



GOVERNMENT RELEASES K70 MILLION FOR TOLL COLLECTORS WHO HAVE OPTED TO SEPARATE FROM NRFA AS CONCESSIONAIRE TAKES OVER THREE TOLL GATES

The Ministry of Finance and National Planning has released K70 million to the National Road Fund Agency (NRFA) for payment of redundancy packages to all Toll Collectors who have opted to separate from the Agency ahead of the take over of three Toll Gates on the Lusaka Ndola Road this Saturday 30th November 2024 by Macro Ocean Investment Consortium (MOIC), the Concessionaire that is upgrading the Road to a dual carriageway under the Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in line with the Concession agreement.

NRFA Public Relations Manager Alphonsius Hamachila has said from this Saturday onwards, all toll operations at Katuba, Manyumbi and Kafulafuta will be handled by the concessionaire and fees collected from the three Toll Gates, will be channeled into an ESCROW Account controlled jointly by the Government and the Concessionaire for the maintenance of the existing road until the Concessionaire completes the construction of the project and takes over the full operations and maintenance of the new road.

Mr. Hamachila has assured motorists of a smooth and seamless transition of toll operations from the NRFA to the Concessionaire saying that the current Toll Tarif structure and all key toll features including the electronic card payment platform will still be in use.

He said the Agency had put necessary measures to avoid job losses for the affected 127 staff at the three Toll Gates and offered all affected employees the option of continuing in the employment of the Agency and be redeployed to other Toll Gates across the country

Further, the affected staff had been given the option of separating from the Agency and be considered for employment by the Concessionaire under new conditions of service or pursue their own interests outside the NRFA and the Concessionaire.

Mr. Hamachila said only 17 Toll Collectors opted to remain in the employment of the NRFA, while 87 were recommended to join the Concessionaire and 23 chose to pursue their own interests.

He said NRFA has now commenced the payment process for terminal packages for all the 110 employees who have opted to separate from the Agency in line with the applicable laws and contracts of service.

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