

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

ZAMBIAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY: 2004 MID YEAR REVIEW

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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



Road works continue to be the dominant activity in the construction industry

Having passed the half way mark for the year 2004 and in keeping with our tradition, it is only proper that we review the performance of the industry and make appropriate projections for the remainder of the year. The start of the much-anticipated RoadSIP II was expected to steer the Zambian construction industry to greater heights than ever before. This is despite the fact that the Zambian construction industry has in the last four years been one of the biggest growth industries in the Zambian economy. The Road sector has also continued to

dominate the industry with a share of not less than 80%. The building sub-sector has, however, of late showed signs of recovery. Unfortunately, however, the recovery in the building sub-sector continues to be dominated by the informal sector. For instance, apart from the Kafue Roundabout shopping Mall and the Farmers House Stock Exchanges buildings, there were no major formal buildings under construction in the last six months. Informal sector buildings on the other hand continued to dominate the landscape of Lusaka and other major cities

and towns in Zambia. By informal building built dings we are referring here to buildings that are being constructed without the services of our formal and registered construction consultants and contractors.

Our survey in Lusaka and Livingstone show that most major buildings that were under construction in the last six months were to do with new guesthouses either by way of building new ones or converting old houses into guesthouses. The other positive news
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about our buildings sub-sector is that the Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with South Africa for the construction of three ultra modern football stadiums in the country (Lusaka, Ndola and Livingstone) in preparation of the 2010 (Football) World Cup in South Africa. We fear however, that once we read in between the lines of this aforementioned MOU, we will find that it will be the South Africans to design and build these stadiums. Why can't our Government learn to talk and consult its own professionals?

The planned building of staff houses in the rural areas for our Policemen/women, teachers, nurses, and doctors failed to materialise, at least in the first half of the year. It is important to note that the Government through the Ministry of Home Affairs is reported to have bought some houses from the National Housing Authority for Police. The private housing scheme in Lusaka under Meanwood is yet to take off in terms of finished houses, although work in form of infrastructure provisions (mainly roads) is ongoing. The other draw back

in the buildings sub-sector has been the persistent shortage of cement and constant increase of fuel in the last six months. The apparent boom in the building sub sector has thus meant that the demand for cement has increased, resulting in some apparent shortage of cement on the local construction market. Chilanga Cement Plc the sole manufacturer of cement in Zambia is reported to be doing its best to satisfy local demand by increasing their normal production levels, but their efforts seem far outstripped by increased local demand, which is seasonal, and now at its peak. To that end, we have once again witnessed the reappearance of imported cement on our local market in the last few months, but with very little effect on the supply side. Consequently, some unscrupulous cement traders took advantage of the situation to increase the prices of cement time and again.

The roads sub sector has witnessed little activity in the first half of the year. There were no new major commissions, save for the Lusaka-Makeni, Makeni-Kafue and the ongoing Lusaka-Mongu and Mongu and

Kalabo roads. There has also been an ongoing countrywide programme of replacing vandalised and broken road furniture; and road marking, which have benefited a number of local small-scale road contractors. The Government has just invited bids for road routine maintenance jobs in all provinces, which works should commence very soon. Unfortunately, tender bids for our feeder roads to help us sustain the bumper harvest are yet to be invited by the Ministry of Local Government and Housing.

In the medium to long term, the industry is still awaiting the benefits of the new Kansanshi Copper mine in the North Western Province, HIPC, the Poverty Reduction Strategy Programme and the Transitional National Development Plan which are yet to be seen. It also remains to be seen whether the construction industry will once again register double digits growth this year, especially in view of the cement and fuel problems aforementioned.

"I shouldn't be looked at as a person carrying development in a bag."
- Edith Nawakwi,
Munali M.P.

LABOUR MARKET TO BE EXPLORED

One of the challenges in Zambia currently is the lack of accurate information and data regarding various aspects affecting the economy. This has resulted in conflicting pieces of information from different sources, making it difficult to determine the precise mitigation measures.

TEVETA recently held a consultative workshop on Labour Market Information management aimed at bringing all stakeholders of the labour market to a common platform of sharing information and ideas.

