

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

FROM OAU VILLAGE TO MILLENNIUM CITY IN JUST SEVEN DAYS!!



Most Zambians are still looking to PHI for cheap, affordable and good houses

The Government has stunned the public and probably itself by insisting that the millennium (OAU) village is a private PHI project and was never meant to accommodate delegates to the Lusaka-OAU conference. The above statement came amid a series of public statements from PHI assuring the nation that the 50 plus villas for the visiting heads of states would be ready for the OAU conference as planned!. Time and again we were assured that work at the complex was proceeding as planned. Those that drove past the building site at night, will have noticed

that workers were working even late at night. So what was the urgency if not the OAU conference?

If indeed the millennium village was never meant to accommodate delegates to the forthcoming OAU conference, then we have to ask why public funds meant for building houses for the majority of poor Zambians, including the lowly paid civil servants was spent building expensive villas which very few Zambians will be able to afford.

My understanding of the objectives of the PHI was that it was going to spearhead the construction of

cheap, affordable houses for our teachers, soldiers and the other public workers who did not benefit from the sale of government and council houses.

It will also be recalled that one of the reasons the nation was given in justifying the bringing in of foreign "experts" was that, they had the know how of new cheap and fast building technology. It would now appear that this is not the case. Surely, wouldn't our tried and tested local construction companies not have done a better job?

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I think time to call a spade a spade has finally come and its time we critically called for a review of the management and operations of PHI. As already been stated, PHI was initiated by the State President with the best of intentions, of spearheading the building of houses for the majority of Zambians, especially civil servants. But way down the line, it is not clear what PHI has achieved thus far. Whereas, a number of houses have successfully been completed, at the Bennie Mwiinga site, we

however, notice that months after the successfully completion of the houses, most of them are still unoccupied. Of the more than 130 houses under the PHI in Ndola which was supposed to have been completed in February this year, work is still going on. But according to the Ndola District Administrator, the completion of the more than 130 houses in Ndola was delayed due to some logistical problems (**Times of Zambia, 25th May 2001**). Given the fact that we already have the National

Housing Authority (NHA) with a proven track record of building reasonable priced houses, I would therefore suggest that PHI be immediately dissolved and all its assets given to the National Housing Authority. The government should in future desist from taking on business ventures and allow the private sector to do what it knows best. The government should also learn to consult and involve its local experts, in planning development projects and not involve them only when things go wrong.

“The project (Millennium Village) is a commercial one and is not directly connected with the hosting of OAU in July. Zambia is capable of hosting the summit without the village under construction” Mr. Richard Sakala: Chairman- Presidential Housing Initiative

ENERGY REGULATION BOARD (ERB) NOT SO TOOTHLESS AFTER ALL!

The Energy Regulation Board (ERB) finally demonstrated that it is not as toothless as it has been alleged to be. ERB show of force followed the illegal increase of fuel by the Oil marketing companies. Prices went up from the previous K3,210 to K3,401 for petrol and K3,180 to K3,377 for diesel.

After almost a week of shadow boxing between the oil marketing companies and ERB (including the Zambia Competition Commission [ZCC]), the oil marketing companies relented and reverted to the old prices. Although the oil marketing companies finally reduced their prices,

it is very worrying that these companies were able to increase the fuel prices for some days without any form of punishment.

Fuel is an essential input in the construction industry and therefore important that it is kept low in price.

KABWATA NHA HOUSING UNITS TO BE SOLD THIS MONTH AS MINERS ARE EXPECTED TO GET THEIR TITLE DEEDS

The Government has announced that it will begin selling the NHA Kabwata housing units to legible sitting tenants. Making the announcement, Minister of Local Government and Housing, Hon. Bates Namuyamba said that each housing unit will be priced according to its physical state to take into account

the amount the tenants will have to spend to refurbish their houses.

Meanwhile, the Republican President also announced at another function on the Copperbelt that, miners who bought the former ZCCM houses will within the next three weeks start getting their title deeds. Both announcements will

indeed have been received with great euphoria by those concerned. There is however, need for the Government to set up a committee to facilitate the building of more houses for those who did not benefit and investigate those that more than benefited from this very noble exercise.

