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# HLB takes part in exhibitions

**H**WANGE Local Board (HLB) took time to showcase and market its services and business opportunities to various stakeholders and potential investors across the globe, when it participated at the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) and Matabeleland North Agricultural Show.

HLB public relations officer Mr Dumisani Nsingo said taking part at the two exhibitions presented the local authority with a platform to interact with various stakeholders on services it offers as well as investment opportunities existing in its area of jurisdiction.

“By their nature, exhibitions are meant to give participants an opportunity to sell their products or services to the outside world and our participation at the ZITF and Matabeleland North Agricultural Show was one way of doing so,” said Mr Nsingo.

He said the local authority managed to get positive response from potential investors and suppliers while exhibiting at the ZITF.

“At ZITF we managed to receive a significant number of enquiries from potential investors with most of them expressing interest to embark on infrastructural development at our newly proposed Central Business District. We also had many suppliers coming through, with the intention of dealing with us. We will make follow-ups on all the inquiries and ensure they come to fruition,” said Mr Nsingo.

This year’s edition of the ZITF was held under the theme: “Showcasing the New Normal for Business and Industry: Realities and Opportunities”.

“Our display at the ZITF was in-line with the theme. We deliberately avoided having many pamphlets and showcased our services and investment opportunities existing in Hwange visually through use of

a television. We also highlighted a number of digital platforms, we use to communicate with our stakeholders as well as for transactional purposes,” said Mr Nsingo.

After participating at the ZITF, HLB also took time to exhibit at the Matabeleland North Agricultural Show at Whange Show Grounds.

“The Matabeleland North Agricultural Show presented us with a platform to interact with residents in an out of office setting. These face to face meetings are crucial in enhancing client relationship to the next level, building trust and obtaining loyalty,” said Mr Nsingo.

The exhibition was officially opened by Matabeleland North Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Richard Moyo.

The showcase was held under the theme: “Rising from turbulent times and sustaining growth in and beyond Covid-19”.



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# HLB constructs medical incinerator

**H**WANGE Local Board (HLB) has constructed a medical incinerator at its Empumalanga Clinic in a bid to ensure safe and environmentally friendly disposal of solid waste generated at the health facility.

The incinerator was constructed through utilisation of the Devolution Fund allocated to the local authority by Government.

Empumalanga Clinic sister-in-charge Sindiso Mhlanga said the construction of the incinerator was in-line with modern trends of ensuring effective disposal of waste produced from a medical facility.

“Construction of the incinerator by HLB will go a long way in facilitating management and disposal of medical waste. Disposal of medical waste in unsecured and unprotected areas can be hazardous to both human and animal health,” she said.

An incinerator is built at health facilities and is usually protected so that no member of the public has access to the place except medical personnel.

It is a furnace designed to dispose of medical solid waste (infectious and non-infectious) at high temperatures.

The waste is burnt until it is reduced to ashes.

The process of burning is also to ensure that no harmful gases are released into the environment.

Out of the available technology for the final disposal of solid wastes, incineration is best suited for medical waste as it renders the waste non-toxic, non-hazardous, non-putrescible and reduces the volume of material for ultimate disposal.

Prior to the construction of the incinerator, the clinic was using an otway pit to destroy discarded material.

An otway pit is an outdated facility of disposing medical waste compared to an incinerator.

“We expect the incinerator to play a huge role in the disposal of placentas once we open a maternity wing at the clinic,” said Sister Mhlanga.

Plans are underway to offer maternity services at the clinic and this will see the health facility operating 24 hours.

Through utilisation of Devolution Funds, the local authority also erected a perimeter fence, purchased two 2 000-litre Jojo tanks and a pump to be used as back-up in the event of water cuts.



**Hwange Local Board civil engineering technician Tinashe Tapfumaneyi back to the camera explains how a medical incinerator operates**

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# David Qiu delivers equipment to HLB



Hwange Local Board chairman Councillor Nqobile Ocean Mabhena (right), town secretary Pastor Ndumiso Mdlalose (third from right), finance director Mr Willard Phiri admire equipment from David Qiu Investment in the company of the Chinese firm's officials.

