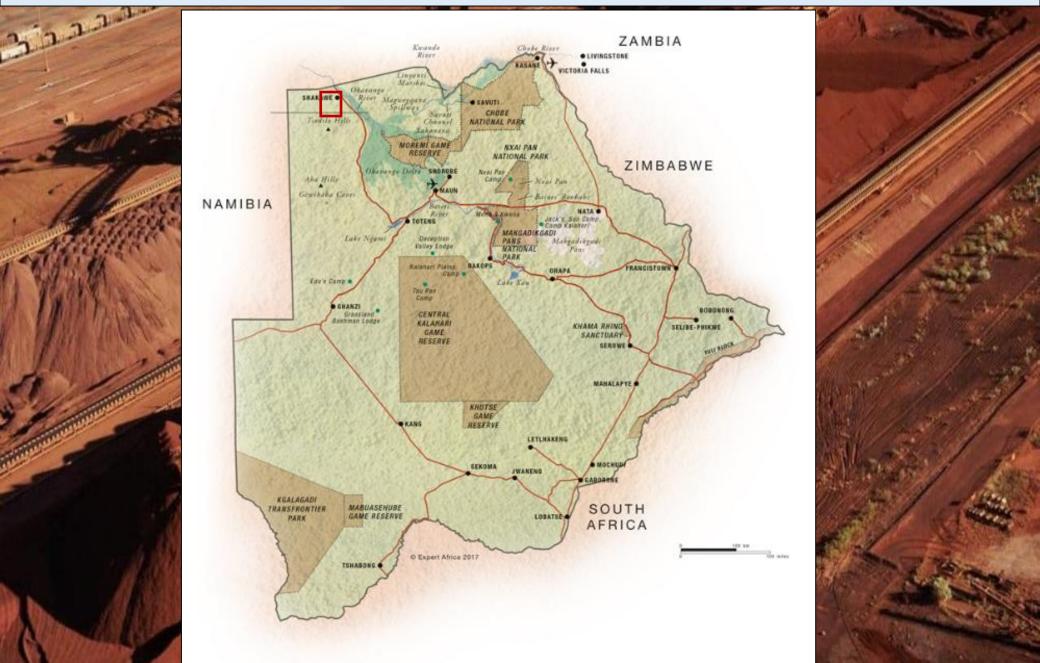
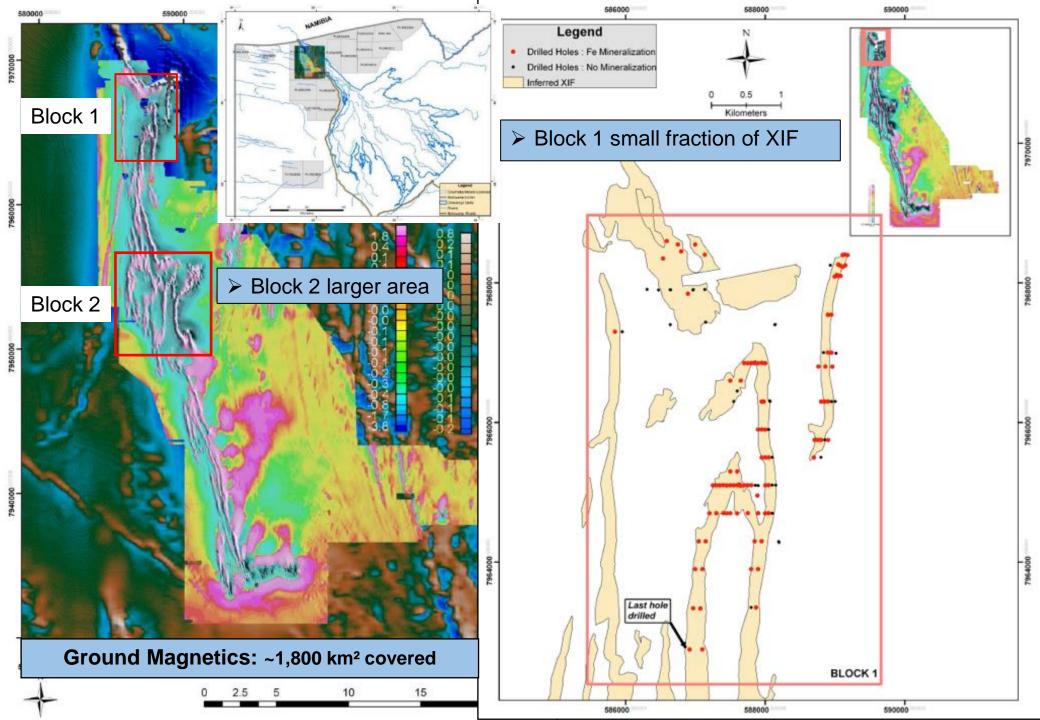
