

## FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 31, 2018

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Zesco to reduce Power Supply to Northern part of Country  
... as upgrade works at Leopards' Hill kick in
- Water Down-Scale at Kariba continues
- Over 1000 Exhibitors Grace 92<sup>nd</sup> Show

### IN DETAIL....

#### ZESCO TO REDUCE POWER SUPPLY TO NORTHERN PART OF COUNTRY

##### ... as upgrade works at Leopards' Hill kick in

Zesco will from 30<sup>th</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 be replacing the switchgear at its Leopards Hill substation, which development is going to affect transmission capacity from Leopards Hill to the northern part of the country.

According to a communique availed to the Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU) by Zesco Limited during the week, the 330kV Kabwe lines 1, 2 and 3 from Leopards Hill substation are earmarked for switchgear replacement.

Zesco says during this period, only two (02) of the three (03) 330kV Leopards Hill – Kabwe lines shall be in service at each time resulting in the transmission capacity between Leopards Hill and Kabwe substations being limited to a total of 700MW.

In view of this, Load management will be implemented in Northern, Copperbelt, North-Western, Luapula, Muchinga, Eastern and parts of Central provinces in order to ensure that the remaining two lines are safely loaded during the entire outage period in order to maintain reliability, safety and security of the Interconnected Power System.

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Zesco Limited under the Leopards Hill Switchgear Retrofit Project has been replacing aged primary equipment at its Leopards Hill 330/132/88kV substation in Lusaka.





The project works commenced in 2017 and has seen 80% of the 88kV equipment replaced hence improving the service delivery in the Lusaka Distribution network. The replacement works on the 330kV section of the substation is in progress with all the 330kV Kariba North line bay equipment having been replaced with high rated equipment to support increased generation and demand.

Zesco says it shall ensure that the switchgear replacement project works at Leopards Hill substation are completed within the stipulated period and supply normalized as soon as the works on the third line is completed.

The utility regrets any inconvenience this may cause.

## **MUKWATO ELECTED NEW CHAVUMA DFA CHAIRPERSON**

Chavuma District Farmers Association successfully held their Annual General Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

The AGM was well attended with over fifty members coming from different Information Centers. The meeting elected Mr. Teddy Mukwato as the new Chairman after a heavily contested poll, replacing Mr. R. Manjimela.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Peter Maseka, the District Agricultural Coordinator for Chavuma, Mr. Kingsley Nyambe, the NATSAVE Bank Manager and Mrs. Florence Phiri from ZNFU Lusaka.

The Annual General Meeting resolved to concentrate on building the DFA through enhancing membership mobilization and income generation by efficiently managing their rice polishing business.

## **WATER SCALE DOWN AT KARIBA CONTINUES**

### **... as Zambezi River water at Chavuma recedes**

Lake levels at Kariba have been decreasing during the week after peaking during the season to 486.90 metres.

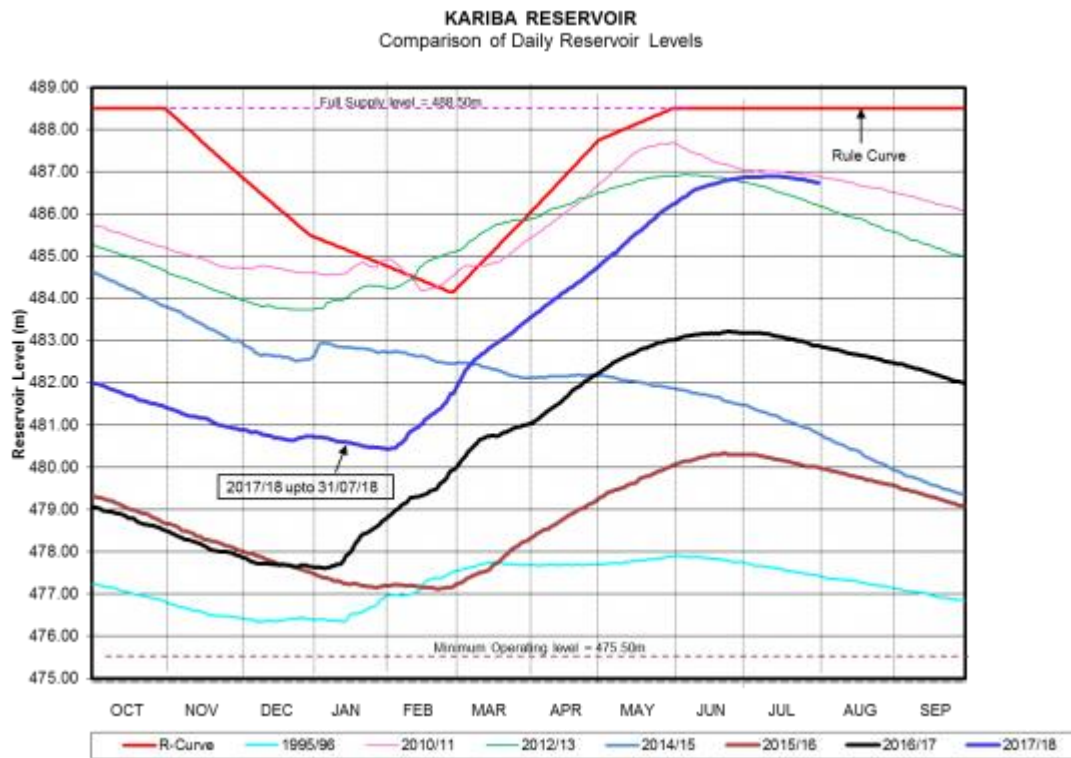
The week ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 recorded lake levels of 486.74 metres, translating into the lake levels standing at 85% full. This is a reduction by 1%, having been at 86% full during the large part of the month of July.

