

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

EVENT-LED URBAN DEVELOPMENT IS NOT TAKING US ANYWHERE



Road works in progress, another major political event on the way?

It was hard not to notice the hive of construction activities taking place in most parts of Lusaka during the last few months, especially in those areas where foreign delegates attending the OAU conference were likely to pass through. Street lights were repaired, robots that had not been working for over a year were suddenly working and building owners were urged to paint their buildings. Building owners in the City centre were compelled to repair their buildings.

From the very start it was very clear that all this urban development (or win-

dow dressing) was all for one occasion; the OAU conference. Admittedly Lusaka was once again looking like a capital city of a country. But as with all such development, which tends to focus on such political events, immediately after the event/s takes place, the City reverts back to its status core. The other major drawback with this kind of urban development focus is that, other remote settlements, towns and cities which rarely host such political events and foreign delegates are left out in national development. Can you imagine Mongu, Chi-

pata and Mansa ever having a piece of cake if we continue with this route of developing our towns and cities? Even squatter settlements in Lusaka, where these foreign delegates are rarely taken to, were completely shunned and will continue to be shunned, unless we take a different and forward looking approach to urban development.

In the light of the above, it is fair and prudent to call upon government to reintroduce those five year development plans. Not only did the development plans give us a sense of

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direction in the way we planned and managed our merger resources, they also acted as set targets against which we set to achieve and against which we measured our performance. The development plans also tended to coordinate the various other development activities and targets in the national economy.

The absence of these development plans has thus meant that today, the country has no set targets to meet in the short, medium or indeed in the long term.

Take for example, the area of housing; what are our set target towards shelter for all for the year 2010, let alone in any given year or five years from now?

The government therefore needs to go beyond being a very good formulator of very good policies and “a listening government” to being an effective implementer of its own economic policies.

The other consequence of not having long term development plans was clearly evidenced in the way we carried our OAU preparations in the last few

months. Whereas, it was known for almost a year that Zambia was going to host the OAU conference in June this year, we only saw the commencement of work on these roads with only few weeks before the conference and consequently, only one side of the Great East road was fully rehabilitated. On the other hand, the PHI millennium City, could not be completed on time and host the various heads of States as was envisaged. Do we therefore see these unfinished projects successfully completed now that the OAU is past us?

“In light of the political level at which the laws have been breached, we are therefore seeking assistance from LAZ to help us get a court order to restrain any further construction on all sites mentioned (FTJ Institute, extensions to the Mulungushi Conference Centre, the Millennium City and the Bennie Mwiinga Housing Site in Chainama area.)” Mr. Nkole Bwalya – President: Zambia Institute of Architects

NOW THE ZAMBIA INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS THREATENS TO TAKE GOVERNMENT TO COURT

The Zambia Institute of Architects (ZIA) has threatened to take the Zambian government to court for failing to observe the laws of the land. Speaking at a press conference held at the Professional Centre of Zambia on Monday 25th June 2001, the ZIA President Mr. Nkole Bwalya ac-

cused government of being in the forefront of breaking its own laws pertaining to the Architectural profession and practice in this country. Mr. Bwalya cited the Presidential Housing Initial (PHI) as one such “government” institution which was not following the laid down rules as con-

tained in CAP 442 of the Laws of Zambia.

“After a number of failed attempts to meet and discuss the same with government over the same, ZIA had finally decided to consult with the Law Association of Zambia with a view to taking government to court”, Mr. Bwalya said.

ZESCO SPENDS US\$ 250,000 ON LUSAKA STREET LIGHTS

The Zambia Electricity and Supply Corporation (ZESCO) is reported to have spent about US\$ 250, 000 in lighting up parts of Lusaka roads and ensuring that there would not be any black outs during the period of the OAU conference in Lusaka. Unfortunately, however, on the third and final day of the conference,

parts of Lusaka, and Kalundu in particular, which area incorporates the Mulungushi village was in total darkness. I am not sure, however, whether the Mulungushi village were most heads of States were accommodated was also affected by this manmade eclipse of Lusaka city. Coming back to the lighting

up of parts of Lusaka by ZESCO, it is important to observe that it is not the responsibility of ZESCO to be doing this. We should not repeat the mistakes of the second republic where ZCCM was made to handle almost of our all economic responsibilities, for we are all too aware of what followed.

