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Inaugural Speech of the New ACEZ President Eng. Andrew Nkolonganya Ngosa

It is with great honour and humility that I stand before you as your new president of the Association of Consulting Engineers of Zambia. May I take this opportunity to thank the Council and our general membership for entrusting me with running the affairs of the Association for the next year.

I further extend thanks and gratitude to the outgoing President (Eng. Abel Ng'andu) who I want to commend for the exemplary leadership he exhibited over the last 2 years. I also want to recognise all past presidents of ACEZ for their invaluable contributions in shaping our successful and noble association that we have today.

I am glad to notice that I have a strong team of Councilors who will assist me in ensuring that objectives of the association are delivered in the interest of our membership. We are also privileged to have two past presidents to sit on the new Council (Eng. Moses Nkhata and Eng. Abel Ng'andu) who will provide guidance and direction.

I am quite cognisant of the challenges our association and our members are currently facing. One area of particular concern is the delayed payments in perpetuity for services our members have earnestly provided, particularly on Government funded projects. I am quite aware that this situation has become unbearable and in my view this is the biggest threat to the vibrance and existence of consulting engineering. I therefore pledge that the new Council and I will look into this matter with the urgency and importance it deserves.

One other area of concern is the sprouting numbers of Consulting Firms (both Local and Foreign) in Zambia that are operating illegally without due registration and subscription to the association. Firms operating in this manner very often do so with compromised standards owing to lack of oversight. This in turn tarnishes



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the name of the association and deprives it of operational revenue from subscriptions. In the coming months, we shall set up a task team with close collaboration with EIZ, to ensure that this matter is addressed swiftly.

I am excited to announce that the previous Council had already commissioned an Architect to design the ACEZ Centre of Excellence as our new HQ in Chilanga. The designs are already underway, and we will indeed take the next steps of exploring avenues of saucing for funds to ensure that our strategic goal of having our own building is realised.

I would also want to urge and encourage our general membership to take keen interest in participating in the running and activities of the Council and the Secretariat. One way of doing so is through being a member of the Council's sub-committees. I believe this will give a wider representation as decisions are made at the Council level.

Once again it is an honour and privilege to serve you as your new President. Thank you very much and may God bless you all.



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