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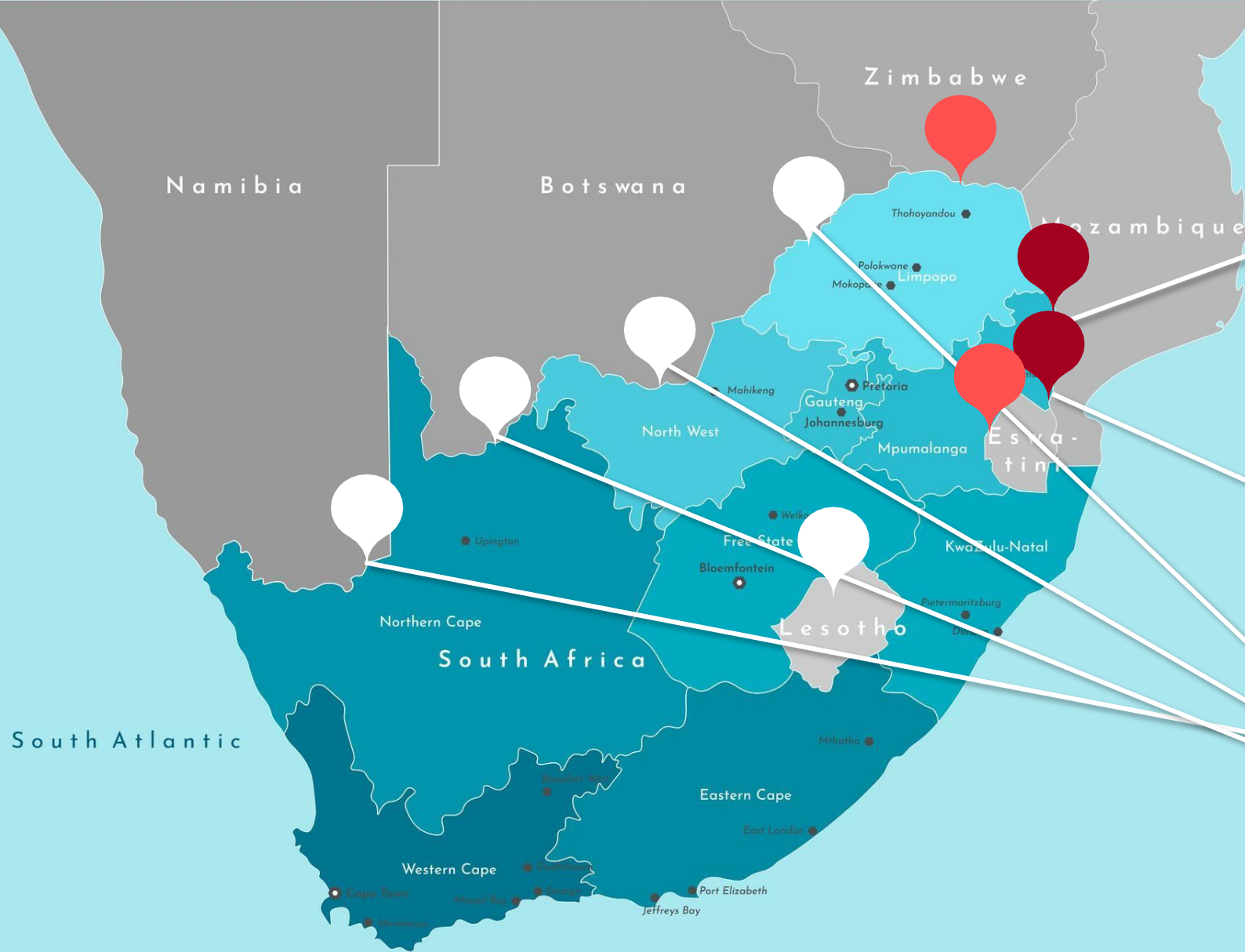


Netstar is an innovative, cost driven company that wants to give the best service to their clients

- Francois De Wet, GLENCORE

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High Risk

Kozi Bay - Cross border smuggling via the fence line is an ongoing problem.

High Risk

Lebombo - Crossings of vehicles over the borderline at the POE happens on a regular basis/daily.

Low Risk

Botswana, Swaziland, Lesotho and Zimbabwe borders does not hold such a high risk.

Vehicle smuggling across SA land borders



Kozi Bay

- The border line is 48km long and the terrain is difficult to operate in.
- The SANDF is under resourced to cover this area with limited personnel and vehicles to effectively patrol the border line.
- It's impossible to cover the border without the appropriate number of 4x4 vehicles needed.
- The wall will help, but construction must accelerate.
- Communications along the borderline is a serious problem.

Lebombo

- Strong command (leadership) has success (SANDF).
- At the POE, it depends on the SAPS shift on duty.
- Some of the shifts are effective and other shifts are weak.



Kozi Bay

- We maintain a strong relationship with the SANDF deployed along the line.
- Co-operation and communication is good.
- Sharing of information is ongoing.

Lebombo

- Relationship is good with SAPS and SANDF.
- Teams have daily comms with relative parties and issue lookouts to them.
- We have intel related observations daily and patrols.

