

# CONSTRUCTION NEWS

## MTEF 2005-2007 Green Paper: Is Infrastructure (construction) development a national priority?

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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



Launch of NCC Registration Scheme by Mr. Davies Sampa, Director of Human Resource, Ministry of Works & Supply on behalf of the Hon. Minister Dr. Ludwig Sondashi

From the outset, we at the National Council for Construction (NCC) would like to state that we have always supported the Government for their initiative in coming up with the concept of the activity based budget and the Medium-term Expenditure Frame (MTEF) for a three-year period. The two aforementioned development concepts will henceforth allow the construction industry to once again begin to plan ahead for their activities accordingly. The abolition of the National Development Plans and the introduction of the Cash budget by the previous administration meant that it was very

difficult, if not impossible for both our consultants and contractors in the industry to plan ahead for forthcoming construction activities, and accordingly solicit for operational cash, plant, machinery, staff and so on.

We are however, mindful of the fact that in the recent past, Government has failed to fulfil most of its budget capital projects for one reason or the other. In this regard, it must be emphasized that for MTEF to succeed as a medium planning and development tool, Government must try as much as possible to fulfil all its budgetary alloca-

tion pledges.

Coming to the MTEF 2005-2007 green paper itself, Government has clearly stated its resolve to prioritise some industries to kick start the Zambian economy. During the period under review (2005-2007), the priority industries picked by Government are the following: agriculture, mining, manufacturing, and tourism. Reading through the Green Paper, it is evident that although, infrastructure development and its subsequently construction activities have not been explicit **turn to page two**  
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*“Too often, we in Zambia set off without a wheel spanner or a plan on how we are to cross the stream ahead. We take off without a flight plan.”*

*George Lewis*

itly mentioned or indeed taken as a priority industry, it is very clear from the adopted strategies, that targeted infrastructure development (especially road construction), will be a priority area. What is however, lacking is a national coordinated infrastructure development approach to all the proposed development. The lack of a national coordinated infrastructure policy and its associated implementation plan is what has led to our infrastructure development to be fragmented or disjointed. In most cases, we have tended to spread our little resources so thinly that in the end, the resultant little infrastructure that we have put up has little or no economic impact on the intended communities.

For instance, we have in the past seen new farming blocks being developed by way of constructing new roads, but lacking in all other basics, like electricity, and telecommunications. To be able to initiate development, it is important that new farming blocks are completely serviced with all the necessary prerequisites, otherwise partial development of these farming blocks means that ultimately there is little or no meaningful development that follows these new farming blocks. In the same vein, we have in the past seen new roads (political roads) being developed that led to no where nor are they connected to

the national road system.

It is with the above in mind that we would have wanted to see some medium to long term infrastructure development plans for our infant mining area in the North-Western province. Surely, the on-going mining activities in North-Western province will definitely require associated mine shafts, roads, houses, offices. Agriculture and tourism will equally require similar associated infrastructure and yet we do not seem to have such medium and long term plans.

What is more discouraging is the fact that the government is still very much relying on the donor community to finance about 80% of our capital budget expenditure. This donor dependence on capital project financing will no doubt mean that our infrastructure and associated construction industry programmes will for ever be donor driven with their concomitant unfavourable conditionalities.

What is particularly worrying about this donor dependency and its associated conditionalities is the fact that 2006 will be an election year and that governance issues, especially associated with new constituency fund are likely to take centre stage, with the consequence that they might withhold their budgetary pledges.

On a positive note, it is gratifying to note that the Zambian Government has taken cognisance of the adverse effects that high interest and inflation rates have had

on the economy in general and the construction industry in particular. To that end, it will be appreciated that in the Green paper Government will continue to prioritise steps taken to reduce the prevailing interest and inflation rates in the country. Government has thus targeted to limit its domestic borrowing as a percentage of GDP from about 2.4% in 2004 to 1.6 in 2005, 1.2 in 2006 and 0.6% in 2007.

