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**CLOSING REMARKS BY BRIG. GEN. EMELDA
CHOLA, CHAIRPERSON OF THE ZAMBEZI
RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
PERMANENT SECRETARY OF ENERGY ZAMBIA,
AT THE INVESTOR CONFERENCE FOR THE
BATOKA GORGE HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME
HELD ON 30TH MARCH 2017, AT THE DAVID
LIVINGSTONE SAFARI LODGE,
LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA**

- Honourable Felix C. Mutati, MP., Minister of Finance for Zambia;
- Honourable David Mabumba, MP., Minister of Energy for Zambia;
- Honourable Patrick Chinamasa, MP., Minister of Finance and Economic Development for Zimbabwe;
- Honourable Dr. Samuel Undenge, MP., Minister of Energy and Power Development for Zimbabwe;
- Honourable Lloyd M. Kaziya, MP., Minister of Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection for Zambia;
- Honourable Oppah M. Kashiri MP., Minister of Environment, Water and Climate for Zimbabwe;
- Honourable Margaret Mwanakatwe, MP., Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry for Zambia;
- Honourable Charles Banda, MP., Minister of Tourism & Arts for Zambia;
- Honourable Christopher Yaluma, MP., Minister of Mines & Minerals Development for Zambia;

- Honourable Ronald Chitotela MP., Minister of Housing & Infrastructure Development for Zambia;
- Honourable Edify Mukambala Hamukale, MP., Provincial Minister for Southern Province in Zambia;
- Mr. Amadou Hott, The Vice President of the African Development Bank;
- Members of Parliament Present from Zambia and Zimbabwe;
- Permanent Secretaries from Zambia and Zimbabwe;
- Ambassadors and High Commissioners here present;
- Your Royal Highnesses, Chief Mukuni and Chief Shana;
- Representatives of the World Bank, African Development Bank & Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
- Investors and Contractors present
- Senior Government Officials Present
- Representatives of ZESCO and ZESA Holdings;

- Management and Staff of Zambezi River Authority
- Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we come to the close of this Conference, allow me to convey our gratitude on behalf of the people and Governments of Zambia and Zimbabwe, to all of you for participating in this conference. Your valued contributions have been taken on-board as they are critical to the successful implementation of the project.

It is my strong belief that you leave this conference with a plan of action for your participation in this wonderful project.

The presence of the Vice President for Zambia and the participation of Cabinet Ministers from the two countries at this conference is a clear testimony of the strong political will and desire for this project to be implemented.

The end of this conference signals the beginning of your active participation in this project and as governments, through the Zambezi River Authority, we will continue our engagement with you in order to crystallise our cooperation with you. The ZRA will keep you informed and engaged in the next procurement steps of this project.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

My closing remarks would not be complete without expressing our gratitude to the World Bank and the Cooperation in International Waters for Africa (CIWA), for their support that enabled the ZRA to engage independent consultants to undertake the preconstruction studies that have enabled us to package information that we have shared with you at this conference. It is our sincere hope that this information will facilitate your decision making. Where you need further clarification, feel free to contact us through the Zambezi River Authority.

Speaking as the ZRA Board Chairperson, I wish to make special recognition of the Ministry of Finance in Zambia, in coordination with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development of Zimbabwe for successfully organizing the conference. The two Ministries put up a good team that made sure that we successfully hold this conference.

Finally, I would like to invite you to visit the project site for the Batoka Gorge Hydro Electric Scheme. Arrangements are in place for the site visit to take place tomorrow.

Additionally, to further our interactions, I invite you for a Gala Dinner at the Avani Hotel this evening.

It is my sincere hope that before you leave, you will find time to sample our tourist and heritage sites such as the world renowned Victoria Falls as well as the warm hospitality which the people of Zambia and Zimbabwe have to offer.

-I thank you for your attendance-