

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

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• NCC: Aims and Objectives

- To unify the construction Industry, to promote its well being, to strive to create a profitable environment for its constituents, and to establish a united national platform encompassing formal and informal sectors of the industry and its professions
- To contribute to the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Zambia and the uplifting of all its people
- To promote and advance the status and public recognition of NCC, its members and the construction industry
- To promote encourage, support or oppose any legislation or other measures affecting the industry
- To address macro issues affecting the industry
- To co-ordinate, improve and facilitate the accessibility of training
- To strive, achieve, monitor and maintain the highest possible standards in the construction industry
- To add and amend these objects from time to time as decided upon by the National Council

SOUTHERN AFRICA CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES AGREE TO CO-OPERATE IN THE WAKE OF GROWING GLOBALISATION



The Zambian delegation: from left to right: Dr. Mashamba, Ms. Kaonga and Mr. Nyirenda

The National Council for Construction [NCC] (Zambia) was among many other similar organisations within the SADC region invited to a regional construction industry conference in Pretoria, South Africa from the 23rd to the 25th April 2001. The Conference was called and organised by the South African Government through its Ministry of Public Works to discuss among its neighbours, the challenges facing the construction industry within the region in the wake of growing globalisation and its effects on the regional industry. The con-

ference explored approaches to procurement, contractor development and registration issues with a view to adopting a regional approach, dubbed “**working towards a common development agenda for the construction industries of Southern Africa**”.

It is important to note that the above conference was preceded by the Southern Africa Regional construction Industry Council (SARCIC) meeting held in Lusaka on 27th September 2000, which meeting had agreed to work together in formulating a development framework for the regional construction industries on

the following issues and concerns:

1. Targeted procurement policy and mechanism
2. Emerging sector developing
3. Access to finance
4. Access to training
5. Access to information
6. Standardisation and simplification of contract documents
7. Information dissemination and economic indicators

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A total of three delegates represented Zambia, these being Ms. B. Kaonga (Ministry of Works and Supply and NCC member), Mr. M. Nyirenda Ministry of Finance (Micro-projects Unit) and Dr. S. Mashamba Executive Secretary NCC. Mr. B. Lumbwe, who should have also travelled in place of the NCC President, could not however, travel due to his daughter's illness.

The NCC (Zambia) Executive Secretary, Dr. Mashamba presented a paper on the opening day of the Conference. The paper enti-

tled "Globalisation, liberalisation and the development of local construction industries: The Zambian experience", touched on the phenomena of globalisation and the negative aspects that the Zambian construction industry has undergone since the country removed all its trade barriers and liberalised its economy. Mr. M. Nyirenda, the other Zambian delegate also contributed a paper entitled "Empowering the local communities to manage their own development, the case in Zambia".

At the end of the conference, it was resolved that

there was need for all the construction industries in the SADC region to pull their resources and work together as one regional construction industry. The above resolutions were without concerns from countries like Tanzania, Mozambique and Zambia, who wanted the "playing field levelled" even within the region, if some countries were not to dominate the rest. Another meeting is planned for end of July 2001, in South Africa to now work out the implementation plans for regional co-operation.

"It is painfully ironic that just at the time when many African governments are putting in place effective social and economic policies, and committing to reform, development aid is being cut"-James Wolfensohn: World Bank President

LUSAKA CITY COUNCIL TO DEMOLISH ILLEGAL STRUCTURES!

The Lusaka City Council has warned all the residents of Lusaka, especially those that built their structure within 300m of Kafue Road that, the Council will soon move in to demolish those structures. The Council has also sounded a warning to all Lusaka developers who have failed to

finish their building structures to do so or risk losing their properties. Acting Lusaka City Council spokesman, Mr. Daniel Mulenga described the unfinished buildings in the City as an eyesore. By the way, what happened to the planned demolition of the unplanned structures

around Kamwala shopping area?

The Lusaka City Council is understood to have earmarked the area within 300m of Kafue road for industrial development. The affected families have been promised some alternative land. **Zambia Daily Mail-May 9th 2001**

THE FAMILIAR DOWNWARD SLIDE OF THE KWACHA BEGINS

The Zambian currency, the Kwacha has in the last few days begun its usual and familiar downward slide. Meanwhile, media reports in one of the private papers are that the donors have decided to withhold their earlier pledges to the government. The donors decision is said to follow the latter's failure to adhere to

agreed bench marks, one of which is the decision by the Zambian government not to privatise ZESCO. Only recently,, the EU expressed disappointment with the government's decisions not to take action against the alleged perpetrators of the 1997 coup plotters.

