GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

ACT

No. 29 of 1982

Date of Assent: 24th December, 1982

An Act to amend the Development Bank of Zambia Act

[31st December, 1982

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. This Act may be cited as the Development Bank of Zambia (Amendment) Act. 1982, and shall be read as one with the Development Bank of Zambia Act, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Short title

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2. The principal Act is amended by the insertion, immediately after section seventeen, of the following new section:

Insertion of of new section 17A

- 17A. (1) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Financing Part, the Bank may set up a special fund to be called the small small Industries Fund for the purpose of financing small industries.
- (2) In financing small industries out of the Small Industries Fund, the Bank may, in respect of any enterprise—
 - (a) participate in the equity of such enterprise; or
 - (b) provide loans for such periods and on such terms as the Bank may determine;

and shall not be bound by the limit imposed by paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section seventeen.

- (3) The Bank shall maintain separate accounts for the Small Industries Fund, and in the annual report referred to in section twenty-four, the Bank shall make a separate report thereon.
- (4) In this section, "small industries" means the small scale enterprises and the village enterprises registered in accordance with the provisions of the Small Industries Development Act, 1981.

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THE ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD ACT, 1982

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ACT

No. 30 of 1982

Date of Assent: 24th December, 1982

An Act to provide for the establishment of the Zambia National Tender Board; to regulate and control the procurement of goods and services for the Government and parastatal bodies; to consolidate the law relating to tenders generally; and to provide for matters connected with or incidental to the foregoing.

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Zambia National Tender Board Act, 1982, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by statutory instrument, appoint.

Short title and commencement

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
 - "Board" means the Zambia National Tender Board established by section three;
 - "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board appointed under section four;
 - "company" means a company registered under the Companies Act;
 - "Director" means the Director of the Board appointed under section fourteen;
 - "member" means a member of the Board;
 - "parastatal body" means a statutory corporation or body, or a company in which the Government has a majority or controlling interest, and includes a local authority;
 - "Secretary" means the person appointed under section fifteen to be Secretary to the Board.

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^{*}This Act shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by statutory instrument, appoint.

PART II

ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

Establishment of Board 3. There is hereby established the Zambia National Tender Board which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, capable of suing and of being sued in its corporate name, and with power, subject to the provisions of this Act, to do all such acts and things as a body corporate may do by law.

Composition of Board

- 4. (1) The Board shall consist of a Chairman and twelve other members of whom the following shall be ex-officio members—
 - (a) the Secretary to the Cabinet;
 - (b) the Director-General of the Zambia Industrial and Mining Corporation Limited;
 - (c) the Chairman of the Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines Limited;
 - (d) the Governor of the Bank of Zambia;
 - (e) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for finance;
 - (f) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for development planning; and
 - (y) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for works and supply.
- (2) The Chairman and the other members, other than the ex-officio members, shall be appointed by the President.
- (3) Where an ex-officio member is for any reasonable cause unable to attend any meeting of the Board, he may, in writing, nominate another senior official from his organisation to attend such meeting in his stead and the person so nominated shall be deemed to be a member for the purpose of such meeting.

Tenure of office and vacancies

- 5. (1) The provisions of this section shall apply to members other than the ex-officio members.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this section, a member shall hold office for a period of two years:

Provided that a retiring member may be reappointed.

- (3) Upon the expiry of the period for which a member is appointed, he shall continue to hold office until his successor has been appointed, but in no case shall such further period exceed three months.
 - (4) A member shall cease to hold office-
 - (a) subject to subsection (3), upon the expiry of the period for which he is appointed or reappointed;

- (b) if he is adjudged or otherwise declared to be of unsound mind;
- (c) if he is adjudged or otherwise declared to be bankrupt;
- (d) if he is lawfully detained or his freedom of movement is restricted under any law in force in Zambia;
- (e) if he is sentenced to a term of imprisonment exceeding six months;
- (f) if he is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without reasonable cause;
- (g) upon the expiry of not less than one month's notice in writing of his intention to resign given by him to the Chairman;
- (h) if he is removed by the President.
- 6. A member other than a public officer or an employee of a parastatal body shall be paid such remuneration or allowance as the Minister may from time to time dotermine.

Remuneration and allowances of members

7. (1) The functions of the Board shall be to regulate and control the procurement of goods and services for the Government and parastatal bodies.

