

REPORT ON THE SITE VISIT TO BUSIA-ORABA BORDER EXPORT ZONE IN KOBOKO DISTRICT ON 24/06/2019

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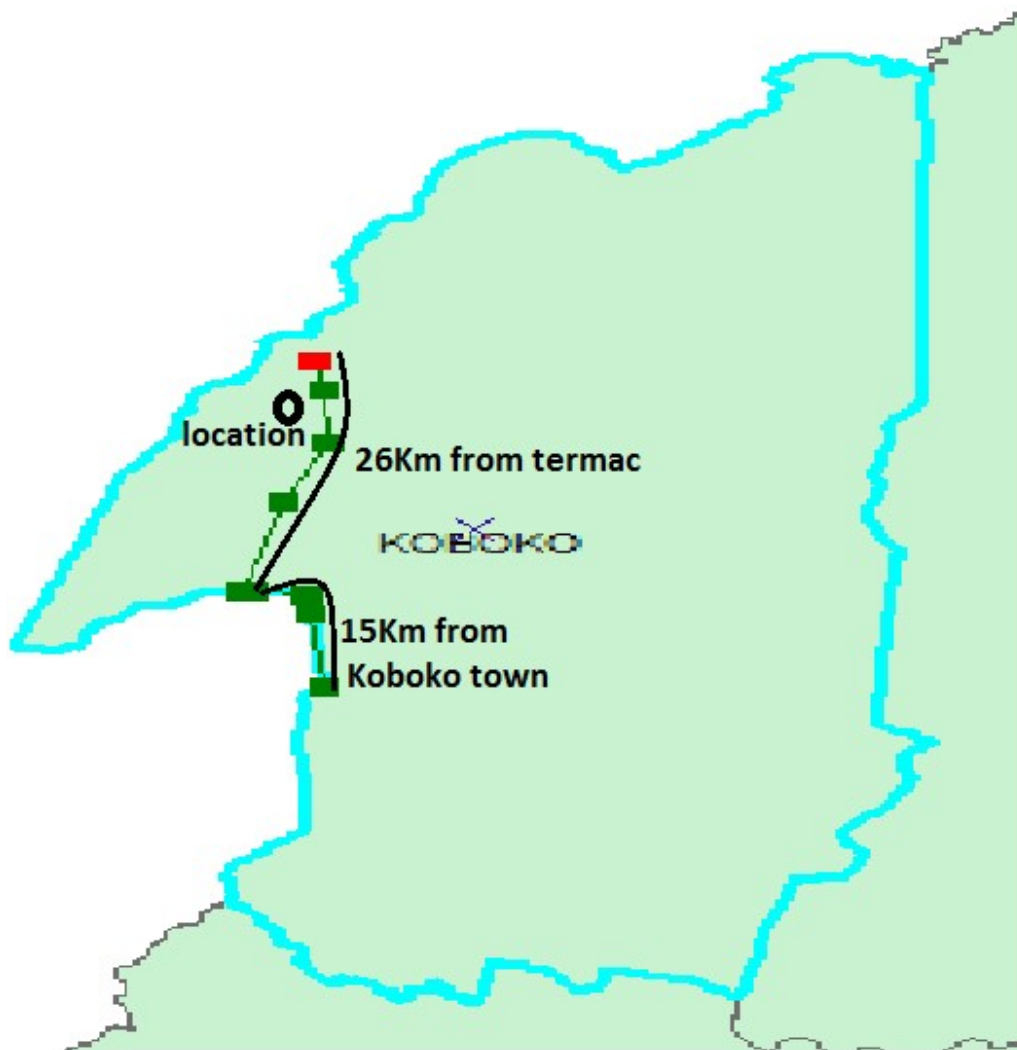


Fig 1 shows the location of the site

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Ministry with funds from EU through COMESA intends to construct a commercial building and extension of utilities to Oraba Border Export Zone, Busia Local Government. In this regard, the Ministry advertised tenders for contractors and subsequently held an information meeting on the 21st June 2019 which preceded the site visits of 24th June 2019.

