

**REPORT OF THE SITE VISIT TO KATUNA BORDER EXPORT ZONE BY THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS AND THE MINISTRY OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WAREHOUSE**

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**Introduction**

The Ministry with support from the RIIP II invited the public to bid for the construction of commercial buildings, warehouses, Border market, and related facilities at the Lwakhakha, Busia, Kabale and Oraba Border Export Zones (BEZs).

The Ministry organized site visits to the various sites with contractors to introduce them to the sites and help them prepare sound bids for the ongoing tendering process. It is also a requirement for potential bidders to visit the site before submitting bid documents.

The site visit to Katuna was conducted on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019 by Deo Byaruhanga, Richard Mugambwa (NEMA), Murama Edison and Kamusingize Nebert TIDO Katuna.

The following contractors attended site visit meeting

	<b>Company</b>	<b>Contact</b>
1	Omusiniya construction and hardware ltd	
2	Reddy's Engineering services LTd	
3	Nato Engineering services ltd	
4	B&D International Co Ltd	

## **Issues raised**

### **The contractors raised the following issues**

1. The site has occupants who were planting crops at the time of the visit, there is need to ensure that the land is available for use hence the need to write to occupants to vacate the land.
2. The project is expected to be completed in six months according to the tender documents which is not feasible. Being a swampy site there is need to backfill and monitor settlement of the site, a process which takes not less than 6 months. This is because there is need to monitor the settlement for at least through a wet and dry season, construction of a warehouse will also require a minimum of five months. In total the project may run up to about a year.
3. Clarification on whether the site accommodation was meant for MTIC staff or their staff.

### **Recommendations;**

1. Give notice to the occupants of the site to vacate before the contractors are procured to avoid further delays during project implementation
2. Seek project extension to at least a year to avoid structural settlement