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MCA-T Hands Over Laela–Sumbawanga Road Site to Aarsleff-BAM International Joint Venture V.O.F

On 11th June 2010, a team of experts from Millennium Challenge-Account-Tanzania (MCA-T), Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) in the presence of the Rukwa Regional Authorities conducted the Laela-Sumbawanga road kick off meeting including a site handing over event to both the Supervision Consultant M/S Egis BCEOM and the Contractor Aarsleff-BAM International Joint Venture V.O.F.

The kick off meeting focused on contractual matters, clarification of key issues and definition of responsibilities among the consulting engineer and the contractor for smooth take off and implementation of the project. The kick off meeting was preceded by a stakeholders meeting held on 10th June 2010 with representatives from regional and district authorities, politicians, private sector road users, public utilities providers, members of the press and representatives of the communities in the project areas. The main objective of the meeting was to discuss issues related to the project and the expected benefits to be accrued to the stakeholders. The stakeholders' meeting was chaired by Hon. Daniel Ole Njoolay, Rukwa Regional Commissioner who described how important the road is to the residents of Rukwa region. *“This year, Rukwa region expects to produce 2.2 million tons of food while the actual requirement for the region is only 300,000 tons. Roads are the number one priority for Rukwa region, without it the surplus cannot be transported to the markets in other parts of the country”* stated the Regional Commissioner.

The handing over ceremony was performed at Lwiche Bridge in Sumbawanga and was marked by the MCA-T Director of Transport Sector Project, Eng. Salum Sasillo on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Bernard S. Mchomvu to the representative of Aarsleff-BAM International Joint Venture V.O.F, Mr. H. Kloeze. The occasion was witnessed by the Rukwa Regional Commissioner, Hon. Daniel Ole Njoolay, MCC Resident Country Director, Mr. Karl Fickenscher, MCC Senior Director Infrastructure, Mr. Jonathan Saiger and other representatives from the region, districts, MCA-T, TANROADS, supervision consultant M/S Egis BCEOM and residents of Majengo area in Sumbawanga.

It is important to note that on 29th April 2010, Millennium Challenge-Account- Tanzania (MCA-T) and Aarsleff-BAM International Joint Venture V.O.F signed a works contract worth USD 97,141,710.02 (equivalent to TShs 130,038,128,086.21) with a view to upgrade to bitumen standard the Laela - Sumbawanga road (95.31km).

Upgrading of the Laela–Sumbawanga road is one of the Mainland Trunk Road Activities under the Millennium Challenge Compact signed by President George W. Bush and President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete on 17th February 2008 to reduce poverty by stimulating sustainable economic growth in Tanzania through targeted investments in transportation, energy, and water infrastructure.



MCA-T Director of Transport Sector Projects Eng. Salum Sasillo (1st R) handing over a document to Representative of Aarsleff-BAM International Joint Venture V.O.F, Mr. H. Kloeze, (2nd L) to signify the handing over the site for Laela- Sumbawanga road (95.31km).. The event was witnessed by Rukwa Regional Commissioner, Hon. Daniel Ole Njoolay (2nd R) and MCC Resident Country Director, Mr. Karl Fickenscher (1st L)

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