

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

SADC Public Works Ministers form Public Works Forum



The SADC Construction Forum Ministers reading their final communiqué to the press

Public Works Ministers of the 13 member countries of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) have agreed to a formal cooperation by forming a Public Works Forum. The full member countries of SADC are Angola, Botswana, Congo DR, the Kingdom of Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The SADC Public Works Ministers met at the South Africa's prestigious Sun International-Sun City Hotel in the North Western Province. The three-day minister's meeting took

place from the 24th to the 26th April 2006. Congo DR, Mauritius, Namibia, and Tanzania did not, however, attend the three-day conference for various reasons, although they are all expected to be part of the same proposed regional Construction Forum. The proposed regional Construction Forum will among others aim to foster cooperation among Ministries and Departments of Public Works in SADC on matters of mutual interest. The Forum also aims to provide a platform for sharing information on best practices in SADC. It is further expected that the Fo-

rum will act as a vehicle for promoting innovation, research and development in the regional construction industry. On a policy level, it was agreed that the Forum would be medium for promoting an enabling environment for the growth and development of the regional Public Works sector.

South Africa was unanimously elected as the interim secretariat of the Forum and will thus coordinate the administrative services of the Forum. It is expected that the Forum will soon apply to SADC to be formally integrated into

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one of the existing or new SADC protocols. The Forum further agreed from the outset that it would formally interact with existing construction related institutions and stakeholders such as the Southern Africa Regional Construction Industry Council (SARCIC) and NEPAD.

The inaugural SADC Construction Forum meeting at Sun-City International in South Africa greed to meet once every year and that meetings would be held on a rotation basis in each of the member countries. The Council of Ministers agreed to host the next meeting of the Forum in Maputo-Mozambique around June 2007.

Unfortunately, the Zambian Minister of Works and Supply: Hon. Marina Nsingo could not attend the said inaugural meeting, but was ably represented by the Zambian High Commissioner to South Africa: His Excellency L.S. Mbula and assisted by the Director of Planning and Monitoring in the Ministry of Works and Supply Ms. Bupe Kaonga. The National Council for Construction (NCC) Zambia was guest at the same meeting at the invitation of the organisers of the Forum, to share the history and experiences of running SARCIC, given the very close similarities between the two. It will be noted at this juncture that for all intents and purposes, the two institutes have very similar aims and objectives, save that SARCIC is a

private sector led institution, whereas, the Forum is a Governments led initiative comprising mainly Politicians-Ministers and Civil Servants.

It is now hoped that with the formation of the SADC Construction Forum, most of the policy issues that have hitherto dodged SARCIC, such as the coming up of a regional construction practice code, contractor registration scheme and regional construction standards will soon be resolved. Whereas, SARCIC will no doubt be recommended for initiating most of the issues and challenges that the SADC Public Works Forum will now be taking up, SARCIC failure to resolve most of these was rooted in its lacking legislative mandate to initiate and change national and regional legislation or protocols. It is for this reason cited above, that expectations are now high among the various stakeholders that construction industry regional integrations will now move a little faster than has been the case.

Stakeholders in the regional grouping will, however, be very mindful of the fact that whereas, we Africans, especially those of us in sub-Saharan, have been very good at creating regional structures, we on the other hand have been extremely very bad when it comes to implementation or follow up action. The only consolation to our none implementation efforts and follow ups, however, is that this time around, almost all the member countries in the regional

save for Zimbabwe are enjoying a construction boom of one sort or the other, thus the pressure to sustain the same. Angola which has witnessed a massive reconstruction effort after the civil war is experiencing unprecedented economic and concomitant construction boom aided by her huge oil and mineral wealth deposits. South Africa is also experiencing a massive construction boom primarily because the new majority government wants to deliver infrastructure support to it's majority citizens and also because of its preparations for the 2010 Football World Cup. Tanzania, Namibia, Mozambique and Zambia are also experiencing construction booms, for various other socio-economic reasons. Botswana on the other hand has relatively slowed down from her very high construction boom of the 1980s and 1990's. Zimbabwe has definitely slowed down and could be said to be in a construction slump, given her economic and associated political problems with the west. The above scenario has meant that there is a critical demand which might lead to shortages of cement and other construction materials including shortage of skilled manpower in countries like South Africa and Angola and yet there are surplus materials, including cement and skilled manpower of the same in countries like Zimbabwe. It therefore remains for institutions like the Construction Forum to harmonize and redistribute these production inputs.

