

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

WESTERN PROVINCE THE SLEEPING ECONOMIC GIANT



The Mongu –Kalabo Road is almost non existent

The National Council for Construction (NCC) recently conducted a five-day familiarization and sensitization tour of the Western Province. The tour started on the 12th August 2002 and comprised both NCC Secretariat staff and a Council member. Just upon entering the province it was very evident that the NCC entourage that the province was experiencing very high levels of poverty, although ironically it was also evident that the province had great potential of becoming one of the richest provinces in Zambia given the right developmental push by the pow-

ers-that-be especially in the areas of tourism, commerce, agriculture and fisheries.

The end of the Angolan civil war will certainly open up the Western Province to the Angola-Namibia corridor and their (Western) sea ports. The main area of concern for the NCC was infrastructure development and other related construction matters.

The NCC entourage noted with regret that there was literally no construction activities taking place in the province, save for the planned and much talked about Lusaka-Mongu road and the Mongu-Kalabo

roads. The NCC entourage was privileged to be taken on a conducted tour by one of the Indunas from the royal establishment of the remains of the Mongu-Kalabo road. The Mongu-Kalabo road simply has to be reconstructed rather than rehabilitated as there is no road to rehabilitate or let alone talk about. With the end of the civil war in Angola, we can only hope that our Government will quickly reconstruct this road to take advantage of the Angolan

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2001 BUDGET REVEALS SLOW DOWN OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

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market. Although the Zambian Government has embarked on the construction of the Katima Mulilo Bridge, the Mongu-Sesheke road, which is supposed to link the province to Namibia still leaves much to be desired. Ultimately, this situation above, will mean that Namibia will be linked to Zambia through the Southern province rather than Western province, making trade between Western province and their Namibian counterparts more expensive, than would otherwise have been.

The NCC entourage was shocked to learn that the central and local Government administration was not wholly aware of the Governments' Feeder Roads programme for which each province has been given about K3bn. Suffice to mention that Western Province has so far only been given about K2bn of her allocation.

Given the sandy situation and the vast water re-

sources in the Western Province, one wonders why the province should be given the same amount or less as the case is, with other provinces. The ideal situation would have been to allocate even more resources to this sandy province, given the very expensive nature of constructing roads in sandy conditions, and that fuel is more expensive in remote parts of the country. Alternatively, the province should have been given more funds to construct and rehabilitate the canal system.

The building sub-sector of the construction industry is for all intent and purposes dead in the province as is the case in the rest of the country, although the informal sector was seen to be striving; building mainly squatter houses in the housing informal settlements.

Although it is very easy and quite obvious to attribute the mushrooming of squatters to the very high poverty levels in Mongu and the rest of the

province in general, it soon became apparent to the NCC entourage that part of the problem lies with the local Municipalities which do not have the necessary manpower and financial resources to take charge of any meaningful development in their municipalities. For instance, whereas, Mongu Municipal Council on its part was crying for more land from the Royal Establishment, the royal establishment, on its part was more than willing to allocate the council the desired land, only if they could show cause why they should be allocated more land than they currently have. It was very clear that through no fault of their own, Councils in the province had no medium to long term development plans to sell to either local or foreign investors wishing to invest in the province. The above notwithstanding, it was encouraging to see all the major stakeholders eager and in a hurry to develop the province.

"It is not the crook in modern business that we fear, but the honest man who doesn't know what he is doing". Owen D. Young

Government's intention to build housing units for Police, DEC and Prison service in each province received with mixed feelings

The announcement by the Government (see the **POST** dated 10th August 2002) through the Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Mapushi that Government intends to build over 1,000 housing units for the Police, DEC and Prison Services in each province has been received with mixed feelings by the local construction industry.

Whereas, the intention to build houses for our Police, DEC and indeed the Prison service is in itself a very noble and very welcome development, local construction personnel and firms are however, worried with the revelations that Government had contracted a South African firm to build these houses.

We in the construction industry are wondering on what basis the Government made the decision to contract a foreign firm, as we are aware that there are a number of competent local consultants and contractors that would have been contracted to do the aforementioned work. work. net is going

Zambia's tourism infrastructure not in a position to support tourism development

We join the Tourism Council of Zambia (TCZ) in calling upon the Zambian Government to improve the country's tourism infrastructure, which is currently very much under developed to effectively support the growth of the tourism industry. Whereas, it is appreciated that the Government has targeted the tourism industry as one of the priority industries with which the country has a comparative advantage in both the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) and the di-

versification programme, we note with disappointment that not much has been said, let alone been done to improve the country's tourism infrastructure. A well planned tourism infrastructure to include roads, airports among others, are prerequisites for the development of a sustainable tourism industry. In this regard, Zambia has a lot to learn from countries like Zimbabwe, Kenya and Tanzania, which have developed some level of road network leading to tourist attractions, so as to enable tourists visit those

sites throughout the year. Whereas, Zambia has some of the best tourist sites in the World, most of her sites, save for the Victoria Falls cannot be accessed throughout the year. Consequently, foreign tourists visit the Victoria falls from the Zimbabwean side, and the country loses a lot of revenue in the process. Zambia needs to develop her tourism infrastructure so as to attract foreign tourists directly into Zambia, and enable them access to visit other attractions apart from the Victoria Falls.