Presentations were made by officials from the Central Statistics Office (CSO) and TEVETA,

further to which participants were allowed to contribute. One of the notable issues that arose from the workshop was that there has been no labour market survey in Zambia for the past 22 years therefore the information available was out of date.

Labour Market Information is important in that it is a framework that forms the basis of skills learning and labour requirements. In an economy like Zambia, it is important that prospective trainers, employers and employees are aware of the relevant skills that meet the demands of the economy. It is also important to national planning as part of the strategies for sustain-

able development through wealth creation and poverty alleviation.

TEVETA has also developed a Sector Skills Development Strategy to complement the Labour Market Information system to ensure relevance of the training system to changing social and economic conditions; effectiveness of the training system in responding to these changes; and, efficiency of the training system's response to the changes.

The construction industry, as one of the countries largest employers stands to benefit from these strategies to enhance performance and productivity.

BEWARE OF POLLUTANTS IN CONSTRUCTION PESTICIDES

The Environmental Council of Zambia has been carrying out an inventory of the use of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Zambia. POPs are toxic, persist in the environment, and have a long range of emission. POPs also accumulate in living organisms, magnifying as they move up the food chain; hence fish, predatory birds, mammals and humans absorb the greatest concentrations. They cause damage to ecosystems and human health.

Zambia is signatory to the Stockholm Convention of 2001, an international initiative aimed at protecting human health from the adverse effects of 12 POPs. Among the list of POPs is Chlordane, a common ingredient in most pesticides used in the Zambian construction industry. The other POPs are - aldrin, DDT, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, mirex, toxaphene, polychlorinated biphenols, hexachlorobenzene, dioxins and furans. It is advisable that construction companies and consult-

ants ensure that the chemicals used or specified do not contain the above-mentioned POPs. The Environmental Council of Zambia is making all efforts to ensure that economic and effective alternatives are discovered and developed. Further, caution should be taken when purchasing antitermite treatment, as there are also illegally manufactured products. It should therefore be ensured that the sources, packaging and labels of the products are authentic.

“There’s need to respect those who represent their people with great dignity and courage.”

The Post Editorial

Tender Notice

Please confirm all tender notices with relevant authorities as the NCC will not be held responsibility for any omissions or errors

MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY

TENDER COMMITTEE

Invitation for Bids

NORTHERN PROVINCE

Routine Maintenance

TENDER FOR THE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF TRUNK, MAIN AND DISTRICT ROADS IN NORTHERN PROVINCE – MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY

The Ministry of Works and Supply (Employer) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the works included in the projects: Vegetation control/removal, clearing of drains and culverts, debris removal, painting of road kerbs, junction markings, pothole patching, shoulder replenishment and minor repairs to drainage structures. The roads to be tendered for are as follows:

Lot	Road No.	From	To	Distance (Km)
6	T2	Chinsali	Isoka	104.6
7	T2/D816	Isoka-D816	RD69 Junction	43
9	M001/M003	Kasama-M003	Ishitu	69
10	M001/D018	Kasama-D018	Nondo	82
12	M001/M002	D001 Junction	Mpulungu	56
15	M014	Mafinga Hills	Chire River	86.6
17	D043	Luwingu	Nsombo (Near Lake Banweulu)	79
19	D001	Nsokolo	Chilundumuzi	53
21	M1	Ishitu	Kanchibaya River	74

“It is a pity that most young women today are searching for men and marriage.”

*Mrs. Samusambo,
Petitioner—CRC*

This Invitation for Bids is open to all companies registered in Zambia, and registered with the Ministry of Works and Supply; and are VAT (Value Added Tax) registered with the Zambia Revenue Authority.

Eligible bidders may obtain the tender documents from the office of the Permanent Secretary, Provincial Administration Offices, Northern Province, P.O. Box 410214, Kasama, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **K100,000.00 per Lot** in cash or bank certified cheque.