Functions of Board

- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Board may—
 - (a) formulate rules and regulations governing the procurement of goods and services for the Government and parastatal hodies;
 - (b) advertise locally and abroad tenders for the procurement of goods and services for the Government and parastatal bodies;
 - (c) regulate the procedures relating to the award of contracts on behalf of the Government and parastatal bodies;
 - (d) formulate the conditions under which any rules and regulations governing the procurement of goods and services for the Government and parastatal bodies may be varied or waived.
- 8. (1) The Board may, for the purpose of carrying out its functions under this Act, establish committees and delegate to any such committee such of its functions as it may think fit.

Committees of Board

- (2) The Board may appoint as members of a committee established under subsection (1), persons who are or are not members of the Board and such persons shall hold office for such period as the Board may determine.
- (3) Subject to any specific or general direction of the Board, any committee established under subsection (1) may regulate its own procedure.

Disclosure of interest

- 9. (1) If a person is present at a meeting of the Board or any committee of the Board at which any matter is the subject of consideration and in which matter such person or his spouse is directly or indirectly interested in a private capacity, he shall, as soon as practicable after the commencement of the meeting, disclose such interest and shall not, unless the Board otherwise directs, take part in any consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question touching upon, such matter.
- (2) A disclosure of interest made under this section shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.

Immunity of members

10. No action or other proceedings shall lie or be instituted against any person for or in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done in good faith in the exercise or purported exercise of his functions under this Act.

Procedure and meetings

- 11. (1) The Board shall regulate its own procedure and the validity of any proceedings, act or decision of the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Board or by any defect in the appointment of any member or by reason that any person not entitled so to do took part in the proceedings.
- (2) For the transaction of its business, the Board shall meet at such places and at such times, being not less than once every throe months, as the Chairman may determine.
- (3) At any meeting of the Board, one-half of the members holding office at that time shall form a quorum.
- (4) There shall preside at every meeting of the Board the Chairman or in the absence of the Chairman such member as the members present may elect for the purpose of that meeting.
- (5) A decision of the Board on any question shall be by a majority of the members present and voting at a meeting of the Board and, in the event of an equality of votes, the person presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.
- (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (5), a decision may be made by the Board on any urgent matter by the circulation of the relevant papers among the members, and by the expression in writing of the views of the majority thereof:

Provided that any member shall be entitled to require that any decision shall be deferred until the matter is considered at a meeting of the Board.

- (7) The Board may invite any person, whose presence is in its opinion desirable, to attend and to participate in the deliberations of a meeting of the Board but such person shall have no vote.
- (8) The Board shall cause minutes to be kept of the proceedings of every meeting of the Board and of every meeting of any committee established by the Board.
- 12. (1) The seal of the Board shall be such device as may be determined by the Board and shall be kept by the Secretary.

Sealof Board

- (2) The Board may use a wafer or rubber stamp in lieu of the seal.
- (3) The affixing of the seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the Chairman and the Secretary, or by the Chairman and one other person authorised in that behalf by a resolution of the Board.
- (4) Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or executed by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be entered into or executed without seal on behalf of the Board by the Secretary or any other person authorised in that behalf by a resolution of the Board.
- (5) Any document purporting to be a document under the seal of the Board or issued on behalf of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall be deemed to be so executed or issued, as the case may be, without further proof, unless the contrary is proved.
- 13. (1) No person shall, without the consent in writing given by or on behalf of the Board, publish or disclose to any person, otherwise than in the course of his duties, the contents of any document, communication or information whatsoever, which relates to, and which has come to his knowledge in the course of, his duties under this Act.

Prohibition of publication or disclosure of information to unauthorised persons

- (2) Any person who knowingly contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand kwacha or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (3) If any person having information which to his knowledge has been published or disclosed in contravention of the provisions of subsection (1) unlawfully publishes or communicates any such information to any other person, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding five thousand kwacha or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

PART III

ADMINISTRATION

Appointment of Director

- 14. (1) The President shall appoint, on such terms and conditions as he thinks fit, a Director who shall be the chief executive officer of the Board.
- (2) The office of Director shall be an office in the public service.
- (3) The Director shall attend all meetings of the Board, and shall be entitled to address such meetings, but shall not vote on any matter under discussion:

Provided that the Board may, for good cause, request the Director to withdraw from any meeting of the Board.

