

KGRTC UPGRADES FACILITIES

The Kafue Gorge Regional Training Centre has embarked on upgrading its facilities with the help of Swedish Government through Swedish International Development Corporation Agency (SIDA). This was disclosed during the contracts signing ceremony held at Zesco head office in Lusaka on Monday, 2nd February 2009.

During the contract signing meeting the first Secretary for Energy at the Swedish Embassy, Henrick Riby called for enhancement of efficiency in electricity generation plants in view of the huge power deficit Zambia and other countries in the region are facing. Riby said Sweden was ready to make available funds for upgrading the electricity generation facility in Zambia and other SADC countries.

Riby unveiled a grant of US\$871,000 for Infrastructure and Manpower Development at Kafue Gorge Regional Training Centre.

Speaking at the same event, the KGRTC board chairperson, Mr. Musonda Chibulu who is also Zesco Power Rehabilitation Projects Director said KGRTC would continue to work closely with collaborating partners to ensure that it kept pace with changing modern technology. He warned contractors involved in this project that they risked penalties for failure to complete the project on schedule.

Among the contractors hired include Digital Wave which will work on the Local Area Network Upgrade at a cost of US\$99,002, ABB AB Service Norland to work on the Simulator Upgrade at a cost of US\$ 170,921 while Jos Hansen and Soene GMBH would undertake the Power Laboratory Upgrade at a cost of US\$ 106,599 and Process Laboratory Upgrade at US\$ 28,229.