EASTERN PROVINCE FEEDER ROADS REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT COMES TO AN END

The much acclaimed Eastern Province Feeder roads project has finally come to an end. The project which cost a total of US 7,204,085 was initiated way back in August 1995, when the Zambian government and the donors signed the Project Support Document. The project which was deliberately designed in such a manner as to engage labour based construction methods, won praise from many stakeholders including the NCC. The Eastern Province Feeder roads project though executed through

the Ministry of Local Government and Housing, also had other players including the Ministry of Works and Supply through the Roads Training School (RTS), for the training of contractors on labour based construction methods. The International Labour Organisation also played a part in providing the expertise on labour based construction methods and management. The success of this project can not only be measured by the length of roads that were rehabilitated, but more importantly in the

number of people that were employed in this project and the money earned. It is reported that about 30% of the project cost went into wages for the local communities. Equally important are the skills that the communities acquired whilst working on this project. It is envisaged that the communities will be able to use these skills to look after these roads. It is not, however, clear if the project will continue in the province or will be extended to other provinces.

MOPANI COPPER MINES DISCUSSES THEIR PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES WITH LOCAL CONSULTANTS, CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

Mopani Copper Mines based in Kitwe and Mufulira recently called for a meeting with a number of local bodies representing various consultants, contractors, and suppliers, to explain their procuring procedures. The mine company also used this opportunity to listen to the vari-

ous complaints that these various bodies had concerning matters relating to the same. The meeting was held on Tuesday 15th May 2001 in Kitwe and was also attended by the National Council for Construction, represented by its Executive Secretary and Mr. L. Smart, one of its National Council

members. Although, not all the concerns of the various stakeholders were resolved at this meeting, it is however, gratifying to note that Mopani Copper Mines is showing concern and willingness to accommodate locals in their current and future procurement plans.

GOVERNMENT DENIES ENGAGING FOREIGN CONTRACTORS TO REFURBISH MULUNGUSHI CONFERENCE CENTRE

The Government was over the weekend quick to deny a story that appeared in one of the government print media that it had engaged some foreign contractors to refurbish the Mulungushi conference centre. Within 24 hrs of the above story alleging that the Government had engaged foreigners to refurbish the Mulungushi

Conference centre, an unnamed government official reacted to the above story and denied the story. The nation was assured that it was indeed local construction companies that were refurbishing the centre, which is the venue of the forthcoming OAU conference. The speed with which the

Government reacted to the above story goes to show that the Government has finally realised that awarding construction works to foreign construction firms amidst a "drought" in the local construction market, especially if these foreign experts fail to finish on time, has its own social and economic repercussions.

"...a path of economic and social development should not seek to maximise gains for its generation if in so doing it reduces the capacity of future generations to provide for their own wants and needs."-Jekwu Ikeme

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BUILDING [CIOB] (UK) TO ESTABLISH SOUTHERN AFRICA BRANCH

The Chartered Institute of Building [CIOB] (UK) is planning to establish a Southern African Branch, which will among others, include the South Africa Institute of Building [SAIB]. The CIOB which has over 5,000 members outside the United Kingdom has since the beginning of this year been building its international image and widening its membership base. The biggest membership of the CIOB outside the UK is now in China and Hong Kong with a total membership of 1,800.

The CIOB has now targeted

Southern Africa, which currently has a total membership of about 900. The proposed formation of the CIOB Southern Africa Branch has been initiated with the support of the SAIB, who are reported to have asked for the amalgamation with CIOB after realizing that they did not have sufficient resources to develop the profession on their own.

CIOB (UK) is promising to bring along with it, training partnerships with local construction companies (first developed in China), Chartered Building Compa-

nies and Consultancies and vocational training and competence qualifications for site supervisors, Managers, and many others employed at higher levels of the construction industry. Both the CIOB and SAIB are now consulting their members before the proposal for merger is tabled for final adoption. If both Institutes support the merger, it is envisaged that the new CIOB Southern Africa branch will be operational around the first half of next year, with subscriptions and membership fees to be paid in South African Rands.

