

Republic of Botswana (13/11/06)
State of the Nation Address by H.E. President Mogae

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

From: Press Secretary

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Excerpt from:

STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY MR. FESTUS G. MOGAE
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA, TO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE THIRD
SESSION
OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT "MATURITY AND CONSOLIDATION", MONDAY 13TH
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Mmamabula Export Power Station Generation Project

110. Honourable Members and the nation will recall that when I paid a state visit to South Africa, I requested the South African government and Parliament to let us build an insitu thermal power station and sell electricity to them. I am now in a position to report that:

(a) Coal Investment Corporation (CIC) and a local company Meepong Resources, have joined forces to explore and develop the substantial Mmamabula coal resources which will be used to generate electricity.

(b) A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Governments of Botswana and South Africa on 17th August this year to facilitate the development of the power station and the sale of electricity to South Africa.

111. Mr. Speaker, the development of Mmamabula Export Power Station will not only facilitate the exploitation of our abundant coal reserves, but will also make our country a significant player in the regional power market. The estimated cost of the project is about P42 billion.