The contact telephone number is 04-224256 and the telefax number is 04-224256. **HOWEVER, TELEGRAPHIC AND TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Bids must be deposited in the Tender Box at the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Provincial Administration Offices, Kasama, Northern Province. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after Bid opening.

The closing date for the receipt of bids is Friday 17 September, 2004 at 14:30 hours local time, at which time and day the bids received will be opened in the conference room at the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Provincial Administration Offices, Solwezi, North-Western Province in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Jason Songwe

Tender Notice

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WESTERN PROVINCE
Routine Maintenance

TENDER FOR THE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF TRUNK, MAIN AND DISTRICT ROADS IN WESTERN PROVINCE – MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY

The Ministry of Works and Supply (Employer) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the works included in the projects: Vegetation control/removal, clearing of drains and culverts, debris removal, painting of road kerbs, junction markings, pothole patching, shoulder replenishment and minor repairs to drainage structures. The roads to be tendered for are as follows:

Lot	Road No.	From	To	Distance (Km)
1	M9	Kafue Hook Bridge	Kafue Gate	55
4	M9	D309 Junction	Luatembo	56

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Eligible bidders may obtain the tender documents from the office of the Permanent Secretary, Western Province, P.O. Box 910021 Mongu, situated at the Provincial Administration offices, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of K150,000.00 **per Lot** in cash or bank certified cheque.

The contact telephone number is 07-221310 and the telefax number is 07-221577. **HOWEVER, TELEGRAPHIC AND TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Bids must be deposited in the Tender Box at the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Provincial Administration Offices, Mongu, Western Province. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after Bid opening.

The closing date for the receipt of bids is **Friday 17 September, 2004 at 14:30 hours** local time, at which time and day the bids received will be opened in the conference room at the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Provincial Administration Offices, Mongu, Western Province in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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“It is the lack of being cultured that has led to our belief that cultural dance is largely about wriggling one’s waist.”

Lucy Mnyoyeta

Tender Notice

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Invitation for Bids

SOUTHERN PROVINCE

Routine Maintenance

TENDER FOR THE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF TRUNK, MAIN AND DISTRICT ROADS IN SOUTHERN PROVINCE – MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY

The Ministry of Works and Supply (Employer) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the works included in the projects: Vegetation control/removal, clearing of drains and culverts, debris removal, painting of road kerbs, junction markings, pothole patching, shoulder replenishment and minor repairs to drainage structures. The roads to be tendered for are as follows:

Lot	Road No.	From	To	Distance (Km)
6	T001 / D387	Mazabuka – D387 Junction	T002 Junction & Changa	99
7	M010 / M019	Livingstone	M019 - Kazungula	60

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Eligible bidders may obtain the tender documents from the office of the Permanent Secretary at the Provincial Administration offices, Southern Province, P.O. Box 60298, Livingstone, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of K150,000.00 **per Lot** in cash or bank certified cheque.

The contact telephone number is 03-323352 and the telefax number is 03-323230. **HOWEVER, TELEGRAPHIC AND TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Bids must be deposited in the Tender Box at the Office of the Permanent Secretary at the Provincial Administration Offices, Livingstone, Southern Province. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after Bid opening.

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Jason Songwe
 Head - Procurement and Supplies Unit
 for/Permanent Secretary
MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY

“We are in the middle of nowhere.”

*-Jonathan Nyirenda,
 Acting Manager, Kariba
 Minerals-Mapatizya
 Mines..*

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Invitation for Bids

LUAPULA PROVINCE

Routine Maintenance

TENDER FOR THE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF TRUNK, MAIN AND DISTRICT ROADS IN LUAPULA PROVINCE – MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY

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Lot	Road No.	From	To	Distance (Km)
2	M003	Matanda (RD 731 Turnoff)	Mbaso	67
13	D76 / D74	Mushota-Kawambwa	Muluwe	79
14	D100	Kasanka	Milenge	74
15	D96	Musaila-Lubwe	Kasaba	85
16	D100	Mansa	Milambo	50
17	D100	Milambo	Mungulube	50
18	M13	Munganga	Kawambwa	85
19	D77 D79	Junction	Chiengi	96

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Eligible bidders may obtain the tender documents from the office of the Permanent Secretary at the Provincial Administration offices, Luapula Province, P.O. Box 710065 Mansa, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **K100,000.00 per Lot** in cash or bank certified cheque.

