

# CONSTRUCTION NEWS

## Construction industry still leads annual growth sector "league"

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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



Construction activities have continued to increase over the years

The Zambian construction industry has for the 6<sup>th</sup> year running continued to be one of the leading growth sectors with double digit annual growth rates. Presenting this year's annual budget, the Minister of Finance and National Planning Hon. Ng'andu Magande reported among other economic indicators that the construction industry had grown by 19.9% in 2005. The industry grew by almost the same margin in 2004 when the sector grew by 20%. The industry has witnessed an average of over 15% annual growth in the last 6 years, a real achievement, not only here

in Zambia, but elsewhere in the developing and developed world. The last time the Zambia's construction industry experienced such a prolonged period of positive economic growth was the period 1969 to 1975. What is missing this time around, however, is the absence of corresponding increase in the employment levels for the industry. Whereas, in 1974/5 construction boom period official employment figures for the industry reached an all time high of 74, 500 workers, this time around official construction levels are reported to be still

around 13 -15, 000! No doubt the casualization of labour and informalization of construction has greatly contributed to the reduced official employment figures. Notwithstanding, the above negativity with respect to overall formal employment levels in the Zambian construction industry; the industry has more than doubled in the last 6 years in real terms (using 1994 base figures). The Zambian construction industry continues to be driven by the Road Sector Investment Programme, with its donor supported annual budget of about - **turn to page two**

## President Mwanawasa restates Government 's housing agenda

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US\$169m for various road projects. It is equally gratifying to note that last year the Government also released all the fuel levy funds collected from the fuel marketing companies and actually disbursed the same to the National Road Fund Agency. Thus although the Government had budgeted only K90bn in last year's Yellow book, the total collection was about K153bn, which money was subsequently released for actual road maintenance and rehabilitation. The other positive development in last years construction industry performance indicators was the partial liquidation of the local debt to road consultants and contractors which gesture greatly helped in boosting the liquidity of most of our local construction companies. Whereas, the local debt to road construction companies was estimated to be about K350bn during the second half of last year, the Government managed to reduce this figure by settling K154bn and a further undisclosed figure through negotiations to waive interest on unpaid amounts with the concerned construction companies. It is reported that Government expects to settle a further K45bn during the first half of this year, in its continued effort to reduce it's indebtedness to local contractors. Unfortunately, preliminary calculations show that Government did not fully fulfil

all it's Yellow Book commitments in last year's budget. It is reckoned that the Government might have failed to meet its direct budgetary allocation to the Ministry of Works and Supply for road works by about 30%.

On the other hand, although the Building sub-sector continues to be the weaker contributor to the total construction industry activities, compared to the Civil Engineering (Roads) sub sector, building activities continue to increase compared to previous years. Whereas, the Civil Engineering sub-sector is dominated by the Government (either local or central) clientele, the Building sub-sector on other hand is private sector dominated with respect to its clientele. The fact that the Zambian Government has very little on-going building projects compared to road works thus means that it correspondingly also owes very little money to building companies compared to the K350bn referred to above. Unfortunately, the Government and the other interested parties have never revealed to the public and to us the local debt involved in the building sub-sector, although we are told it is very little compared to the amounts owed to road construction companies. This as it may be, it still remains big worry to us that the Government continues to contract works in the absence of cash and amidst a cash budget.

Private sector lodges, fillings stations, houses and shopping malls are the main

structures favoured by private sector infrastructure property developers. Unfortunately the partner of development seems skewed to Lusaka, Livingstone, Solwezi Chipata and Kitwe, with very few building activities in the other major towns and cities of Zambia. It is however, hoped that the directive by the Republican President to make housing a priority sector and the subsequent allocation of K290bn of state funds towards housing and its support infrastructure will help to facilitate house development in the other towns and cities. Although this budgetary allocation of k290Bn is a step in the right direction, the nation should, however, not expect massive housing programmes following the aforementioned Presidential directive and budgetary allocation. The housing crisis in Zambia is very severe, following years of neglect and it will take years of careful planning and appropriate resource allocation by both the Government and the private sector to have a meaningful and positive impact on the housing market.

