



Press Statement

**ERB Approves 24 Licences, 7 Construction Permits and Inclusions to Licences
Totaling ZMW 1.1 billion (US\$ 60 million) in Investment**

24th March, 2026

The Energy Regulation Board (ERB) has approved twenty-four (24) licences, seven (7) construction permits and inclusions to licences representing a total investment pledge of ZMW 1.1 billion (US\$60 million) towards energy service delivery and infrastructure development across the electricity, renewable energy and downstream petroleum subsectors.

The approvals granted at the ERB Licensing Committee meeting held on 16th March 2026, reflect sustained investor confidence and the effectiveness of the Board's regulatory framework in facilitating compliant, and sustainable energy investments.

The approved licences include nine (9) for the manufacture, supply, installation and maintenance of renewable energy generating equipment; seven (7) for the transportation of petroleum products; four (4) for the distribution, import and export of petroleum products; two (2) for the retail of petroleum products; one (1) for the generation of electricity; and one (1) for the importation, blending and packaging, distribution and export of lubricants. In addition, the ERB approved the licensing of eighty (80) petroleum transportation fuel tankers, strengthening the petroleum supply chain and enhancing national distribution capacity to support security of supply.

In the downstream petroleum subsector, the ERB approved seven (7) construction permits for retail service stations and authorised commissioning of four (4) retail service stations for operational use. Further approvals include seventy-three (73) Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) retail kiosks and one (1) LPG storage facility, which will ease access to LPG for consumers across the country. These developments contribute to the expansion of compliant petroleum infrastructure and improved accessibility of petroleum products nationwide.

All licences and permits were issued in accordance with the Energy Regulation Act No. 12 of 2019, reinforcing ERB's commitment to compliancy, operational transparency, consumer protection, and long-term sector sustainability.

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