

RSZ calls for fuel levy cut

By Times Reporter

RAILWAY Systems of Zambia (RSZ) of Zambia chief executive officer, Benjamin Even has urged the Government to invest some of the funds collected from fuel levy in the railway sector.

Mr Even told journalists in Kabwe that some of the funds should be invested in the railway sector to level the playing field in the transport industry.

He said RSZ had continued to pay fuel levy, which was just being used to maintaining the road and not rail infrastructure in Zambia.

"Since the concession in 2003, RSZ has paid more than US\$4 million in form of fuel levy to the Government and this money is just being used to repair roads and not railway infrastructure," Mr Even said.

He said the current situation was not creating a level playing field between the rail and road sector in Zambia.

Mr Even said the unlevelled playing field was contrary to the Government transport policy which advocated for a level

playing field between the two systems.

Through its corporate social responsibility programmes, Mr Even said RSZ had since its inception spent more than K1 billion.

"We have just donated K10 million towards the Kabwe flood victims but I can assure that since our concession in 2003, we have spent more than K1 billion under our social responsibility and we shall continue to do so," Mr Even said.

He said the company would continue to invest in its operations.

And Kabwe District Commissioner Jonathan Kapungwe commended RSZ for donating the K10 million towards flood victims in the town.

He said most of the flood victims had returned to their homes and that only 11 families were remaining at the Kabwe Council Recreational Hall where they were seeking temporary shelter.

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