Government should also be recommended for reducing tax on cement and roofing sheet products. Already, we have seen price reductions in the prices of these two building materials, although critics will argue that the price reductions on these two building materials and other construction materials should have been much higher given that the Kwacha has also appreciated against the Dollar.

*"Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free". John 8:32 (New international Version)*

## JUSTICE ON TRAIL! “CORRUPTION AT THE NCC” NORWEGIAN CONSULTANT’S REPORT REVEALS INTERSTING READING

***“The Consultants do not see any indication of fraud or corruption related to the auction. Procedures and approvals have been followed and given in advance. The issue of loan to the NCC employee is regarded as a poor management decision, but we cannot extend this to include evidence of fraud or corruption practice. It is however, not in line with internal NCC regulations and should be reported to the Board of Directors”. Norwegian consultants contracted by the Norwegian Government to investigate corruption at the NCC***

The two Norwegian Consultants that were in the country last year in November 2005 to investigate the allegation of corruption at the NCC, with respect to Norwegian project funds have finally submitted their report, although they are still calling more audits. The Anti-Corruption Commissions (ACC) have also since been to the NCC to conduct their own independent investigations into the allegations. We hope that the ACC report will soon be out and made public, since the allegations were themselves made public. Whereas, we very much agree that whistle blowers must be protected, we equally feel that those that deliberately misled the nation and the powers-that-be on the some of these allegations with the intention of concealing their own wrong deeds must be brought to book. In any, case, those found to have been wasting the state’s time by making wild allegations must be punished just like those found guilty of the charges of corruption. The accused must equally be given a fair trial and not trial by media without listening to both sides.

It has since come to our attention that the allegation of corruption at NCC were first reported to the Norwegian Embassy by our then consultants: the International Labour Organization (ILO). Our readers will recall that the initial allegation (see the POST Newspaper of 28th October 2005) were to the effect that we as management at the NCC had not accounted for the K450m that we realized from the public sale of the mostly former NORAD assets, this allegation was later changed to not having sought prior permission from the powers-that-be after it was discovered that all the money was fully accounted for and authority for its use sought from the NCC Board. As if that was not enough, the issue of corruption with respect to the public auction has mysteriously stopped to feature prominently upon realizing that prior written permissions (from both the NCC Board and the Ministry of Works and Supply) and tender procedures were followed by the NCC management prior to the public auction. The problem issue has now shifted to management having authorized one junior management staff member to buy one of this former NORAD assets: a truck to be particular on loan and without collateral!. The Norwegian consultants have also confirmed that ILO the “whistle blower” have themselves not been following tender and procurement procedures in their procurement of goods and services, contrary to the GRZ-NORAD project Agreement and Zambian law. Surprisingly, no follow up action by way of reporting this matter to the appropriate authorities, seeing as a number of Zambians have been jailed for a number of years in our prisons for this same offence!

Although the issue of corruption and fraud with respect to the public auction has now been found to be hoax, the Norwegian Embassy is now questioning whether the Zambian Government fulfill its conditionality to the GRZ-NORAD agreement by meeting its counterpart funding to the project in 2003 and 2004. What is interesting however, about the years 2003 ad 2004 is that during this period the Labour-Based training project was being managed by the Ministry of Works and Supply through the Roads Department, now renamed and transformed into the Roads Development Agency (RDA).

Without prejudice to the on-going investigations, it will be very interesting to follow through this case and find out at the end of the day, why a reputable organization like the ILO would allege corruption and want to send the Zambian and Norwegian Governments on a wild goose chase of corruption at the NCC, when this is not so and the ILO itself was a beneficiary of 35.7% of the grant? What benefits if not a loss, has ILO achieved by alleging corruption, which corruption has proven not to be true in the auction of former NORAD assets and having NIORAD suspend funding to NCC.

