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# **ENERGY REGULATION BOARD**

## **UPDATE ON ERB AND ZAMBIA ENERGY SECTOR**

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# UPDATE ON ERB

## ORGANISATIONAL

- **New Board Member: Mr Romance Sampa**
- **Loss of a Board Member**
- **Filled 50 out of 51 positions**
- **Opened New Office on Copperbelt**
  - ✓ **Covers 4 Provinces**
  - ✓ **2 Engineers**
  - ✓ **1 Consumer Officer**
  - ✓ **2 Support staff**



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## INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION

- **Signed MOU with two Regulators (Nov 2005)**

- **Communication Authority**
- **Water and Sanitation Council**

- **Objectives**

- **Share experiences**
- **Joint programmes on consumer outreach**

- **Consumer Watch Groups**
- **National Seminars on Consumer Issues**



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## REGIONAL CONTEXT

### ➤ ERB is Chair of Regional Electricity Regulators' Association (RERA)

- ✓ 2006 - 2007
- ✓ 6 Members (South Africa, Malawi, Lesotho, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia)
- ✓ Angola and Tanzania expected to join in 2006
- ✓ Secretariat in Namibia
- ✓ Approach being made to SADC (14 countries) to formalise status



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# UPDATE ON ENERGY SECTOR

## MINISTERIAL CHANGE

- ❖ **CLARITY ON POLICY DIRECTION**
  - **Support for strong regulation**
    - ✓ **Political will**
    - ✓ **Weakness in law to be addressed**
  - **Stronger hand by Govt on utility performance**
    - ✓ **Demand on Board to be accountable**
  - **Support for private sector participation**
    - ✓ **New investments in Generation and Transmission**
    - ✓ **Grid code**
    - ✓ **Open access to be declared**