



ZCCM INVESTMENTS HOLDINGS PLC

PRESS STATEMENT

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ZCCM-IH COMMENCES MANGANESE MINING OPERATIONS IN SERENJE

05th May 2020, Lusaka, Zambia – Works at the manganese mine in Serenje have commenced following the end of the heavy rains that had hampered kick-starting operations, posing a challenge in accessing the mine site areas.

ZCCM Investments Holdings Plc (ZCCM-IH) through its wholly owned subsidiary Kabundi Resources Limited (KRL) are on site and have started Phase one of the project in the small-scale mining license, with an initial capital injection of K18.6 million.

Phase two of the project which is scheduled to start before the onset of this year's rainy season will be extended to other areas of the ZCCM-IH Large Scale Exploration area in Serenje.

ZCCM-IH Chief Executive Officer Mr. Mabvuto Chipata undertook a site visit end of April 2020, where he also inspected works at the Kampumbu Resettlement area earmarked for relocation of nine (9) households from the Kabundi mine site.

The Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) approved by the Zambia Environmental Management Services (ZEMA) involves the construction of an additional one-by-two classroom block, a health center, nine-by-three bed roomed houses for the relocation of the Project Affected families, one house for a teacher, and another house for a medical staff.

These buildings will also be serviced and fully connected with piped water sourced from water boreholes to be drilled in the area.

Mr. Chipata was happy with the progress made both at the mining operation and the RAP sites.

He stated that the mine will be fully operational by July 2020, and looked forward to having it officially launched by August 2020.

ZCCM-IH will spend a total of K4.5 million to fulfil the RAP obligations, which are scheduled to be handed over to the beneficiaries in June 2020.

The RAP project has so far employed over 20 locals. KRL will further employ over 150 youths at the mine site as production scales up upon relocation of the affected families.

KRL targets to mine about 60,000 tonnes of manganese by the end of the year during the ramp up period of operations.

Production is targeted to reach 240,000 tonnes of manganese ore annually once commercial production is achieved.

The Company is a strategic investment aimed at diversifying the commodity mix of the ZCCM-IH's portfolio which is largely comprised of copper producing assets.

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NOTE TO THE EDITOR:

About ZCCM Investments Holdings Plc

ZCCM Investment Holdings PLC is an investment holding company in which Government holds directly about 17.25% shares through the Ministry of Finance and its 60.28% shares is held through the Industrial development Corporation (IDC) in Zambia, with the remaining 22.47% held by institutional and private individual shareholders. ZCCM-IH is listed on London Stock Exchange, Lusaka Securities Exchange and Paris Euronext Access.

ZCCM-IH currently has an investment portfolio of 23 companies, **including Kabundi Resources Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary.**