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2023 ROADTRIP THROUGH NAMIBIA, ZAMBIA, ANGOLA, MALAWI, BOTSWANA, AND SOUTH AFRICA

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Introduction

We undertook this year's WhyAfrica Road Trip through Namibia, Zambia, Angola, Malawi, Botswana, and South Africa in the winter months of July and August 2023. This overland trip would be very challenging in summer because some roads, especially in Western Zambia and Angola, will be inaccessible in the rainy season, even with a 4X4 vehicle.

The aim of this specific report is to give you a general idea of our day- to- day activities during the trip and to give you some insight about on the ground conditions of doing business in Africa, including road conditions, and crossing borders.

We have focussed on specific projects and developments in the following sectors and disciplines:

- Mining
- Agriculture
- Infrastructure
- Water management
- ESG
- Energy
- Environmental management
- Conservation
- Tourism
- Climate change



The objective of the report is to give you the background of where we were and what we focussed on so that you can interact and start a conversation with us. Please make notes and compile a list of questions as you go along and contact us to set up a meeting so that we can give you a more detailed breakdown of your specific interests.

This trip would not have been possible without the support of our premier sponsor **Remote Exploration Services (RES)**, our silver sponsor **NSDV** and our bronze sponsor **ESG Africa Conference**. Thank you! And a special thanks to Charl van Rensburg from RES who travelled with me through Angola.

Overview

When you want to expand your company's footprint into Africa, or you are interested in investing in Africa, there is only one way to get all the relevant information: spend time on the ground.

There is not a better way of collecting information than to travel through African countries and talk with **ALL** stakeholders, including governments, decision makers, business owners, entrepreneurs, workers, NGOs, and development agencies. Most importantly though, one needs to interact with people on the street and local communities. In the end, these are the people that matter the most.

While it's great to attend conferences, which WhyAfrica does a lot of, one needs a balanced view and understand what is happening at grassroots level. To do that, you have to be where the action is.

There is a huge gap between what is said and discussed at conferences and what happens on the ground. With our WhyAfrica Road Trips we aim to cover that gap, and at the same time, promote Africa and those companies that do business in Africa with the objective of improving the lives and living conditions of the people who really matter, and the natural environment in which they live.

When you do business in Africa, it is critical to get a balanced view of what is happening on the ground. When one travels through a country and talk with a diversity of people, spend time on the ground, sleep in local villages and interact with people in local communities, your views about certain things in the world change (including your perceptions based on what you hear and see at international conferences and/or read on social media), and you realise that there it is a complete different world out there.

When you want to do business in Africa, or you are interested in investing in Africa, there is only one way to identify opportunities, find solutions to problems or mitigate the risks: determine what is happening on the ground.

After the completion of our second successful WhyAfrica Road Trip, we have already started preparing for the next one. During our 2023 WhyAfrica Road Trip we travelled more than 7800km through Namibia, Zambia, Angola, Malawi, Botswana, and South Africa and visited several project sites in different stages of development.