Although, currently, the

drop in the value of the Kwacha is still very minimum the trend is already causing worries to the business community.

As was said in our January 2001 issue, the decision to apportion 53% of current budget to donor funds (in one election year), is going to haunt us for the rest of this year.

WHEN WILL ROAD SIP PHASE II BE LAUNCHED?

So we are now in the month of May 2001 and yet no word has come through as to when the long awaited RoadSIP II will be officially launched by Government. Our readers will recall that the former Minister of Transport and communications, Prof. Nkandu Luo, promised us at the January 2001 Work Programme meeting that the Zambian Government would soon launch RoadSIP II, which was at the time estimated to cost about US \$ 800m.

Although, there has been no official comments from

the Government as to why it has taken them long to launch RoadSIP II, it would not be far fetched to suspect that the failure by our Government to respond "favourably" to the donors concerns have everything to do with this delay.

Among the concerns that the donors raised at the Mid-Term review Workshop in December 2000, was the issue of formulating a National Transport Policy and the need to institute financial policy measures to ensure that the fuel levy was passed on directly to NRB, than is the case now.

So what and where is the problem in addressing these concerns from the donors?

With the change of the Minister and the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Communications and Transport, we fear that the launch of RoadSIP II might be delayed further, as the two new faces "acclimatise" and get to grips with the issues concerned. We however, take this opportunity to welcome the new Minister and his Permanent Secretary to the Ministry.

TRAINING PROVIDERS, NCC AND TEVETA EXCHANGE NOTES ON CONSTRUCTION TRAINING GUIDELINES

A one day consultative workshop was recently held on 17th April 2001 at the TEVETA conference room here in Lusaka. The key objective in having this workshop was to provide a forum for all the major stakeholders in the provision of training in the construction industry. The

workshop was organised by TEVETA in association with the NCC. Also present at this workshop were all the training providers in the construction industry related courses throughout the country.

At the end of the day, the workshop resolved to uphold the highest training

standards in the industry, with TEVETA pledging to "weed out all sub standard institutions and fake training institutions. Other topics covered at the one day workshop included, training quality assurance guidelines, curriculum development guidelines, and examination guidelines.

LUSAKA ROAD REHABILITATION WORKS START

The rehabilitation of roads in the City centre and industrial areas, by the Japanese construction company Shimizu has started in earnest. This is in readiness for the influx of tourist that will come to this beautiful country for the Eclipse of the Sun and the OAU conference sometime mid this year. A quick survey in the town centre has

revealed that the project is on course. It was also gratifying to note that it is not only the pot hole ridden roads that are being attended to, but that the culverts and the drainage system are also being looked at. This is how it should be.

We at the NCC have said time and again, pouring in

billions of Kwacha into the infrastructure without looking at the root cause of these pot holes is a complete waste of time and public resources. We therefore, hope that the powers-that-be have already come up with a sustainable routine maintenance programme for the roads currently being rehabilitated.

"This report shows that aid cannot buy reform in poor countries that are flatly opposed to it.

Without country-ownership of a national development strategy, even the most generous and well-intended aid package will have little or no impact in improving the quality of peoples lives."-Shanta

Devarajan: Chief Economist at the World Bank

"I am very critical about the budgetary allocation to the basic education sector (in Zambia). The standards right now are backwards, there is no basic education, progress has been stopped and things are in reverse"-
Mrs. Glenys Kinnock
Member of the
European Parliament
(Financial Mail
April 10-16)

SOUTH AFRICA LAUNCHES ITS CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD (CIDB)

The South African government through its Ministry of Public Works recently launched its Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), the equivalent of the National Council for Construction (NCC) here in Zambia. The CIDB was launched on the night of 24th April 2001, in Pretoria by that country's Vice President, his Hon. Mr. Jacob Zuma. The launch which was held at the Presidential Guest House was attended by all the regional representatives from the similar Councils/Boards, including the three representatives

from Zambia (see page one).

Whereas, similar bodies in the region are haunted by the problem of how to finance their construction bodies privately, the South African Government has on its part decided to fund its Construction Industry Development Board to a tune of R11.5m in the first year of its operations raising to R20m in the third year.

The formation of the CIDB which took three years of elaborate discussions by all the stakeholders and careful planning, is also backed by an Act of Parlia-

ment.

