

## Press Statement

**Mr. Raymond Mpundu heads new Board at ERB**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Former Deputy Minister, Mr. Raymond Mpundu and renowned media activist, Mr. Ngande Mwanajiti have been elected Board Chairperson and Board Vice Chairperson of the Energy Regulation Board (ERB), respectively.

This follows elections conducted at the induction Board meeting held at the Energy House in Lusaka on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

An Economist by profession, Mr. Mpundu once served as a former Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce Trade and Industry, while Mr. Mwanajiti who studied Development Studies is also a lawyer, writer and former newspaper proprietor.

Minister of Energy Mr. David Mabumba appointed a new board at the ERB pursuant to Section 3 of the Energy Regulation Act, Chapter 436 of the Laws of Zambia, as amended by Act No. 23 of 2003 on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017.

Other Board Members are Ms. Tembí G. Vibetti Simuchoba, Mr. Fred Zama, Mr. Dean M. Mumba, Mr. Israel Phiri and Mr. Booker C. Kapapula. The Board members, drawn from a diverse background, bring a blend of skills, expertise and experience in economics, law, private sector, engineering, hydro power planning and development.

Meanwhile, Mr. Mabumba has challenged the new board to create an enabling regulatory environment that will enhance private sector participation in the energy sector.

"The Energy Regulation Board is a very strategic institution in this country and your job is to provide clear policy direction and guidance to the betterment of the people of Zambia," said the Minister.

In accepting his election, Mr. Mpundu recognised the gravity of the responsibility the appointing authority had placed in the board members and assured the Minister the ERB was in good hands.



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