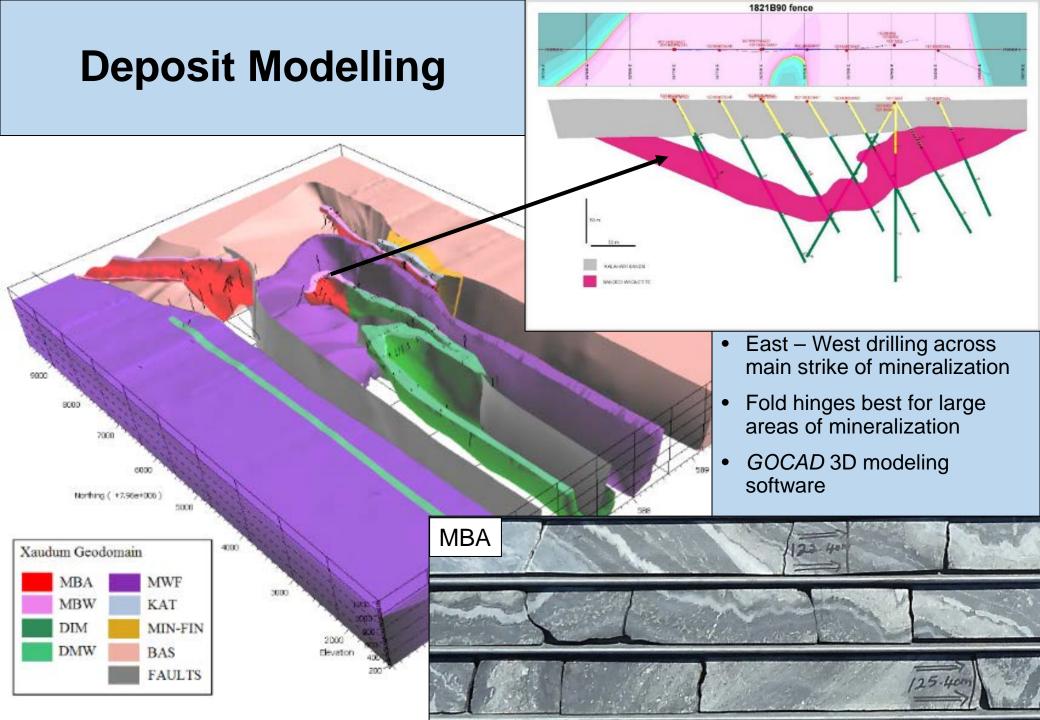