Secretary and other staff

- 15. (1) There shall be a Secretary to the Board who shall be appointed by the Board on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine.
- (2) The Secretary shall be responsible for the administration of the day-to-day affairs of the Board under the general supervision of the Director.
- (3) The Board may appoint, on such terms and conditions as it may determine, such other staff as it may consider necessary for the performance of its functions under this Act.

Inspectorate unit

- 16. (1) In order to ensure due compliance with the provisions of this Act, the Board shall establish under the general supervision of the Director an inspectorate unit which shall monitor, in accordance with the rules or regulations made under this Act, all contracts placed by the Board, any committee established by the Board, any Government Department or any parastatal body.
- (2) The Board may appoint such inspectors and other staff to the inspectorate unit as may be necessary for the performance of its functions under this Act.

Powers of inspectors, etc.

- 17. In the performance of his duties under this Act, any inspector or member of staff of the inspectorate unit shall have—
 - (a) access to all books, records, returns, reports and other documents relating to the work of any Government Department or parastatal body which is under inspection;
 - (b) access at all reasonable times to the premises of any Government Department or parastatal body which is under inspection;

(c) power to call for any relevant information from persons responsible for the financial administration of any Government Department or parastatal body which is under inspection:

Provided that no inspector or member of staff of the inspectorate unit shall have access to any books, records, returns, reports or other documents, or to any premises if—

- (a) such books, records, returns, reports, other documents or premises belong to any component of the Defence Force or the Zambia Security Intelligence Service; or
- (b) such access is likely to-
 - (i) prejudice the security, defence or international relations of the Republic or the investigation or detection of offences; or
 - (ii) involve the disclosure of any matters or deliberations of a secret or confidential nature of the Central Committee or the Cabinet or of any sub-committee of the Central Committee or the Cabinet.
- 18. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any written law, where any expenditure is to be incurred on any procurement of goods or services, it shall be the duty—

Failure to comply with prescribed procedures

(a) in respect of a head of expenditure, of the controlling officer designated as such for that head of expenditure under section four of the Finance (Control and Management) Act; or

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(b) in respect of a parastatal body, of the chief executive officer of that parastatal body;

to ensure that such procurement of goods or services is in accordance with the procedures prescribed by or under this Act.

- (2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3), every controling officer and chief executive officer shall be accountable for failing to comply with the provisions of subsection (1).
- (3) Where a controlling officer or chief executive officer satisfies the Board that he had, in accordance with the provisions of any rules or regulations made under this Act, delegated his functions under subsection (1) to any other person or committee, then such other person or every member of such committee shall also be accountable for any failure to comply with the provisions of subsection (1).
- (4) Where a controlling officer or chief executive officer satisfies the Board that he is, under the provisions of any

written law, subject to the control or direction of any other person, board, committee or other body, and that it was such control or direction of such other person, board, committee or other body which caused the failure to comply with the provisions of subsection (1), then such other person or every member of such board, committee or other body shall also be accountable for such failure to comply with the provisions of subsection (1).

(5) In respect of any failure to comply with the provisions of subsection (1), the Board may take such appropriate corrective or punitive measures as it may consider necessary.

Surcharge and appeals

- 19. (1) Where the Board is satisfied that an employee of the Government or parastatal body has caused financial loss by his recklessness, misconduct or wilful default to follow procedures laid down in this Act or in any regulations made thereunder, the Board shall afford such person a reasonable opportunity to furnish a written explanation as to why he should not be surcharged with the amount of such loss.
- (2) After considering any explanation furnished under subsection (1), the Board may surcharge such person with the amount of such loss or any part thereof, and certify in writing to that effect.
- (3) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Board made under subsection (2) may, where the amount of surcharge is in excess of K1,000, appeal against such decision to the High Court or to a subordinate court of competent jurisdiction.
- (4) The High Court or subordinate court, as the case may be, may, upon determining any appeal lodged under subsection (3)—
 - (a) confirm, vary or quash the decision of the Board;
 - (b) remit the case to the Board with such directions as it thinks fit for giving effect to the decision on appeal;
 - (c) make such other order as to costs or otherwise as may seem just.
- (5) The Chief Justice may, by statutory instrument, make rules providing for the period within which appeals under this section may be brought and otherwise regulating such appeals.
- 20. (1) The amount of every surcharge certified in accordance with subsection (4) shall become due and recoverable from the emoluments or other financial benefits of such employee within thirty days after a copy of the certificate has been furnished to him or, if an appeal with respect to the

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surcharge has been lodged, within thirty days after the appeal is finally disposed of or abandoned or fails by non-prosecution thereof, as the case may be.