Zambian Engineers Look Out for Entrepreneurial Opportunities in the local construction industry

The Engineering Institution of Zambia (EIZ) recently held their annual general meeting where they had several papers presented. The NCC, represented by Dr. M. S. Mashamba, presented a paper on 'Entrepreneurial Opportunities for Zambian Engineers in the Local Construction

Industry'. The NCC Executive secretary affirmed the existence of opportunities for engineers from a wide range of sectors mainly roads. Dr. Mashamba however, pointed out in his paper that foreign competition, high interest, inflation and exchange rates, donor procedures, attitudes, and,

slow public procurement and payment procedures have been major constraints to Zambian engineers in the local construction industry. It is hoped that with the enactment of the NCC Act, more opportunities and a more conducive environment will be created for the local construction industry.

Shimizu makes steady progress on the reconstruction of the Great East Road

Shimizu is making steady progress on the rehabilitation of Great East Road. Whereas, it was rumored the road would consist of six lanes, it now seems there will only be four lanes. Well, it seems the progress has its own costs; traffic jams and a bit of confusion. Maybe it is time to re-think the City's road network.

The concept of the round about is great, at least a welcome and safer change from the traffic lights which in some cases have completely failed to work. As we look forward to the benefits of Great East Road rehabilitation, there is need to also start thinking about the further expansion of the road network in the city. The

network seems to be too limited to cater for the increasing traffic and to allow access to potential locations for development. Perhaps we should borrow from mother nature. Rivers always form tributaries as they flow into the ocean and the spread just eases the pressure of the flow of the main stream.

"Strategic leadership requires one other skill. It is a readiness to look personally foolish; a readiness to discuss half baked ideas, since most fully baked ideas start out in that form; a totally honest, a readiness to admit you got it wrong." Sir John Hoskyns, Burton Group

RECENT STRUCTURAL FAILURES IN SOUTH AFRICA RAISES SERIOUS CONCERNS IN THE MANNER AND PRACTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

The medium to long-term effects of the two structural failures that were recently witnessed in South Africa's Pretoria has been the continuous raising of issues and concerns in which the South African industry is run and managed. Stakeholders from both the private and public sectors are now asking themselves as to whether the direction in which the construction industry is taking is the right one or not. Questions are being asked as to whether the compressed project schedules

and price as the selection criteria for contract awards is indeed the right way to be conducting business in the construction industry. The need for fast tracking systems has been said to be putting too much pressure on construction professionals to produce buildings in a short period of time. Fast tracking systems have however, not been singled out as the main reason for recent structure failures in South Africa. According to Prof. Rwelamila, one of that country's construction experts,

there are a number of reasons why South Africa has been experiencing structural failures. In terms of offering solutions, Prof. Rwelamila (who once taught at the Copperbelt University-Kitwe) suggest that one way of avoiding such calamities is for construction professionals to work together rather than fragment the design and construction process as is the case now. For one thing for sure, is that we have not heard the last of this issue. - *Builder July 2002 (South Africa)*

MAJOR UK CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONAL BODIES OPT TO MERGE

Two of the UK's professional bodies, the Architecture and Surveying Institute (ASI) and the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) are set to merge. The proposed merger is now only awaiting the Extra-ordinary General Meeting EGM of the ASI to make the proposed merger

a reality. If the merger goes ahead, the CIOB is said to be proposing to create a faculty of Architecture and Surveying within its current structure, to accommodate Architectural and Surveying members from the ASI. What is interesting about this merger, is that both the ASI and CIOB have hun-

dreds of thousand of members international and yet they still want to merge. Ironically, here in Zambia, we have a number of professional bodies with less than a hundred members that still insist on standing alone. No wonder they fail to provide quality service to their

"To get something done a committee should consist of no more than three people, two of whom are absent." Robert Copeland.