It must be understood that by reducing its borrowing from commercial banks, the Government will, therefore, be reducing demand for loans from our commercial banks, with the net result that commercial banks will be compelled to reduce their rates, thereby attracting private sector borrowing at affordable rates.

It is however, unfortunate that there is a clear absence of a sustainable programme let alone budgetary figures for liquidating Government's domestic debt to both our consultants and contractors of construction works. For instance, the debt for roads works owed to consultants and contractors has risen from about K147bn in 2000 to about K280bn in 2004 and still rising!! Although figures for the building sub sector are missing, we are quite sure the figures in question are equally huge and impacting negatively on our building sub-sector members. No doubt, the continued failure on the part of Government to liquidate the above debts will continue to slow down the growth of our industry.

## ILO RECOGNISES CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY POTENTIAL FOR EMPLOYMENT CREATION

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) has been committed to ensuring that labour standards are adhered to and that wrong practices are stopped worldwide. However, one of the growing concerns of the ILO is unemployment, which is both a cause and result of poverty.

To that end, the ILO has been sensitizing developing nations on the importance of putting employment creation at the

center of the fight against poverty. One of the most effective strategies recognized has been the application of labour intensive programmes in infrastructure delivery. This has proven not only to be ideal for employment creation, but also for ensuring that infrastructure is provided and maintained in a sustainable manner; suffice to say though that this is not applicable to all infrastructure due

to magnitude and complexity. The ILO supports the development of labour based techniques in construction as a viable alternative to capital intensive methodologies. There is need, therefore, for all stakeholders to realize the potential of labour based technology in poverty reduction, and to ensure that policies and strategies are established to fully exploit this avenue.

## COMESA LAUNCHES GATS PROJECT

The Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA) is developing templates for use in trade negotiations under the General Agreement for Trade in Services (GATS). It has been noted that only very few countries in the COMESA region and in Africa as a whole, have made significant progress in trade in services.

As such, COMESA has embarked on a capacity building programme for member countries which will include training of sector specialists in related

trade issues.

One of the main objectives of this thirteen month programme is to harmonise trade negotiations between the East and Southern Africa Economic Partnership Agreement (ESA-EPA) and the European Community. The harmonisation is meant to strengthen the negotiating capacity of the region for the benefit of member states as well as enhance regional co-operation.

It is important to note that trade in services is a relatively new phenomenon which will require a lot of

effort in building the capacity of all stakeholders. Further, and most importantly, it has great potential for affecting economic development both positively and negatively.

It is therefore necessary for member countries to be equipped with the negotiating capacity and to be adequately prepared.

The Ministry of Commerce, trade and Industry has made efforts to involve stakeholders from all sectors of the economy in Zambia; a step which needs to be applauded.

*"A president is chosen by his moral judgement, his world view, his ability to make the country run properly"*

*Vicktor Yushchenko*

## NCC TO PURSUE PPPs IN INFRASTRUCTURE

Following Government's commitment to undertake infrastructure development through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), the NCC has decided to pursue the need to set up the necessary institutional framework. This is in order to effectively manage PPPs and provide guidelines

through policy mechanisms for implementation of PPPs in Zambia.

To that end, the NCC with the help of relevant experts, hopes to sensitise key Government officials from various Ministries, as well as the private sector on key issues re-

garding PPPs. It is important that as Government embarks on this venture, awareness is created and consensus is built on the modalities to be applied. This is to safeguard the interests of the public and the nation as a whole; and to ensure that the benefits are fully optimized.

# Woman in Construction

Chitambeya Mvula - Quantity Surveyor, Peter Richards and Partners



*“Faith will give you give you strength and a sense of Justice. Love is key to all we do.”*

*Dr. Kenneth Kaunda*

**Q. What is the best aspect of your job?**

**A.** The best aspect of my job is being able to help provide the client with a quality finished product to the best of my professional ability with regards to the aspects time, cost and quality.

**Q. What is the worst aspect of your Job?**

**A.** Very few bad aspects but one is to always have to deal with

people who think you cannot do your job properly because you are female and also over working e.g. five valuations have to be done in one week!

