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Nhongo, is the only Politburo member who is publicly known to have a direct interest in Zimbabwe's diamond fields. As a ZANU-PF Member of Parliament he serves on the board of the diamond field, River Ranch Limited.

General Mujuru is allegedly also a close friend and business

The ZANU-PF committee of Matabeleland North under its governor, the current Minister of Mines, Obert Mpofu, also comprises general Mujuru, Thoko Mathuthu and former Minister of Finance, Simba Makoni.

It is further alleged that Mujuru is often labeled as ZANU-PF's kingmaker. This misconception seems to come from some of his loyal army supporters. If this would be the case, President Mugabe would have long been ousted, as the re-

According to well-informed sources, Mujuru has no presidential ambitions, yet wants to have his ally as President of Zimbabwe.

But, Mugabe's criticism of Politburo members participation in Zimbabwe's diamond run seems to have marginalized Mujuru further. His wife Joyce is of lesser influence than ever before, the same senior sources say.

Like in most African countries, the above-mentioned fi-

which does not want a proper African national business class.

In fact, such behaviour undoes what Mugabe tried to build in his lifetime.

The Historic Outcome.

In above context the likes of Tsvangirai, Biti, Mukoko, Bennet, Cranswick, the Rhodies and their MDC simply are non-starters, despite, or most likely because of their aggressive support of the international West.

Their sponsors push them. It is realistic fact that not one of the

to land and the wealth of their land.

The international West led by Washington DC and its sanctions against Zimbabwe ordered the MDC-Ts Tsvangirai to take-out the chestnuts from the burning fire. In other words, Tsvangirai would have to get his party colleague, Roy Bennet, out of the serious trouble he finds himself in. Honestly now, which head-of-state would allow that?

Meanwhile, the ZANU-PF led government under President

state. A further tactic to isolate Zimbabwe from the SADC raised its ugly head. A Namibian on-line community publishes its virulent attacks against Zimbabwe's diamond industry on the Internet. After some research the reality came to the fore it is just another tactic to destroy the relations between the two countries and isolate Zimbabwe further.

When Zimbabwe's senior Minister, Emerson Mnangagwa, visited Windhoek, Namibia, re-



President Hifikepunye Pohamba of Namibia



President Josef Kabila of DRC.



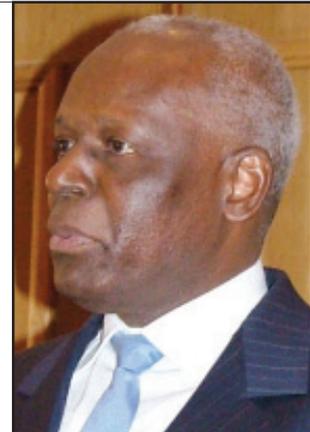
President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe



President Jakaya Kikwete of Tanzania



President Jacob Zuma of South Africa



President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos of Angola

ally of Andrew Cranswick.

His legal counsel at River Ranch Limited is George Smith. Smith is a retired judge who served under Ian Smith and Robert Mugabe as a cabinet secretary.

It is interesting to observe that Rtd General Mujuru's role is never publicly questioned, as he remains a war hero. Meanwhile, he has amassed great wealth over the years.

tired general is certainly not on the side of the President.

The fugitive director of the failed NMB Bank in Harare, James Mushori, is Mujuru's nephew. Mushori allegedly exposed the rather limited influence of his uncle when he flew to London early 2004.

Despite his wife, Joyce's position as deputy president of Zimbabwe, retired general Mujuru's political influence seems waning.

nancially and politically ambitious elite could at best be described as the native assistants of the G-8.

Dr. Tafataona Mahoso, head of Zimbabwe's Media Commission described the above scenario in an article of the *New African* news magazine aptly, The Africans in these business bodies are mainly managers or subsidiary shareholders of a residual Rhodesian rump capital

heads-of-state of the SADC region will allow any one of them to mislead them, no matter what Tsvangirai tells Mozambique's Guebusa, South Africa's Zuma, Angola's Dos Santos and DR Congo's Kabila. The Government of National Unity (GNU) stands. That's fact too.

SADC heads-of-state would find it difficult to support an old colonial, race based order, where their kith-and-kin have no access

Mugabe remains under international Western pressure in their hope for a regime change.

And of late, the diamond industry is being used to assist.

The foreign funded and owned civil society has long showed its hand as the tool to implement destabilisation on a grand scale. The foreign ownership of civil society and their aims and goals for all SADC members are also known to the respective heads-of-

cently, his hotel room was broken into and all his belongings were stolen.

Both above mentioned actions are not Namibian. Namibia's name is being abused.

All of Africa's wars, strives and problems are of typically ruthless materialistic nature. But, they are not an African creation. Greedy colonial-racist interests are the common historic cause for Africa's woes.

TRUE OR FALSE

Meatco's price structure for cattle north of the Veterinary Cordon Fence (VCF) is different from those south of the VCF.

True

False

Meatco uses a UNIFORM pricing structure for ALL PRODUCERS in Namibia, whether they're communal farmers (north and south of the VCF), emerging farmers or commercial farmers.

Carcass pricing is derived from market prices achieved for Meatco products sold into all markets. Carcass prices are based on the different grades (quality) of cattle delivered to Meatco as determined by the Namibian National Grading system administered by Meat Board inspectors at each of Meatco's export abattoirs including Oshakati and Katima Mulilo. This is a national grading system and not a Meatco grading system.

Eg. A farmer selling a B2 graded animal in Oshakati will get the same price as a farmer who sells a B2 graded animal at Okahandja, Windhoek or Katima Mulilo (given that the weight is the same). This is despite the fact the meat from the NCA does not enter any of high value markets e.g. EU and most recently the RSA.

As is internationally the case, younger and good quality carcasses will get better prices than older, leaner and light weight carcasses. This same principle

applies in Namibia at all Meatco abattoirs. Additional contract premiums have been paid in the past to ALL producers who have entered into supply agreements with Meatco and who performed against those agreements.

Meatco has been paying an ADDITIONAL 50c/kg to all producers in the Northern Communal Areas (NCA) above the base price, even when they did not have supply agreements with Meatco. The NCA producers had thus had an additional benefit of 50c/kg above commercial, emerging and communal producers south of the VCF.

Meatco's cattle prices have been the highest in the Southern African Region for years. Last year alone, Meatco paid ALL PRODUCERS who slaughtered with Meatco a total of N\$ 183 million above the equivalent South African prices. (verified by external auditors for 2007 & 2008)

In conclusion: although the beef products produced in the NCA are not exported to the European Union (as a result of the Veterinary status of the area), producers in these regions are paid the same price, cent for cent, for their products as those producers farming south of the VCF. NCA producers are therefore subsidised heavily by Meatco and producers south of the VCF - NCA producers benefit directly from the profits made by Meatco in the European Union.

The price list is published weekly in most Namibian newspapers and on the Meatco website.