The contact telephone number is 02-821393 and the telefax number is 02-821761. **HOWEVER, TELEGRAPHIC AND TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Bids must be deposited in the Tender Box at the Office of the Permanent Secretary at the Provincial Administration Offices, Mansa, Luapula Province. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after Bid opening.

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Secretary
Luapula Province Tender Committee
for/Permanent Secretary
LUAPULA PROVINCE

“...it would be folly for us to go to the next general elections with laws that will produce the same governance structure.”

Simon Kabanda

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Or

**Post your responses to
National Council for Construction
P.O. Box 39548,
Lusaka,
Zambia.**

*"We have failed to
govern ourselves. Our
independence is leading
us to economic
Quagmire."*

Japhet Moonde, M.P.

The following pages (4 No.) are a supplement from the National Roads Board showing the Disbursement of the Road Fund. For any queries or clarification please contact

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1.0. YEAR 2004 (TANZANIA) ANNUAL ROADS CONVENTION

November 25 - 26, 2004: Karimjee Hall, Dar es Salaam

"Development and Management of Urban Road -Transport Infrastructure"

Tanzania Roads Association (TARA) is a non governmental organisation whose mission is *"to liaise with and influence the government to plan and provide good roads and effective road transport system"*. Since 1997 TARA has been organising **Annual Roads Conventions** (ARC) for the purpose of bringing together stakeholders to discuss and share experience and technology on roads sub sector.

The main objective of **ARC 2004** is to provide a forum for exchange of knowledge and experiences on best practices for provision of urban road transport infrastructure in developing countries. The following topics or sub-themes will be discussed during the convention:

- **Urban Road Network Planning;**
- **Construction and Maintenance Technologies;**
- **Road Safety and Environmental Issues;**
- **Urban Traffic Management;**
- **Public Transport Services;**
- **Institutional and Financial Aspects.**

2.0 PARTICIPANTS

This forum will be attended by experts in urban transport and development i.e. engineers, transport economists, planners and social scientist. Others will include consultants, contractors, materials suppliers, equipment specialists and other stakeholders who will have the opportunity to present their professional views to their peers.

3.0 EXHIBITIONS

In parallel with the convention, TARA is organising an exhibition of products, equipment and technology relevant to the theme of the convention and road sub-sector in general.

4.0 CALL FOR PAPERS AND EXHIBITIONS

Participants wishing to present papers to the **ARC 2004** are invited to send abstracts of not more than 500 words, written in English, to reach the Secretariat by **15th July 2004**. The abstracts will be evaluated and authors will be advised to start preparation of their papers by **30th July 2004**. Full papers should reach the Secretariat by **30th September 2004**.

5.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The enclosed form will be used for **ARC 2004 Registration**. The form duly filled with the registration fee should be sent to the Secretariat at the address below latest by **15th October 2004**.

A Convention Participation Fee is **TShs. 60,000 for local participants and USD 110 for foreign participants. TARA members will enjoy a TShs 10,000 discount.** The fee is payable in cash or by cheque made payable to **Tanzania Roads Association**. A late registration surcharge of TShs 10,000 or US \$ 10 will apply after **15th October 2004**.

Cancellation of registration must be communicated to the **ARC 2004** Secretariat in writing before **31st October 2004**. Late cancellation will be subject to 50% penalty.

The exhibition charges for a 3mtrs x 3mtrs covered booth will be **TShs 300,000 for local exhibitors and US\$ 300 for foreign exhibitors.**

Abstracts may be sent by fax, post, e-mail or hand delivered at the address below:

Fax: 2151024: Email: tara@kicheko.com

Those wishing to participate in the exhibitions should contact the Secretariat before **15th October 2004**.

6.0 VENUE The ARC 2004 will be held in Dar es Salaam at the Karimjee Hall along Samora Ma-