"It is sad that we have been negotiating treaties like COMESA for over 10 years, but six months into the free trade area, our farmers are facing difficulties"-

*Mr. Ajay Vashee:
Zambia National
Farmers Union
President.*

UNITED KINGDOM (UK) FACES CONSTRUCTION SKILLS SHORTAGE

The United Kingdom is facing a serious skills shortage, reports the **Construction Manager Magazine** May 2001 issue. Apparently, there has been a boom in the UK construction industry under the Labour Government that the supply of skilled manpower from the country's colleges

and Universities has failed to match demand. Consequently, the few skilled craftsmen and women, such as plumbers and plasterers are on average earning about 40,000 pounds sterling per (about K193,740,800.00 per year or K16,145,066.67 per month), reports the

Magazine. Warning however, to all our unemployed craftsmen and women who might be contemplating trekking to the UK, the British have strict labour policies, they will not employ a foreigner, unless, they can prove that they do not have qualified citizens for the job.

REDUCING POVERTY IN AFRICA WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL AID IS A PIPE DREAM-WORLD BANK

The World Bank recently released this year's World Development indicators, a yearly update of important development indicators for all the countries. Although there is some good news for some Asian countries notably, China and India, there is nothing worth talking about for most African countries.

The World Bank report goes on to state that without international cooperation most African countries will not be able to achieve global welfare targets. The report has some other worrying statistics:

Of the 6 billion people, 1.2 billion live on less than a dollar a day.

About 10 million children under the age of five died in 1999, most from preventable diseases.

More than 113 million children do not attend school, (more of them girls than boys).

About half a million women die each year during pregnancy and childbirth.

Women in construction– Mrs. Kasonde Katengo Architect/Partner with PJP consultants-Architects



“The nation [Zambia] is going to benefit by hosting the summit [OAU Conference] because of the infrastructure that will remain”-Mr. Kaumbwa Kaputo President of the Progressive People’s Party

Q. What is the best aspect of your job?

A. The best aspect of my job is designing. It is the most exciting and creative stage.

Two other aspects of my job that I enjoy tremendously are:-

- (i) Meeting clients and formulating the project brief
- (ii) Supervision of construction work on site. It is one of the most challenging and yet most rewarding as it is at this stage that a design is brought to life.

Q. What is the worst aspect of your job?

A. I am most disturbed when a project has to be shelved especially after all the design work has been done for at this stage, I am all fired up to see the end product, which is a finished building.

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

A. I have no typical working day. However, I start every week with a progress meeting at the office in which projects are assigned, progress reports and general planning of the week

is done. On a daily basis, first thing each morning I plan my work always giving an allowance for unexpected duties, calls from clients or the site.

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

A. I have never regretted becoming an Architect. It is a job I love dearly and I always strive to do to the best I can.

**Women in construction– Mrs. Kasonde Katengo
Architect/Partner with PJP consultants-Architects**

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

A. My late father has been the greatest inspiration in my life as he always made me feel I could anything I wanted as long as I worked hard. Further, he always bought me various science magazines, one I remember most was the knowledge magazine and these provided a lot of insight. Amongst other things, I developed an interest in the sea and sea life as a result of these magazines. Above all, these days, I get my inspiration from the scriptures for it is from them that you realize that God wants you to put in the best in all you do and realize your full potential.

Q. What has been your favourite design todate?

A. I have enjoyed designing Our Lady’s hospice which is still an on going project.

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

A. I would not want to swap jobs. However, if the situation ever arose, I would still want a job in the construction industry as I love buildings, especially being part of the building process.

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

A. Primary School – St. Mary’s Primary School in Kawambwa

Secondary School – Ibenga Girls’ Secondary School in Luanshya, Masaiti Boma

University – Copperbelt University, Kitwe

Q. What are your future plans, career wise?

A. I would like to study Construction Law as well as Project Management. However, being away from work for a very long period right now may prove difficult but I am making plans to pave way.

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. I love to read spiritual or business related books, swimming, cooking and baking.

Q. What piece of advice do you have for the young girls or women intending to take up Architecture or any other construction related job?

A. I would urge them to work hard, be focused, persevere and put God above all

“We have records of what all those who have joined FDD did while in government. If they continue condemning the policies of the MMD they were party to, we will be forced to disclose their actions or lack of it”-Mr. Vernon Mwaanga; Minister of Information and Broadcasting

TENDER NOTICE

TB/ORD/031/01-TENDER FOR THE CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE REHABILITATION OF THE ROAD BETWEEN LUNDAZI AND CHIPATA – MINISTRY OF WORKS & SUPPLY

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Government of the Republic of Zambia wishes to improve the existing condition of the road between Chipata and Lundazi by rehabilitating the road to its original Class IC design standard.

