

Govt praises RSZ

By Times Reporter

CENTRAL Province Permanent Secretary Denny Lumbama has commended Railway Systems of Zambia (RSZ) for continuing its operations despite concessions in neighbouring countries.

Mr Lumbama said this yesterday when he officiated at the graduation ceremony of 25 RSZ artisan trainees who underwent a six-month internship programme at various colleges in Zambia.

He said that the continued efforts by RSZ were commendable, especially that they were being made at a time when some neighbouring country was facing a big railway concession and has been failing to pay salaries to its employees since its inception.

Speaking at the same event, RSZ chief executive officer Benjamin Even said his company had managed to sustain its operations for six years in Zambia without asking for any assistance and that it had managed to fulfil all its obligations to the Government and its employees.

He said the internship was part of an on-going policy for the workforce, thereby making them a valuable asset to the company and the nation and providers of quality services.

Mr Even thanked the Government for providing training facilities at various colleges in the Zambia that were directly benefitting RSZ which was a good example of public private partnership (PPP).

Out of the 31 trainees, only 25 made it to the graduation with one woman, Veronica Shitima who now becomes the third woman at the plant.