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

**A.** I go through my in-tray, then when I get back to the office, I attend to paperwork that may be necessary as regards to the projects I

would be handling at any particular time.

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

**A.** Not at all and being able to tackle the challenges of the field is quite fulfilling. I believe that what a man can do a woman can also do only that in this field as a woman you have to work extra hard to prove that you are capable of doing the

## Woman in Construction

### Chitambeya Mvula - Quantity Surveyor, Peter Richards and Partners



tation of Diagnostic & Surgical Services in Zambia, it has helped me understand the complexity of projects in all major sections and has made me travel to different parts of Zambia.

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

**A.** Civil Engineering or Construction Management with a bias towards rural development projects

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

I did my primary education at Lusaka Girls Primary School, Secondary at St. Mary's Secondary School and David Kaunda Secondary Technical School. I have a BSc Building Science from Copperbelt University and a professional level Diploma in Project Management from Cambridge University done at Management Services Board.

**Q. What are your future plans, career wise?**

**A.** To become a Chartered Quantity Surveyor and a professional Project Manager.

**Q. What are your hobbies?**

**A.** Reading, interacting with people, cooking and traveling.

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

**A.** I would advise them to take up these jobs because depending on one's interest, output and abilities, one can have a very successful career in the construction industry. I would also encourage them to work extra hard and not expect anything to be handed to them on a silver platter. They must believe in themselves and with God's help all things are possible.

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

**A.** My mother, she herself has worked in a male dominated field and she has always encouraged me and made me believe that with God's help nothing is impossible. She has helped me know that I can do anything I set my mind to as long as I work hard enough and believe that I can do it.

**Q. What has been your favourite project to date?**

**A.** My favourite project to date has been the country-wide Rehabili-

*"It is not too late for Government to protect the workers and make justice for all."*

*Gabriel Banda*

## Tender Notice

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

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### ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

TB/W/021/04 : TENDER FOR THE REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
OF LIVINGSTONE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Government of the Republic of Zambia through the Ministry of Finance & National Planning has secured funds from the European Commission through the European Development Fund (EDF) and intends to use part of the funds for the rehabilitation and development of Livingstone International Airport.

The Zambia National Tender Board on behalf of Ministry of Finance and National Planning now invites sealed bids from contractors interested to take part in this project..

The works include but not limited to the following:

- (a) clearing and grubbing
- (b) breaking up existing pavement layers;
- (c) fencing;
- (d) road markings
- (e) building works
- (f) external water, fire and sewage systems; and
- (g) external electrical works.

Eligible applicants may obtain the bidding documents from the Zambia National Tender Board, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, room 1 Kulima Tower, P.O. Box 31009, Lusaka, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ZMK1,000,000.00 or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque.

The telephone numbers are 260 1 221883 or 260 1 228633/4 and telefax numbers are 260 1 220577 or 260 1 226631, E-mail tenders@tenderboard.gov.zm. HOWEVER, TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED .

The bids must be deposited in the tender box on the 10<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Zambia National Tender Board, Kulima Tower, and should be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of the bid sum.

The closing and opening date for the submission of bids is Friday, 11 March, 2005 at 14:00 hours local time. The bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the conference room of the Zambia National Tender Board, on the 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. LATE BIDS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

F.M. Sikanyika (Mrs.)  
Board Secretary  
ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

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*“Attaining HIPC will not mean that there will be a sudden overflow of milk and honey.”*

*Tim David, British High Commissioner*

# Tender Notice

Please check the Press and clarify with the Procurement Unit at Ministry of Works and Supply for details

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

**Project Description:** Formulation of a 5-10 year Strategic Plan for the National Council for Construction (NCC)

**Credit No.:** 3866 ZM

The Government of the Republic of Zambia has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of Phase II of the Road Sector Investment Programme (ROADSIP II), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultancy services for the formulation of a 5-10 year Strategic Plan for the National Council for Construction (NCC).