# XIF Project - Northwest Botswana

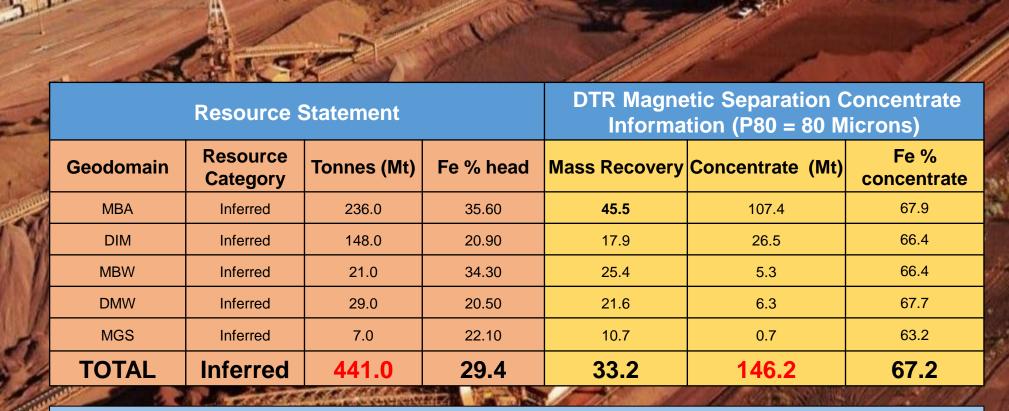




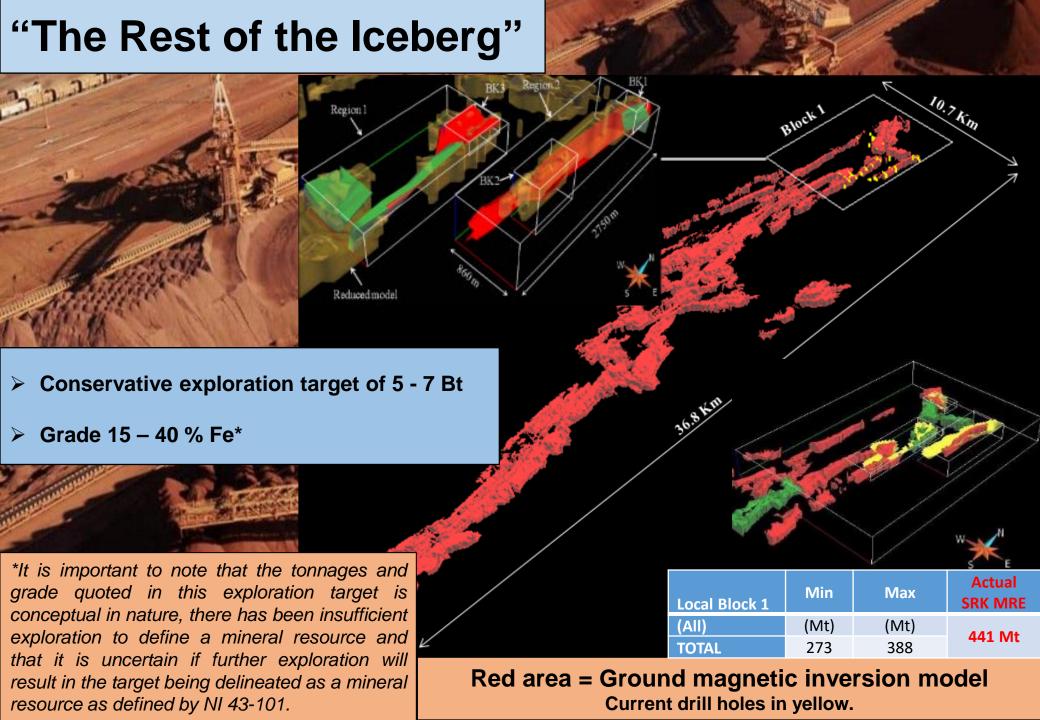




## Resource + Post Beneficiation - "Tip of the Iceberg"



Mass recoveries at P80 grind sizes of 80 microns = Based on the metallurgical magnetic separation test work conducted



### **Potential Production Options**

#### Option 1: (FeSi)

Ferrosilicon (FeSi) production and sales for Dense Media Plants (DMS) across Africa

- FeSi sales to regional copper, diamond, and coal mines
- Small scale start up operation ~1.8 Mtpa ROM
- Could be a 50 year plus life of mine



Medium Size Iron Ore Mine - Magnetite Concentrate sales through Walvis Bay

- Magnetite concentrate produced at 67% Fe
- Shipped to international markets such as Europe, India, and China
- Medium Size Mine 7.2 Mtpa ROM
- Potentially 50 year plus life of mine

#### Realistic Option 3

Full Size Iron Ore Mine - Magnetite Concentrate international sales through Walvis Bay

- Magnetite concentrate produced via magnetic concentrator at 67% Fe
- Magnetite concentrate further beneficiated to Pellets via pelletizing plant
- Upgraded Rail Line From Mine to Walvis Bay
- Upgraded Port at Walvis Bay
- Shipped to international markets such as Europe, India, and China
- Large Size Mine 63 Mtpa ROM
- Greater than 60 year plus life of mine



