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PUBLIC NOTICE

ZESCO TO ACT ON OPTIC FIBRE CABLES INTERFERING WITH ITS POWERLINES

ZESCO Limited ("ZESCO") is concerned with the surge in optic fibre cables being installed in proximity of its powerlines to the extent that they come into contact with the Corporation's powerlines.

Attention is drawn to the provisions of the Electricity Act No. 11 Of 2019 which prohibits the erection of buildings or structures that interfere with the supply of electricity through a transmission or distribution line.

Kindly take note that ZESCO's powerlines have legally defined wayleave clearance for right of way of the respective powerlines within which no structure or installation, including optic fiber cables are to be placed. Such structures and installations are not only illegal and unsafe but do interfere with ZESCO's safe supply of power through its powerlines.

The public, telecommunication companies and internet service providers are therefore being cautioned against erecting any structures near the ZESCO wayleave, for reasons stated above.

With respect to already existing illegal structures, notice is being given to all telecommunications and internet service providers whose optic fibre installations are constructed within ZESCO's wayleave to remove the same with effect from Wednesday, 1 May 2024 to Tuesday, 21st May 2024, failing of which ZESCO shall invoke the provisions of the law and facilitate removal of the said structures.

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