GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

SADC NORTH-SOUTH TRANSPORT CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT THE KAZUNGULA BRIDGE PROJECT

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Governments of Zambia and Botswana have received a loan from the African Development Bank and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the construction of a bridge and other facilities at the Kazungula border crossing between Zambia and Botswana. The project has also received a grant from the EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund through association with the African Development Bank for specific technical assistance activities.

The Kazungula Bridge Project lies on the north-south transport corridor, a vital trade route serving major trade-dependent economies within the Southern African Development Community (SADC), such as Zambia and Botswana. Other beneficiaries of the corridor include Tanzania, Malawi, Zimbabwe, DRC, South Africa and Mozambique. The primary objective of the project is to significantly reduce transit time at the Kazungula border thus mitigate border uncertainties and associated high transport and trade cost. The project provides vital transport infrastructure on the corridor that: (i) facilitates easy access for intra and inter-regional trade; (ii) facilitates easy access to international markets through connectivity with major sea ports; (iii) contributes to maximising the operational efficiency of the corridor, and (iii) promotes social and economic integration of the two countries.

The project includes the following primary components:

- 1. Works:
- a) The construction of a 930m cable-stayed bridge over the Zambezi River.
- b) The construction of one-stop border post facilities.
- c) The construction of associated access roads
- 2. Consultancy Services:
- a) Consultancy services for supervision of works
- b) Consultancy services on development and implementation of trade facilitation measures
- c) Consultancy services for the establishment of a dedicated authority (Kazungula Bridge Authority)
- d) Consultancy Services for Financial and Technical Audits

Procurement of goods and works will be in accordance with the Bank's *Rules and Procedures for the Procurement of Goods and Works* or, as appropriate, *Procurement Guidelines of JICA*. Acquisition of the services of consultants will follow the *Bank's Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants* or, as appropriate, *Procurement Guidelines of JICA*. Bidding documents are expected to be available in August 2012.

Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting either of the following:

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