Opportunities to use technology enhance border safeguarding

- ANPR/LPR cameras on the known routes.
- A dedicated secure radio channel with the necessary repeater to cover the area is a must. This channel should be available to the SANDF, SAPS, KZN Wildlife and the tracking companies.
- The SANDF also needs modern GPS equipment.
- Drones with GPS, cameras and night capability with a minimum flight time of 1 hour could be very useful. Drones in use
- LPR cameras already in use, we are in the process to add more.
- Observation cameras (Bushcams) on known routes used by smugglers in use and we are in the process of adding more.
- Weekly disruptive operations with air wing and ground forces.



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Interventions to curb cross-border smuggling

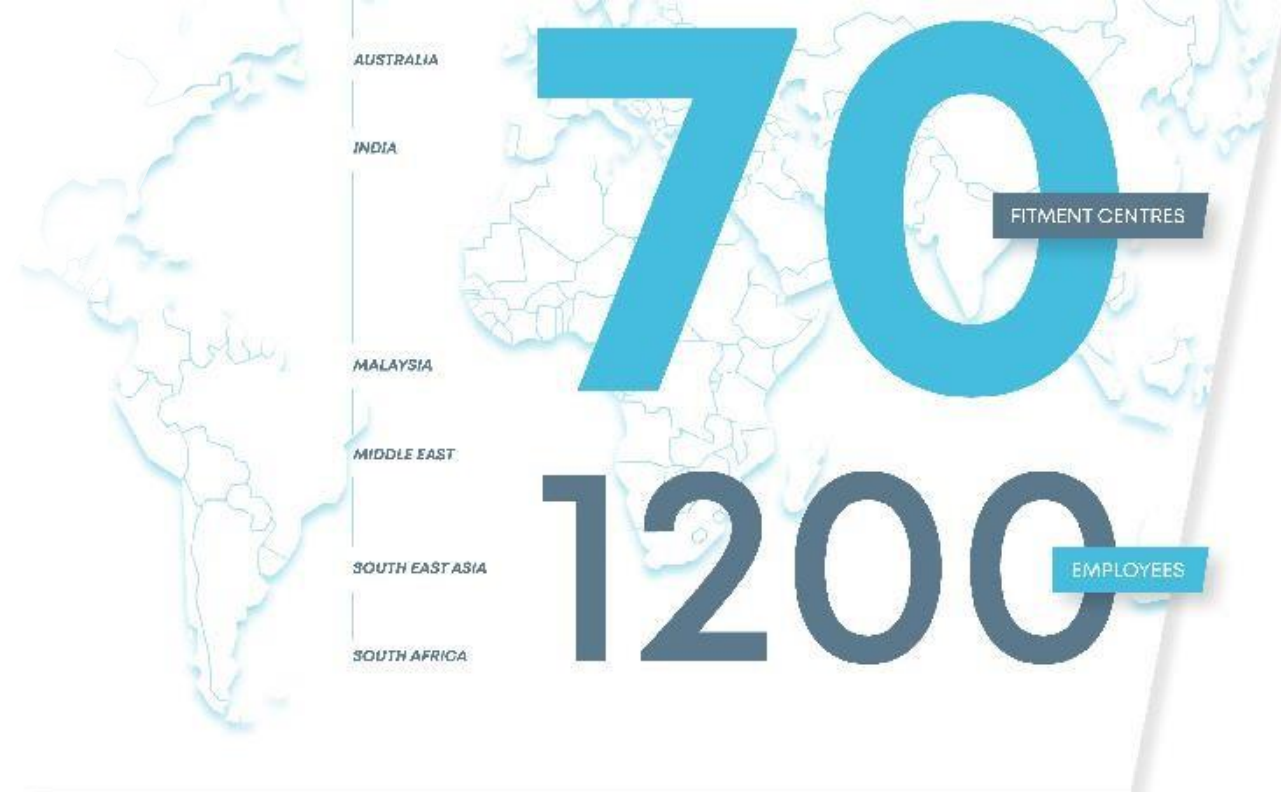
- The porous nature of the border can be overcome if the necessary personnel and equipment are put in place and the concrete wall completed.
- The POE at Farazela/Kosi Bay is an issue. Vehicles with false paperwork/logbooks regularly cross
- We understand the SANDF has no control of what happens at the POE, it is a SAPS and Immigration function. A solution needs to be found to stop stolen vehicles crossing at the POE.
- Observation duties on known routes used by smugglers where there are no observation cameras.
- Ongoing patrols and visibility of forces. (VISPOL).
- New route ID by means of patrolling and drones and air wing used by smugglers.
- Better control needed by POE and stronger leadership.
- Better policing (roadblocks) on route to borderline and POE by relative parties.

Continue with regular communications, and working with SANDF, SAPS and Crime Forums.



WHY US?

- **Leaders:** Netstar pioneered the vehicle tracking & stolen vehicle recovery industry in South Africa in 1994
- **Proven:** 1000 000+ subscribers trust us to protect their vehicles, fleets, employees and families
- **Passionate:** We provide industry-leading stolen vehicle recovery services, insurance telematics, fleet intelligence and exceptional fleet management solutions for businesses of all sizes
- **Stable:** Netstar is a subsidiary of JSE-Listed Altron Group
- **Certified:** Netstar holds a globally recognised ISO 9001:2015, PSIRA, VESA and ICASA certification



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Next steps?

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