

GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED

BUSINESS PLAN

FOR

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

1.0. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.

GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED is a company registered in the country under the Companies Act 2002 and bears Certificate of Incorporation No. 162837761 issued on 26th January, 2033.

The project promoters are well-established businesses in Tanzania engaged in transport logistics business and they see a very bright future in the transport sector.

This document has been prepared to serve as a business plan for GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED for their transport project. The implementation of this project will comprise of the following activities: -

- The purchase of 120 trucks to be done in phases,
- The construction of a modern workshop and office
- The purchase of 2 cranes
- The purchase of 5 pick up
- The purchase of 2 Hard top
- The purchase of 2 break down
- The purchase of 1 set of CCTVS
- The purchase of 1 generator

- Equipping the company with relevant facilities

The proposed project comprising the purchase of **120 trucks** is estimated to cost about **US\$ 7,020,000**. The project sponsors will prove US\$2,000,000 of this investment while the US\$ 5,020,000 will be sought from financial resources institutions.

1.1 THE PROJECT PROMOTERS

The shareholders of this project are all entrepreneurs with a diverse professional and business backgrounds. The company is owned by 2 shareholders, namely: -

Name	% of shares	Nationality
Abdulnassor Saleh Al- Jabry	50	Tanzania
Ahmed Omar Ahmed	50	Tanzania

1.2 Location.

The project head office will be located at **Plot No. 27, Block B, Gezaulole Street, Kigamboni Dar es Salaam**

1.3 Targeted Markets.

The targeted markets of the project are the neighboring landlocked countries of Tanzania and to a small extent the hinterland of Tanzania. The neighboring countries that are the target of this project are specifically DRC, Malawi, Zambia, Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda, including some hinterland parts of Tanzania.

GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED has resolved to invest in the transport sector so as to provide a solution that would lead to stimulating the said intraregional trade. The project is expected to offer a challenge to the business community to enhance intraregional trade between Tanzania and these countries.

2 PROJECT DETAILS

2.1 INTRODUCTION

Tanzania is the largest country in East Africa that is geographically strategically located in relation to her neighbors. Because of the above-mentioned factor, the country's transportation system is also used to serve landlocked neighbors, i.e. countries of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Eastern D. R. of Congo, Northern parts of Zambia, Malawi and some northern parts of Mozambique.

The transport sector plays a critical role in the social and economic development of a country. Transport provides links between centers of production and those of consumption, markets, in the economic sectors such as agriculture, industry mining and tourism. It facilitates the flow of goods and people along the import/export corridors that link the coastal ports and landlocked countries. Transport equally provides access to employment, health, education, recreation and other services. Therefore, one is rightly justified to conclude that “without a good transportation system the development of a country is impossible. What roads and railways are to a country’s development is like what the blood system is to the human body’

It is quite gratifying to note that the Government of Tanzania realizes the role of the transport sector for its economic and social development, and as a result has developed a Transport Sector Programme which will be very instrumental in improving the business and investment environment in the transport sector.

It is alleged that poor transport and communication infrastructure are the major causes of low levels of intraregional trade in Eastern Africa. It is in view of this that, despite this poor infrastructure, **GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT**

LIMITED. has resolved to assist to provide a solution to stimulate the said intraregional trade.

In summary, we can say that **GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED** has major objectives the following: -

- To promote trade between Tanzania and her neighbors
- To procure foreign currency for the country in the course of its business transactions.
- To provide extra employment to more people in the sector.

3.0 THE PROJECT

The project's objective is to have a fleet of vehicles in a total of **120 trucks** each with a trailer. The trucks will be sourced mostly UK. The trucks, together with their trailers will be procured in phases.

This study is based on the **120trucks**. It has been estimated that full scale operations the **120 trucks** are expected to meet at least **2400 trips** annually, their destinations being Tanzania's landlocked neighboring countries of Malawi, Zambia, Burundi, Rwanda the Democratic Republic of Congo, etc.