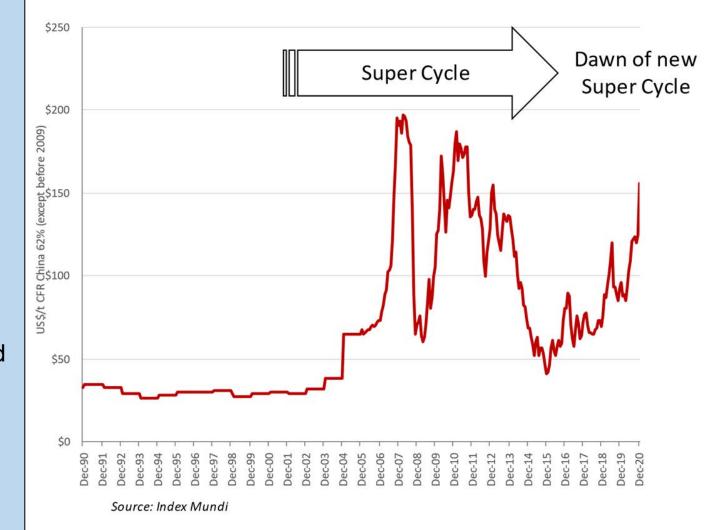




- Following the creation of an iron ore spot price in 2009
  the market completed a
  super up-cycle which
  started in early 2000's and ended about 2014-15
- 2019-2020 clearly marks
   the dawn of a new
   seaborne super-cycle
   driven by fundamentals
- The reason for the iron ore price rise is increasing demand and reduced supply.
- Iron ore gained the title of best performing metal commodity of 2020.
- Strong Chinese demand and reduced supply created the right environment for enhanced price action, further fueled by market momentum.

# So Why Iron Ore?

#### 30 Year - Historical Iron Ore Price 2020 - Start of a Strong New Cycle with Solid Fundamentals



With emerging markets modernizing their infrastructure and striving for a middle-class lifestyle, demand for commodities continues to soar. Top of the list is iron ore because it's a core component in the production of steel. Asian steel producers are making steel products in a variety of forms including steel rebar, steel plates and hot rolled coils. Steel is also extensively used in ship building, construction, and various manufacturing procedures.

- Demand is not just coming from China
  - There is a massive amount of new integrated steelmaking capacity planned for Southeast Asia in the next few years.

174.94 +0.82 (+0.47%)

Official Close 3/4/2021 MI Indication



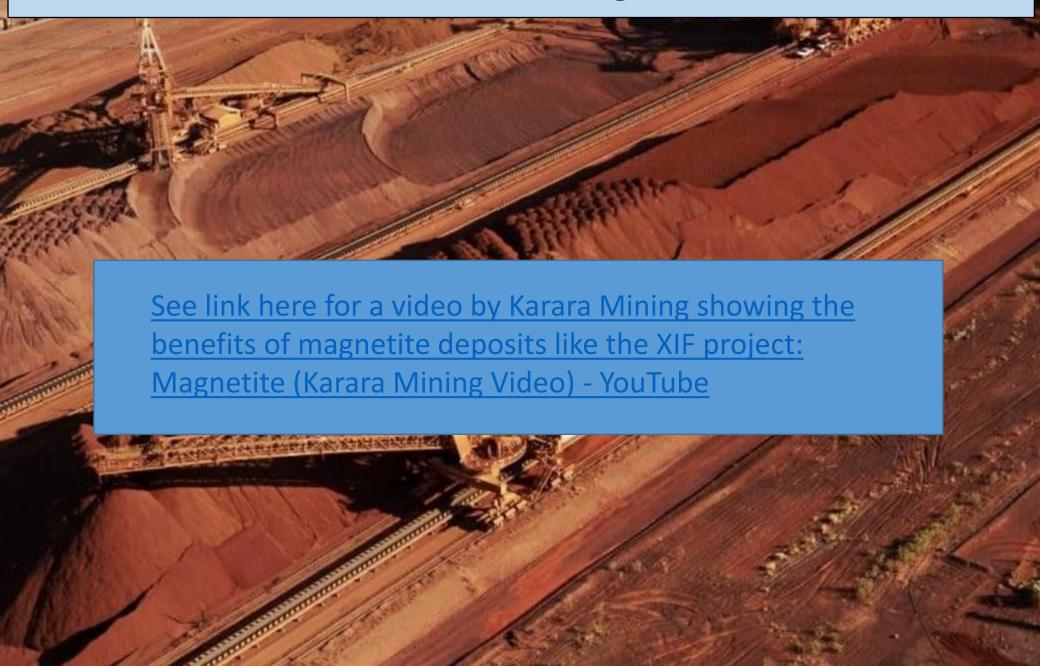


#### Why Magnetite:

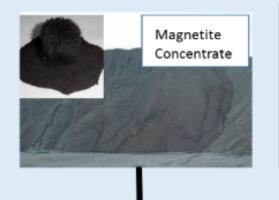
The trend is for cleaner higher grade ores like the XIF magnetite iron ores at 65%+ Fe are gaining a more important place in the market.

