

## PRESS STATEMENT

OVER 900 JOBS WILL BE CREATED IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCE FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF FOREST PLANTATIONS BY THE ZAMBIA FORESTRY INDUSTRY COMPANY, ZAFFICO.

ZAFFICO IS SCHEDULED TO PLANT THOUSANDS OF HECTARES OF FORESTRY IN KASAMA, MPOROKOSO AND LUWINGU COMMENCING THIS MONTH.

AS PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION WE ARE EXCITED TO REPORT THAT WE HAVE CONCLUDED OUR YEAR LONG DISCUSSIONS WITH ZAFFICO AND THE INITIAL 100 000 HECTARES PLANTATIONS TO EMPLOY UP TO 300 KASAMA YOUTHS WILL BE LAUNCHED AS PART OF THE NORTHERN INVESTMENT EXPO THIS NOVEMBER.

OUR PLANS FOR THIS EXPO IS THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE A MERE TALKING SHOP, WE INTEND THAT HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT EDGAR CHAGWA LUNGU SHOULD WITNESS THE SIGNING OF DEALS.

I AM HAPPY TO INFORM THE NATION THAT CLEARING OF LAND AND STUMPING IN READINESS FOR PLANTING WILL COMMENCE NEXT WEEK.

THE ZAFFICO PLANTATIONS DEAL IS ONE PRE - EXPO DEAL WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE CONCLUDED AND WILL BE LAUNCHED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT DURING THE EXPO THAT WILL BE HELD TOGETHER WITH THE CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS SINCE THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR IN MBALA ON 25TH NOV 2018

IN ORDER TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT WE HAVE SINCE SIGNED A CONSULTANCY CONTRACT WITH ENTRY POINT AFRICA LIMITED, AN INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS FIRM TO PACKAGE A NUMBER OF PROJECTS INTO BANKABLE INVESTMENT DOCUMENTS.

AMONG THE PROJECTS BEING PACKAGED IS THE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND HECTARES KALUNGWISHI FARMING BLOCK WHICH IS LIKELY TO CREATE OVER 40 000 JOBS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND A SHOPPING MALL NEAR KASAMA GOLF CLUB.

OTHER PROJECTS BEING PACKAGED ARE THE MPULUNGU HARBOUR, ZAMBIA'S ONLY INLAND PORT AND GATEWAY TO THE GREAT LAKES REGION OF BURUNDI, RWANDA, TANZANIA AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO.

ENTRY POINT AFRICA WHO ARE ALREADY IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO LOOK AT POTENTIAL HYDRO POWER PROJECTS AT LUMANGWE, KALAMBO, KABWELUMWE AND NINE OTHER WATER FALLS LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCE.

WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WITH PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OF OUR CONSULTANTS ON PROJECTS LIKE THE MULTI MILLION LUSAKA SOUTH MULTI- FACILITY ECONOMIC ZONE AND OTHER NOTABLE PROJECTS DONE

WITH ZAMBIA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, ZDA, WE WILL BE ABLE TO STRIKE  
GOOD INVESTMENT DEALS DURING THIS EXPO.

I CAN ONLY APPEAL TO OUR LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS TO POSITION  
THEMSELVES FOR INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS.

ELIAS KAMANGA  
PS NORTHERN PROVINCE