



MINISTRY OF WORKS AND SUPPLY

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON PROGRESS MADE ON THE
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT KENNETH KAUNDA INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT AND THE NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN NDOLA**

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Mr Speaker,

The Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) through the Revised Sixth National Development Plan (SNDP) has identified infrastructure development as a prime mover of national development. In particular, development of airport infrastructure is seen as being cardinal to economic growth because of its direct impact on improved tourism and business efficiency.

In this regard, the Ministry of Works and Supply through Zambia Airports Corporation Limited (ZACL) embarked on the development of various airport infrastructure across the country in quest for better passenger facilitation. However, my statement today will be limited to progress made in the development of the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport and the new Greenfield Simon Mwansa Kapwepwe International Airport in Ndola

Mr. Speaker,

Allow me to proceed with updating this August House and the nation in general on progress made on the construction of infrastructure at the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport. Sir, the tender adjudication process for the Design and Construction of Airport Infrastructure at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport culminated into award of contract to China Jiangxi Corporation for International Economic and Technical Cooperation.

The Government signed an agreement with the Contractor, China Jiangxi Corporation for International Economic and Technical Cooperation on 3rd June 2013 for the Design and Construction of Airport Infrastructure at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport at a contract sum of US\$385,809,673.00.

The scope of works constitutes the following: -

- a) Construction of 4 million capacity International Terminal Building with six (6) aero bridges;
- b) Construction of a 30 room capacity In-transit Passenger Hotel and a 70 room Non-transit Passenger Hotel;
- c) Construction of Office Park and Shopping Mall;

- d) Construction of Apron and Taxiways;
- e) Construction of Rescue and Fire Service Stations;
- f) Upgrade of water and power reticulation;
- g) Construction of landside and airside driveways;
- h) Construction of 39 metres high Air Traffic Control Tower;
- i) Rehabilitation of Zambia Air Services Training Institute;
- j) Construction of Airport Cargo Terminal;
- k) Construction of Aircraft Maintenance Hangar;
- l) Construction of Airport Fuel Farm; and
- m) Construction of a stand-alone Presidential Terminal.

Mr Speaker,

I wish to report that the design of the priority facilities comprising the Terminal Building; Air Traffic Control Tower; Rescue and Fire Services Station; Airport Hotel; and the Presidential Pavilion have been substantially completed and the design is at 95% to completion.

Equally, significant progress has been recorded on the design of the Airport Cargo Terminal, Shopping Mall and Office Park. Sir, progress recorded in the design of these facilities is at 85% to completion.

I would like to further report that The Contractor has mobilised and has since completed the construction of the site camp and offices. The geological survey and setting out of the priority facilities has been completed and site preparation and foundation work for the Terminal Building is substantially completed. Sir, according to the plans, the Contractor is scheduled to finish the construction of the Terminal Building superstructure in September 2016.

In addition, I wish to inform this August House that the construction of the Rescue and Fire Services Station has advanced and scheduled to be completed by April 2016. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in 2019.

Mr Speaker,

Regarding the design and construction of the New Greenfield International airport in Ndola, I wish to inform this August House that the tender adjudication for the Financing, Design and Construction of the Greenfield International Airport in Ndola culminated into award of the contract to AVIC International Holding Corporation Limited at contract sum of US\$522 million with a completion period of 54 months. Subsequently the contract was signed on 11th September 2013. Thereafter, financial negotiations with the Ministry of Finance has been completed. However, the loan agreement is yet to be signed with the Export and Import Bank of China.

Sir, the implementation of the project has been divided into two (2) phases. Phase I will be executed within three years at the cost of US\$398 million whilst Phase II would follow thereafter at the cost of US\$124million. The first phase of the Project is anticipated to start in April 2016 for a period of three years, whilst phase two will start thereafter subject to availability of funds.

Mr Speaker,

The scope of works in Phase I constitutes the following: -

- a) Construction of one (1) million capacity International Terminal Building with three aero bridges;
- b) Construction of a 50 room hotel;
- c) Construction of Business Complex;
- d) Construction of Apron, Taxiway and Runway;
- e) Construction of Rescue and Fire Services Station; (Capacity of tanks)
- f) Provision of water and power reticulation;
- g) Construction of car parks, landside and airside driveways;
- h) Construction of 28metres high Air Traffic Control Tower;
- i) Construction of Airport Cargo Terminal;

- j) Construction of Aircraft Maintenance Hangar; and
- k) Construction of Airport Fuel Farm.

Mr. Speaker,

The proposed land earmarked for the construction of the new green field international airport has been identified and the delineation process is underway and is being facilitated by the Ministry of Lands, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection. In addition, the demographic survey that was undertaken by the Forestry Department indicated that there about 2,000 squatters who should be resettled. The survey has also indicated that there is a ZAFFICO Plantation on the proposed airport land. The plantation will be cut-down to pave way for the airport construction and ZAFFICO will be compensated.

How much?

Sir, in the interest of advancing the project, the Ministry of Lands, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection gave approval to Zambia Airports Corporation Limited for the commencement of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process whilst waiting for the land expropriation process. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping meeting was conducted in November 2015 in readiness for undertaking the full Environment Impact Assessment.

Mr. Speaker,

I wish to take this opportunity to advise the Honourable Members of Parliament that the preliminary conceptual designs for the new airport international airport were presented to the stakeholders for consideration in January 2016 and the Contractor is expected to submit the revised designs by end of March 2016.

Sir, the geological survey commenced on 22nd February 2016 and will be conducted over a period of two (2) months. The purpose of this exercise is to establish the soil formation which is cardinal in the design of the foundations for the buildings and pavements.

The Contractor is scheduled to commence mobilization, site clearing and earthworks in the second quarter of 2016.

May I conclude by assuring this house that the Ministry is keen to ensure that that the two projects commence as planned and that they are closely supervised. The implementation of the projects will create jobs for the youths and enhance connectivity to the sub-region and beyond.

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Mr Speaker, I thank you