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MINISTER CHINAMASA COMMISSIONS THE US\$1,2M ZIMRA ELECTRONIC CARGO TRACKING SYSTEM

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The Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Patrick Chinamasa yesterday commissioned the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA) Electronic Cargo Tracking System at a ceremony held at a local hotel in Harare.

“The Electronic Cargo Tracking System is expected to help address challenges of transit fraud and illegal dumping of goods in Zimbabwe,” said Minister Chinamasa at the ceremony. He noted that the Government is keen to implement strategies to deal with corruption and increase revenue inflows into the Fiscus. Minister Chinamasa also expressed gratitude to the African Development Bank (AfDB) for financing the Tracking System, saying this is testimony of the good relations between Government and the Bank.

ZIMRA Board Chairperson, Mrs Wilia Bonyongwe commended the AfDB for its support, adding that the Tracking System will go a long way in helping ZIMRA to expand the tax base and combat corruption, as mandated by Minister Chinamasa in 2015.

Ms Eyerusalem Fasika, the AfDB Programme Officer in Harare, pledged the Bank’s continued support to the Government and people of Zimbabwe in achieving their development goals. She noted that the Bank supports other projects, all aimed at strengthening Government’s Public Finance Management System.

The Electronic Cargo Tracking System requires all trucks passing through Zimbabwe to have electronic sealing devices, which allow ZIMRA to monitor their movements real time until they leave the country. The system allows ZIMRA to track any diversions from the normal route or tampering with seals.

The AfDB provided US\$1, 2 million while the Government contributed US\$1 million for the procurement of seals.

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