The services include the following:

- Develop a Five (5) to Ten (10) - year Strategic Plan for the National Council for Construction (NCC);
- Review and revise the National Construction Industry Policy (NCIP) to meet the broader aspirations of the Zambian construction industry;
- Identify the role of NCC at various levels – locally (nationally), regionally and globally;
- Propose an appropriate management structure for the NCC Secretariat, to effectively carry out the proposed works, roles and responsibilities.
- Propose means by which the NCC objectives can be effectively fulfilled;
- Address any other relevant issues affecting the Zambian construction industry;
- The proposed strategy should appropriately relate to the Transitional Development Plan for Zambia, the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper, Millennium Development Goals and other relevant Government policies.

The assignment will last for four months.

The National Council for Construction (NCC) now invites eligible consultants to express their interest in providing the above services. Interested consultants must provide information to demonstrate that they are qualified to perform the services in form of brochures, descriptions of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff and their curriculum Vitae, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

Consultants will be selected using Consultant's Qualifications in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's **Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (current edition)**.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours between 09:00 hours to 16:00 hours.

Three copies of expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below on January 26, 2004 by 14:30 hours.

Jason Songwe  
Head – Procurement  
Ministry of Works and Supply  
P. O. Box 50140  
Lusaka, Zambia.

*“The tax we are paying is so high that people who are working by the end of the month earn very little money and feel it's not worth it to be working.”*

*Veronica Chisemphere,  
Chairperson, Malawi Social  
Forum*

## INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

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### INVITATION TO EXHIBIT AT MAJOR EXHIBITIONS IN AFRICA

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*Anthony Grant, Managing Director, Finance Bank*

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**Contact: CONEXPO-CON/AGG Show Management Services, Milwaukee,  
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*“It is certainly a matter of concern when report after report, and survey after survey, and indeed with our own eyes, we see the desperate state of our children.”*

*The Post Editorial*

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## Notices

### ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS AT THE NCC SECRETARIAT

We wish to notify you that the National Council for Construction has since merged with the Roads Training School as stipulated in the NCC Act No. 13 of 2003.

Find below the new contact Telephone and Fax numbers:

|                                  |                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| General Lines:                   | (With extensions to all offices) | 260-1-247185<br>260-1-240386 |
| Fax Lines: (Administration)      |                                  | 260-1-243115                 |
|                                  | (Construction School)            | 260-1-247264                 |
| Executive Director (Direct Line) |                                  | 260-1-244004                 |
| Technical Advisor (Direct Line)  |                                  | 260-1-245746                 |

### WORKSHOP/TRAINING FACILITIES AT NCC

This serves to inform all NCC members and stakeholders that the NCC Secretariat provides workshop, meeting and training facilities at economic fees.

Meeting/training rooms are free for NCC affiliate organisations (ACEZ, ABCEC, SIZ, NASSC, and ZIA) however, they will be required to pay for refreshments and food wherever necessary.

Details of the charges can be obtained from Mrs. Barbara Lukhanda on 01 247105/240386.

*“Celebrating this new credit from the World Bank without first understanding how it further entrenches us into permanent dependence and poverty relationships with global capitalism is equivalent to celebrating our death.”*

*Azwell Banda*

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# **NOTICE TO ALL NCC MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDERS**

## **THE NCC REGISTRATION PROCESS**

- 1. Obtain an original registration form at a fee of K20,000.00.**
- 2. Fill in the details and submit the registration form to the Registration and Regulation Committee, National Council for Construction.**
- 3. The Registration and Regulation Committee will review the application and determine the appropriate category of the applicant based on the details provided and subsequent verification.**
- 4. The applicant will be notified of the Registration and Regulation Committee's decision and the fees to be paid.**
- 5. A Registration Certificate will be awarded indicating the category and validity period upon payment of the relevant fees.**

— *For further details on the registration process please refer to the NCC Act or contact the NCC Secretariat for a copy.*

*Client organisations and individuals are advised to contact the NCC secretariat for a list of contractors and consultants registered to carry out construction activities in Zambia.*

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