NCC HOLDS IT THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The National Council for Construction (NCC) on Friday 29th June 2001 held its third consecutive Annual General Meeting (AGM). The third NCC AGM was held at what has now become the traditional venue for NCC 's AGM: the Marco Polo Restaurant in the Lusaka Agricultural and Commercial Show grounds.

In approving the audited financial report and reviewing the activities of the Council in the last 12 months (1st April 2000 to 31st March 2001) the AGM noted that although a

lot of progress had been achieved, especially as regards the set 12 point action plan (which was the guiding programme for the council), a lot still needed to be done. For example, the AGM noted that whilst a number of new members had been co-opted in the last one year, three affiliate members namely the Surveyors Institute of Zambia, the Copperbelt University and the University of Zambia had failed to pay their subscription dues, thus excluding them from attending the AGM. The above notwithstanding, a

new member in the name of the Association of Small Scale contractors was however admitted and affiliated as a new member of the NCC.

The AGM further noted that the NCC had in the last two years concentrated its activities in Lusaka and thus resolved to take more of its future activities to the other towns and cities of Zambia. The full programme of these activities will, however, depend on the availability of funds and support from these other towns/cities.

GOVERNMENT STILL MUTE OVER ROAD SIP PHASE II

The Zambian Government through the Ministry of Transport and Communications and the National Roads Board have remained mute over the progress made to officially launch and commence RoadSIP phase II. Although I must declare interest in seeing RoadSIP II officially

launched, especially that it will give most off our members business, it is equally important to realise the immense social and economic benefits that this programme will bring to this country.

The powers-that-be should also realise that Zambia is not alone in wanting a share

of these donor funds. Zambia is competing with other developing countries in trying to access this money, the more reason to be proactive on this issues. US\$ 800m is lot of money for us as a country to be re-active rather than pro-active to the issues raised by the donors.

PHI FAILS TO COMPLETE THE MILLENNIUM CITY IN READINESS FOR THE OAU CONFERENCE

The Presidential Housing Initiative (PHI) has failed to finish the Millennium City complex for use by OAU heads of State. This will not have come as a surprise to most of us in the Zambian construction industry, save of course for those at PHI. PHI did not have the expertise nor the experience to manage such a big construction project.

If there is any positive lesson to be learnt from this experience above, It is that Government (and State House in particular through State House officers) should not directly engage itself in construction activities. This business should be left to the private sector, in accordance with government's own construction industry policy document and over-

all economic policy. Had government done this, it should have now been taking action against the defaulting construction companies, rather than having to defend itself over a construction project that has obviously gone terribly wrong. It is not yet too late for the government to redeem itself: involve the private sector.

"...When business is doing badly and a banks' corporate clients become an endangered species, hunted up and down for debt defaults by bailiffs, expect those client's' repayment difficulties to overspill to their banks."-Dominic Mulaisho Former Bank of Zambia Governor

“Beautiful environment stimulates the mind and creates passion and emotion. Just as we need to protect and rehabilitate the natural environment, we also need to protect and rehabilitate cultural heritage, areas that keep the intimacy and beauty of the streets, their environment and their people” Keshav Varma— World Bank of the East Asia and Pacific Urban Development Sector.

SADC DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY TO PROP UP CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WITHIN THE REGION

The anticipated growth in the South African economy in the next few years has led to projections that there will soon be a great demand of clean, environmentally friendly and cheap sources of power, notably hydro-electricity. However, given the limited perennial rivers in South Africa, the country has very limited capacity to produce power from hydro power stations. Currently, South Africa's main source of electricity estimated at 90% comes from coal-fired generation. No doubt this coal-generated electricity is with its adverse environment

effects in form of green house emissions. It has also to be recognised that coal is a wasting asset, and soon rather than later, South Africa's resources of coal will come to an end and force the country to turn to other forms of power.