However, during the same period last year, the Lake level was 482.88 metres of 54% full. This gives comfort to farmers involved in irrigation as guarantees of steady supply of electricity are firming up.



And water flows on the Zambezi River at Chavuma are in recession closing the week under review at 217 cubic metres per second. Observations last year noted water flows of 124 cubic metres per second, indicating a marked improvement in 2018.

Below is the Lake level graph as Kariba as recorded by the Zambezi River Authority on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018;



## OVER 1000 EXHIBITORS GRACE 92<sup>ND</sup> SHOW

The 92<sup>nd</sup> Agriculture and Commercial Show opened in Lusaka, attracting a record 1000 plus exhibitors.

Under the theme *Sustainable Economic empowerment*, this year's show has managed to woo 20 foreign countries.

Perhaps the major attraction of the show are the agriculture seminars that have been lined up by the Show society, which include *promoting sustainable business in Zambia* and *importance of breeding resilience in livestock production for farmers*.

The show is expected to run from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

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## ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS!

### FARMERS' HOLIDAY

Kindly note that Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 is Farmers' Day, celebrated by farmers in the country and hence ZFEA members should observe this as Farmers' Holiday.

ZNFU offices will also be closed for business.



**ZAMBIA NATIONAL FARMERS UNION**

LEASE: CHOMA AGRICULTURE SERVICE CENTRE

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The Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU) is a national membership based organization, with countrywide coverage, representing the agriculture industry. Established in 1905, the organization primarily exists to Promote and safeguard the interest of members as individual farmers, corporations or companies and other organizations involved in the business of agriculture in order to achieve sustainable agriculture, economic and social development.

To this end, the ZNFU, together with its partners, has opened Agriculture Service Centres in Mumbwa and Choma to help farmers improve access to agriculture input and output markets, including other services such as laboratory, warehouse, weighbridge and slab facilities.

The Union is now seeking a partner to lease (long term) some facilities at the Choma Agriculture Service Centre that include;

- i. The Concrete Slab
- ii. Weighbridge, and
- iii. Laboratory

Interested entities should submit their Expression of Interest applications clearly marked Choma Agriculture Service Centre to;

**The Acting Executive Director**  
**Zambia National Farmers' Union**  
**Tiyende Pamodzi Rd, Show Grounds**  
**P.O Box 30395**

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Or submit the application in person at the ZNFU Head Quarters, Tiyende Pamodzi Road, Farmers' Village, Showgrounds, Lusaka, before or on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

## ZNFU OFFERING GROUP LAND SURVEY SERVICES



ZAMBIA NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

- Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU) is offering Group Land Survey Services (GLSS) to farmers and entities intending to obtain title to land
- The GLSS enables farmers/entities to make payment as a group for land survey to be conducted making the procedure affordable
- This service also helps to facilitate procedures for land deeds registration

For further details call Florence Phiri at ZNFU on;

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Or Grace Kambidima

Email: [grace@znfu.org.zm](mailto:grace@znfu.org.zm)

## ZNFU CALLS FOR BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

Government has started calling for budget submissions from various sectors of the economy. It is from this background that the ZNFU is calling on its members to make budget submissions on salient issues affecting the agriculture sector in Zambia.

For submissions or further details contact;

Mrs. Judy Hamonzwe on;

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## WEATHER

### ZAMBIA EVENING WEATHER FORECAST: FRIDAY (03/08/2018)

#### GENERAL SITUATION

Relatively dry and warm airflow from the east will continue affecting most parts of Zambia.

#### FORECAST FOR TONIGHT: FRIDAY (03/08/2018)

**All Areas:** Clear, windy at times and warm to mild.

#### FORECAST FOR THE WEEKEND: SATURDAY (04/08/2018) & SUNDAY (05/08/2018)

**All Areas:** Sunny, hazy, windy at times and mild in the morning becoming warm to hot in the afternoon.

*The nights will be mainly clear and mild*

#### OUTLOOK TO MONDAY: (06/08/2018)

Windy weather conditions to continue affecting most parts of Zambia.

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