



Republic of Congo: Mayombe Belt infrastructure

Kola Gold's subsidiary, Congo Gold SA, holds four permits (known as Kakamoeka, Kakamoeka-Poumbou, Souda-Banga and Mayombe Est) located within a 100 km radius of the major port city of Pointe Noire in the Republic of Congo. Pointe Noire is the operational centre for the onshore / offshore oil industry which has attracted major international oil companies, with oil production of about 300,000 bbl per day. The deep water port is linked to the capital city, Brazzaville, by a modern highway that follows the older rail line; regular daily flights operate between the two centres.

A 300 MW gas fired power station is located outside of Pointe Noire and only some 50 km from the principal areas of Congo Gold's activity. The power distribution lines follow the route of the national highway and pass about 5 km from the Dimonika exploration area within the Mayombe Est permit.

The Kouilou River cuts through the Kakamoeka permit and is navigable all year up to Kakamoeka village. The river thereafter has cut the Souda gorge, which is located within 10 km of the principal exploration sites on the Kakamoeka permit. This gorge is the site of a feasibility study to be managed by the IFC (International Finance Corporation, part of the the World Bank Group) for a 400-1,000 MW hydroelectric project.