On the other hand, however, countries up north to South Africa, namely Zimbabwe, Zambia and Congo-Kinshasa have untapped resources of water power, which could be developed to power these countries industries and for export to countries such as South

Africa and Kenya. If these countries are to benefit from this booming electricity industry, they must, however, start planning and investing in this industry now. Which ever of these countries will start to invest in its electricity industry first, stands to benefit most, although Zambia and Zimbabwe will have to cooperate with each other to maximise their returns and reduce their production cost. No doubt when this happens, we shall see massive construction activities in the region.

MAKING THE ENVIRONMENT A PRIORITY IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT-SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL URBAN ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE 27-29 JUNE 2001

More than 300 delegates, among them environmental professionals and international renowned scholars from more than 30 countries met and exchanged views on the World's urban environment and its sustainability. The conference which was sponsored by the Shanghai Municipal

Government, in collaboration with World Bank, the Siemens Corporation and other co-operating partners, was held from the 27-29 June 2001.

The host government, Shanghai is not only the engine of growth in China, but has also become a leading City in the World in

protecting and improving its urban environment, notes the World Bank's Environment Department. To achieve this remarkable urban environment record, Shanghai has had to commit 3% of its gross domestic product on environment protection each year up to the year 2006.

BOTSWANA'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO REMAIN BUOYANT FOR YEARS TO COME

The construction industry in Botswana continues to remain buoyant and an envy for most other construction industries within the region and indeed the rest of Africa. Cranes are all over in all major towns and cities of Botswana to symbolise the prosperity of its construction industry. Admittedly, the Botswana con-

struction industry has been able to prosper thanks mainly to that country's earnings from diamonds, coupled with a peaceful and democrat political system and a desire by its leaders to use it the country's resources solely for the development of its peoples and country. Botswana has foreign re-

serves of about US\$ 5.7bn, enough to finance goods and services for about 3 years!

It is no wonder that the construction industry in Botswana has become the main attraction for most construction personal and companies, from Zambia, Zimbabwe, South African and many others.

Women in Construction– Ms. Shefali Pathak Landscape Architect—EnviroPlan Consultants & Associates



essential being on site supervising work.

Architecture is just
Ms. Shefali Pathak

*“A child cannot eat words, however well cooked they may be”-
Dominic Mulaisho,
Former Bank of
Zambia Governor.*

Q. What is the best aspect of your job?

A. The best aspect of my job is to get up everyday and charged with energy to take on the challenge of getting the profession going. It is also a great fulfillment to see clients happy with the end result seeing them look at the environment in a different light.

Q. What is the worst aspect of your Job?

1. In Zambia, the profession is not recognized enough. People think that Landscape

gardening. It is not, it is **much much** more than that. It is at par with Architecture, Engineering, Quantity Surveying etc.

2. To see a project not being maintained and being ruined.

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

A. A typical working day is actually like any other business with a lot of phone calls, meetings, design work and sourcing of material with the very es-

Q. Do you regret becoming a Landscape Architect or entering this male dominated industry?

A. No, not at all, it is the best thing that happened to me in my life.

Q. Who has been your greatest inspiration in your life, especially in taking up Landscape Architecture as a Career?

A. My late father, Mr. Prabhat Pathak, who was an architect him-

Women in Construction– Ms. Shefali Pathak

Q. What has been your favourite project todate?

A. My favourite projects todate have been two. One was a massive afforestation project in the desert regions of Rajanthan, India, the other has been the Alliance Francaise in Lusaka. Also the Sun International liaison work that we carried out in Livingstone.

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

A. I would choose to become an artist/ sculptor/astronaut! Space fascinates me together with pure art.

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

A. My schooling was in Jaipur at a private school run by the Royal family of Jaipur called Mahavani Gayabri Devi Girls School, then I did my BSc. Hons. at

the University of Allahabad (India) and my M.A. in Landscape Design (Architecture) at the University of Sheffield in the U.K.