The South African CIDB Act also empowers the CIDB to register all contractors and construction projects in South Africa.

The South African Government has also tasked the CIDB with the responsibility of ensuring that targets for performance improvement for the industry in terms of the following indicators are met:

1. Delivery, cost, quality and time,
2. Healthy and safety as well as
3. 'Black empowerment and emerging sector participation.

ENGLAND AND WALES PASS LAW TO PROTECT HOME BUYERS

The British Government recently passed a bill in parliament to protect home buyers. The law which will apply in England and Wales will seek to protect home buyers by ensuring that all home sellers provide a seller's Pack to would-be buyers. One of the main components of the Pack

will be a Condition Report, which it is hoped will give a fair and balanced description of the house to be sold, against criteria such as environmental considerations and energy ratings.

There is already expectations on the future usefulness of this bill, with some

stakeholders hoping to use the report for the mortgageability of the house.

Going by events in the Zambian housing market, one can not help to ask for a similar scheme here. But do we have the capacity and the resources to implement such a scheme?

TANZANIA'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DOMINATED BY FOREIGNERS, BUT GOVERNMENT MOVES IN

The National Council for Construction [NCC] (Tanzania) has revealed that the construction in Tanzania is dominated by foreign contractors, who control 70% of the volume of work tendered in that country, although in numerical strength the locals constitute 90% of all registered contractors! The

above revelation was made by the [Tanzania] NCC Executive Secretary Mr. K. M. Msita at the recently held Construction industry development Conference in Pretoria -South Africa. Consequently, the Tanzanian Government has now enacted a Public Procurement Act to legislate preferential procure-

ment policies. Forthwith, construction works exclusively financed by the Tanzanian public sector are reserved for locals. In cases of contracts for goods and services to be awarded under international competitive tendering, a margin of up-to to 15% domestic preference is given to local construction companies

Women in construction- Sonia D'alberto
Managing Director – Edward's Electrical Ltd.
Ndola



“Today, it’s a matter of morality and integrity. So to sit on the fence on this issue is dangerous. Being neutral on this issue is a luxury. When it comes to morality and integrity, people should come and state their positions. I am not sitting on the fence. I had come to make that known”. –Dr. Syamukayumbu Syamujaye former Mines Minister (commenting on the third Term debate)

Ms. Sonia D'alberto.

Q. What is the best aspect of your job?

A. When I see all the electric lights working and the client is happy.

Q. What is the worst aspect of your Job?

A. When you can't find the materials to satisfy your client's requirements, and the absenteeism of workers.

Q. Can you please describe to us, your typical working day.

A. I make calls, orders, visit the workshop or clients, banking, book keeping and hoping for the best.

Q. Do you regret entering this male dominated industry?

A. No I love it! I like to challenge the men, after all they are not better than us.

Q. Who has been your greatest inspiration in your life/career?

A. Evita Peron, Indira

Ghandi and Mother Theresa.

Q. What has been your favourite project to date?

A. D.B.Z., Indeni, Zimoil and Trade Fair.

Q. If you could swap jobs, what would you choose to do?

A. Tourism & Travel Business, Charity Organisation or Ambassador in Health & Social Life.



South African Minister of Public Works: hon. Stella Migcau Officially opening the Regional const. conference

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Q. Which schools, colleges and Universities did you attend?

A. Italian School – Bachelor Accountant French School - French Language

Q. What are your future plans, career wise?

A.To Work in a Travel Industry or United Nations.

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. Cooking, Travelling, Painting and Charity work

Q. What piece of advice do you have for the young girls or women intending to become Directors in construction related jobs?

A. To come with new ideas, without spoiling the environment. More effort, more strength and confidence. They should believe in themselves. “As mothers, we build the family, As women, we build the Nation”

If a man is successful and is prospering, it is because in every success there is a woman.

Women bring glory and honour, besides the legs, she has the brain!

“I am a doctor and I can be a hooligan but a hooligan can’t become a doctor. The fact that I am a doctor does not mean I can’t throw a stone, so acts of physical violence in Lusaka Province will not go unanswered”-Dr. Boniface Kawimbe Lusaka Province MMD Chairman.

