ITALIANS GET NOD FOR E2OMI NONDVO DAM STUDY

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Italian Firm, Studio Pietrangeli Consulting Engineers, which comes to the country with great reputation, having worked successfully in a number of African and overseas countries, won a bid to undertake a feasibility study into the construction of the much-awaited Nondvo Dam.

Doubled the Mbabane – Manzini multipurpose dam, the Nondvo Dam is expected to ease water supply problems for the vehicles in the country’s major cities as experienced during the recent El Nino induced drought and thus avoid water crisis in the Mbabane – Manzini development corridor. The feasibility study is funded to the tune of E20 million and is expected to run for the next two years starting from the beginning of next month. The project is jointly funded by government and the African Development Bank (AfDB) working in joint collaboration with the African Water Facility and the Climate Resilient Infrastructure Development Facility (CRIDF).

This was revealed by Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy, Wannio Stewart during the launch of the feasibility study at the Mountain Inn in Mbabane yesterday.

The idea is that the dam will not only provide opportunities for water supply alone to the provision of clean and portable water to the communities around the above corridor, but could also tap into the fields of hydro-power generation and irrigation.

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The Nondvo Dam will be located in the Lusumwana River Basin, downstream of the Lupholo Dam on a smaller stream called the Nondvo River at Siphofaneni. The feasibility study will investigate the pre-feasibility scoping whereby alternative water solutions for the supply of water between the two cities are to be explored; the feasibility and design studies of the long-term solution which will include the hydrological analysis, geological and geotechnical analysis;

Govt: Accord full cooperation to consultant

Wannio Stewart, Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy, expressed full cooperation towards the appointed consultant from all stakeholders in the undertaking of the dam’s feasibility study.

The PS, in her closing remarks during the launch of the study yesterday, issued a warning to all stakeholders to ensure that they do not withhold any information required by the consultant when doing their work. She said everyone should avoid sending the consultant a raw report, as this could lead to the consultant having no idea of what they should be doing. She advised the consultant to fully understand the project before proceeding. She also assured the consultant that the project will be open to all, and that information will be shared to all stakeholders.

The Department of Water Affairs will be working with the consultant to ensure the achievement of the intended results. This is to be informed by the outcomes of many meetings to be held during the implementation of the Nondvo Dam feasibility study project.

For the project to be implemented, she said, we expect that an environmental survey will be conducted soon and we will also be mindful of the climate change possible effects on the dam. We will seek an open mind as we collect our data so as to examine all the possible alternatives to this project,” said Bracsa.

PS Stewart, on the other hand, explained that the Italian Consulting Firm was chosen through a competitive international bidding exercise where a total of 38 firms had shown interest.

“We take this opportunity to congratulate Studio Pietrangeli for having been chosen for this assignment. This is a very important national project, which will investigate different water supply options to avail water to the Mbabane - Manzini development corridor. It is from these options that the consultant will advise an option which will be taken to feasibility stage. The ministry expresses greatest appreciation for the project’s financial support, which will go a long way in ensuring that the country fulfills its vision to achieve 100 per cent water coverage for its citizens by the year 2022,” said the PS.

Wannio Stewart also highlighted that her ministry notes that water shortages that currently prevail within the country more especially the impact this has had in the country’s major cities.

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It starts now: Ministry of Natural Resources PS Winnie Stewart making her remarks during the launch of the Mountain Inn yesterday. Looking on are Studio Pietrangeli Consulting Engineer’s Antonio Bracsa and Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) Managing Director Peter Bhembwe. (Pic: Bwota Monga)

and the exact location of dam, dam size, potential for water supply over the years.

Report

Led by the firm’s Project Manager Antonio Bracsa, the SP team, also comprising Environmental Specialist Franco Terragni and Business Development Specialist/Anne McAuley, boast of experience in the construction of dams worldwide spanning over 50 years and engineering expertise spanning close to a century.

McAuley disclosed that they have been involved in the construction of 200 dams around the world, 18 of which have been hydro-power generation dams.

She said they are a recent breaking firm having designed and constructed the Little Bells Dam in Ethiopia over a record breaking six months. Bracsa said they will be bringing to the country their full expertise and that they will be hands-on throughout the two-year period.

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Liquor Notice

It is hereby notified for general information that the Liquor Licensing Board will hold its sitting to hear the following applications at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Conference Room on the 29th January 2017, starting at 09:00h.

Region Mpushi:

1. MITCHEL LLOYD: P.O. Box 8627, SWAZI PLAZA RENAISSANCE, a Wholesale Liquor retail outlet at 1st and 2nd Avenue.

Matsapha Industrial Site, known as Swaziland Liquor Distributors.

Any person who wishes to lodge an objection to the above-mentioned application may do so with the Secretary of the Liquor Licensing Board in writing, sending a copy to the applicant by registered mail to reach him/her at least ten days before the setting of the Board.

SECRETARY LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD
P.O. BOX 451
MBABANE

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CLOSING DATE 17 February 2017

The Swazi National Revenue Authority is seeking services from experienced companies for the above mentioned services. Only companies that are suitably qualified and have previous experience and capacity to provide similar services will be considered.

Tenderers should submit the following:

A. Company profile

B. Technical and Financial proposals

C. Certified Copy of Valid Tax Compliance Certificate

D. Certified Copy of Valid Trading Licence

E. Labour Compliance Certificate

Company must submit annual financial statements for the past 3 years or since inception.

G. Names and contact details of at least three (3) reference clients

H. Statement of Joint Ventures/Partnerships

Interested and suitable qualified vendors who wish to provide the above services for SRA must visit the SRA website www.sera.org.sv for the Terms of Reference and the Swazi Public Procurement Regulatory Authority website www.appra.co.sz.

Tenders must be placed in the tender box in a sealed envelope showing the Tender name and contact number not later than 1200h Noon, on the closing date at the Swazi National Revenue Authority, Ground Floor Reception, Shebelela Building 2, Mbabane Office Park

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SRA does not bind itself to award the tender