

ZIMBABWE CABINET
20TH POST-CABINET BRIEFING
9TH JULY 2024

1.0 REPORT ON THE FOOD DEFICIT MITIGATION STRATEGY AND URBAN CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMME

Cabinet considered a report on the Food Deficit Mitigation Strategy and Urban Transfer Programme as presented by the Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, Honourable Dr. Anxious Masuka.

The first three months' distribution blitz which started in May 2024 is coming to an end this month, July 2024. Accordingly, modalities for the second phase, August to October 2024 are being worked out. These include the grain movement plan, urban cash distribution plan, and mobilization of more financial resources for the three months' distribution. As at 2 July 2024, a cumulative 62 796.84 metric tonnes of grain had been distributed to vulnerable and food insecure people across the country's provinces as follows:

- a) Manicaland, 9 050.20 metric tonnes;
- b) Mashonaland Central, 7 844.61 metric tonnes;
- c) Mashonaland East, 6 207.03 metric tonnes;
- d) Mashonaland West, 7 919.99 metric tonnes;

- e) Masvingo, 12 246.18 metric tonnes;
- f) Matabeleland North, 4 248.39 metric tonnes;
- g) Matabeleland South, 5 201.15 metric tonnes; and
- h) Midlands, 10 104.95 metric tonnes.

Furthermore, a total of 3 397.33 metric tonnes has been collected to date by Chiefs across all provinces under the Zunde RaMambo/Isiphala Senkosi Strategic Grain Reserve Distribution Programme, while District Development Coordinators in the provinces will coordinate all activities for the impending Public Works Programme.

2.0 PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE MINING PROMOTION CORPORATION AND PROSPECT BROOKE RESOURCES (PRIVATE) LIMITED TO CONDUCT EXPLORATION AND MINE DEVELOPMENT OVER ARCTURUS EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING ORDER NUMBER 1842

Cabinet considered and approved the Proposed Partnership between the Mining Promotion Corporation and Prospect Brooke Resources (Pvt) Ltd to Conduct Exploration and Mine Development over Arcturus Exclusive Prospecting Order Number 1842, as presented by the Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion, Honourable Professor Mthuli Ncube.

The joint venture seeks to prospect and explore for lithium and pegmatite minerals on 52 600 hectares in Goromonzi, Mashonaland East Province. Prospect Brooke Resources (PBR) is a Zimbabwean based private company incorporated in terms of the Companies and Other Business Entities Act [*Chapter 24:31*].

In terms of the Agreement, a special purpose vehicle, the MPC JV, will be established in which Prospect Brooke Resources shall hold 70% shareholding and the Mining Promotion Corporation 30% at the exploration stage. Prospect Brooke Resources will mobilize the entire amount required for exploration, and Mining Promotion Corporation is not expected to make any financial contribution towards this stage.

Prospect Brooke Resources has demonstrated technical and financial capacity to undertake the project, and exploration is expected to commence once the Joint Venture Agreement is signed by the parties. Prospecting and exploration are estimated to take not more than 5 years from the commencement date. The Joint Venture shareholding structure will be renegotiated after the exploration stage if the project proceeds to mine development and commences mining activities.

The Joint Venture Agreement is in line with the Standing Policy on Public Private Partnerships.

3.0 UPDATE ON PREPARATIONS FOR ZIMBABWE'S PARTICIPATION AT EXPO 2025 OSAKA: 13 APRIL TO 30 OCTOBER 2025

Cabinet received an Update on Preparations for Zimbabwe's Participation at Expo 2025 Osaka, as presented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Honourable Dr. Frederick Shava.

Zimbabwe will participate at the Expo 2025 Osaka, Japan from 13 April to 30 October 2025 under the theme "***Beyond the Limits***". The Expo presents a great opportunity for Zimbabwe to showcase the Second Republic's achievements and investment potential to a wide range of high pedigree international investors and other attendees.

Preparations for the Expo have begun in earnest, and engagements are being undertaken with the private sector for the provision of the services required to mount a successful exhibition. The private sector will also come up with projects that will be profiled under the Tourism, Investment and Trade categories of the Expo. In addition, umbrella organizations like the Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries and the Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce have been engaged to mobilize their members to support planned activities as well as supply products for sale at the Commercial Section during the Expo.

Zimbabwe will exhibit products and services representing Zimbabwe's diverse economic sectors such as Agriculture, Manufacturing, Mining, Tourism and Technology. Live performances and demonstrations showcasing Zimbabwe's rich cultural heritage, artistic talents and innovations will be organized for the duration of the Expo.

4.0 UPDATE ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2024 ZIMBABWE AGRICULTURE SHOW

Cabinet received and noted an Update on Preparations for the Zimbabwe Agriculture Show, as presented by the Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, Honourable Dr. A.J. Masuka.

