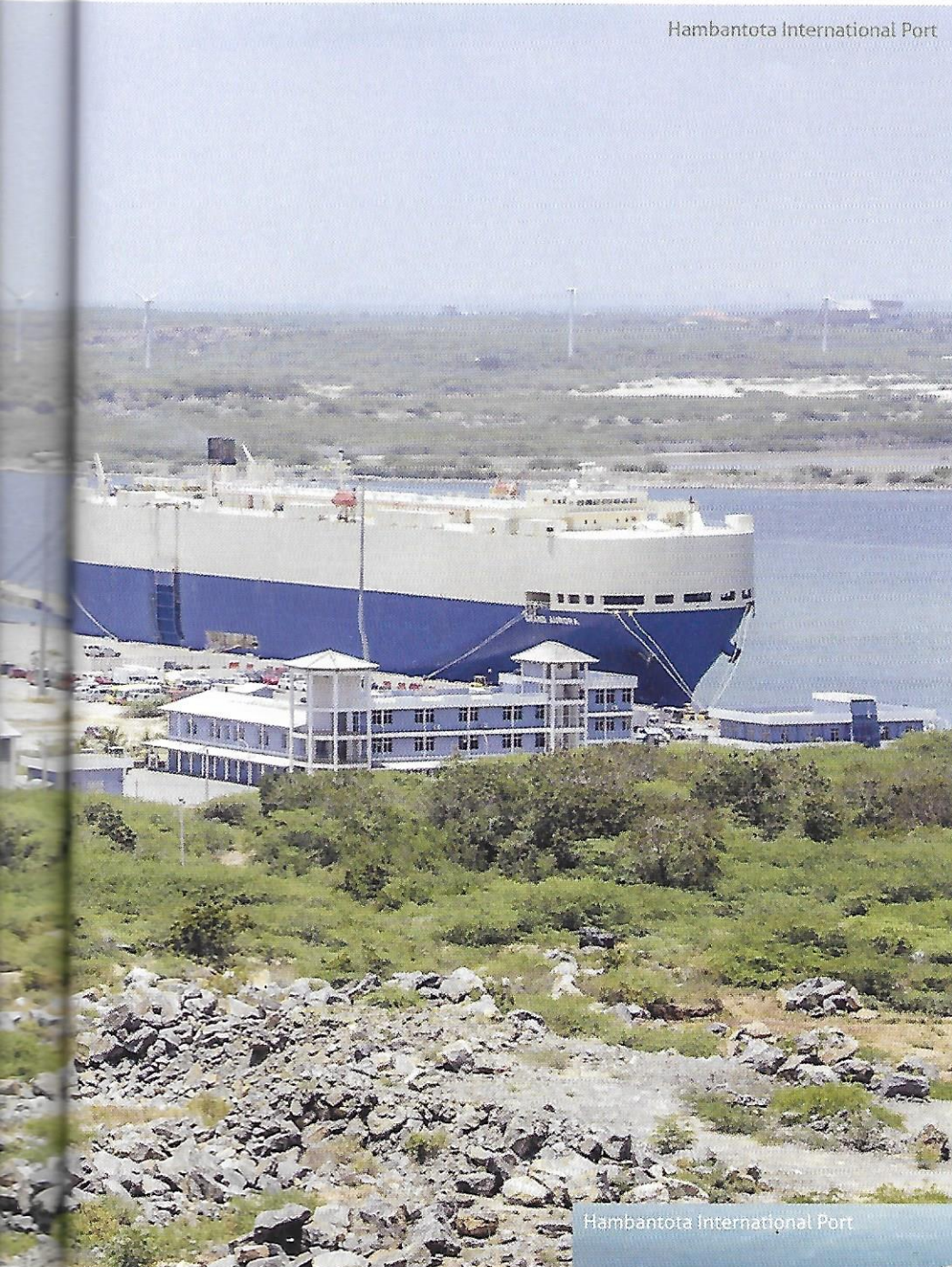


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economies and political systems. Many analysts argue that China's investment strategy⁸¹ is part of a broader effort⁸² to increase its global influence⁸³ and expand its geopolitical reach⁸⁴, while others see it as a more pragmatic approach⁸⁵ to securing⁸⁶ resources and promoting economic growth⁸⁷.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has provided another opportunity for China by buying Russian energy and providing

reciprocal trade⁸⁸ and currency exchange⁸⁹. As Russia is likely to⁹⁰ become increasingly⁹¹ isolated by the West, it is likely that China will become a still stronger trading partner and financier. However, as has been seen elsewhere, that often comes with strings⁹², and costs further down the line⁹³.

Nonetheless, in times of economic drought⁹⁴, countries looking to build their economies and infrastructure may feel compelled to⁹⁵ risk drinking potentially dangerous water. Regardless of⁹⁶ the motivations behind China's investment in other countries, it is clear that this trend is likely to continue to shape⁹⁷ global economic and political dynamics in the coming years. ■

⁸¹ investment strategy *in'vestment 'strætədʒi*
strategia inwestycyjna

⁸² effort *'efət wysilek, inicjatywa*

⁸³ influence *'inflʊəns wpływ*

⁸⁴ reach *ri:tʃ zasięg*

⁸⁵ approach *ə'prəʊtʃ podejście*

⁸⁶ securing *sɪ'kjʊərɪŋ zabezpieczanie*

⁸⁷ economic growth *ˌi:kə'nɒmɪk grəʊθ wzrost*
ekonomiczny

⁸⁸ reciprocal trade *rɪ'sɪprəki treɪd handel dwustronny*

⁸⁹ currency exchange *'kʌrənsi ɪks'tʃeɪndʒ wymiana*
walut

⁹⁰ to be likely to *tə bi 'laɪkli tə być prawdopodobnym*

⁹¹ increasingly *ɪn'kriːsɪŋli coraz bardziej*

⁹² strings *strɪŋz tu: zobowiązania*

⁹³ down the line *daʊn ðə laɪn za jakiś czas*

⁹⁴ drought *draʊt susza*

⁹⁵ to feel compelled to do sth *tə fi:l kəm'peld tə du:*
'sʌmθɪŋ *czuć się zmuszonym do zrobienia czegoś*

⁹⁶ regardless of sth *rɪ'gɔːdləs əv 'sʌmθɪŋ bez względu*
na coś

⁹⁷ to shape sth *tə ʃeɪp 'sʌmθɪŋ kształtować coś*

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