"Our biggest weakness as Africans is that we lack institutional capacity... We always say the political right statements, but do the opposite or the wrong things on the ground."

Rudolf Gouws-Chief Economist:

Rand Merchant Bank-South Africa

SADC PUBLIC WORKS FORUM: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES, INCLUDING IMMEDIATE PLAN OF ACTION

1. Aims and objectives

The Forum for Public Works Ministers and Department will have the following aims and objectives:

To foster cooperation between Ministries and Departments of Public Works in SADC on matters of mutual interest;

To provide a platform for sharing information on best practice in SADC;

To promote innovation, research and development;

To promote an enabling environment for the growth and development of the Public Works sector;

To develop a regional response to public works related challenges in SADC, such as:

- the development of the regional construction industry;
- the empowerment of local companies in member countries;
- availability of construction materials;
- shortage of skilled personnel;
- lack of plant, trade and investment in construction goods and services;
- procurement reform;
- the effect of HIV/AIDS on industry capital formation;
- immovable asset management;
- public works programmes; and
- service delivery improvement.

2. Plan of Action

The Forum hereby mandates its administrative structure to:

Engage with SADC to inform them of the Forum

Finalise the status of the construction industry in SADC report by the end of June 2006;

Draft guidelines for governing the participation of foreign construction companies in projects in the region, including the issues of ensuring the participation and development of local companies in such projects;

Draft proposal for:

- Harmonising the regulatory framework for the construction across the region;
- Harmonising procurement practices in the region;
- Addressing the construction skills shortage in the region;
- Possible actions to facilitate the development of the construction materials industry in the region;
- Sharing best practices on contractor development in the region;
- Increasing access to information on construction sector activities in the region.

Identify areas for further research and make proposals for how this research may be carried out;

Attempt to obtain donor funding for the activities of the Forum.

The administrative structure must present the results of this work to the next Forum meeting to be held in April 2007.

“Exceptional performance is only possible with exceptional people. But it’s the fit between the people and culture that creates the magic” Michael Pfaff Chief Executive Officer: Rand Merchant bank

ZAMBIAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TOO INWARD LOOKING— LOSING OUT ON REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS: A PERSONAL VIEW POINT

“By and large, the white community does not seem to have shown an appreciation for the incredible magnanimity of those who were the majority victims of a system from which they (whites) benefited so much.”
Archbishop Desmond Tutu

There is no doubt in the fact that the Zambian construction industry has witnessed unprecedented growth rate in the last six years having double in size, although a number of our local and small scale construction firms are yet to benefit from this growth. What is equally worrying, is the fact that whereas, almost the whole SADC region is experiencing a construction boom, there is no serious attempt by Zambian and indigenous construction companies to seek regional and international markets. The Zambian construction industry boom can not be sustained for ever, thus there is need to begin to seek and capture regional and international construction markets now, rather than later.

It also goes without saying that local construction firms should in the same vein strive to capture a large share of the domestic market than has hitherto been the case. We should not always look to legislation such as the NCC Act and the proposed Local empowerment Act to uplift us. Individuals, professionals, trade and professional associations should be in the forefront of uplifting their professional and business interest than is the case now. No doubt, Zambian professionals and their associated trade and professional associations have their share of problems, but who hasn't?

Surely, isn't it ironic that just a few meters from our western province, there is Angola crying for construction materials like cement and technical expertise and yet here in Zambia, we have cement in quite abundance and our Architects, Surveyors and Engineers are crying for jobs. Angola is now looking to countries like China, South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe, countries that do not share borders with Angola, save for Namibia for these supplies. Surely, even if we do not have economic and business advantage to compete with countries like China and South Africa, we must be seen to use our location (market) advantage to enter into the lucrative Angola and (soon to boom) Congo DR construction markets.

South Africa is another country which despite its economic development is still yawning for more technical personnel, to a point that it is now looking to India and other far East Asian English speaking countries for such expertise. Individual Zambians are already working in Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa as construction workers, but we need to take this a step further and begin to establish proper Zambian construction firms either as consultants or contractors within the regional and international construction markets.

The onus is definitely on institutions like the National Council for Construction (NCC), Zambia Institute of Architects (ZIA), Surveyors Institute of Zambia (SIZ), and the Engineering Institution of Zambia (EIZ) through the Association of Consulting Engineers (ACEZ) to change their focus from inward and national thinking to a more outward and global looking. Globalization in the construction market is real and is already taking place and will continue at an accelerated pace, with or without Zambia's participation. Zambian construction companies and their associated trade and professional bodies must, therefore, come to the realization that their share in the global market must be fought for and will not be given to them on a silver plate. The world does not owe Zambia a share from the fruits of globalization; we must fight for our share from the global market.