UK CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY JOINS THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT EUPHORIA

A recent research study has found that most property and construction development projects in the UK fall short of meeting their clients' sustainability check lists. The study further goes on to state that a number of urban development practitioners in the UK are still either skeptical, suspicious or unaware

of the new global phenomenon of sustainable development, putting their industries and that of their own businesses at risk. The study which was commissioned and published by global research charity the RICS Foundation and co-authored by David Fell, Jayne Cox and Mark Thurstain argues for the

use of performance indicators for the industry so as to be able to measure performance against targets, evaluating actions and for revisiting targets in light of achievements. - *Architecture and Surveying, August 2002 Issue*

**WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION Mrs. Sylvia Mukuyungwa
Quantity Surveyor - MLGH
Procurement Office**



“An overburdened, stretched executive is the best executive, because he or she doesn’t have time to meddle, to deal in trivial, to bother people”. Jack Welch Chairman-US General Electric

Q. What is the best aspect of your job?

A. Interacting with people and translating their plans into quantities and advising them on the cost aspect.

Q. What is the worst aspect of your Job?

A. None, every aspect of my job is viewed as a challenge which needs fulfilling.

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

A. **day.** I usually reach the office before 08:00 hours, check through my diary for important assignments/meetings; then I do my paper work e.g. correspondence and minutes/reports; I go into the field to check on various jobs and current prices; I also reserve at least two hours to attend to clients/suppliers. Usually, I leave the

office after 17:00 hours.

Q. Do you regret becoming a Quantity Surveyor or entering this male dominated industry?

A. No

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

Women in construction– Mrs. Sylvia Mukuyungwa
Quantity Surveyor - MLGH



A. My family especially my husband who encourages me to succeed in whatever I start doing. Also my friend Kasonde.

I do not think of swapping yet. Maybe in the near future, I might take up project management and consultancy.

Q. What has been your favourite project to date?

A. Being Quantity Surveyor for the terraced houses at Bennie Mwiinga Site (2000 whilst at PHI)

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

A. Ibenga Girls Secondary School (for my secondary school education)

The Copperbelt University (Bachelors Degree in Building Science)

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

A. Currently, I am a Quantity Surveyor/ Procurement Officer and both are extremely challenging jobs which

Zambia Insurance Business College Trust (Higher Diploma in Purchasing & Supply CIPS UK)

Q. What are your future plans, career wise?

A. I intend to keep improving my qualifications as well as diversifying into other fields that relate especially to what I do now (e.g. financial and project management)

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. Reading, listening to music, watching movies, sports and traveling.

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

A. Nowadays, there is nothing like a man's field or a woman's field. No job is too difficult to be done by anyone. It all boils down to personal determination. All we need to know is that where there is a will, there is always a way. With God, nothing is impossible.

"The freedom to fail is vital if you're going to succeed. Most successful people fail time and time again, and it is a measure of their strength that failure merely propels them into some new attempt at success." Michael Korda

TENDER NOTICE

Ministry of Works and Supply Roads Department

MWSTC/PSU/002/02: TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABUTMENTS AND A PIER AT KALIMANSENGA RIVER CROSSING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A TRIPPLE BOX CULVERT AT MWEMBESHI RIVER CROSSING ALONG CHIYABA ROAD

The Ministry of Works and Supply through the Roads Department desires to construct bridge abutments and piers and erect a bailey bridge at Kalimansenga crossing in Chongwe District and also construct a triple box culvert at Mwembeshi river along the Chiyaba road in Mwembeshi district.

The Ministry now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for construction works as follows:

- a. Construction of reinforced concrete abutments and piers, erection of modular steel bridge components and construction of approach road works.
- b. Construction of a triple box culvert at Mwembeshi river crossing along Chiyaba Road including approach road works.

The tender is open to firms that are registered in Zambia and the Roads Department and it is required that each bidder bids for only one lot. Eligible applicants may obtain the tender dossier upon payment of a non-refundable fee of K150, 000.00.

The Secretary
Ministry of Works and Supply Tender Committee
Procurement and Supplies Unit (PSU), Fairley Road
P. O. Box 50140
Lusaka, Zambia.

The telephone number is 260-1-251726 and telefax number is 260-1-254108. PLEASE NOTE THAT TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Bids must be deposited in the tender box at the Procurement and Supplies Unit at the above address and must be accompanied by a bid security not less than two(2) per cent of the tender sum duly signed and sealed by the Guarantor(s).

The closing and opening date for the receipt of bids duly addressed as per above address is Friday, September 27, 2002 at 14:00 hours, local time. Bids will be opened at 14:30 hours in the conference room at Roads Department Headquarters in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. LATE BIDS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

J. Songwe
Head – Procurement and Supplies Unit
MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY

*“Each problem has
hidden in it an
opportunity so powerful
that it literally dwarfs
the problem. The
greatest success stories
were created by people
who recognise a problem
and turn it into an
opportunity. Joseph
Sugarman*

TENDER NOTICE

ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

TB/ORD/019/02-1217: TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR SYSTEMS TO TWENTY-TWO (22 No.) PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND THIRTEEN (13 No.) HEALTH CENTRES IN VARIOUS PROVINCES IN ZAMBIA

The Government of the Republic of Zambia has received accreditation from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of poverty reduction strategy, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for the supply, delivery and installation of Solar Systems to twenty two (22No.) Primary Schools and thirteen (13 No.) Health Centre sites in various provinces of Zambia.

