

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

President Mwanawasa restates Government 's housing agenda



Some middle class workers are now living in informal housing units or in servants quarters

The Republican President, his Excellency Mr. Levy Patrick Mwanawasa SC has once again restated his Government's housing agenda. Opening the 5th session of the 9th National Assembly on 13th January 2006, the President stated that his Government was concerned with the current state of the housing market in Zambia. Noting that most Zambians cannot at current house building prices afford to build decent houses, the President, therefore, challenged the National Council for Construction (NCC) and the Zambia Institute of Architects (ZIA) to come up with

affordable housing designs and construction methods. To that end, both the NCC and ZIA have taken up the challenge from the Republican President very seriously and initial informal discussions have already taken place between the two institutions. Although it is noted that the Republican President only mentioned the NCC and ZIA as the two institutions to come up with sustainable solutions for affordable housing, it is equally noted that other key institutions and bodies need to be brought on board. Notable key professional institutions and research bodies

that need to be brought on board are the Ministries of Local Government and Housing, Lands and Natural Resources, Works and Supply, the National Housing Authority, Engineering Institution of Zambia, Surveyors Institute of Zambia, and the two Universities among others.

Clearly, it will be very important that very specific schedules (timeframes) and measurable deliverables are set and certain institutions charged with these deliverables if we are to afford mistakes of the past. The President and indeed the nation will - **Turn to page two**

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will no doubt be aware that a lot of work has previously been done in this area, especially at the time when the 1995 National Housing Policy document was prepared. Not only is the 1995 National Housing Policy document a very well prepared document that has been acclaimed nationally, the Housing policy document has won several international awards for its foresight and comprehensive and coordinated solutions in resolving the national housing problem in the country.

No doubt, the aforementioned housing document needs some amendments to take into account the recent socio-economic adjustments that have taken place in the country since the document was launched. It should also be noted that, pursuant to the 1995 Housing document, the Ministry of Local Government and Housing did come up with an implementation plan, which unfortunately failed to take off due to non commitment of funds mainly from our own Government and donors.

Essentially it should be borne in mind that the problem of housing, especially urban housing is one subject that has been well researched and documented and thus there is no need to begin to waste our meagre resources on expensive researches and countless workshops. We need to seriously begin to tackle the root problem of

our current housing crisis. Like wise, the Government needs to put its money where its mouth is. In other words, if the country is to begin to witness positive developments in the housing market, Government needs to begin to inject the required capital inflows in the sector. For example there is need to seriously overhaul the current serviced land delivery system. The current numbers of serviced plots output country-wide are too low to make a significant impact on our national housing stock. It explains why our national housing stock has for a long time remained static at about 1.5m housing stock and yet our national population has continued to grow at a quite rapid pace.

The local authorities, more so the city and municipal councils have completely failed to offer the general public adequate serviced plots, thus compelling most urban dwellers to the so-called shanty compounds. It will also be noted that the general level on investments in these shanty compounds is relatively very high, suggesting that if these shanty dwellers were given serviced plots and guided on the mode of constructing their houses, most of them would end up with quite reasonable houses.

In the last 20 years or so, our formal housing market has literally stopped growing and has therefore been overtaken by the informal housing. It is no wonder that some of our middle class now reside in the informal

housing areas.

The efforts of the private sector institutions such as Meanwood Housing Scheme, Lilayi housing Development and others should equally be appreciated, recognized, encouraged and supported by all major stakeholders. Clearly, given our Governments' financial ability to wholly finance a public housing scheme as was the case in the 1970 is long gone. The housing paradigm as supported by the HABITAT other major international housing players and donors has shifted to one of "enabling". According to prevailing donor supported housing strategies, governments should not be providers of housing units, but rather they should play the role of facilitators "enablers" of housing. This paradigm shift from the hitherto Government provider model, therefore, means that, our Government would find it extremely difficult to find donors or other international private financiers if it decided to actually provide the actual housing units to its citizens. It is however, important to note that, Governments still have very important roles to play in this new housing paradigm of Housing enablement and one hopes that our Government will critically look at these roles.

The local economic fundamentals such as the strengthening of the Kwacha, reducing interest and inflation rates will also greatly assist in brining a positive climate to our local housing market.

"In many developing and developed countries, governments all often spend too much energy doing things they shouldn't do. This distracts them from what they should be doing". Joseph Stiglitz. — Former chief economist at the World Bank.