Q. What are your future plans, career wise?

A. My future plans are:

1. Get the Landscape Institute up and running in Zambia
2. Try and get Zambian Landscape Architects qualified
3. See the making of a beautiful Zambia in landscape terms.

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. My hobbies are any thing that is creative in the field of art, I enjoy riding, painting, interior painting and pottery.

Q. What piece of advice do you have for the young girls or

women intending to take up Landscaping/ Architecture or any other construction related job?

- A.**
1. Prepare for very hard work
 2. Have confidence and be good at what you do.
 3. Do not be intimidated by a male dominated profession. If you are good, you will earn the respect you deserve.

“Good environmental conditions are not a luxury and cannot wait...they are an important contributor to quality of life and to economic competitiveness”-Ms Kristalina Georgieva, Director of the World Bank’s Environment Department

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3. TARGET GROUP

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- Out of School Youths
- Private Business
- Entrepreneurs
- Long term unemployed and
- School Leavers

4. CERTIFICATION:

- Candidates will be certified by both TPCTC and Examinations Council of Zambia (ECZ) in conjunction with Technical Education and Entrepreneurship Training Authority (TEVETA)

5. DURATION OF TRAINING:

- The Courses will run for seven (7) weeks (245 hours) for both bricklaying and Plastering and Carpentry and Joinery.

6. TRAINING TIME:

- 08:00 to 16:00 hours for full time Students
- 16:30 to 18:30 hours and 17:30 to 18:30 hours from Monday to Friday and from 08:30 to 12:30 hours on Saturdays for part time Students.

7. FEES:

- Non-refundable registration fee of K10,000.00
- Centre fee (for ECZ Examinations) K30,000.00
- Assessment fee (Payable to ECZ) K50,000
- Bricklaying and Plastering K340,000.00
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8. RECRUITMENT

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10. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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TENDERS NOTICES

ZAMBIA REVENUE AUTHORITY INVITATION FOR BIDS

TENDER FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF CENTRAL TOILETS AND EXTERNAL WORKS AT NCHANGA HOUSE – KITWE FOR ZAMBIA REVENUE AUTHORITY.

The Zambia Revenue Authority wishes to carry out total refurbishment of its central toilets and external works at Nchanga House Kitwe. It is the aim of the Authority to put in place a conducive working environment for its staff. The Authority has therefore earmarked a number of projects which are meant to improve the total image of the institution.

The Zambia Revenue Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible contractors for the refurbishment of Central Toilets and external works at Nchanga House in Kitwe.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of the Director Administration, Zambia Revenue Authority, 9th floor, Revenue House, Kabwe Round about, P O Box 35710, Lusaka, Zambia.

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of K200,000.00 or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or Bank certified cheque. The telephone numbers are 260 (01) 229214 ext. 2913 and the telefax number is 229220.

HOWEVER TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Bids must be deposited in the tender box on the 10th floor, Revenue House, Kabwe Round about, Lusaka on or before 27th July 2001 at 14.00 hours local time and must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than two percent (2%) of the bid price duly signed and sealed by the Guarantor(s)

The closing date for the receipt of bids is Friday 27th July 2001 at 14:00 hours local time and any bid received after the time and date stipulated above will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the Board Room on the 9th floor, Revenue House on the same date at 14: hours in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

**Director Administration
ZAMBIA REVENUE AUTHORITY**

*“If you can stay calm,
while all around you is
chaos.....then you
probably haven’t
completely understood
the seriousness of the
situation” - Author
unknown*

BEIT TRUST FELLOWSHIPS

BEIT TRUST FELLOWSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES 2002

The Beit Trust offers a small number of Fellowships annually, covering full fees and maintenance, for postgraduate studies or research. The duration of the Fellowships is normally for up to three years at the discretion of Trustees. Fellowships may be taken up at a University in the United Kingdom, Ireland or South Africa, only. In addition one award for a one year taught Masters degree will be offered at the University of Leeds, known as the Beit Chevening Leeds Fellowship.

