



Press Release

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ZPPA suspends Wongani Investments Limited and Walkerville Enterprises Limited from participating in public procurement.

Thursday, 14th March 2024. The Zambia Public Procurement Authority (ZPPA) has suspended Wongani Investments Limited and Walkerville Enterprises Limited from participating in public procurement for a period of one (1) year for submitting information that is not genuine in their bids.

On January 22, 2024 the Authority instituted investigations of the two contractors in a tender for the supply and delivery of hospital linen following a recommendation from Zambia Medicines and Medical Supplies Agency (ZAMMSA).

ZPPA later established that the two contractors Wongani Investments Limited and Walkerville Enterprises Limited submitted information that is not genuine in their bids.

The submission of information that is not genuine in a contract or procurement process is contrary to section 96(b) of the Public Procurement Act No.8 of 2020 as amended by the Public Procurement (Amendment) Act No.17 of 2023 which provides that:

"A bidder or supplier shall be suspended from participating in public procurement where the bidder or supplier has –

(b) provided false information in a bid or any other document submitted to a procuring entity in connection with a procurement process or contract."

Therefore, ZPPA has suspended Wongani Investments Limited and Walkerville Enterprises Limited from participating in public procurement for a period of one (1) year with effect from 4th March, 2024.

The suspension includes any "successor in interest" including any entity which employs, or is associated with any partners, directors or other officers considered as successors in interest.

The Authority wishes to state that the suspension does not in any way limit Wongani Investments Limited and Walkerville Enterprises Limited from performing outstanding contracts that were entered into before 4th March, 2024.

ZPPA wishes to advise all procuring entities to enforce the suspension by ensuring that they do not award contracts, sell or issue solicitation documents or in any other way

invite bids from Wongani Investments Limited and Walkerville Enterprises Limited, with effect from 4th March, 2024.

The Authority has further advised all procuring entities not to enter into any other dealings with or communicate with the suppliers except in respect of existing contracts placed prior to this suspension.

The Authority has issued details of the suspension through Circular No. 6 and Circular No.7 of 2024 which can be accessed on the ZPPA website www.zppa.org.zm.

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Section 6 (h) of the Public Procurement Act No.8 of 2020 as amended by the Public Procurement (Amendment) Act No.17 of 2023 mandates the Authority to investigate and act on complaints received on procurement proceedings from procuring entities, bidders, suppliers or the general public.