“The critics of globalization accuse western countries of hypocrisy, and the critics are right. The Western countries have pushed poor countries to eliminate trade barriers, but kept up their own barriers

. Preventing developing countries from exporting their agricultural products...”. Joseph Stiglitz— Former World Bank Chief Economist and Chairman of President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisors.

“SHODDY CONTRACTORS” AND THEIR WORKS STILL “HAUNTING” GOVERNMENT AND NCC

The case of shoddy contractors has continued to make headlines in our newspapers, despite the enactment of the National Council for Construction (NCC) Act 13 of 2003 and the various other efforts that have been made to lessen the scourge. Clearly, the national expectation was that with the enactment of the NCC Act and other related legislation, including the Road Development Agency (RDA) Act the complaints of shoddy contractors will have come to an end, or least be greatly reduced. but that seems not to be the case. The NCC has consequently been inundated with representations from members of the public and from area Members of Parliament (MP) to the apparent increase of contractors rendering bad workmanship.

To that end, the NCC and the RDA with the support of the Planning and Monitoring Department in the Ministry of Works and Supply have been working together to stamp out the vice, but more importantly to find its real cause. The no nonsense Minister and Permanent Secretary in the Works and Supply are already demanding for answers to the question of shoddy contractors, questions such as, is it weak supervisions on the part of the consulting Engineers and/or Architects or its is the question of our contractors not having adequate capacity or is it that contractors are not sufficiently scrutinized by the NCC that is causing the apparent increase in shoddy contractor workmanship.

To that end, all the key stakeholders under the auspices of the NCC have been called to a one-day consultative meeting, expected to be held at the Mulungushi International Centre at which all key stakeholders, including members of the public and their area MPs will compare notes and try to answer the above and other questions pertaining to this vexing shoddy contractor issue. It is expected that the planned one day consultative meeting will also provide guidelines for the way forward. We hope that the affected members of the public and their MPs will attend and provide us with the on sport examples and possible solutions..

UNPRECEDENTED CONSTRUCTION GROWTH FIGURES DISPUTED, NCC ACCUSED OF “GOING OFF COURSE”!

It is a pity that a certain politician has continued to try and drag the NCC into partisan politics by continuously accusing the NCC and its chief officers of “cooking” up construction industry growth figures. There is an insinuation to the effect that we “cook” up construction growth figures to support the ruling party and its Government. Time and again we have seen these accusations in our Newspapers and often some of us have been called names and even insulted. We have further witnessed a yearly practice of trying to block the NCC Budget in parliament on the pretext that the NCC has gone off course and is thus not serving initial purpose! We at the NCC have deliberately tried to ignore these accusations, which we strongly believe are more personal than political.

It is for this reason that we wish to once again want to retaliate our position that the industry's reports that we prepare are purely based on the industry's performance based on production and consumption figures of various construction materials (but mainly based on cement) that we get and that it is not in our interest to “cook” up figures to please anyone. In any case, the NCC is a national institution which comprises all construction professionals and contractors irrespective of their political affiliations. If indeed anybody has a contrary view and perception on the performance of the industry, it is only prudent that they produce their construction industry production figures and subsequent growth analysis. Surely, name calling, insults and trying to continuously block the NCC budget in parliament does not help the average Zambian in the industry. The NCC is above partisan politics and personalities, lets us thus fight personal vendettas outside the NCC and Parliament. In any case, those that fell aggrieved should use already established institutions to resolve their grieves rather than use Parliament and politics to fight personal battles.

NCC to Co-ordinate PPPs in Zambia

“Poor and lower-middle-class Americans are often capitalism’s biggest fans. ..The fact is that a surprising percentage of Americans less well off love billionaires and spurn welfare mothers. They vote republican and fight higher taxes. The last thing they want is government interference and redistribution”. Amy Chua-World on Fire

The NCC has been tasked to co-ordinate Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Zambia. This follows the mandate given by the Ministries of Works and Supply, and Finance through the Secretary to the Treasury.

This means that the NCC will facilitate the formulation of the policy legal and institutional frameworks for PPPs in Zambia; capacity building for both the public and private sectors; and, will involve all stakeholders in the process.

So far, a working group has been constituted comprising members from both the public and private sectors. The working group members represent various sectors of the economy and provide input relevant to these sectors.

Stakeholders will be informed of any developments and consulted on key issues to be addressed. Submissions can be made on issues relevant and critical in the policy and legal framework for PPPs in Zambia. The submissions can be forwarded to the NCC in writing.

