Below is a story of a local pioneer engineering consulting firm established in 1967, four years after Kenya's independence, and which has withered great storms for the last 50 years to remain a key player in the engineering consulting industry.

fter attaining independence, Kenya began undertaking extensive and complex national construction projects, which in turn weighed down heavily and ultimately exceeded the capacity of the existing project civil engineers, who were mostly expatriates, to efficiently carry out all aspects of the business to completion. As a result, it became necessary for these project civil engineers to focus on distinctive areas such as structural design, water engineering, project management, roads engineering and traffic design, as consultants with in-depth knowledge of their chosen field.

In 1967, four years after independence, East African Engineering Consultants was founded and began to undertake major projects in the spirit of improving and expanding Kenya's infrastructure including training of locals. Later, the company transitioned to East African Engineering Consultants Limited, a limited liability company following review of legislation. The policy and vision of the company at formulation was to provide engineering consultancy services suited to the needs of developing countries with an unrivalled degree of efficiency and professionalism. It was paramount and inevitable that as a pioneer, EAEC had to focus and address this huge task of dealing with the short fall in local capacity. On this note, a number of present day professional engineers are alumni of EAEC.

As EAEC celebrates its golden jubilee,



Ms. Lydia Nduti Executive Secretary



Eng. Andrew Meso at his station



EAEC staff at a project meeting



Eng. John W. Symes (Past Chairman of EAEC)

this policy remains unwavered. We remain not only committed, but also increasingly eager to provide quality services, developing and retaining long-term mutually beneficial relationships, and adapting constantly to the diverse needs of our clientele. We pride ourselves in being able to meet and go beyond the client's expectations, which has enabled us to make a positive contribution to the improved living standards of the individuals, communities, and end users of the infrastructure projects we have undertaken.

Over the years, East African Engineering Consultants has specialized in offering consultancy services in five main sectors, which are; Highway Engineering, Structural Engineering, Water and Sewerage, Irrigation and Urban Development. The team of professionals at EAEC have been able to achieve all the above under the keen eye of the quality assurance



Eng. Eliphelet Miano (Past MD of EAEC)

and regulatory standards of the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK). Our corporate social responsibility towards mentoring upcoming engineers is steadfast, and the firm remains a training hub for an encouraging number of engineers and technicians, who are now using the crucial skills they have gained in various capacities in this great country. Many kingpins in the local consulting engineering scene have their origins at EAEC. This was not without challenges. Following the passing of its founders, the firm faced a myriad of problems that almost resulted into its total collapse. The lesson learnt here is that engineering consulting firms must formulate in its corporate policy a clear road map for succession if they are to survive in the industry in the long term. This is in keeping with the global best practice.

Since its formation EAEC has provided consultancy services in major iconic projects

## Present Directors of EAEC Ltd



Dr. Eng. David Stower, CBS (Executive Chairman)



Eng. Caleb Murila (Director Water Energy Environment & Urban Development)



Eng Abraham Owiro (Director Transport & Infrastructure)









## Some of the projects handled by EAEC over the years



ICEA Building, Nairobi



Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi



Trans-Africa Highway (Nakuru-Timboroa Section)



Kenya Ports Authority Headquarters, Mombasa



Kencom House, Nairobi



Non-Motorized Transport Facilities (Mombasa foot bridge)

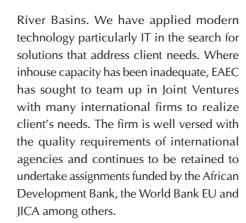


Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Programme In Kitui, Malindi And Embu Counties (Kitui Informal Settlements)





Machakos Storm Water Drainage Project



While talking about the success story of EAEC, it is appropriate to mention the efforts of the founding directors of the company. These were, the late Eng. John W. Symes and Eng. Eliphelet Miano who acted as the firm's Chairman and Managing Director respectively for a long time and who are renowned past personalities and pioneers in the engineering industry in Kenya. Their philosophy remains a corner stone to the company's future

Until recently, the firm had four directors namely, Dr. David Stower (Executive Chairman), Eng. Caleb Murila, Eng. Abraham Owiro and Mr Levi Ameka (deceased). Upon



The Executive Chairman, Dr.. David Stower giving opening remarks in Mombasa during the stakeholders workshop for the Feasibility Study for the Establishment of an Industrial Park in Samburu Area Kwale County 2017

the demise of Mr. Ameka, the remaining directors together with dedicated staff continue to steer the company towards great future prosperity.

Our longevity in the field, coupled with a high degree of expertise and mastery of

current international Engineering technology and ICT makes EAEC the firm to turn to for engineering and project management solutions, where you are guaranteed of great value and superior professional services conducted in a consistent, ethical, and costeffective manner.



Feasibility Study of 265,000Ha Greater Bura Irrigation Development Project



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