

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **CIDB SOUTH AFRICA SUPPORTS THE 4<sup>th</sup> BUILT ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE ZAMBIA.**

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The Construction Industry Development Board (cidb) of South Africa continues to show commitment towards the construction-related fields by sponsoring the 4<sup>th</sup> Built Environment Conference which convenes in Zambia between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

The Conference will bring together researchers, academics and business to discuss built environment: construction-related research, development and education from different parts of the world.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Built Environment Conference will discuss critical topics such as sustainable construction, education and professional development, service delivery, customer service, information technology, health and safety, and construction industry development amongst other important topics.

Support and commitment by cidb South Africa to the conference and the development of the industry at large is not only expressed through sponsorship but also through the keynote address to be delivered at the Conference by cidb's CEO Mr Ronnie Khoza and through a presentation of two papers titled "Changing the Tide in Infrastructure

Delivery in Developing Countries" and "The State of Contractor Development". The first paper focuses on Service Delivery / Customer Service by presenting an alternative delivery model of "supply chain" which aims to deliver infrastructure as well as other deliverables relating to poverty relief, enterprise development and training.

The second paper titled "The State of Contractor Development in South Africa", reports on qualitative and quantitative overview of the state of contractor development in the General Building and Civil Engineering sectors in South Africa –both papers give recommendations to the findings. "Our support to the international 4<sup>th</sup> Built Environment Conference is part of our effort and is in keeping with our motto-'development through partnership' to collaborate with various stakeholders and colleagues, locally and internationally towards contractor development. In presenting the two papers we are

encouraging industry role players to participate in writing and presenting good quality papers, thus developing and improving skills and sustainable delivery within the industry. ” says Khoza.

The cidb was established in terms of the CIDB Act (Act 38) of 2000 to regulate and develop the construction industry for improved performance in infrastructure delivery and aims to provide leadership to stakeholders and to stimulate sustainable growth, reform and improvement of the construction sector for effective delivery and the industry’s enhanced role in South Africa’s economy.

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