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Mrs Natsai Shoko named 2014 Project Manager of the Year in Zimbabwe

Zinara Programme manager recognized for leadership on national highways projects

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7 November 2014 – Harare, Zimbabwe – Project Management Zimbabwe (PMZ) has announced that Zimbabwe National Road Authority (ZINARA) Programme Manager, Mrs Natsai Shoko has been voted by Project Management Zimbabwe (PMZ) as the **Project Manager of the Year 2014**. She shrugged off competition for the accolade from over 1000 other Project Managers who are members of PMZ who were vying for the countrywide award.

The other top three nominated candidates were **Mr. Lloyd Dube**, a Project Manager at Afrosoft Holdings leading IT Infrastructure Developing Projects and **Mr. Qedindaba Khumalo**, a Project Manager at Unki Mine in Shurungwi leading Community and Mine Projects for Anglo Platinum. Mrs Shoko received the Award at the Annual International Project Management Day Breakfast reception hosted in Harare on 06 November 2014.

The 2014 Project Manager of the year award is the biggest and most prestigious PMZ award. It is the first time that this award has been extended to a member in public. Taking a lead from best practice Project Management Institutes from around the world, several criteria were considered. The Project Manager of the year must have been a valid member of PMZ. The candidate must have led an outstanding project that has added value to the community of Zimbabwe. The Project Manager must have demonstrated application of a known Project Management methodology such as PRINCE2, PMP, PMBOK and also the candidate must possess all the standard basic qualities of a good project manager recognized globally.



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Project Management Zimbabwe (PMZ) is the country's Largest Association of Project Managers with a membership base of over 1000. Each year the Association carries out a national survey to identify on going or completed projects and project managers deserving recognition.

Mrs Shoko was recognised for her sterling efforts as one of the few shrewd female Project Managers in the supervision of works going on in the Zinara National Rehabilitation of Highways and major roads. Zinara is currently the Major Sponsor in

the rehabilitation of the 870km Plumtree- Bulawayo-Harare- Mutare Highway at a cost over \$320 million. Zinara also recently took over the rehabilitation of the Harare Airport Road as well as the Beitbridge- Masvingo- Harare- Chirundu Roads.

Mrs Shoko is in charge of supervising project teams and sub-contracts working on these projects to ensure coverage of project scope, on time and within budgets. In 2013 ZINARA received an award from PMZ for sponsoring the most Outstanding Infrastructure Development Project nationally in recognition of their rehabilitation of the Plumtree-Bulawayo-Harare-Mutare road.

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