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ANCONE GROUP SUPERVISES CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR STOREY COMMERCIAL COMPLEX IN BLANTYRE

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Shopping in the 21st century has advanced with people's demand of keeping their merchandise in places that are water tight, well ventilated and with good sanitation facilities than from otherwise poorly developed infrastructure. This also provokes desire to shop from various customers as products are found in their original form with stains and discoloration from leaking roofs, sewer systems amongst others.

Commercial complex are seen to have replaced the local markets that were an order of the day past times. A well-built shopping complex does not provide a place for trade only but also beauty to the surrounding environment.

Having a complex with multiple stories up, challenges those that have a wish to be in businesses as the place is provided for many to be accommodated.

Such buildings do add beauty in places they are located apart from providing shopping spacing for people interested in carrying out various businesses.

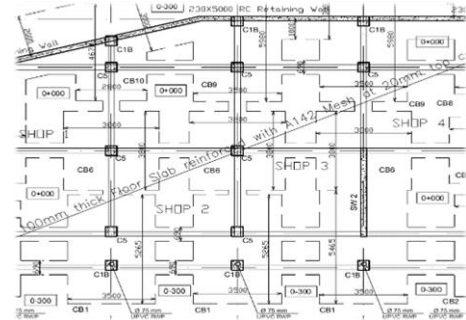
But when real estate investors hatch the ideas to have multi-storey buildings, they are usually faced with challenges on choice of a project consultant who is fully acquainted with the technical knowhow of realizing such structures.

To pick a competent project manager with skills to lead a construction team for such challenge is very risky at such a time when they are several companies in the construction industry and reports of substandard works are perpetually reported through the press.

When the idea of to construct a commercial complex came into its mind, T.T. G. Investments wondered which Engineering Consulting company would not betray his vision.

Just like many could have wondered which company to approach to provide services of engineering consultant in construction project, T.T.G. Investments intelligently selected A-N Consulting Engineers (ANCONE Group).

After T.T.G. Investments had conceived a real estate business venture to have commercial complex, the expected floor plan was discussed with ANCONE Group Consultant who prepared the associated working drawings and specifications of features that put the structure investment on leading edge in adoption and accommodating modern building technologies.



Amongst others the building design was provided with features to support data transfer, telephone, firefighting and HVAC services.

“We had also to provide well thought of foul drainage system for the facility” said Engineer Allan Nyirongo, Chief Executive Officer for ANCONE Group.

Amongst other implementing partners of the construction works was Meshozi Construction Company which was awarded a contract to construct the building through selective tendering process. The works were planned to be completed in 64 weeks.



The construction scope of works amongst others included casting of RC pad and combined bases, columns, shear walls, retaining wall, downstand

beams, suspended floor slabs, staircases just to mention a few.

Amongst others methods deployed for construction works included production of concrete onsite using concrete mixtures and casting in situ the structural framing members.



This four storey commercial complex project once completed shall fully complement Blantyre City Council (BCC) campaign of having structures that add beauty in the city of Blantyre.

Through the Red Star Campaign that was implemented by the BCC, the council is geared up to demolish dilapidated buildings in the city while for some buildings they are to be renovated as part of the campaign.

On a positive note, the four storey building shopping complex that is being built by T.T.G. Investments is amongst private infrastructure projects that BCC is pleased with in the city.

This new building complements fully well recommendations of the Red Star Campaign that aimed at having buildings that are of quality and adding beauty to the city of Blantyre.



The campaign followed President Peter Mutharika's tour in the city. The Malawi leader expressed dissatisfaction with some buildings that were not attractive as they stayed for years without being renovated while others needed total overall.

Mutharika encouraged the City council to adopt the campaign that intended to promote beauty in cities of Malawi through having good looking structures.

Blantyre city is one of the big commercial cities in Malawi. The city is the hub of commercial activities in the country whereby having such structure is adding an advantage to the commercial activities that the city is well known with.

The representative of T.T.G. Investments on this construction project is Honorable T. Gowero who is a Member of Parliament (MP) for Blantyre City West Constituency. Honorable Gowero has been known to represent well the people of his constituency in the national assembly.

Honorable Gowero has also served in various ministerial positions of current administration of Peter Mutharika that was ushered into power in 2014.

Among the ministry that he has served include the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.

The MP is also well known to have been involved in developmental activities that uplift the livelihood of the people from his constituency.

Apart from being an MP, Honorable Gowero is also a successful business man in the country.