3.1 PROJECT SPONSORS

GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED is owned by three individuals, all of whom are Tanzanians. **GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED** shareholders have an adequate experience in running the business of motor vehicles as such are well versed in this line of business.

4.0 INVESTMENT AND FINANCING

For the project to be a reality a total investment amounting to **US\$ 7,020,000** is required, the summary is found in schedule.

GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED COST STRUCTURE

PARTICULAR	US\$
Land and Buildings	500,000.00
Machinery & Equipment	800,000.00
Motor Vehicles	5,000,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	5,000.00
Pre exp	10,000.00
Others	5,000.00
Working Capital	700,000.00
TOTAL	7,020,000.00

(i) Land and Building: US\$ 400,000,

The project is going to construct project buildings, including services garage on its plot at the cost of US\$500,000.

(ii) Machinery and Equipment: US\$800,000

Some US\$ 500,000 is anticipated to be spent on the purchase of various garage machinery and equipments. The equipment for the mechanical workshop will include things like a diesel pump, lathe and panel beating and spray facilities, tyre retreating plants.

Also to be included is the purchase of a welding and grinding machine, compressors, mobile and stationery, iron sheet folding machine, generator and other general tools and equipment

(iii) Motor Vehicles: US\$5,000,000

The project will need **120 vehicles**. These vehicles will be used in overhauling various types of goods and products on behalf of several customers located in the land locked neighboring countries of Malawi, Zambia, Burundi, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo and even Uganda.

Internally the project anticipates making trips to several regional centers spread throughout the country. However, when required to do so, these trips will be also made to any internal destination provided they have the rightful road condition

(iv) Office Furniture and Equipment: US\$ 5,000

It will consist of office tables, chairs, telephone, fax, machines, file cabinets, sofa chairs etc.

(v) Pre-Operational Expenses: US\$ 10,000

These will come to about US\$10,000 and they cover things like company registration, expenses spent by **GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED** in exploring the viability of the project, especially the market/client identification exercise done in those countries targeted to be served.

This pre-operational cost item also covers the architectural designs of project buildings and other engineering services. Also included under this item are issues like consultancy fees, legal fees and recruitment and training costs of personnel.

(vi) Initial Working Capital: US\$ 700,000

Calculations as well as assumptions for working capital requirements are as shown in the working capital schedule.

4.1 FINANCING PATTERN

The financing pattern being considered is that involving the purchasing of **120 trucks** and their trailers. The project will be financed both by equity and loan. Equity contribution will constitute US\$2,000,000, while the remaining US\$5,020,000 will be in the form of a loan.

The loan will be negotiated and acquired from one of domestic financial institutions. The project sponsors expect to procure this loan on the following terms and conditions: -

Loan Amount : **US\$ 5,020,000**

Interest Rate : 8% annually

5.0 TECHNICAL ASPECTS

5.1 Sources of Technology

All the project's trucks will be procured from the U.K., Sweden, China and Turkey. The envisaged trucks will be either Scania trucks with trailer.

5.2 IMPLEMENTATION

Project implementation is expected to be relatively very short once TIC approval is received. Currently, the supplier of the trucks has already been identified and supply is awaiting instructions from the project promoters. In this respect, delivery can be done in less than 18 months once we finalize financing sources.

6.0 MANPOWER AND ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

The project will be managed by a Board of Directors of **GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED**. The Board, like all other boards is responsible for the formulation and supervision of company policies and guidelines. The project's day to day operations will be under the supervision of Managing Director.

The project's employee requirement is estimated to be **135** people in number, as shown below: -

As can be seen above the Company handsomely remunerates its workers. In order to ensure timely delivery of consignments, provision of goods service to

customers, Management will provide on the job training in the field of motor vehicle maintenance and will provide bonus and other incentives as a means of instilling and boosting employee work morale.

6.1 ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

The project's operations will be managed through the Board of Directors, while the day-to-day activities of the project will be supervised by the Managing Director. Assisted by Finance & Administration Director and Director of Technical & Operations

7.0 PROJECT OPERATING COSTS

In order to realize its intended objective, the project will have to meet the operating costs estimated to be 80% of total revenue.

