15th, a Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation and development of several social programs in the region of Moatize, in the Province of Tete.

The investments in the areas of health, education, agriculture/income generation, orphanage rehabilitation and community development are foreseen in the agreement signed by CVRD in November of 2004 for exploration and research of coal mines in Moatize, considered as one of the largest unexplored carboniferous provinces in the world.

CVRD will set aside US\$ 6.47 million for the social programs, which should be implemented by November 2006, that means, within the period set for the feasibility study for the coal exploration project, begun in January this year.

The main social projects are the following:

- Rehabilitation of Provincial Hospital of Tete and of the Medical Station of Moatize.
- Installations, furnishing and equipment for the Tete Hospital and Medical Station of Moatize
- Training of employees at the Tete Hospital and at the Moatize Medical Station
- Purchasing of four mobile health and support units to operational teams at Tete and Moatize
- Recovery of orphanages Creche Mundo dos Mais Pequenos and Centro São José de Cluny, in the city of Tete
- Construction of Orphanage Dona Laura for children whose parents were victims of HIV/Aids
- Rehabilitation program of the Intermediate Geology and Mines Institute of Moatize and installation of equipment, computers and laboratory instruments
- Support in the development of family-based agriculture activities and rural development planning.
- Establishment of groups, associations or work cooperatives for income generation
- Investments in infrastructure improvements for the production and supply of electric energy, including the reform of Hydroelectric plant of Ulongwe
- Installation for the formation and capability of labor (carpenters, stoneworkers, pipeline workers, and others)

The province of Moatize, located in the central region of Mozambique, has a world-class coal deposit estimated at 2.4 billion tons, which allows for the extraction of coking and energetic coal.

CVRD, who won the international bidding for the concession of coal exploration in Moatize with an offer of US\$ 122.8 million, has large experience in the development and operation of large-sized mineral projects and in the movement of considerable load volumes, in integrated mine-railway-port systems.

CVRD is one of the main suppliers of raw materials in the world - iron ore, pellets, and ferro-alloys - for the steel industry and the metallurgical coal will complement its product portfolio.

The Moatize project is in line with the company's guidelines, contributing for its growth and the creation of value for shareholders.

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