It will also be interesting to find out why one small-scale contractor wrote to the ACC alleging the same corruption at the NCC using his association letterhead, but for whom his association has since disassociated itself from these allegations. Why were facts twisted to the Anti-Corruption Commission and the POST Newspaper to the effect that it was the members of staff at NCC who were complaining and had reported of corruption and yet the fact on the grounds point to ILO? There is clearly more to this issue than meets the eye and we intend to keep our readers updated with all latest information. This case has all the ingredients for a very interesting book and possibly a film on *Justice on trial*.

## LUSAKA PROVINCE PS CONCERNED AT THE POOR STATE OF BUILDINGS IN LUSAKA- SUMMONS ALL STATAKEHOLDERS

The office of the Lusaka Province Permanent Secretary has expressed concern at the very poor state of building in and around Lusaka. To that end, all stakeholders were called to a stakeholders meeting at the Lusaka City Council Chambers on Tuesday 7th February 2006, beginning at 09:00hrs. The stakeholders called to this meeting included the Lusaka City Council (LCC), the Zambia Institute of Planners (ZIP), the Zambia Institute of Architects (ZIA), the Engineering Institution of Zambia (EIZ), the University of Zambia (UNZA), Keep Lusaka Clean Committee, the National Council for Construction (NCC), and various other committees representing marketers from our many markets in and around Lusaka. The meeting was called to try and find solutions to why Lusaka continues to have unplanned and ugly buildings when there are all these various public, statutory and professional bodies mandated by law to curb such vices. It would seem from among the many other delegates to this meeting that they were of the view that legislation needed to be changed to curb the aforementioned vices in our construction industry.

There was however, a united front and totally different school of thought from among the NCC and the other professional bodies namely the Zambia Institute of Architects and the Engineering Institution of Zambia that felt that the main reasons for the current state of affairs in our construction industry was the very weak administrative and enforcement structures at the Lusaka City Council. The Architects supported by the NCC argued for instance that, more than 80% of the building structures in Lusaka were put up by unqualified building professionals, but somewhere these were allowed to pass by the City Council. The Council in its defense argued that they have only about 4 building inspectors to supervise the all of Lusaka, when more than 20 building inspectors are required for that purpose.

In an effort to ameliorate the above problem faced by the Council, the Zambia Institute of Architects, therefore, volunteered to assist the Lusaka City Council in scrutinizing all development plans submitted to the Council and in conducting random site inspections. This is how it should be, in any case, even well developed Cities like the Greater London Council in the UK uses the services of the Royal Institute of British Architects. WE sincerely hope that the Lusaka City Council will surely take the offer from our Architects very seriously. The meeting ended by forming a technical committee which will be meeting soon to forward technical recommendations to the PS and the Council on the best forward.

*"I support the National Council for Construction, I want them to continue, but they must fund themselves, otherwise they will continue to be bullied by politicians and Government officials"*  
 Hon. Vitalis Mooya  
 Moomba Member of Parliament debating NCC budget in Parliament

## PRESIDENTIAL HOUSING CHALLENGE— HOUSING STAKEHOLDERS GET TO WORK

Various housing stakeholders and professional bodies have started meeting in effort to answer to the call and challenges that were placed on them by the Republican President when he was opening the five session of the 9th National Assembly in January of this year. In his address to parliament, the President said that Government was going to reclassify housing as one of the priority sectors and called upon institutions like the National Council for Construction (NCC) and the Zambia Institute of Architects (ZIA) to spearhead the construction of affordable housing countrywide. A meeting for all concerned stakeholders was therefore initiated and organised by the NCC at their offices on Wednesday 15th February 2006. Among the notable institutions that attended the inaugural meeting included the Zambia institute of Architects, the Building Societies Association, the Zambia National Building Society, the National Housing Authority, the Surveyors Institute of Zambia, the National Association for Small-Scale contractors and the Association of Building and Civil Engineering Contractors.

