



## **ECL DIRECTS LANDS, MINES TO EXPEDITE LUBAMBE EXPANSION**

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President Edgar Lungu has tasked the Ministers of Lands, Mines and Presidential Affairs to expedite the implementation of the Lubambe Mine Limited expansion project.

President Lungu says the news of what will come out of the project is exciting.

The President says government will do its part to ensure major capital projects by the private sector are quickly implemented.

He says this is because the project by Lubambe will contribute to job creation. President Lungu has assured Lubambe Mine of government support as it implements its expansion project of the mine.

The head of state is also happy that the price of copper on the international market is doing well. He said this after listening to a presentation by Lubambe Mine Limited operations Director Tony Davis.

And Mr. Davis said his firm will require ten million United States dollars to implement its extension project. He said the mine is currently one of the best in the world in terms of the copper grade.

Asked to state one thing that he wants government to do for the mine, Mr. Davis responded by saying that government should give him the needed approvals so that Lubambe can access funding for the project. He said when implemented, the expansion project will contribute to the creation of more jobs.

President Lungu conducted a tour of Lubambe Mine before addressing the workers. The President was joined by Ministers of Mines, Housing and Infrastructure and Presidential Affairs.

