

Coal Mine Export Logistics Capacity Tete, Mozambique

LOCATION
TETE, MOZAMBIQUE

SECTOR
MINE INVESTMENT

CLIENT
INVESTOR



OVERVIEW

The Moatize Coal Basin in Tete Province, Mozambique is rapidly developing as the latest mining frontier for metallurgical and steam coal. Coal mining in the area has mainly been spearheaded by the Brazilian mining company Vale who has also invested significantly in rail and port infrastructure to secure appropriate supply chain throughput capacity.

With mining companies clamoring to secure suitable export capacity with limited rail and port facilities available to them, investors in the Mozambique coal industry are understandably keen to verify and secure commitment by such transport service providers prior to taking investment decisions.

A-Cubed (as Ports of Africa) were commissioned in May 2011 by the global energy trading group, Vitol, to undertake a Logistics Review followed by a field trip to site, interviews with various parties and an investigation into transport options and related costs.

SCOPE OF WORK & METHODOLOGY

The overall purpose of the study was to provide the client with a high-level assessment and review of the logistics landscape that will affect the export of coal from the mine, the current and future availability of landside transport options to a suitable port and the availability of capacity in the port.

Following a site visit by the consulting team and client's representatives to the mine and to the port of Beira, a full desktop investigation was undertaken enabling an accurate assessment of the current and future logistics element to be formed and a balanced, phased scenario of logistics opportunities provided for the client.