The Zambia National Tender Board on behalf of the Ministry of Works and Supply now invites sealed bids from eligible consultants who may be interested in carrying out the stated services.

This tender is open to the consultant (s) who have the necessary experience in similar types of projects.

The first part of the study is to analyse the economic and technical feasibility of the proposed measures on the basis of quantified traffic survey, a road condition survey, a preliminary technical proposal for the rehabilitation measures including alternatives of reasonable and a provisional cost – benefit analysis. The second part of the study shall include more detailed technical/surveys and a revised cost-benefit analysis on the basis of more accurate cost estimate.

Eligible bidders may obtain the bidding document upon payment of a non refundable fee of **K400,000.00** or its equivalent at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque. The bidding document may be obtained from:

The Director General
Zambia National Tender Board
13th Floor, Kulima Tower
Katunjila Road
P.O. Box 31009
Lusaka, Zambia

The telephone numbers are 260-1-227052-3/228633 and telefax number is 260-1-220577. **HOWEVER TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The closing and opening date for the receipt of the bids duly addressed is Friday **15th June, 2001 at 14:00 hrs.** local time. Bids will be opened in the Conference Room of the Zambia National Tender Board on the 13th Floor of Kulima Tower in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **LATE BIDS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The bidders are required to submit **one (1) Original and three (3) Copies** of the bid clearly marked.

EMM Sikanyika (Mrs.)
Board Secretary
ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

TB/ORD/031/01-1024 TENDER FOR THE CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ITEZHI TEZHI ROAD – MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Government of the Republic of Zambia wishes to improve the existing condition of the road between the road M9/D769 road junction and Itezhi tezhi through a distance of 110 km to all weather standard.

The Zambia National Tender Board on behalf of the Ministry of Works and Supply now invites sealed bids from eligible consultants who may be interested in carrying out the stated services.

This tender is open to the consultant (s) who have the necessary experience in similar types of projects.

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The closing and opening date for the receipt of the bids duly addressed is **Friday 22 June, 2001 at 14:00 hrs.** local time. Bids will be opened in the Conference Room of the Zambia National Tender Board on the 13th Floor of Kulima Tower in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **LATE BIDS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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EMM Sikanyika (Mrs.)
Board Secretary

ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

“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 is hereby given that the proposed Modification of stand 164/284a Mulombwa Close, Fairview, was on the **30th May 2001** submitted to the Hon. Minister of Local Government and Housing for approval under sector 18(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act Cap 283 of the Laws of Zambia as shown on drawing number D-Zam-A-30351/30A.

It is proposed that stand 164/284a Mulombwa Close, Fairview which is bordered by stands 149/284a & 150/289a to the North and 163 to the East and Mulombwa Close to the South, at present zoned as residential on the basic map of the Approved City of Lusaka Development Plan, be re-zoned to Business (Offices) as shown on modification number 171. The plot measures approximately 2574.6m² in extent. The Modification is due to the reasons set out in section 18(2) (b) of the Town and Country Planning Act that on account of 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 wished to make any presentation in connection with or objections to the Proposed Modification may send 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 27th June 2001 and any presentation or objections shall state the grounds on which it is made.

F.M. Muwowo
ACTING TOWN CLERK
For/CITY OF LUSAKA PLANNING AUTHORITY

*“Ultimatums are part of the job if you are not winning. I knew that it was coming even before it was announced and I will deal with it”-Jan Brouwer
Zambian national soccer coach*

NCC SUB-COMMITTEES

ADVANCE NOTICE

(Please note new date) -NCC AGM

Notice is hereby given that the 2001 NCC Annual General Meeting has been postponed to Friday 29th June 2001 starting at 09:00hrs. The venue and time including the agenda remain the same. For further details please contact the secretariat.

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1.0 Second Asia –Africa Business Forum

The second Asia-Africa Business Forum will take place in Durban South Africa from July 8-14, 2001. A 3m x 3m booth cost US\$2,000.00 and it is equipped with table, 2 chairs, 2 spotlights, shelf, 2 potted plants, a brochure stand and a power socket. For further details please contact

Mr. Ernest Mwape
Chief Economist
ZACCI
P.O. Box 30844, Lusaka Show grounds Fax: 01-252483 E-mail zacci@zamnet.zm

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

Contact persons:

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