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## **South African investment in Africa increasing four times faster than overall foreign investment**

South African direct investment in Africa has increased at four times the rate of overall South African foreign direct investment since 1994, according to the latest *South Africa Survey*, recently published by the South African Institute of Race Relations.

Total South African direct investment in Africa has increased from R3.8bn in 1994 to R115.7bn in 2009, or by 31 times. Over the same period, total South African foreign direct investment stock in all countries has increased from R67.7bn in 1994 to R535.7bn in 2009, or by eight times.

The data, sourced from the South African Reserve Bank, shows that the United Kingdom is the single biggest recipient of all South African foreign investment, accounting for 38% of all South African foreign assets. However, much of this is in the form of non-direct investment, including portfolio investment, and long- and short-term loans. Only 13% of South African investment in the UK is direct (investment by South African residents in undertakings in which they have individually or collectively at least 10% of the voting rights).

The *Survey* shows that 76% of all South African investment in Africa is direct investment.

Ms Lucy Holborn, research manager at the Institute, said, 'While South African investment in Africa accounts for only 8% of all South African investment outside the country, the trend over the last fifteen years shows that it is growing at a much faster rate.'

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