



Press Statement

ERB Issues 133 Licences and 32 Construction Permits in the First Half of 2024

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The Energy Regulation Board (ERB) has issued **133** Licences and 32 Construction Permits in the first half of 2024. The issuance of licences is in accordance with the mandate given to the ERB under the Energy Act No 12 of 2019 section 4 (a) which obligates the Regulator to issue specialised licences to enterprises in order for them to operate legally in the provision of energy products and services in Zambia.

The **133** licences issued span across the various energy sub-sectors including:

Petroleum: One hundred (**100**) licences covering Distribution, Import, Export, Retail, Road Transportation and Lubricants; including Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG).

Electricity: Six (**6**) licences contributing to increased power generation capacity, specifically the 60 MW solar photovoltaic power plant by CEC Renewables Limited, and facilitating for entry of more intermediary traders.

Renewable Energy: Twenty-seven (**27**) licences, including Manufacture, Supply, Installation and Maintenance of renewable energy equipment to support the deployment of alternative power solutions and off-grid systems, as well as production, storage and blending of Biofuels.

Furthermore, the ERB issued thirty-two (32) Construction Permits for development of various energy projects which included petroleum service stations across the country, and a 300 MW coal-based power plant as part of the Maamba Collieries Limited (“Maamba”) – Phase II Power Project. The total value of the licences and construction permits approved is US\$ 524,352,000.00 (ZMW 13,449,610,000.00), with significant investments such as the Maamba 300 MW Phase II power plant and a 60 MW solar PV power plant by CEC Renewables Limited representing a significant investment. This substantial investment not only creates direct and

indirect employment opportunities, contribute to the socio-economic upliftment of the surrounding communities, but also improves availability and accessibility of energy products for consumers nationwide.

Overall, the ERB's commitment to streamlining the licensing and permitting process has played a crucial role in attracting investments and expediting project implementation. By fostering a conducive regulatory environment that promotes the integration of alternative energy sources in Zambia's energy mix, the ERB continues to record a number of local and foreign investors expressing interests to invest in Renewable Energy and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG).

The efficient issuance of these licences and permits reflects the ERB's dedication to promoting sustainable energy infrastructure investments and ensuring a reliable diversified energy supply. By working collaboratively with other regulatory agencies, the ERB aims to create a strong energy landscape that drives economic growth, creates job opportunities for all Zambians and enhances the country's energy security.

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