The first meeting was very fruitful and it is now expected that the second meeting will be held very soon. The second meeting is awaiting the compilation of a detailed working document which seeks to identify the many constraints and opportunities in the Zambian housing market after which a detailed working plan and strategies will be drawn.

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## Tender Notice

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### MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY TENDER COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE ROLL-OUT PHASE OF THE SMALL-SCALE COMMUNITY ACCESS COMPONENT IN MUMBWA, KAOMA AND MONGU DISTRICTS.

The Government of the Republic of Zambia has received funding from the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) under the Road Sector Programme Support (Road-SPS). This support covers three main components:

- Rehabilitation and maintenance of the Lusaka-Mongu road.
- Rehabilitation and maintenance of selected districts and feeder roads along the Lusaka Mongu Road Corridor.
- Institutional Support Component.

The District Feeder Roads (DFR) Component has two immediate objectives, one focusing on small-scale access improvements and the other on improvement of a strategically important core network of roads in Mumbwa, Kaoma and Mongu districts. The proposed assignment focuses on the first immediate objectives related to small-scale access improvements. The overall objectives of this Small-Scale Community Access (SSCA) sub-component is to facilitate the establishment of a sustainable system for the improvement and maintenance of basic rural access that is not part of Zambia's designated core road network. The System will be sustained by creating adequate capacities at community and district levels in carrying out basic access improvements on self-help basis with minimum outside assistance. The proposed assignment is mainly rural development oriented with limited Engineering inputs. It includes, but is not limited to:

Implementation of capacity building programs for (1) communities to organize themselves, prioritise and plan improve and maintain basic access infrastructure; (2) district authorities to plan and allocate resources, design, supervise, monitor community access projects and provide technical and backstopping support to the communities; and (3) local consultants to provide technical support to the communities for planning and monitoring implementation of access interventions.

Implementation of maximum nine (9) Small-Scale Community Access projects

The Road Development Agency, through Ministry of Works and Supply Tender Committee, now invites sealed proposals from eligible consultants to provide consulting services for the provision of technical support to the roll-out phase of the RSPS Small-Scale Community Access component in Mumbwa, Kaoma and Mongu districts.

This Request for Proposals is open to all Consultants that are registered in Zambia with the Registrar of Companies and that can show extensive experience in similar assignments. The selection of the Consultant will be based on "Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)" procedures described in the Request for Proposals (RFP) documents. Further details of the services required are provided in the Terms of Reference, which are part of the Request for Proposals (RFP) document.

Eligible bidders may obtain the Request for Proposals documents from the office of the Tender Committee Secretary, Room 10, Ministry of Works and Supply, Procurement and Supplies unit, P.O. Box 50140, Lusaka, situated between Government and Fairley roads, opposite the Buildings Department, and next to the Road Traffic Commission at Ridgeway, Lusaka, Zambia, upon payment of a **non-refundable fee of ZK250,000.00** or its equivalent in freely convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate, in cash or bank certified cheque. The contact telephone number is +260-1-251726 and the telefax number is +260-1-251726 and the telefax number is +260-1-251099, **HOWEVER, TELEGRAPHIC AND TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

All proposals, in sealed envelopes, clearly marked "**RSPS SMALL-SCALE COMMUNITY ACCESS COMPONENT**", must be deposited in the Tender Box at the Ministry of Works and Supply. Procurement and Supplies Unit, at the above address, on or before **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 at 14:00 hours local time.**

The proposals received will be opened, immediately thereafter at **14:30 hours local time** in the Conference Room at the Road Development Agency Headquarters, Fairley roads Lusaka, in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **PLEASE NOTE THAT LATE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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

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*"Most people who succeed in the face of seemingly impossible conditions are people who simply don't know how to quit".*  
*Robert Schuller*

# Tender Notice

For more tender notices please refer to the NCC website

## GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

### NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

##### **TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SITE OFFICES IN KASEMPA FOR THE RURAL WATER SUPPLY PROJECT IN NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE**

The Government of the Republic of Zambia has received a loan from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany through Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau towards the cost of improvement of public health and sanitation in rural areas of Zambia, through the construction of water supply and sanitation facilities. It is intended that part of the proceeds from this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the construction of site offices in Kasempa for Rural Water Supply.