Where they are getting larger and larger premiums over the base level. Magnetite is also seen as "greener" also as they use less energy per unit volume of steel generated.

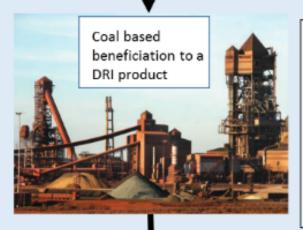
### The Benefits of Magnetite



### **Further Beneficiation Options**



Direct Reduction Iron (DRI) "sponge iron" product (90-99% Fe) or similar higher-grade Fe products using coal-based beneficiation technologies

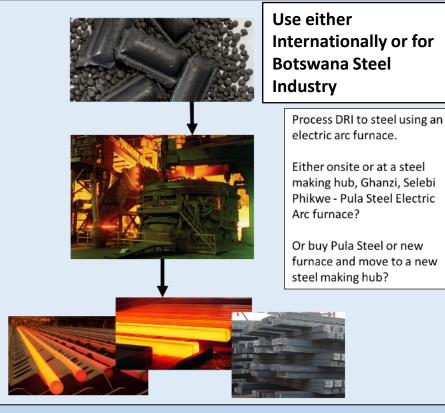


Further Beneficiate to a Direct Reduction Iron (DRI) "sponge iron" using coal beneficiation technology