FORTH COMING WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, AND FIELD TRIPS

1. “Common mistakes in filling in National Tender Documents”

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CONSTRUCTION (NCC)

in conjunction with the **Zambia National Tender Board** wishes to Invite all Consultants and Contractors to two # Construction Fora on the topic:

“Common mistakes in filling in National Tender Documents”

VENUE: NCC Offices
(Plot 1609/1625 off Sheki Sheki Rd)
(Roads Training School)

TIME: 14:30 hours

DATES: Thursday 17th May 2000– Consultants
Friday 18th May 2001-Contractors

SPEAKERS: **The Director of Works – Tender Board**
The Deputy Director of Works – Tender Board

Admission: FREE

Cash Bar Available

*For confirmations contact:
The NCC Secretariat on Telefax: 243115*

2. FIELD TRIP TO PRIME MABLE INDUSTRIES

A field trip has been organised by the Secretariat to Prime Marble, a local Construction Materials firm, mining marble here in Lusaka.

DATE: Wednesday, 23rd May 2001

TIME: 14:30 hours.

More details will be given later.

Members wishing to go on the trip should inform the secretariat at their earliest convenience.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

ROUTINE AND PERIODIC MAINTENANCE OF FEEDER ROADS

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

TENDER FOR THE ROUTINE AND PERIODIC MAINTENANCE OF FEEDER ROADS UNDER THE NATIONAL ROADS PROGRAMME 2000/2001

The Government of the Republic of Zambia through the Ministry of Local Government and housing intends to undertake routine and periodic maintenance on feeder roads country wide. The Ministry of Local Government and Housing now invites sealed bids from eligible contractors who may be interested in carrying out the routine and periodic maintenance of feeder roads throughout the country for the following districts.

<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
Northern	Chilubi, Chinsali, Isoka, Kaputa, Kasama, Luwingu, Mbala, Mpika, Mporokoso, Mpulungu, Mungwi, Nakonde
Western	Kalabo, Kaoma, Lukulu, Mongu, Senanga, Shangombo, Sesheke
Southern	Choma, Gwembe, Itezhi Tezhi, Kazungula, Mazabuka, Monze, Namwala, Siavonga, Sinazongwe
Eastern	Chadiza, Chama, Chipata, Katete, Lundazi, Mambwe, Nyimba, Petauke
Central	Chibombo, Kabwe, Kapiri Mposhi, Mkushi, Mumbwa, Serenje
Copperbelt	Chililabombwe, Chingola, Kalulushi, Kitwe, Luanshya, Lufwanyama, Masaiti, Mpongwe, Mufulira, Ndola Rural

This tender is open to contractors, consortia or joint ventures that have the necessary experience in similar types of projects. The contractors or consortia must be registered with the ministry of works and supply, the provincial roads engineer, the provincial director of works or the district council and must be VAT registered.

Eligible bidders may scrutinize and obtain the bidding documents from the office of the Council Secretary/town clerk in the respective district councils, upon payment of non-refundable fee of K150,000.00 or its equivalent in any easily convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque.

All bidders are required to submit their bids in the tender box at the respective provincial Headquarters within which the district is on or before the closing date and time.

The closing and opening date for the receipt of the bids duly marked and addressed as stated below is Friday 18th May, 2001 at 14:00 hours local time. **LATE BIDS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Bids will be opened at the office of the provincial permanent secretary in the presence of bidders or their representative who choose to attend.

Bidders are required to submit one (1) original and one (1) copy of each clearly marked:

MLGH/CE/003/01

TENDER FOR THE ROUTINE AND PERIODIC MAINTENANCE
OF FEEDER ROADS UNDER THE NATIONAL ROADS PROGRAMME 2000/2001
(State the respective District)

And Addressed:

The Secretary
Provincial Tender Committee
Office of the Permanent Secretary
Provincial Headquarters

.....(insert province)

All bids above one hundred Million Kwacha (100,000,000.00) must be accompanied with a bid security of not less than 2% of the tender sum.

SD Chibuye
Head (Procurement and supplies unit)
MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING.

*“Economically Zambia has been going through a very bad patch. There were good signs last year around July but that seems to have gone away. We have been speaking to our colleagues in the country such as donors or international co-operating partners who have also expressed concern at the situation in Zambia”- Dr. Yaw Ansu: World Bank Director for Zambia and Zimbabwe
(Financial Mail)
April 10-16*

ZRA PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Consultants

ZAMBIA REVENUE AUTHORITY

COMMISSIONING OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND QUANTITY SURVEYORS

Invitation to submit Expressions of Interest

The Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) is a corporate body established in 1994 and is charged with the responsibility of collecting revenue on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zambia. The Authority operates a number of stations in the various border areas for effective revenue collections.