The Provincial Administration, North-Western Province now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of the above offices. The works shall entail, clearing of virgin / cultivated land, earth-works, and block work construction.

Eligible bidders may obtain the bidding documents from the office of the Permanent Secretary, Provincial Administration, North-Western Province, Solwezi, P.O. Box 110082 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **K400,000.00** or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque.

The telephone number is 260 821203/821710 and telefax number is 260 821650.

##### **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 at the box Provincial Administration, North-Western Province, Solwezi, P.O. Box 110082 clearly marked **Tender for the Construction of Site Offices in Kasempa for Rural Water Supply** and addressed to the Permanent Secretary and must be deposited not later than 14:00 hours local time on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

The bids shall be opened immediately thereafter in the conference room of the Provincial Administration, North-Western Province, in the presence of bidders or their representatives who may choose to attend. **LATE BIDS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

D. Lumbama  
Permanent Secretary  
North-Western Province

*"You can't build a reputation on what you're going to do".*  
*Henry Ford*

# Quantity Surveyors registration Board

## REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

### QUANTITY SURVEYORS REGISTRATION BOARD

(Established under The Quantity Surveyors Act. Cap 37 of 1995, Laws of Zambia to provide for the registration and regulation of Quantity Surveyors and matters connected with the Quantity Surveying profession)

#### **NOTICE**

Following appointments made by the Honorable Minister of Works & Supply, **Hon. M Nsingo MP** on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2005, the following are the New Members of the Quantity Surveyors' Registration Board.



**A Y Kasito**, Chairman



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**K C Mulalelo**, Registrar



**B Simfukwe**, Secretary



**R Nyoni**, Treasurer



**B Kafula**, Chairperson, Practice & Ethics Committee



**M Mutale**, Member



**D Chulu**, Member



**D Y Sichinga**, Member  
(Ministry of Justice)

All Quantity Surveyors wishing to apply for Registration, kindly submit your applications to, The Registrar, P.O Box 32588, Lusaka, Tel: 253179-82, Fax: 253173 and,

For registered Quantity Surveyors/Firms, pay your renewal subscriptions  
to avoid deregistration

Further, the public is hereby warned that it is an offence to engage a person/firm to provide quantity surveying consultancy services or for a Foreign firm to operate in Zambia (in Joint Venture), without being registered by the Board. Violation of this shall lead to prosecution.

**For further enquires or reports, please contact the Registrar**

*“One of the burdens  
of leadership is to be  
unpopular when  
necessary” John  
Maxwell*

# 2006 Construction Awards Notice

## NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CONSTRUCTION

### 2006 CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

#### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The National Council for Construction (NCC) will this year be holding the first ever combined Construction industry awards on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Lusaka. All construction industry professionals, companies, stakeholders and the general public are invited to this very important industry event.

#### **Nominations**

The NCC is also pleased to invite Owners, Developers, Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, Real estates Agents, contractors and the general public to nominate for outstanding workmanship, functionality and beauty of a building, road or any physical structure of their choice from the following categories:

RESIDENTIAL ESTATES	REFUBISHED	RESIDENTIAL PRIVATE
COMMERCIAL	URBAN DESIGN/PLANNING	FEEDER ROADS
INDUSTRIAL	LODGING	URBAN ROADS
PUBLIC BUILDING	ENVIRONMENT	BRIDGES
COMMUNITY	LANDSCAPE	HIGHWAY ROADS
INTERIOR	ROADS	
EDUCATION	HEALTH	

Individuals, companies and institutions wishing to enter their projects are encouraged to contact the NCC Secretariat on the address below for nomination forms and details of entry.

