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Dear Tuston

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Reference is made to your letter no. KNA/DC.L/CORR/2014/(44) of 8th July, 2014 on the above subject.

Attached, please find our response to the questions asked by Hon. Leonard K. Sang, MP for Bureti Constituency regarding the status of the tarmac roads in the country particularly the Sotik – Cheplanget – Cheborgei - Roret and Litein – Cheborgei – Kibugat roads for your necessary action.

Yours

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

The Member of Parliament for Bureti Constituency, Hon. Leonard K. Sang, MP, rose on the floor of the House and requested for the statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works & Housing regarding the status of the tarmac roads in the country. Good road network is an integral agent for economic growth and infrastructural investment in any country. In view of this, the Government through the Ministry of Roads annually allocates funds for construction and upgrading of roads in all parts of the Country. However, Sotik – Cheplanget – Cheborgei – Roret and Litein – Cheborgei – Kibugat roads in Bureti Constituency have been under construction since July 2011 yet they have not been completed to date:-

Questions:~

- i) The status of work done on the above roads in terms of the percentage of completion of the construction?
- ii) Circumstances under which works on the said roads has been delayed?
- iii) The expected date of completion of construction of the above roads?

Answers:

Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to reply as follows:~

i) The Sotik – Cheplanget – Cheborgei – Roret – Sigowet road project was awarded to M/S Spencon Kenya Ltd at a contract sum of KShs 3,149,152,168.90. The scope of works is for improvement to bitumen standards of the 42km road. Out of this, the section between Sotik to Cheblanget (5km) was done through force account and is completed to bitumen standards.

The Litein – Cheborgei – Kiburgat road section has been designed. The section of this road between Litein to Cheborgei (6km) has been included in the contract for Sotik – Cheblanget – Cheborgei – Roret – Sigowet. This makes the total road under the contract for improvement

to bitumen standards to be 48km. The section from Cheborgei to Kiburgat will be considered later as funds become available.

For the contracted roads section the overall progress of works is at 47.8%. The length of road completed up to bitumen standards is 13km inclusive of the section done through force account. To date, the amount certified is Ksh 1,250,070,523.32 out of which KShs 140,814,563.47 is unpaid and remains overdue.

- ii) The contractor has since suspended work due to cash flow problems.
- iii) The balance of works comprising of 35km of road can be completed in 24 months according to the contractor (M/S Spencon Kenya Ltd.) The cost of the remaining 35 kilometers is the contract sum the certified amount. Which is 3,149,152,168.90 1,250,070,523.32 which translates to approximately Kshs. 1.8 billion.

Eng. John K. Mosonik, EBS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ON SOTIK — CHEPLANGET — CHEBORGEI ~ RORET AND LITEIN — CHEBORGEI — KIBUGAT ROADS.

i) The Sotik – Cheplanget – Cheborgei – Roret – Sigowet road project was awarded to M/S Spencon Kenya Ltd at a contract sum of Ksh3,149,152,168.90. This was revised to Ksh 3,331,783,288.02 after issuance of addendum No.1 to include the Litein – Cheborge road section of six (6) kilometers. The total road length is 48km at present.

The contractor has been paid a total of KShs 852,611,845.56 which includes advance payment of KShs 314,915,217.00. The outstanding amount to be paid to the contractor is KShs 140,814,563.47

The road section completed to bitumen standard is 13km. The other sections are in various stages of construction.

The contractor has forwarded distress notices from creditors, latest being the cancelation of insurance for the works done due to non-payment of premiums.

Litein-Cheborgei-Kiburgat

The section from Litein - Cheborgei - Kiburgat has been designed. Part of this road (Litein - Cheborgei) was included in the main contract as an addendum. The section of the main contract from Sotik to Cheblanget (5km) was done in-house through force account.

The section Cheborge-Kiburgat is not under this contract and will be considered for upgrading later as funds become available.

ii) As at 22nd July, 2014 the contractor suspension has been lifted after the Ministry through KeRRA paid Ksh. 200 million. The contractor has assured the Ministry to resume works.

Project Location Map