In its effort to change the image of the border posts and to improve the working environment for its staff in these areas, the Zambia Revenue Authority would like to uplift three of its offices and improve the housing for its officials by way of refurbishment and new construction.

In this regard, the Zambia Revenue Authority is looking for consultants to provide Professional Architectural, Engineering and Quantity Surveying Services for the three projects in Kasumbalesa, Katima Mulilo and Luangwa.

The Zambia Revenue Authority now invites Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified consultants to provide sufficient details to enable ZRA shortlist companies for a detailed bidding exercise. Expressions of Interest should include the following:

- Evidence of previous experience in the identified workstream;
- Availability and suitability of local personnel together with their summary biodata;
- Evidence of previous work carried out for a large organization

The document submitted should be no longer than 10 pages in length (single sided printing) and, where possible, the information provided should be in the form of tables.

Submission of the documentation shall be to the Director Administration, Zambia Revenue Authority, P.O. Box 35710, Lusaka. The documentation (in five bound copies) shall be submitted not later than Friday 18th May, 2001 at 14:30 hours. All documentation must be deposited into the tender box on the 10th Floor on or before the above date and time. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Any queries concerning this invitation must be addressed in the first instance to Mr. Victor Tembo, Senior Procurement Officer, on phone number 229220.

Director Administration
ZAMBIA REVENUE AUTHORITY

*“This year’s budget is quite an optimistic projection which, however, is not totally under your control. It is important to note that despite the optimism portrayed in allocations to various sectors of the economy, reality on the ground should prevail at the end of the day” -
Mr. Helmuth Schroder
German Ambassador to
Zambia.*

NCC SUB-COMMITTEES

ADVANCE NOTICE-NCC AGM

Notice is hereby given that the 2001 NCC Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 8th June 2001 starting at 09:00hrs. The venue and detailed agenda will be communicated to members in due course.

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Forthcoming events/construction Equipment

1.0 Privematic roller for sale/hire

A Privematic roller for Paved Roads PF 200 is available for sale or hire. The roller is a runner, although I am told the steering system needs some slight attention.. The roller is currently parked at the Ministry of Works and Supply, Roads Department in Ndola and is priced at K35m (negotiable). For more details please contact Mr. Mwenda, the Chief Assistant Roads Engineer on 096-786925.

2.0 5th Afro-Arab Trade fair

The 5th Afro-Arab trade Fair will be held in Lebanon towards the end of the year. There will be a Co-operation Forum and a sales exhibition during this period, under the theme: The instruments for the expansion of Afro-Arab Trade and Investments.

The Arab Bank for the Economic Development of Africa (BADEA) will cover the cost of rent and decorations of stands for all participating Least Developed African Countries (average of 25sq.m. per country). Arrangements are currently under way to negotiate some cheaper fares to Beirut so that participants can be given a better deal.

If you are interested in participating in this fair, please contact the Private Sector development association (psda@action.co.zm) secretariat or the Ministry of Trade and Commerce-director of industry for bookings.

3.0 Swaziland International Trade Fair

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and trade of the Kingdom of Swaziland has extended its invitation to the Zambians too participate I this year's Trade fair which runs from 24th August to 6th September, 20012 in manzini, Swaziland . For details contract the High Commission of the Republic of Zambia in South Africa on tel: (012) 326-1847, fax (012) 326-2140

4.0 37th Maputo International Trade fair

Zambian companies have been invited to participate in the above event, which will take place in Maputo, Mozambique from the 3rd to 9th September 2001. The organizers can be contacted on tel: 42 37 13/42 71 51/42 71 52, fax 427129

THINKING OF ORGANISING A WORKSHOP/ CONFERENCE/SEMINAR? THEN CONTACT NCC SECRETARIAT

The NCC, as part of its activities either on behalf of its members or for independent clients. Organises conferences, workshops and seminars on a variety of topics related to the Construction industry. Resource persons can be drawn if required from its membership of consultants, contractors and Government.

The NCC operates a full time secretariat which is currently situated at the

Government Roads training School, Plot 1609/1625, Off Sheki Sheki Road, Light Industrial Area. The NCC also provides the following services; Photocopying, fax, e-mail, typing and internet facilities.

To organise a workshop/conference/seminar the independent client or member organization will have to:

Make a request in writing stipulating the type of ser-

vice required

Pay a non-refundable commitment fee of US\$250

Contact persons:

Dr. M.S. Mashamba -
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