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PPP ADVISORY SERVICES

The NCC urgently requires the services of a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) advisor to work closely with the Secretariat in implementing the action plan on PPPs in Zambia. The Advisor will also provide the relevant technical support and advice to the PPP Working Group which comprises stakeholders from both the public and private sectors. The duration of this consultancy is six (6) months.

Key Qualifications and competencies

- Must be a Business/Financial Analyst with both academic (graduate) and professional qualifications in Financial Management or related discipline and a minimum of 10 years experience.
- Should have relevant knowledge and experience in PPPs and should provide evidence of previous work related to the assignment; and have an understanding of the background of the PPP process in relation to the Zambian environment;
- The Advisor must have previous experience in both the public and private sectors of Zambia; and must exhibit a high level of appreciation of the local investment and business climate;

The Advisor must have an existing network with PPP structures in the region and internationally.

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Key Tasks and Deliverables:

Coordination of PPP Working Group outputs and tasks.

Provision of advisory services on PPP structures and models to suit the Zambian environment.

Undertaking desk study in conjunction with the Secretariat to assess capacity of, and analyse the issues affecting private sector investment in infrastructure.

Liaising with regional and international agencies responsible for PPPs e.g. SADC Banking Association and PPP units in UK, France and Germany.

Review of PPP studies undertaken in the region and internationally.

Provision of advisory services in respect of policy formulation and legal and institutional framework for PPPs in Zambia.

Identification of possible PPP projects to be undertaken in Zambia and the requisite structures i.e. BOT, BOOT, Concessions, and Management Contracts etc.

Review and monitoring of outputs from working group meetings.

Report writing and presentation to NCC and the working group on behalf of NCC.

Submission of work plans and preparation of reports on a monthly basis as part of the NCC report to the working group.

Preparing TOR's for assignments identified by the working group as requiring specific technical capability.

Any other tasks to be assigned by NCC from time to time with specific delivery time frames.

The Advisor/Consultant will be required to be available to participate in various activities of the Working Group and the Secretariat such as meetings, studies and other activities that may require extensive travel.

Eligible Consultants are required to provide C.Vs and other documentation to support their suitability for the assignment by 17:00 hours on Tuesday, January 31st, 2006.

Submissions should be addressed to:

The Executive Director

National Council for Construction

P. O. Box 39548,

Lusaka, Zambia.

Tel: 260 1 240386/247185

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“We had been fighting against white minority rule for three quarters of a century. The enemy was strong and resolute. Yet even with all their bombers and tanks, they must have sensed they were on the wrong side of history. We had right on our side, but not yet might. It was clear to me that a military victory was a distinct if not a impossible dream”.
Nelson Mandela-Long walk to freedom

CALL FOR COMMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA

REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

REPORT SUBMITTED BY CHILANGA CEMENT

Chilanga Cement Plc proposes to upgrade their current Cement Manufacturing factory in Chilanga near Lusaka, in order to meet required market demand the new factory will be located north east of the existing plant in Chilanga area, 15 Km south of Lusaka City. It is envisaged that the new plant would be commissioned in 2009 after which the old plant will be dismantled and decommissioned. The manufacture of cement will involve mining, crushing and grinding, pyro – processing, burying, milling, storage and packaging.

The Environmental Council of Zambia, wishes to inform members of the general public, interested and affected parties that the above Environmental impact Assessment Report for Chilanga Cement Plc has been received for review by the ECZ in line with the provision of the Environmental Protection and Pollution Control Act, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation of 1997.

Copies of the report are available for scrutiny during office hours from 09:00 to 16:00 hours at the following places:

1. Kafue District Council – Civic Centre
 2. Lusaka City Council – Civic Centre
- Lusaka – ECZ information Documentation Centre,

Interested and affected parties may send their written submissions to the undersigned within 20 days of this notice. The deadline for submissions of comments is

28th January 2006.

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*“I learned that to
humiliate another person
is to make him suffer an
unnecessarily cruel fate.
Even as a boy, I
defeated my opponents
without dishonouring
them”. Nelson Mandela*

Tender Notice

ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

TB/W/001/06: PRE-QUALIFICATION TENDER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF KALUGNWIISHI HYDRO POWER SCHEMES AND ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION LINES IN LUAPULA PROVINCE

The Government of the Republic of Zambia through the Office for Promoting Private Power Investment (OPPI) in the Ministry of Energy and Water Development wishes to offer a concession related to the development of the Hydro power stations and the Transmission lines to connect to the National Grid on a Build, Own Operate (BOO) basis at Kabwelume and Kudabwika Falls on the Kalungwishi River in Luapula Province.

