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### **Fears and Expectations: Southern Rhodesian Organized Industry and State Relations on the Eve of UDI**

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#### **Abstract**

In 1964/65, Southern Rhodesian secondary industries were dependent on foreign capital, technology, skilled manpower and markets. Organised industry feared that if the Southern Rhodesian government unilaterally seized independence, they would be subject to sanctions. This would mean they would be cut off from their traditional sources of capital and other resources as well as markets. In the period immediately before UDI was declared in 1965, the prospect of sanctions drew mixed reactions ranging from opportunism to uneasiness and despair. For a government committed to UDI, the support and development of secondary was crucial. Using correspondences, memoranda and press reports, this paper brings to the fore the nature of the relationship that emerged between the two on the eve of the UDI. It further argues how the nature of the relationship that emerged informed the readiness or lack of it by the Southern Rhodesian government to unilaterally seize independence.