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ares of farm land continue to lie derelict on the Nuanetsi Ranch in Mwenezi, six years after businessman ill-born attempt to set up an ethanol-manufacturing plant in the area.

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ently set up the plant in the Chisumbanje area of Manicaland province amid claims by the Development (DTZ) that political bickering is to blame for the failure of the ethanol project to kick-off.

political leadership structures... manifested itself when some of the political leaders within Masvingo at the project cannot go ahead because the whole of Nuanetsi ranch is targeted for the resettlement e-Murkosi," wrote Charles Madonko, the DTZ Nuanetsi resident director in an emailed response to Zimbabwe Independent.

rough Agriculture minister Joseph Made, that the need to resettle people can be achieved by designing and the canal route to be constructed when drawing water from Tokwe-Murkosi."

chnical levels, both the investment and resettlement of people could be achieved.

this matter became a subject of bickering among leaders and there was no concerted effort to al issues of water and the illegal settlers so as to instil investor confidence.

oined to effectively undermine investor confidence. The investment blueprint was very relevant to the but the supervisory political environment was not," said Madonko.

anager Graeme Smith and spokesperson Lilian Muungani told the Independent during a tour of the November last year that Green Fuel plans to open up a second plant at Nuanetsi.

weeks ago to the site of the failed 2008 project along the Ngundu-Triangle road, showed desolation ed unfinished houses that Rautenbach had started to construct for some of the families that would be garcane for use in the manufacture of ethanol. Offices and a workshop lie idle.



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