- Midrex
- IMBS
- Tenova Pyromet
- ESS prodilux GLPS



Sell higher priced products to Southern African Market

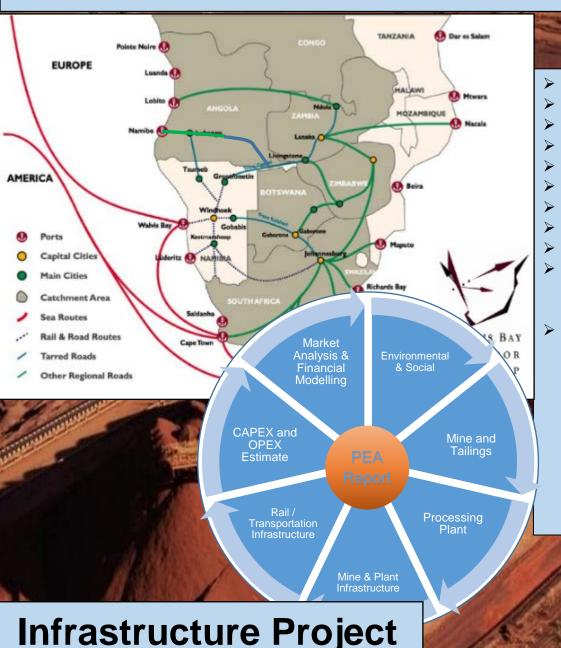


<u>Direct Reduction Iron</u> <u>Sponge Iron</u>

<u>Uses Coal - Can be feed into Electric Arc</u> Furnace

Revitalizing the Steel Industry in Botswana

### The Next Stage – Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA)



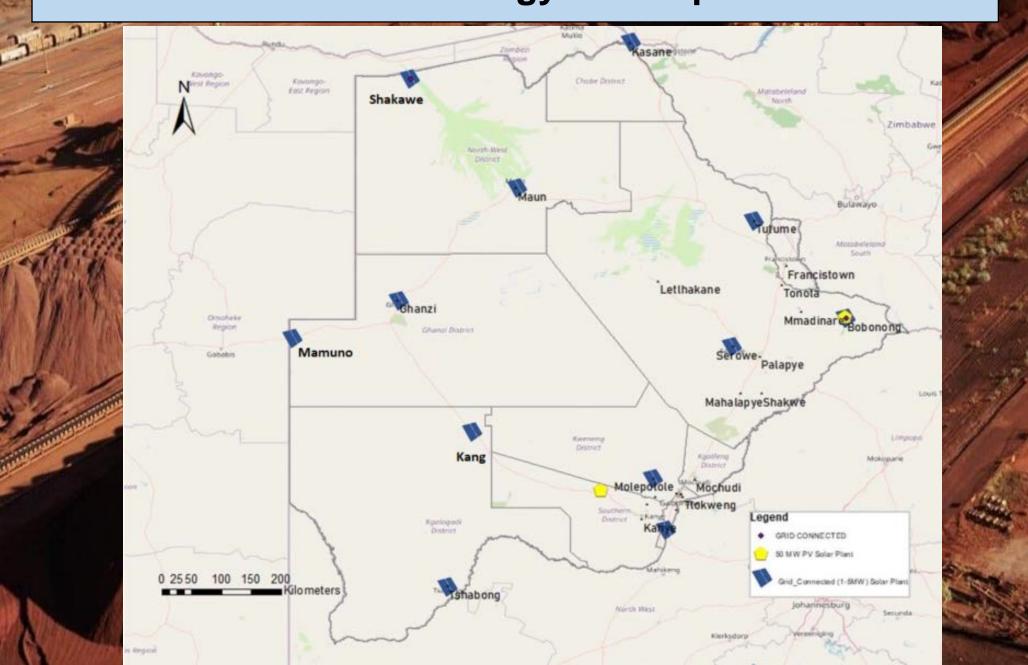
- Environmental Study
- Economic Viability of the project best Option and Approach
- Trade-off studies for achieving the project objectives
- Process Design Criteria (PDC)
- Process description
- Principle equipment definition
- Principle Opex calculations for the plant
- Block Flow Diagrams (BFD's) for beneficiation options
- Preliminary capital and operating cost estimates
- Assessment of the positive impact to the Botswana economy given its drive to diversify its economy away from Diamond based revenue
- PEA will review:
  - Infrastructure
    - Mine, plant, beneficiation
    - Transport road and rail
    - Water supply
    - Electrical power availability
    - Housing, and communications
  - Human Capacity building local employment and skill development generated
  - Technology + methodology improvements (green tech)

# Mining Requires Power Upgrades: 132 kv upgrade already underway

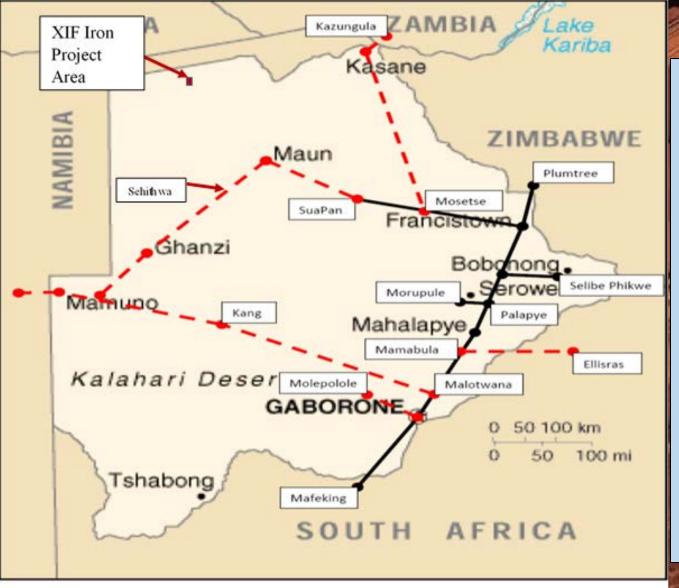


- Northwest Transmission
   Grid Construction
   (NWTGC Phase 1);
  - Work in progress ~90% complete
  - Completion December 2020
- Northwest Transmission
   Grid Construction
   (NWTGC Phase 2);
  - Project Preparation Complete
  - Anchor Customer Development
  - Awaited