1.2 Members present

The following members were present for the site visit.

- Kiiza David of Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives
- Eng Charles Ocen representing Eng. Omona
- Senior assistant engineering officer – Koboko representing District Engineer
- District Commercial Officer – Koboko
- Parish Chief Busia
- The sub county Chairpman LC III
- Chairman LCI – Kijaria village
- The Parish councilor

Representatives of different prospective bidders;

- Ambitious construction co. Ltd
- Kasase enterprise Ltd
- Adcus construction Ltd
- SJB construction Ltd
- 3MS investment Ltd
- Drecus enterprises ltd
- ABUDE contractors

1.3 Program for site visit

In the interest of the prospective contractors to have a bidding basing on facts on ground, the following items were generated to guide the meeting before the actual site visit commenced;

1. Prayer
2. Self-introduction
3. Communication from;
 - a. The chairperson LCI
 - b. Commercial officer
 - c. David Kiiza (Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives)
 - d. The senior assistant engineering officer – Koboko
 - e. Discussion and question session from the prospective contractors
 - f. Closure by the Chairperson LC III

1.4 Communication from LCI Chairman – Kijaria village

The chairperson welcomed everybody present in the meeting and wished all a successful deliberation

1.5 Self-introduction

Participants introduced themselves in different capacities

Speeches from;

District Commercial Officer – Koboko district

- He welcomed everybody to Koboko and particularly to Kijaria village.

- Thanked Ministry of Trades and Cooperatives for bringing the project to the district
- Encouraged all contractors present to come up with the successful bid
- Noted the need to involve all stakeholders in the district to ensure successful execution of the project
- Encouraged the contractors to contact his office for the soft copy of the contract document
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Communication from Mr. David Kiiza (Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives)

- He revealed that the land for this market was given by Koboko district local government since Kijaria was the only village with available land of the size required
- Said the overall border export zones project is meant to cover 18 borders but with support from the European union through COMESA only 5 borders have been considered due to limited funding
- Said the master plan including EIA report, bills of quantities and bid documents are ready for job execution to be effected
- Oraba -busia market is to have commercial building constructed for the start and other components shall follow depending on the funding secured.
- Power will be also be extended to the border export zone site
- He encouraged maximum cooperation from all stakeholders if the project is to be undertaken to its logical conclusion.

Discussion

- It was revealed by the local leaders that local materials such as bricks and sand are available in the area, cement available in Koboko, while good coarse aggregates are only available in Maracha since Koboko residents do not participate in stone quarries.
- It was also made clear that when the actual construction begins, the contractor will be required to employ the locals both in terms of skilled and unskilled workforce.
- It was clarified that the successful contractor will be expected to fix better wages for the would-be recruited local labor force other than setting wages that is exploitative in nature.

Questions

There were no other matters/queries raised by the contending bidder

Closing remarks from Chairperson LC III

- Thanked Uganda government for initiating this project in the area
- Pledged support of any kind to the successful contractor from the beginning to the end of the project
- Pledged adequate security for materials and persons throughout the project and stressed that security personnel are always patrolling the site to keep off any wrong planners
- Indicated that the village/sub county has adequate local man power to steer the project to completion
- Closed by encouraging the spirit of community building.

Technical summary

- The land is relatively flat with a mild slope towards the entrance
- The geotechnical conditions are said to be average with top soil purely agricultural
- Land acreage details are in the master plan that can be accessed from Eng. Kizza David.
- Some of the materials are available locally for the contractor to select from
- Local labour readily available for the successful contractor to select from
- Access road to the project area is seasonally poor due to over rains and particularly caused by stagnation from the absence of functional offshoots

SITE VISITATION PICTURES



Team discussing on project location





One of the contractor's representative standing on a fallen bill board

One of the contractor representative standing on a failed bill board