(2) The Board may authorise the payment of a surcharge in instalments:

Provided that if default is made in the payment of any instalment, the balance of the surcharge outstanding shall thereupon become payable in full.

- (3) The amount of any surcharge which is not paid shall be recoverable by the Board as a civil dobt.
- (4) Unless the contrary is proved, in any proceedings for the recovery of the amount of a surcharge, a certificate issued by the Board shall be conclusive evidence of the facts certified therein, and a certificate signed by the Secretary that the sum certified to be due has not been paid to him shall be conclusive evidence of non-payment.
- 21. Any person who assaults, resists or obstructs any inspector or member of staff of the inspectorate unit in the exercise of his powers of access or power to call for relevant information under this Act shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding two thousand kwacha or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Resisting or obstructing inspector, oto.

PART IV

FINANCIAL AND OTHER PROVISIONS

22. (1) The funds of the Board shall consist of such moneys as may—

Fundsof Board

- (a) be appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the Board:
- (b) vest in or accrue to the Board.
- (2) The Board may-
 - (a) subject to the approval of the Minister, raise by way of loans or otherwise, such moneys as it may require for the performance of its functions;
 - (b) charge and collect fees on tender and other related documents;
 - (c) lovy fees and other charges for services provided by the Board.
- (3) There shall be paid from the funds of the Board-
 - (a) the salaries, allowances and loans of the staff of the Board:

- (b) such reasonable travelling, transport and subsistence allowance for members or members of any committee of the Board when engaged on the business of the Board, at such rates as the Board may determine; and
- (c) any other expenses incurred by the Board in the performance of its functions.
- (4) The Board may invest in such manner as it thinks fit such of its funds as it does not immediately require for the performance of its functions.

Financial vear 23. The financial year of the Board shall be the period of twelve months ending on the 31st December in each year.

Books of

- 24. (1) The Board shall keep proper books of accounts and other records relating to its accounts.
- (2) Such books of accounts and other records shall be open for inspection by the Minister or any person duly authorised by him in that behalf.

Auditof

- 25. (1) The accounts of the Board shall be audited annually and a detailed report thereon submitted to the Minister and to the Board.
- (2) For the performance of his duties under subsection (1), the auditor to the Board shall have access at all reasonable times to all books of accounts, records, returns, reports and other documents relating to the Board's accounts.
- (3) In respect of each financial year, the auditor to the Board shall certify whether or not—
 - (a) he has received all the explanations and other information necessary for the performance of his duties;
 - (b) the accounts of the Board have been properly kept;
 - (c) according to the explanations and other information received, and the books of accounts, records, returns, reports and other documents relating to the Board's accounts produced to him, the accounts of the Board reflect a true and accurate financial position of the Board or of its profit and loss position, for the period covered by his certification.

Annual

26. (1) As soon as is practicable, but not later than six months after the expiry of each financial year, the Board shall submit to the Minister a report containing a balance sheet showing the assets and liabilities of the Board as at the last day of the financial year to which the report relates, accompanied by an income and expenditure account for that financial year, together with all supporting statements and returns duly certified by the auditor to the Board.

- (2) The Minister may at any time request the Board in writing to submit to him such other reports, returns or statements, duly certified by the auditor to the Board as he may consider necessary, and the Board shall comply with such request.
- (3) The Minister shall, not later than seven days after the first sitting of the National Assembly next after the receipt of the report referred to in subsection (1) lay it before the National Assembly.
- 27. (1) The Minister may, by statutory instrument, make regulations for the better carrying out of the purposes of this Act.

Regulations

- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Minister may, on the recommendation of the Board, make rules or regulations prescribing any matter which the Board is authorised by this Act to formulate, regulate or prescribe.
- (3) Rules or regulations made under this Act may provide in respect of any contravention thereof that the offender shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten thousand kwacha or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

THE TROPICAL DISEASES RESEARCH CENTRE ACT, 1982

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