

Intertoll Africa - "Beyond Tolling & Beyond Borders"



Intertoll's award winning stand at the Infrastructure Development Conference.

In July this year, Intertoll Africa became the Platinum Sponsor of the very first Infrastructure Development Conference in Zimbabwe. The conference ran parallel with the Trade & Mine Extra Fair in Bulawayo under the auspices of the country's Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development and Zimbabwe's National Roads Agency (ZINARA).

The Minister of Transport and Infrastructural Development, honourable Dr Joram Gumbo was the guest of honour at the conference and addressed delegates. In his address the Minister praised the Zimbabwe Road Rehabilitation project implemented by Infralink (a Group Five ZINARA SPV) as a "pathfinder" project and encouraged the private sector to continue to invest in his country, despite Zimbabwe's current hardships. The Minister encouraged investment in road rehabilitation through Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) initiatives where the private sector builds an infrastructure project, operates it and eventually transfers ownership of the project to the government. He added that his ministry would soon be inviting bids for the upgrading of other major roads, notably Beitbridge- Bulawayo - Victoria Falls highway and Harare-Chirundu road.

Intertoll Africa was granted an opportunity to take to the stage and reflect on the lessons learnt on the Infralink project. Among other things elaborated



Laurent Bouchacourt (Intertoll Africa Project Development Director) at the conference.

on their presentation were the project post completion activities on the toll plazas; issues such as the efficiency of current toll collections; focus on routine road maintenance



Joseph Mafanuke, Intertoll Zimbabwe's Operations Manager and Sitandane Hokonya, Routine Road Maintenance Engineer at the conference and proudly holding the recognition certificate for their stand.

activities; enhanced services to road users such as the introduction of cashless payments, safety initiatives; and the catalytic role of the project on the local economy.

Intertoll Africa also highlighted that the Infralink project has set ZINARA apart on the African continent; the project is a new "benchmark" to road funds and agencies and that "second-generation" projects to be developed by Intertoll Zimbabwe will leverage on this experience and track record to develop innovative and cost-effective funding models suited to the conditions currently experienced by Zimbabwe.

Another accolade received by Intertoll Zimbabwe at this conference (apart from the Infralink project), was the "silver medal" awarded for their exhibition stand which was cited as the "Best foreign exhibitor" stand.

Intertoll Africa is without doubt well-positioned to attain their vision which is "Beyond Tolling & Beyond Borders".



Honourable Dr Joram Gumbo (Minister of Transport and Infrastructural Development) - 2nd from right - among other high-profile guests.