## **Renewable Energy Development**



# Large scale Mining Requires Transport: - Rail Network Upgrades

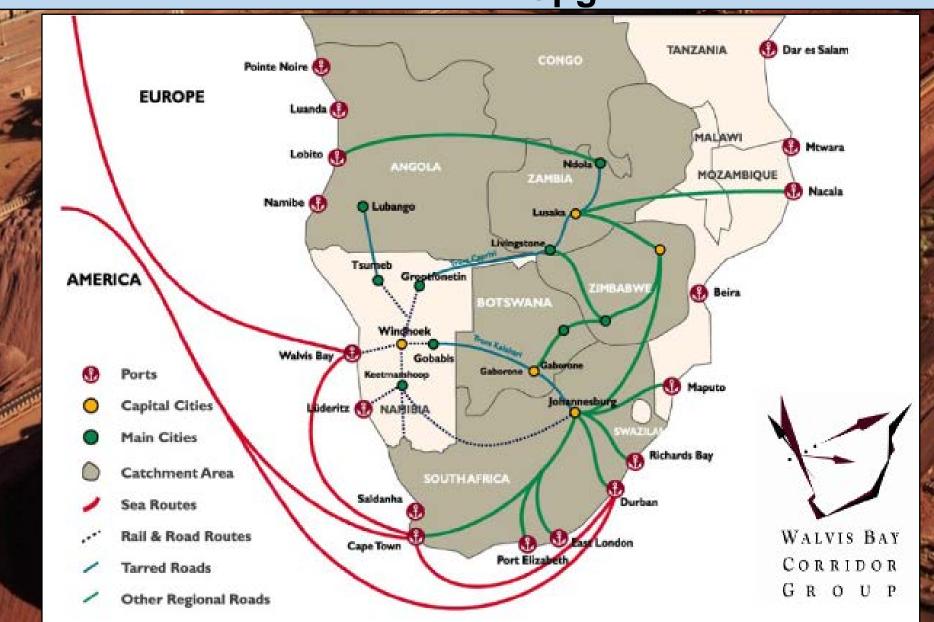


**Existing Network** 

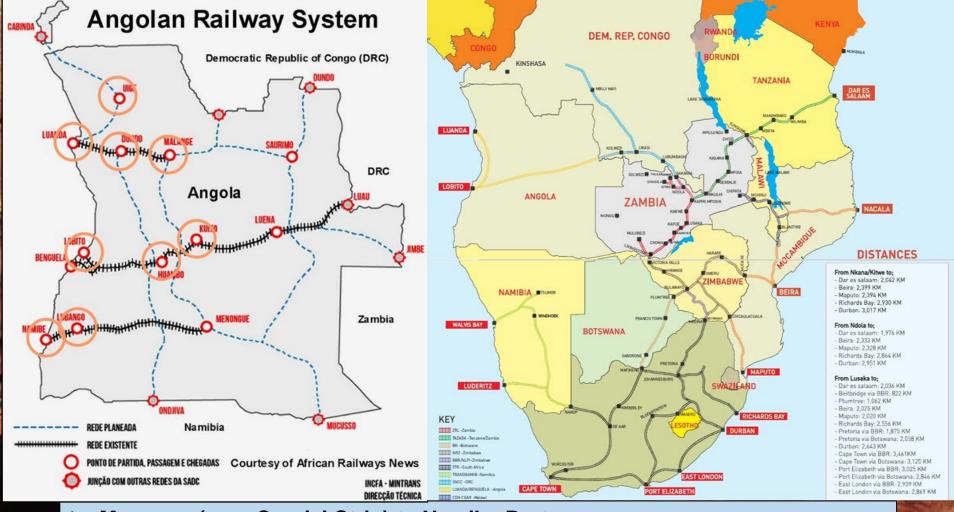
- > Mosetse-Kazungula rail line
  - Soda ash
  - > Salt
  - > Copper
  - Agricultural products & supplies
  - > Fuel
  - Cement
- Mmamabula-Lephalale
  - > Coal
  - Containers
  - Soda ash
  - > Salt
- > Trans Kalahari Rail line
  - > Iron Ore and products
  - Containers
  - > Coal
  - > Fuel
  - > Copper
  - > Beef

Proposed Network

# Large scale Mining Requires Transport: - Rail Network Upgrades



# Large scale Mining Requires Transport: - Rail Network Upgrades



- Mucusso (near Caprivi Strip) to Namibe Port
- On road from Mohembo and Shakawe, via Divindu in Namibia to Mucusso
- Shakawe to Mucusso is only 69km
- > New Rail leg from Huambo to Mucsso

## Iron Project Conclusions - Major Mining Project

- Potential Massive project
- Potential mine life of over 60 years
- Development of Ngamiland (NW Botswana) one of Botswana poorest regions
- > Potential for employment of thousands of Motswana
- Could generate huge revenues for the population and taxes for the Government to move away from reliance on Diamond revenue