The Zambia National Tender Board, on behalf of the Ministry of Finance and National Planning through the Zambia Social Investment Fund (Zamsif), now invites sealed bids for the supply, delivery and installation of solar systems as follows:

Lot No.	Name of Site	Name of Province	Quantity
1	School	Copperbelt	1
		North Western	1
	Health Centre	Copperbelt	1
		North Western	nil
2	School	Eastern	3
		Lusaka	2
	Health Centre	Eastern	1
		Lusaka	nil
3	School	Luapula	2
		Northern	7
	Health Centre	Luapula	4
		Northern	3
4	School	Southern Western	
	Health Centre	Southern Western	

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the National Tender Board 13th Floor Kulima Tower, P. O. Box 31009, Lusaka, Zambia. The telephone numbers are 260-1-227051-3, 228633 and the telefax number is 260-1-220577. HOWEVER, TELEGRAPHIC OR TELEFAX BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The bidding documents can also be accessed on the Zambia National Tender Board web site: www.tenderboard.gov.zm

The bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders from the office of the Director General, Zambia National tender Board, 13th Floor, Kulima Tower, P. O. Box 31009, Lusaka 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 bids must be deposited in the Tender Box on the 10th Floor, Kulima Tower, Katunjila Road, Lusaka, on or before August 25, 2002 at 14:00hours local time and must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of the bid sum duly signed and sealed by the guarantor(s).

The closing date for receipt of bids is October 25, 2002, at 14:00 hours local time and any bids received after the time and date stipulated above will not be accepted. The bids will be opened soon after closing in the conference room on the 13th Floor of Kulima Tower in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

E.M.M. Sikanyika (Mrs.)
Board Secretary, **Zambia National Tender Board**

“An enterprise culture is one in which every individual understands that the world does not owe him or her a living”.
Peter Morgan Director General, Institute of Directors

TENDER NOTICE

MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY ROADS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS INVITATION FOR BIDS

MWSTC/PSU/001/02: TENDER FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF MUMBWA-KAINDU ROAD AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE LUBUNGU PONTOON

The Ministry of Works and Supply has received funding under the Poverty reduction Strategy Paper towards the cost of maintenance for various road projects. The Ministry, through Roads Department, intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for the maintenance of Mumbwa-Kaindu road and the refurbishment of the Lubungu Pontoon in Central Province.

The Ministry, now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Maintenance of Mumbwa-Kaindu road and refurbishment of the pontoon in Central Province. The scope of work has been divided into twelve (12) lots comprising:

- a. Five (5) lots involving construction of culverts and other drainage works;
- b. Three (3) lots, involving reshaping and gravelling;
- c. Three (3) lots, involving vegetation control and;
- d. One (1) lot, involving refurbishment of the pontoon.

The tender is open to firms that are registered in Zambia and the Roads Department and it is required that each bidder bids for only one lot. Eligible applicants may obtain the tender dossier upon payment of a non-refundable fee of K150, 000.00.

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MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY

“If one wants to be successful, one must think; one must think until it hurts. One must worry a problem in one’s mind until it seems there cannot be another aspect of it that hasn’t been considered”. Lord Thomson of Fleet Former Chairman-Thomson Organisation

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1.0 NCC Provincial tours

The National Council for Construction (NCC) has embarked on a programme of touring provinces. The provincial tours starting with Western, Eastern and North Western provinces which will on average take 5 days, are meant to familiarise the NCC with the various construction activities, with their associated concerns, problems and prospects in the provinces. The NCC entourage will comprise one Council member, Executive Secretary, Information/Communication Officer and the Driver. The focus of these tours will among others look at the following issues:

- Existing and the state of infrastructure in the Provinces.
- Potential and future development projects.
- Enforcement of planning/construction regulations and standards.
- Other socio-economic issues affecting construction and development in the provinces.
- Implementing agencies and their roles: public, private, traditional, and NGOs.
- Identifying consultants and contractors based in the provinces who have not been captured on our database and establishing a network through affiliate associations.
- Training needs for and the availability of facilities.
- Impact of construction development on other sectors like tourism, agriculture, commerce, job creation and poverty alleviation.
- Appropriate construction technology being used for instance, labour based technology.
- Construction material manufacture, supply and availability in the provinces.
- Construction materials costs prevailing in the province in comparison to Lusaka and other provinces.

If there are any other issues that members would like looked at whilst the entourage is in the provinces, please contact the secretariat immediately, but note that it will not be possible to tour towns or districts outside the main road network to these provinces.

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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