Applicants must be domiciled in Zambia, and be under 30 years of age on 31st December, 2001; for those concerned with medicine the age limit is under 35 years on 31st December 2001.

All letters of application for these Fellowships MUST be accompanied by the following documents:-

- (1) Evidence of a good Honours Degree at a recognized University and a transcript of results.
- (2) A written testimonial of academic competence for a Fellowship from a Tutor with a postgraduate degree under whom the applicant has studied at University.
- (3) The name and address of a person who has agreed to act as a character referee, to whom the Trust can write.

Applicants who are short listed will be required to present themselves for interview in Lusaka in January or February, 2002.

Applicants in response to this advertisement should be sent by 15th August, 2001 to The Secretary, THE BEIT TRUST, Beit House, Grove Road, Working, Surrey GU21 5JB, England. Fax Number 01483-725833 or E-mail: beit.trust@clara.co.uk.

“I wonder what kind of development this is. Instead of mending potholes, roads are just graded into dusty roads which pose a health hazard to many residents”- Mr. Muyunda Ililonga; Executive Secretary—Zambia Consumer Association.

Public Notice

LUSAKA CITY COUNCIL

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT CAP 283 CITY OF LUSAKA PLANNING AUTHORITY

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE is hereby given that the proposed Modification of stand 5508 on Libala Road, Kalundu of the approved Lusaka Development Plan was on the 21/06/01 submitted to the Hon. Minister of Local Government and Housing for approval under section 18 (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act Cap. 283 of the Laws of Zambia as shown on drawing number D-Zam-A-30351/42 A.

Stand 5508 is bordered by stand 5507 to the South, stand 5509 to the East, Libala road to the West and Lusiwasi road to the North and measures approximately 5202m² in extent. The stand is currently zoned for General Residential and it is proposed to change the current use to Business (Guest House). The Modification is due to the reasons set out in section 18(2) (a) and (b) of the Town and Country Planning Act that on account of practical difficulties in the execution or enforcement of the approved Lusaka Development Plan and secondly on account of the circumstances which have arisen since the approval of the Development Plan.

A duplicate of the Proposed Modification as submitted for approval has been deposited at Civic Centre on Independence Avenue. The duplicate so deposited is available for inspection free of charge at the aforementioned address between the period of 8:00 hours to 12:00 hours and 14:00 hours to 16:00 hours by interested person(s).

Any interested person(s) who wish to make any presentation in connection with or objections to the Proposed Modification may send such presentations or objections in writing to be received by the Town Clerk of Lusaka City Council or the Hon. Minister of Local Government and Housing, P.O. Box 50027, Lusaka, not later than the 17.07.2001 and any presentations or objections shall state the grounds on which it is made.

F.M. MUWOWO

ACTING TOWN CLERK

For/CITY OF LUSAKA PLANNING AUTHORITY

*“Forty percent of the countries in Africa are involved in wars, which isn’t a good start. Africa is the only continent that’s become dramatically poorer over the last 30-40 years, which is a staggering record. Everything is conspiring to make poor countries richer and Africa is still getting it wrong”-Robert Guest correspondent for **The Economist***

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1.0 Chinese Investment mission to Zambia: 20-24 July 2001

A 17 person Chinese Investment Mission will be visiting Zambia from 20-24 July 2001. Among them will be the Beijing Urban Construction Group Corporation which is interested in importing and exporting building materials to/from Zambia. Representatives from this company would like to meet with any Zambian construction interested in doing business with them on Monday 23rd July 2001 after 14:00hrs. If you are interested please let the NCC secretariat know as soon as possible for us to forward your interested to ZACCI for onward submission to the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry.

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 in this year's Trade fair which runs from 24th August to 6th September, 2001 in Manzini, Swaziland. For details contact 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

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