



ZAMBIA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AGENCY

PRESS RELEASE

LUSAKA, 12th April, 2024

ZEMA APPROVES ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST OFFICIAL DUMPSITE IN KASENENGWA DISTRICT, EASTERN PROVINCE

The Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA), is delighted to announce that it has approved an Environmental Impact Assessment (Statement) for the development of the first official dumpsite in Mboza Ward under Chief Mshoro, Kasenengwa District, Eastern Province. The approval was made by the Environmental Assessments Committee (EAC) of the Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA) Board at its 18th ordinary sitting held on 28th March, 2024.

The development of the Kasenengwa dumpsite is worth an estimated total cost of **Fifty-Nine Thousand United States Dollars (USD 59,000.00)**.

In addition to this dumpsite approval, EAC approved 68 other projects worth about Sixty-One Million United States Dollars (USD 61,000,000.00) bringing the total number of approved projects to 237 with an investment cost of about One Billion United States Dollars (USD 1,000,000,000.00) since the beginning of 2024.

The proposed solid waste disposal site will allow the district to dispose of its waste in an environmentally sound manner. This is important because the mismanagement of Solid Waste contributes directly to Greenhouse Gas Emissions through the generation of methane from the anaerobic decay of waste in landfills, and the emission of Nitrous Oxide from combustion which results from the burning of waste.

The Agency is elated by such developments as they contribute to a critical component of sound environmental management. Therefore, the Agency hereby appeals to the members of the general public to play a role in adopting sound waste management practices in order to contribute to pollution control and climate change mitigation measures.

Issued by:

Godfrey Mwiinga
Director General

Zambia Environmental Management Agency
Email: info@zema.org.zm, Phone: 211-254023/59