The Zambia National Tender Board, on behalf of the Ministry of Energy and Water Development, now invites interested sector developers to participate in the pre-qualification of firms to take part in the tender for the development of two Hydro Power Stations and Transmission lines.

The process of selecting the firms will be undertaken through a two stage competitive bidding process. Applications are invited to pre-qualify for the formal bid process as the first stage to process. The second stage will be a formal tender process by the pre-qualified applicants. The pre-qualified applicants will be requested to bid in accordance with the procedures outlined in the framework and package of incentives for Private Sector Participation in Hydropower Generation and Transmission Development announced by the Government of the Republic of Zambia in May 1998.

The pre-qualification document may be obtained from the Zambia National Tender Board, Room 21 on the 1st Floor, Red Cross House Los Angeles Boulevard, Lusaka, Zambia. Upon payment of a non-refundable fee of K1,000,000.00 or its equivalent in any convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque.

The telephone numbers are 260 (1) 250683/4, 260 (1) 250632 and the telefax number is 260 (1) 250687. **HOWEVER TELEGRAPHIC, TELEFAX OR E-MAIL OFFERS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The bidding documents should be submitted as one (1) original and four (4) copies clearly marked as **“TB/W/001/06 – Pre-qualification Tender for the development of Kalungwishi Hydro Power Schemes and associated Transmission Lines in Luapula Province”**.

The bids should be deposited in the tender box located on the 2nd floor, Red Cross House, Los Angeles Boulevard, Longacres, Lusaka on or before **Friday 24 February 2006 at 14:00 hours local time**. The bids shall be opened immediately thereafter in the Conference Room of the Zambia National Tender Board on the 2nd floor Red Cross House in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

David Kapitolo
Director General
Zambia National Tender Board

“One of the most common causes of failure is the habit of quitting when one is overtaken by temporary defeat. Every person is guilty of this mistake at one time or the another”.
Napoleon Hill-Think and grow rich

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Notices

ZAMBIA – FINLAND BUSINESS FORUM & NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Following the signing of the agreement between the Government and the Republic of Zambia and the government of the Republic of Finland on the Promotion and Protection of Investments, Export Board of Zambia (EBZ) and the Finnish Embassy have since increased the number of joint activities and are now working together on all trade and investment related activities. This partnership also aims at finding ways through which EBZ and the Finish Embassy could work together to promote products and services offered by Zambian and Finnish companies respectively.

The Finland – Zambia Investment Promotion and Protection agreement aims at stimulating the flow of private capital and economic development. In line with the outlined aim, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland cordially invites suitable business and investment oriented companies to the Zambia-Finland Business Forum & Networking luncheon with H.E. Ms. Mari Kiviniemi – Minister for Foreign Trade and Development of Finland and Hon. Dipak Patel MP., Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry of Zambia. The purpose of the forum is to bring the Finnish and Zambian companies together so that they could discuss one to one business deals and other various forms of cooperation.

Export oriented companies are encouraged to attend and take advantage of the Business Forum as it will provide an excellent platform ranging from networking to striking strategic partnerships and alliances.

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Time: 09:00hrs to 14:00hrs (program to be delivered after registration)

Venue: Hotel Taj Pamodzi, Amalila Conference Room

Please confirm your participation and send your details to the Embassy of Finland, Ms. Elizabeth Mwilwa by Monday January, 30, 2006 on telephone no. 260 1 251988 or 260 95 838822 Fax 260 1 253783, Email: Elisabeth.mwila@formin.fi and indicate whether you will attend both the Business Forum and the Networking Lunch or the Business Forum only:

Name:	
Title:	
Company:	
Industry Sector:	
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E-mail:	

‘Failure is a trickster with a keen sense of irony and cunning. It takes great delight in tripping one when success is almost within reach’.
Napoleon Hill-Think and grow rich

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

ATTENTION: TO ALL CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS

**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 24th March, 2006 at Intercontinental Hotel, Lusaka (guest of honour his Excellency the president Mr. Levy Patrick Mwanawasa).

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 31st January 2006 and make submissions of the requirements indicated in the form by Friday 13th February 2006. Submissions made later than this date will not be considered.

On 24th 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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“Gratitude creates the most wonderful feeling . It can resolve disputes, it can strengthen friendships and it makes us better men and women”. Gordon B. Hinkley

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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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