For Zambia to get her global construction market, we shall have to completely change our current mind set. Have you ever wondered why indigenous Zambian construction companies always tend to remain small-scale for ever, whilst those owned by our white colleagues seems to always grow into medium and large scale construction companies? There are no doubt a number of reasons for the above phenomenon, some of which are very genuine, but our mind set has a lot to do with it. One only has to attend some of these AGMs of some of these professional bodies, to notice that very little time is spent on the future planning, development and (business) interest of their members, but rather a lot of time is spent on personalities and settling personal differences. It is no wonder that some professional bodies now seem to end up with Presidents and executive committee with personal agendas, rather than national and members interests, elected based on friendships, patronage and other personal attributes.

Zambian construction companies must sooner rather than later abandon their selfish positions of always wanting to go it alone and begin to associate with fellow Zambian professionals, including construction companies to enhance their CVs and chances of breaking into the regional and international construction markets. We can surely increase the current share of the Zambian construction market locally, regionally and internationally.

It is thus very unacceptable that most of our young women and men from our universities, colleges and secondary schools are walking the streets for lack of employment opportunities and yet those of us in positions of authority and influence are failing to prepare for our industry' and children's future.

SADC FORUM OF PUBLIC WORKS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

We the SADC Ministries of Public Works gathered in the North Western Province of the Republic of South Africa commit to:

- Establish a Forum of Ministers of Public Works to provide a platform for the region to identify common ways of improving governance and service delivery in the Public Works Sector;
- Harmonizing regulation practices, norms and standards in the SADC region to enable shared socio-economic development;
- Prioritizing construction and property related skills development in the region;
- Developing the regional construction industry, and indigenous black men and women contractors in particular;
- Promoting and facilitating the development of the construction materials supply industry in the region;
- Reviewing procurement practices with the objectiveness of addressing skills and capacity development and empowerment of indigenous and black and women enterprises, promoting value for money, and increasing the integrity, efficiency and effectiveness of the procurement process;
- Developing action plan to effect the above commitments;
- Appoint a committee of senior officials from each country to ensure implementation and monitoring of these action plans.

We commit to the above in the interest of promoting growth and development of the Public Works sector in the SADC region.

Signed by Ministers present on 25 April 2006.

*“Would it not be appropriate for the black South Africans also to give more recognition to the contribution whites have made to the new South Africa?”
De Klerk: Former South African President*

Tender Notice

For more tender notices please refer to the NCC website

ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

INVITATION TO TENDER

TB/CE /010/06: TENDER FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS ROADS IN LUAPULA PROVINCE – ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Road Development Agency intends to carry out maintenance of various roads under the 2006 Rural Development and Rehabilitation Programme Funds. The Road Development Agency intends to apply part of these to cover eligible payments under the contract for maintenance of the following roads in Luapula Province.

Lambwe Chomba Kaputa	80Km
Chembe - Matanda	93Km drainage structure only
Kasonkolo - Matanda	75Km

The Zambia National Tender Board, on behalf of the Road Development Agency now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders. The scope of work in these contracts includes, but is not limited to the following:

- reshaping;
- re-gravelling;
- vegetation control and drainage works

The tender is open to firms that are registered in Zambia and registered as contractors of road works with the National Council for Construction (NCC) of the Road Development Agency in **Category R, Grade 5 up to 1**, proof of which should be shown.

Eligible bidders may obtain the tender document upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **K200,000.00 per Lot** or its equivalent in any convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque. The bidding documents may be collected from the office of the Regional Engineer, Luapula Province, P.O Box 710007 Mansa.

The telephone number is 02-821702 and the telefax number is 02-821702. **HOWEVER TELEFAX OFFERS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of the bid sum. The bid security shall be signed and sealed by the Guarantor(s).

The bids should be deposited in the tender box of the office of the Permanent Secretary at the Provincial Administration offices, Mansa, Luapula Province.

The closing date for the receipt of bids is **Friday, 9th June 2006 at 14:00 hours local time** and any bids received after the time stipulated will not be accepted. The bids shall be opened soon after closing in the conference room of the office of the Permanent Secretary at the Provincial Administration offices, Mansa, Luapula Province in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

David Kapitolo
Director General
ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

*“When a man steals
your wife, there is no
better revenge than to let
him keep her”.*

Sacha Guitry.