**C**HINESE mining concern, David Qiu Investment has started delivering property and equipment it pledged to Hwange Local Board (HLB) as part of a quarry mining agreement.

In 2018, HLB signed a Memorandum of Agreement with David Qiu Investment to allow the latter to embark on a quarry mining operation to produce construction aggregate (gravel) for a period of five years. As part of the agreement the Chinese company will equip Empumalanga Clinic with furniture and equipment worth US\$100 000.

"We are very grateful that David Qiu has finally honoured one of its obligations, which it appended to in an agreement we reached with them, when we gave them rights to do quarry mining in our area of jurisdiction," said HLB chairman Councillor Nqobile Ocean Mabhena.

David Qiu delivered office furniture comprising chairs, desks, filing cabinets and a 70 inch plasma television set.

The property is part of the equipment pledged by the Chinese company with more expected to be delivered soon.

"We are aware that the outbreak of Covid-19 delayed the company to fulfil its commitment. It's our hope that the company expedite the shipping of the remaining items to enable us to maintain the cordial relationship we have enjoined with them to date," said Cllr Mabhena.

He said there was a need for the clinic to be fully-equipped, so as to ensure it effectively satisfies the community's healthcare needs.

"We are still expecting more to come from David Qiu, this includes oxygen cylinders, beds among other health care related equipment.

"We are also looking forward to having our maternity ward functioning soon and expect the company to equip it as well as part of its obligation," said Cllr Mabhena.

He noted that since its opening, Empumalanga Clinic has played an integral role in improving primary healthcare in Hwange District.

"Our clinic is one of the most sought after primary healthcare facilities in the district. In actual fact it's overwhelmed, with patients coming from all over Hwange urban while others flock from nearby rural communities, to receive medical attention," said Cllr Mabhena.

The five-year contract signed between the two parties also entails the Chinese firm to pay 150 tonnes of aggregate stones per month as royalties.

Payment of US\$20 000 or equivalent at the prevailing auction market exchange rate as rentals annually.

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# Infrastructural development standards compliance improves

**M**OST property owners are now complying with regulations and standards required by Council with regards to infrastructural development in its area of jurisdiction.

Hwange Local Board town planner Mr Themba Sibanda said most individuals and organisations embarking on infrastructural developments have improved adherence to Council's requirements.

"Development control is a continuous process. However, we are receiving positive response from builders and property owners meeting our inspectorate team, which emphasises on the need for compliance with the model building bylaws," he said.

In October last year, the local embarked on an exercise to identify illegal structures and developments in residential, commercial and industrial areas with a view of improving standards of facilities constructed within its locality.

Mr Sibanda however, said the local authority was facing a challenge to deal with historic infrastructural development anomalies.

"There are some historical development control issues in which we have been facing some resistance. Some property owners have been reluctant to comply especially those owning shops in Empumalanga Phase I and II areas. However, let me take this opportunity to warn such perpetrators, that their act of resistance is merely inviting stiffer penalties," said Mr Sibanda.

Setting-up of illegal structures and developments currently attracts a fine of \$129 000.

Compliance in infrastructural development standards increases access to habitable buildings.



**Town Planner  
Themba Sibanda**

## **What You Should Know**

**Owners of land may be charged for services made available**

**Where:-**

(a) any stand, lot, premises or other area whether with or without improvements, within the council area is or could reasonably be connected to any sewer, water main or electricity main of the council; or

(b) a service for the removal of refuse, whether trade, domestic or otherwise, has been made available by the council to any stand, lot, premises or other area, whether with or without improvements, within the council area; the owner of that stand, lot, premises or other area-

(i) shall be deemed to be the user of the service in question, whether or not he makes use thereof; and

(ii) may be charged by the council such amount as the council may fix in respect of the service:

Provided that the amount so fixed by the council shall not exceed the minimum rate payable to the council by actual users of the service concerned for the time being.

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