



ZIMBABWE ENGINEERING IRON & STEEL SECTOR STRATEGY LAUNCH

27 MAY 2022,

CRESTA LODGE, HARARE

REMARKS BY EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL FOR THE ENGINEERING, IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY

Our Guest of Honour, Honourable Minister of Industry & Commerce,
Doctor Sekesai Nzenza

Honourable Government Ministers here present

Permanent Secretaries,

Senior Government Officials

EISAZ National Executive Council Members

Chairperson of the National Employment Council for Engineering,
Iron & Steel Industry

CZI President and Chief Executive Officer

Captains of Industry

Distinguished Guests

Representatives from employees' bodies

Representatives from the academia

Our friends from the media

Ladies & Gentlemen

On behalf of the employees within the engineering iron and steel sector. We would want to express our excitement to be part of our Engineering Iron and Steel sector strategy launch. More often,



when strategies are formulated, employees are least considered and forgotten. Yet, we employees are the key horses of the strategy without employees there is no implementation to talk about.

Richard Brandon says “if you take care of employees everything will take care of itself”

Highlights of the sector strategy have shown us that there is an intention to take care of the employees, in that it will seek to create employment which will see more than 50 000 jobs being created by the year 2026 as well as improvement of employee skill by partnering with other key stakeholders like vocational training centres.

Hon, Minister Nzenza, we are aware that the revival of the engineering iron and steel sector will go a long way in the upliftment of the livelihoods of our families. We are also aware that this sector is the spinal cord of the economy and if fully revived the social living standards of all Zimbabweans will improve. Hence, as patriots of our nation Zimbabwe, we fully commit and pledge our blood and sweat to see the success of the strategy, particularly in the implementation stage.

We, therefore, call for the government to fully support our sector with enabling and consistent policies.

In conclusion

“I say take care of the employees and everything will take care of itself.”

I THANK YOU