



NGUNDU - TANGANDA ROAD OPENING

Reconstruction of the Ngundu Tanganda road came to a thunderous conclusion when the end of the project was capped by His Excellency and President of Zimbabwe Cde E.D. Mnangagwa when he officially commissioned the road on the afternoon of 1st July 2019. The occasion was held at the small dusty Kondo Business Centre about 37km from Tanganda. The President was flanked by his Minister of Transport and



Infrastructural Development, Hon Architect J.B. Matiza and the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs (Manicaland), Dr Ellen Gwaradzimba. Also in attendance were senior officials from Government, including the Permanent Secretary for Transport and Infrastructural Development, Eng. Amos Marawa and Principal Director, Eng. Chinyanga. Provincial Officials led by PRE Eng Zindoga and his team attended. The Bitumen World Head Office Team in attendance, led by the MD Andre Zietsman included Chris Seager and Tim Johnson. Andre Zietsman sat at the high table together with the two ministers and the President. The Bitumen World Team led by Bigboy Sibindi also witnessed this momentous





occasion. The Ngundu Tanganda Road scored a number of firsts that included the following:

- First road totalling nearly 86km to be constructed by a private contractor since Selous-Ngezi Mine Road
- First road project in the country to be commissioned following the coming in of the second republic and new dispensation
- First road project to be commissioned by President E.D. Mnangagwa
- First road project for Bitumen World to be commissioned by a President

Preparations for the occasion



President Mnangagwa (second from left) commissions the Ngundu-Tanganda highway, while Transport and Infrastructural Development Minister Joel Biggie Matiza (left), Manicaland Provincial Affairs Minister Dr Elen Gwaradzimba (second from right), Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services Minister Monica Mutsvangwa (partially obscured) and Bitumen World managing director Mr Andre Zietsman look on yesterday. — (Picture by Tinal Nyadzayo)

ED opens US\$20m Ngundu-Tanganda highway

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PRESIDENT Mnangagwa yesterday officially opened the US\$20 million rehabilitated Ngundu-Tanganda highway, in a development expected to spur economic activity.

The road, which was badly damaged due to years of neglect, links Manicaland and Masvingo provinces

were told a section of the highway had become a black spot. We ordered that the area be rehabilitated. It was rehabilitated under Phase One. After the rehabilitation of that phase we continued to record accidents along this highway," said the President.

He said resource constraints delayed the rehabilitation of the road. "As Government we resolved that

President Mnangagwa took the opportunity to speak about the Zimbabwe National Road Administration (Zinara).

"We have a department called Zinara, which is under (Transport and Infrastructural Development) Minister Joel Matiza. When Minister Matiza was appointed to the ministry, he found Zinara in place. All along we

money generated by parastatals, it is not Zinara alone. There are other companies I will not mention. We are keeping an eye on them to see how they are using funds," he added.

He said Zinara is now actively on the ground rehabilitating roads. "We are now confident that we can rehabilitate our roads using money generated locally. All along



began on Tuesday 25 June when D.O.R advised of the event. These preparations included sourcing the various tents from Rooneys, design and manufacture of a plaque including related accessories. On-site preparations included clearing the venue site and construction of plaque brickwork. Though marred by last minute changes that included venue changes and layout and wording of plaque changes, the preparations were a success and the ceremony went on flawlessly.

The event began with the arrival of the President in his Presidential Helicopter. He was met at the landing strip by senior officials from



Government, Party, Traditional Leadership and our own MD. After several speeches by Minister J.B. Matiza and Minister Gwaradzimba and the main speech by the President, the President then proceeded to the ribbon cutting and unveiling of the plaque. A red carpet was laid all the way from the podium to the road

where a Bitumen World blue ribbon had been placed across the road. The President, flanked by Minister J.B. Matiza and Andre Zietsman, proceeded to cut the ribbon to thunderous applause from the gathered crowds. After cutting the ribbon, the plaque was unveiled marking the end of the proceedings.