The 114th edition of the Zimbabwe Agricultural show will be held from Monday, 26 August, 2024 to Saturday, 31 August 2024, under the theme, "***Cultivating Prosperity: Growing Business. Innovating for Change. Nurturing our Future***". The Show will be organized around the agri-produce, tobacco, cotton, livestock, and commercial exhibitions sections.

To date, 52 218 square meters of the available 78 224 square meters for commercial exhibitions has been taken up by 208 exhibitors. Exhibitors from Pakistan, Japan, Netherlands, Brazil, Italy, Malawi, Botswana, South Africa and Turkey have shown interest to participate at this year's Zimbabwe Agricultural Show, and the Show Society has partnered with several stakeholders to host business interfaces such as the Environment,

Social and Governance breakfast Conference; the 12th Annual National Agribusiness Conference; the Ambassadors Interface; and the Research for Agricultural Policy Influence Conference.

The Show will be officially opened on Friday, 31 August, 2024. An array of artists and musicians have been lined up, while turnstile and ticketing systems will usher in improved systems for both exhibitors' and visitors' convenience. Great emphasis has been put on safety and security of both exhibitors and visitors, with wider and more modern CCTV cameras having been installed, in addition to the use of drones.

5.0 MEMORANDUM ON THE RATIFICATION OF THE SADC PROTOCOL ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Cabinet considered and approved the Ratification of the SADC Protocol on Environmental Management for Sustainable Development, as presented by the Attorney-General, Honourable Virginia Mabiza, on behalf of the Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Legislation.

The Protocol establishes principles derived from the Rio Declaration on Sustainable Development which include, cooperation in good faith among State Parties, sovereign rights of State Parties to use their resources, participation of all interested parties in environmental governance, resolution of differences amicably, placing the needs of people at the

centre of development, precautionary approach, polluter pays principle and extended producer responsibility among others.

The Protocol applies to all State Party activities relating to environmental management. Among others, the Protocol places the following obligations on State Parties;

- a) to institute measures to manage and control trans-boundary effects of air pollution;
- b) to manage and control trans-boundary effects of waste and chemicals;
- c) to combat desertification and land degradation and implement sustainable land management practices; and
- d) to mitigate adverse environmental impacts on marine and coastal environments as well as inland water resources.

The Protocol is in line with the National Development Strategy 1 pillar on environmental protection, climate resilience and sustainable natural resources management, and ratification of the Protocol will enhance cooperation with other SADC member states.

6.0 REPORT ON THE FIRST SESSION OF THE ZIMBABWE-VENEZUELA JOINT PERMANENT COMMISSION ON COOPERATION: 24-27 JUNE 2024: CARACAS, VENEZUELA

Cabinet received and noted a Report on the First Session of the Zimbabwe-Venezuela Joint Permanent Commission on Cooperation, as presented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Honourable Dr. Fredrick Shava.

The First Session of the Zimbabwe/Venezuela Joint Permanent Commission on Cooperation (JPCC) was held in Caracas, Venezuela from 24 to 27 June 2024. During the Session, the two countries agreed to expand the cooperation agenda to include sectors such as energy, agriculture, culture, education (including scholarships for higher education), science and technology, mining, housing, youth, air services, transportation, combating unilateral coercive measures, integrating financial services, and exemption of visa requirements for holders of diplomatic and service passports.

The Parties agreed to hold regular and periodic consultations and strongly condemned unilateralism and the imposition of illegal sanctions on Zimbabwe and on Venezuela by Western Countries. A call was made for the unconditional removal of these sanctions and for the democratization of multilateral institutions, in particular, the reform of the United Nations Security Council to conform to current global challenges.

During the Session of the Joint Permanent Commission on Cooperation, 10 Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding were signed as follows:

- a. Agreement on the Exemption of Visa Requirements for Holders of Diplomatic and Service Passports;
- b. Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Study of Unilateral Coercive Measures and other Restrictive or Punitive Measures;
- c. Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Hydrocarbons;
- d. Memorandum on Cooperation in the Field of Higher Education;
- e. Memorandum on Cooperation in the Field of Environment, Climate Change, Biodiversity, Forestry Resources and Sustainable Development;
- f. Memorandum on Cooperation in the Field of Investigation of Avian Accidents and Incidents;
- g. Memorandum on Cooperation in the Field of Mining
- h. Memorandum on Cooperation in the Use of Applications of Space Technology and Science;
- i. Memorandum on Cooperation in the Field of Youth Affairs; and
- j. Memorandum on Cooperation in Cultural Affairs.

The Gukurahundi programme which was initially scheduled for Saturday, 13 July, 2024 is now slated for Sunday, 14 July, 2024.

I THANK YOU!