8.0 MARKET AND MARKETING

The project's earmarked clientele is in the land locked neighboring countries of Malawi, Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda and even Uganda. Management has already explored these markets and is confident it can conduct profitable business with them.

9.0 REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS

- 120 trucks each make two return trips per month. Each trip will cost **US \$ 5000**, therefore for 240 trips/month. Each truck is expected to make 2 trips internally per month.

The number of trips assumed here, is just a conservative estimate. With the expected improvement of the roads and in general operations coupled with the driver's gaining experience in long distance travels, the number of trips per truck will be raised. This will have a tremendous impact on the Company's expenditure and earnings. However, this scenario is not the subject of the current study.

10.0 FINANCIAL ASPECTS FOR THE PROJECT

(i) Projected Profit and Loss Statement

The schedule below shows the projected income for the 8years period.

The position depicted is that the project earns profit throughout its life.

Accumulated after tax profits grow from. **US\$696,780 to US\$9,061,842**

in the 8th year

GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED PROJECTED INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT US\$

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Revenue	9,600,000	10,080,000	10,584,000	11,113,200	11,668,860	12,252,303	12,864,918	13,508,164
Operating Expenses:	7,680,000	8,064,000	8,467,200	8,890,560	9,335,088	9,801,842	10,291,935	10,806,531
Profit before Depreciation & Interest	1,920,000	2,016,000	2,116,800	2,222,640	2,333,772	2,450,461	2,572,984	2,701,633
Interest	401,600	321,280	240,960	160,640	80,320	0	0	0
Depreciation	523,000	523,000	523,000	523,000	523,000	523,000	523,000	523,000
Gross Profit	995,400	1,171,720	1,352,840	1,539,000	1,730,452	1,927,461	2,049,984	2,178,633
Tax (30%)	298,620	351,516	405,852	461,700	519,136	578,238	614,995	653,590
Profit After Tax	696,780	820,204	946,988	1,077,300	1,211,316	1,349,222	1,434,989	1,525,043
Accumulated Profit	696,780	1,516,984	2,463,972	3,541,272	4,752,588	6,101,811	7,536,799	9,061,842

(ii) Projected Cash Flows

The project's cash flows are shown in schedule vii. They depict a good liquid position right from the first year. Cash accumulation builds up from **US\$1,621,380** in the first year to **US\$ 14,450,642** at the end of 8th years of the project's operations based on the 120 trucks.

GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED PROJECTED CASH FLOW

SOURCES:		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Profit before interest and depreciation	-	1,920,000	2,016,000	2,116,800	2,222,640	2,333,772	2,450,461	2,572,984	2,701,633
Equity	2,000,000								
Loan	5,020,000								
Total Sources	7,020,000	1,920,000	2,016,000	2,116,800	2,222,640	2,333,772	2,450,461	2,572,984	2,701,633
Applications:									
Capital expenditure	6,350,000	-	-	-	-	-			
working Capital &Others	670,000								
Cash	-	1,621,380	1,664,484	1,710,948	1,760,940	1,814,636	1,872,222	1,957,989	2,048,043
Tax	-	298,620	351,516	405,852	461,700	519,136	578238.18	614995.089	653589.8435
Sub total	7,020,000	1,920,000	2,016,000	2,116,800	2,222,640	2,333,772	2,450,461	2,572,984	2,701,633
Total applications	7,020,000	1,920,000	2,016,000	2,116,800	2,222,640	2,333,772	2,450,461	2,572,984	2,701,633
Accumulated cash		1,621,380	3,285,864	4,996,812	6,757,752	8,572,388	10,444,611	12,402,599	14,450,642

(iii) Projected Balance Sheet

The project's owners' equity grows from US\$ 2,000,000 in the first year to US\$ 11,061,842 at the end of 8th years of the project's operations based on the 120 trucks

GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED PROJECTED BALANCE SHEET US \$

Fixed Assets	-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Opening balance	-	6,350,000	5,827,000	5,304,000	4,781,000	4,258,000	3,735,000	3,212,000	2,689,000
Total Long-term Assets	-	6,350,000	5,827,000	5,304,000	4,781,000	4,258,000	3,735,000	3,212,000	2,689,000
Less depreciation	-	523,000	523,000	523,000	523,000	523,000	523,000	523,000	523,000
Closing balance	-	5,827,000	5,304,000	4,781,000	4,258,000	3,735,000	3,212,000	2,689,000	2,166,000
Working capital	670,000	670,000	670,000	670,000	670,000	670,000	670,000	670,000	670,000
Accumulated cash	-	1,621,380	3,285,864	4,996,812	6,757,752	8,572,388	10,444,611	12,402,599	14,450,642
Total assets	670,000	8,118,380	9,259,864	10,447,812	11,685,752	12,977,388	14,326,611	15,761,599	17,286,642
Financed by									
Equity	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Accumulated profit	-	696,780	1,516,984	2,463,972	3,541,272	4,752,588	6,101,811	7,536,799	9,061,842
Total equity	2,000,000	2,696,780	3,516,984	4,463,972	5,541,272	6,752,588	8,101,811	9,536,799	11,061,842
Long term loan	5,020,000	4,016,000	3,012,000	200,800	1,004,000	-	0	0	0
Total debts	5,020,000	4,016,000	3,012,000	200,800	1,004,000	-	-	-	-
Total equity and debts	7,020,000	6,712,780	6,528,984	4,664,772	6,545,272	6,752,588	8,101,811	9,536,799	11,061,842

(iv) Payback Period

Total investment is **US\$ 7,020,000** cash accumulation in year 5th is **US\$7,367,588** which is more than the initial investment. The project payback Period is within three years, for and half months only.

The project has a relatively short payback period. It is remarkably impressing for a project whose investment is as big as **US\$7,020,000** being recovered in within than 5 year.

GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED PAYBACK PERIOD: US\$

Year	Profit After Tax	Depreciation	Total Cash Flow	Accumulated Cash Flow
1	696,780	523,000	1,219,780	1,219,780
2	820,204	523,000	1,343,204	2,562,984
3	946,988	523,000	1,469,988	4,032,972
4	1,077,300	523,000	1,600,300	5,633,272
5	1,211,316	523,000	1,734,316	7,367,588

11.0 ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE PROJECTS

Besides the financial/monetary returns to the owners, there are other benefits to be derived for the whole country viz.

(i) Employment Opportunities

Employment and poverty reduction are among the major concern of the Central and the Local Government authorities. It is gratifying to note that **GRAND CANAL INVESTMENT LIMITED** is going to provide additional employment to **135** people. This is a significant contribution coming from local investors.

(ii) Revenue to the Government

The Project is expected to pay a substantial annual amount in the form of corporation tax during the project's eight years covered under our project review.

(iii) Foreign Exchange Earning

Since the project's clientele is mostly towards neighboring countries the project will thus earn foreign currency for the United Republic of Tanzania. Out of all project expected cargo overhauling transactions will be settled in foreign currencies

12.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

12.1 Conclusion

- (i) The project is profitable and contributes to government revenue by way of taxes.
- (ii) The project has a sound after tax internal rate of return
- (iii) The project provides employment to **135** people all of whom are national Tanzanians.
- (iv) The project is an encouraging sign to prove that we have investors who have confidence in this country. Tanzania so much so that they are ready to invest such large sums of investment despite the odds of the sector in question.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION

After the foregoing economic and financial evaluation of the project, we strongly recommend that this project be implement and be given all the support required by all the concerned Government Ministries and Agencies, including the Tanzania Revenue Authority, TRA and the Tanzania Investment Centre – (TIC). The project deserves this support because of its viability, since it is technical feasible, economically viable and socially acceptable.

