



Press Statement

ERB Approves 45 Energy Licences and 10 Construction Permits Worth ZMW 1.36 Billion

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The Energy Regulation Board (ERB) has approved forty-five (45) Energy licences and ten (10) construction permits in the petroleum, electricity, and renewable energy sub-sectors, representing a total investment pledge of ZMW 1.36 billion (US\$ 49 million).

These approvals, granted during the ERB Licensing Committee meeting held on 16th May, reflect sustained investor interest in Zambia's energy sector and highlight the country's favourable regulatory environment. They also demonstrate the ERB's continued efforts to streamline approval processes, creating a conducive business environment that supports timely application reviews and efficient project implementation.

The approved licences cover a broad range of energy-related activities, including: renewable energy generating services, distribution, import, and export of petroleum products, retail of Liquefied Petroleum Gas, lubricant related operations, and electricity Trading. These authorisations play a critical role in ensuring energy availability, improving operational efficiency, and expanding access to modern energy services and equipment across the country.

Among the construction permits approved, a notable key renewable energy infrastructure project includes, Phase 2 of a 100 MWp Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Power Plant to be developed in four phases of 25 MWp each in Chief Mailo's Area in Kanona, Serenje District valued at US\$ 27.5 million.

To enhance petroleum logistics and infrastructure, the ERB also licensed 114 road tank vehicles, and authorised the operation of three newly constructed service stations.

The ERB remains committed to upholding its core values as it continues to effectively regulate the energy sector and promote a sustainable, reliable, and inclusive energy mix.

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