#### **Advertising**

The NCC will be producing a brochure in which all nominated infrastructure and associated donors will be published, individuals and businesses are therefore called upon to advertise their products in this brochure.

#### **Tickets for the main events**

To attend this event, interested parties and members of the public may obtain tickets at a cost of K250,000.00 per person.

#### **Contact**

Nominations, bearing the name of the physical structure, location, consultants and contractors and category to be entered should be sent to:

Mrs. B. Lukhanda – Co-ordinator  
 NCC Construction Awards  
 P.O. Box 39548  
 Lusaka, Zambia  
 Tel: 260 1 240386/247185

*“Nothing great will ever  
 be achieved without great  
 men, and men are great  
 only if they are  
 determined to be so”.*  
*Charles DeGaulle*

## NCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## PSOM—PROGRAMME

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### **How do I apply:**

The EVD, Agency for international Business and cooperation, invites companies to submit projects twice a year. The tender instructions for this public procurement procedure can be found on [ww.evd.nl/psom](http://ww.evd.nl/psom).

The EVD will assess your project proposal against the criteria listed in the tender instructions. If your proposal is approved, the EVD will offer you a contract. The procedure takes about four months. Would you like to know whether it's worth applying to the PSOM Programme? Then fill in the intake form (free of obligation) on [ww.evd.nl/psom](http://ww.evd.nl/psom) and discuss your ideas with one of our project advisors. Or sign up for a workshop on how to write a project proposal"

### **What is the purpose of the PSOM programme**

The purpose of the PSOM programme is to stimulate sustainable economic development in emerging markets. The idea is to generate employment, income and know-how and boost the capacity of the local private sector. Because the programme contributes to the long-term alleviation of poverty, it is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs /Development Cooperation. The Ministry of Economic Affairs sees the programme not only as a tool for sustainable economic development but also for positioning Dutch businesses in emerging markets.

### **What can PSOM do for me?**

The PSOM programme will reimburse part of your investment. The size of the reimbursement depends on the country you are investing in. In most cases, the PSOM programme will reimburse 50% of your project expenses. Generally speaking, your overall project budget should not exceed 1.5 million euros. For the latest information, go to [ww.evd.nl/psom](http://ww.evd.nl/psom).

The PSOM programme is performance-based; that means that you will only receive payment for actual results. To prevent cash flow problems, you may request advance payment under certain conditions.

*“Every great Institution is the lengthened shadow of a single man. His character determines the character of his organisation”. Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**Advance notice:**  
**Construction awards night on Friday 24th March 2006**

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**ATTENTION: TO ALL CONSULTANTS, CONTRACTORS AND THE  
GENERAL PUBLIC**

**RE: NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CONSTRUCTION-  
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AWARDS!**

The National Council for Construction in Conjunction with its co-operating partners will this year host the first ever Construction Industry Awards to recognise Contractors, Consultants and other notable individuals or firms that have contributed positively to the construction industry and to infrastructure development in Zambia by awarding them accordingly on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 at Intercontinental Hotel, Lusaka (guest of honour Hon. Marina Nsingo M.P. Minister of Works and Supply).

All interested Contractors, Consultants; notable individuals and firms should contact the National Council for Construction for the entry form and nomination form, not later than 17th February 2006 and make submissions of the requirements indicated in the form by the same date (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2006). Submissions made later than this date will not be considered.

On 24<sup>th</sup> March 2006, you could be collecting a Construction Industry Award in front of your colleagues and competitors. This is one opportunity you cannot afford to miss, so contact the NCC Secretariat for more details.

Contact:

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

*Helen Keller*

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develop Zambia*



## **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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