

RACECA - LENDS A HELPING HAND TO KENYA FOR KENYANS INITIATIVE



RACECA Secretariat give their donation to Kenya Red Cross

The Roads and Civil Engineering Contractors Association (RACECA) recently contributed Kshs 2 million to the Kenya Red Cross towards Kenya for Kenyans initiative and the recent petroleum fire tragedy in Sinai slums, Nairobi.

RACECA was formed in 2008 by companies engaged in roads and civil engineering construction in Kenya. The association is open for membership to construction companies in the country.

The association is developing rapidly with additional contractors continuously applying for membership. The committee chaired by Eng. Colin Scott of Issaco, interviews and assesses applicants for membership once a month.

A new headquarters for RACECA is currently under construction at Parklands-Nairobi and will be opened in November, 2011. It will contain offices for the secretariat, conference

facilities and meeting rooms for the members plus a social centre for informal gatherings.

Recently, RACECA met with representatives of Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA), Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) and Kenya Roads Board under the Chairmanship of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Roads Eng. Michael Kamau to discuss issues affecting the industry. The high level meeting underscored the need of dialogue between contractors and employers in the roads and civil engineering construction industry.

It was agreed that; employers to pay certificates within the time periods defined in the contracts, authorities to share budgetary information with contractors, standardize bidding and contract documents, reduce preliminary and general items to less than fifteen percent of contract sums, reduce performance guarantee

requirements, release retention money against bank bonds, standardize claims evaluation and release advance payment bonds in stages as repayments were made during the performance of the contract.

RACECA members undertook to keep claims to a minimum and maintain high levels of performance on their contracts both in terms of quality and performance targets.

Regular meetings of this nature are planned and RACECA greatly appreciated the invitation of the Ministry of Roads, the Roads Authorities and the Kenya Roads Board to participate in such forums.

The association continues to assist both its members and their employers to resolve issues which could disrupt projects and to promote the efficient regulation and organization of the roads and civil engineering construction industry in Kenya