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**MCA-T awards M/S China New Era International Engineering Corporation of People’s Republic of China to upgrade Ikana –Laela road (64.2km) to bitumen standard**

On 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010, the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Entry into Force, the Millennium Challenge Account–Tanzania (MCA-T), the Accountable Entity responsible for the management of the implementation of projects funded by the Government of United States of America through Millennium Challenge Corporation, awarded a Tshs 76.1 billion contract to M/s China New Era International Engineering Corporation of People’s Republic of China to upgrade Ikana – Laela road (64.2km) to bitumen standard. Based on the engineering works analysis, it is estimated that construction work will take 23 months to complete.

MCA-T Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Bernard Mchomvu, congratulated M/s China New Era International Engineering Corporation for winning the tender through competitive bidding procedures and urged them to perform an excellent job to the satisfaction of both the financiers and the people of Tanzania.

“We are very confident that you will deliver a high quality work, timely and as per allocated budget. All needed supervisory machinery is in place. In addition to TANROADS as the MCA-T implementing entity, we also have M/s Egis BCEOM of France who is the works supervising consultancy firm.” stated Mr. Mchomvu

Speaking on behalf of the **M/s China New Era**, Mr.Tian Jin, the General Manager said,

“We are delighted to be awarded this contract to work with MCA-T. We can assure you that we will complete the assignment on time and deliver excellent quality of work. We also promise to cooperate with employer, engineers and all other clients”

As you are aware, Tunduma – Sumbawanga road (224 km) has been divided into three sections. In April 2010, MCA-T signed contract with Aarsleff-BAM International Joint Venture V.O.F to upgrade Laela –Sumbawanga road (95.31km) to bitumen standard. The contract for the Tunduma – Ikana road (63.7km) is expected to be signed next week.

Upon completion, Tunduma – Sumbawanga road will stimulate economic activities, including agricultural production, improve access of the people to basic social services and also will enhance the exploitation of tourist potentials in Rukwa Region. It is important also to note that

Sumbawanga town is a main trade link with Zambia and Democratic Republic of Congo through Kasanga port in Lake Tanganyika



*Chief Executive Officer of Millennium Challenge Account Tanzania (MCA-T) Mr. Bernard Mchomvu ( 2<sup>nd</sup> L) and General Manager of M/s **China New Era** Mr. Tian Jin (2<sup>nd</sup> R) signing the contract at the Millennium Challenge Account-Tanzania Office in Dar es Salaam Tanzania on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010.*



*Chief Executive Officer of Millennium Challenge Account Tanzania (MCA-T) Mr. Bernard Mchomvu ( 5<sup>th</sup> L) shakes hands with Mr. Tian Jin (4<sup>th</sup> R) General Manager of M/s **China New Era** while handing over contract document to signify starting of the work. The contract signing was witnessed by MCC Resident Country Director Mr. Karl Fickenscher (4<sup>th</sup> L) and Senior Staff from MCA-T, TANROADS and Supervising Consultants Egis BCEOM.*

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