Tender notices

REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY TENDER COMMITTEE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NPTC/W/018/06: TENDER DOCUMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A MATERNITY WING AND CHILDREN IN ISOKA DISTRICT, NORTHERN PROVINCE

The Ministry of Health Northern Province has secured funds under Poverty Reduction Programme towards the cost of construction of a Maternity wing and Children Ward at Isoka District Hospital Northern Province

The Provincial Tender Committee now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Construction of a Maternity wing and Children's Ward at Isoka District Hospital Northern Province.

This Invitation for Bids is open to all contractors that are registered in Zambia and registered with the National Council for Construction grade 6 Category B and are VAT (Value added Tax) registered with Zambia Revenue Authority.

Eligible bidders may obtain the tender documents from the office of the Secretary, Provincial Tender Committee at the Provincial Administration offices Room 7, first floor P.O. Box 410214, Kasama, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of K200,000.00 cash or bank certified cheque.

The contact telephone numbers are 04 222208 and 221119. **HOWEVER, TELEGRAPHIC AND TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Bids must be deposited in the Tender Box at the Provincial Administration at the Reception along Zambia Road Kasama and must be accompanied by a bid security in an amount not less than K2,000,000. This bid security should be duly signed and sealed by the Guarantor(s). All bids should be quoted in local currency.

The closing date for receipt of bids is **Tuesday 6th June 2006** at 14:00 hours local time, at which time the bids received will be opened in the Provincial Administration conference room in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

LATE OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Charles P. Mayaka
Head Procurement and Supplies Unit
NORTHERN PROVINCE
Monday, 15 May 2006

*"After marriage,
husband and wife
become two sides of a
coin; they
just can't face each other,
but still they stay
together".*

Hemant Joshi

Construction Business opportunities

THE ZAMBIA BUSINESS AND OPPORTUNITIES CONFERENCE

The Zambia Investment Centre in conjunction with the Executive Research Associates of South Africa is organizing a Zambia Business and opportunities conference to be held in South Africa on the 13th and 14th of June, 2006.

This is a unique business-to-business conference promoting investment opportunities in Zambia with special emphasis on partnerships and joint ventures with local companies. The Centre is looking to showcase this event with the participation of a number of Zambian and South African Companies.

We would therefore, like to invite you to this investment promotion Conference as we feel your participation will be essential to the success of the conference. The participation fee for a conference delegate is R1,000 including VAT. A delegate wishing to attend the gala dinner will be required to pay R400 plus VAT. Participating institutions are expected to cover their own traveling and lodging expenses.

Please confirm your participation by April 24, 2006 to allow us make arrangements for an information desk for your uses should you need one.

The NCC Website is now running test runs. Please visit and look out for more construction business opportunities (tender notices), Newsletters both old issues and latest issues, including latest construction news on the NCC: website:<http://ww.ncc.co.zm>.

Now you don't have to wait for your NCC hardcopy newsletter to find out the latest tender notices, news and notices just click on to the NCC website!

Please send in your comments and suggestions on how best to improve your website to the IT specialist on ncc@ncc.org.zm

"There's a way of transferring funds that is even faster than electronic banking. It's called marriage."

James Holt McGarran

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Tender Notices

ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

INVITATION TO TENDER

**TB/CE/005/06: TENDER FOR THE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF
SOLWEZI-MUTANDA-MWINILUNGA ROAD T5 IN
NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE – ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

The Government of the Republic of Zambia intends to carry out periodic maintenance works in the Country using funds in the work plan for 2006 under the Poverty Reduction Programme (PRP). The Road Development Agency now intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for the routine maintenance of the Solwezi-Mutanda-Mwinilunga Road T5 in North-Western Province.

The Zambia National Tender Board, on behalf of the Road Development Agency, now invites sealed bids from qualified road construction companies. This Invitation for Bids is open to contractors registered with the National Council for Construction in **Category R and grade 3 or higher**, proof of which must be shown. Local contractors are encouraged to enter into partnership or association with foreign contractors to enhance their capacity.

The scope of works includes but is not limited to the following:

pothole patching;
road edge repairs;
road shoulder repairs;
rehabilitation works; and
double surface dressing

Eligible Bidders may obtain the bidding document upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **K100,000.00** or its equivalent in any convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque. The bidding document may be collected from the Zambia National Tender Board, Room 21, 1st floor, Red Cross House, Plot 2837, Los Angeles Boulevard, Longacres, P.O. Box 31009, Lusaka.

The telephone numbers are 260-1-250632/250642/250687 and the telefax number is 260-1-250633. **HOWEVER TELEFAX OFFERS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The bids accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of the bid sum, must be deposited in the tender box on the 2nd floor of the Zambia National Tender Board offices at Red Cross House, Los Angeles Boulevard, Lusaka, **on or before Friday 9 June 2006 at 14 hours local time.**

The bids shall be opened immediately thereafter in the Conference Room of the Zambia National Tender Board in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

David Kapitolo (Mr.)
Director General
ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

*“Marriage is the only
war where one sleeps
with the enemy”.*

Anonymous

Tender Notices

ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD INVITATION TO TENDER

**TB/CE/006/06: TENDER FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS ROADS IN
NORTHERN PROVINCE – ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

The Road Development Agency intends to carry out maintenance of various roads under the 2006 Rural Development and Rehabilitation Programme Funds. The Road Development Agency intends to apply part of these to cover eligible payments under the contract for maintenance of the following roads in Northern Province.

Chalabesa – Kabinga	80Km
Luwingu–Nsombo	70Km
Mpika – Nabwalya	144Km
T2 – Chundaponde Muwele	70Km
Kasama – Isoka	175Km
Manshya Farm Block	40Km
Nseluka– Kayambi	108Km
Mporokoso–Chishimba	12Km
Mbala–Lumi	33Km
Mpulungu–Kapoko	12Km
Isoka–Muyombe	112Km
Chinsali–Safwa	122Km
Mbala–Tanzania Boarder	22.6Km

The Zambia National Tender Board, on behalf of the Road Development Agency now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders. The scope of work in these contracts includes, but is not limited to the following:

reshaping; re-gravelling; vegetation control and drainage works

The tender is open to firms that are registered in Zambia and registered as contractors of road works with the National Council for Construction (NCC) of the Road Development Agency in **Category R, Grade 5 up to 1**, proof of which should be shown.

Eligible bidders may obtain the tender document upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **K200,000.00 per Lot** or its equivalent in any convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque. The bidding documents may be collected from the office of the Permanent Secretary, Northern Province, P.O Box 419214 Kasama, situated at the provincial Administration offices.

The telephone number is 04-224256 and the telefax number is 04-224256. **HOWEVER TELEFAX OFFERS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of the bid sum. The bid security shall be signed and sealed by the Guarantor(s).

The bids should be deposited in the tender box of the office of the Permanent Secretary at the Provincial Administration offices, Kasama, Northern Province.

The closing date for the receipt of bids is **Friday, 9th June 2006 at 14:00 hours local time**. The bids shall be opened soon after closing in the conference room of the Permanent Secretary at the Provincial Administration offices, Kasama, Northern Province in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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Director General

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*“The most pathetic
person in the world is
the someone who has
sight but has no vision”.*

Helen Keller

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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CONSTRUCTION

WARNING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The National Council for Construction (NCC) wishes to inform the General Public that only contractors registered, and consultants (Architects, Surveyors and Engineers) affiliated with the NCC should be engaged for any construction works. This is in accordance with the NCC Act No.13 of 2003, which prohibits the award of contracts to unregistered contractors and unaffiliated consultants.

Please note that it is a serious offence for the client to engage a construction firm that is not registered or affiliated with the NCC; and, for a construction firm to undertake construction works if it is not registered or affiliated with the NCC.

All parties wishing to engage contractors are therefore advised to ensure that:

- The contractors are registered with the NCC.
 - Correct and transparent procurement procedures are followed.
- Only contractors with the relevant capacity are engaged to carry out the required works.

The public is cautioned that it is an offence to engage foreign construction firms to carry out construction work in Zambia without the approval of the NCC.

The public and institutions are further warned that it is illegal for them to register contractors engaged in construction activities as this is the mandate of the NCC.

All interested parties and potential clients of the construction industry may obtain the list of all registered contractors and consultants from the NCC. Contractors are classified according to their capacity and specialization, and are therefore only allowed to carry out the works in the categories and grades registered in.

Note that the NCC Registration Scheme is intended to protect the interests of the public in that it offers a range of appropriate skills and capacity to ensure value for money.

The NCC Act also provides for appropriate action in form of a fine or imprisonment or both, for any defaulting Contractor and/ or client. Similarly, Consultants (Architects, Surveyors and Engineers) are regulated by their respective Acts. Therefore, the public is further advised to submit all complaints against contractors to the NCC in writing, at the address below, in order to facilitate the necessary action.

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