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Ring Road Phase 1 Project – Road Collapse

Recently there have been several press articles regarding the partial collapse of one section of the Ring Road Phase 1 project. The Road Development Authority wishes to bring the following facts to the attention of the public. The contract for this project was awarded to Joint venture Rehm Grinaker - Colas in January 2010 and the works were supervised by Arab Consulting Engineers (Egypt) on behalf of the Road Development Authority.

The works were practically completed on 31 January 2013 with a defect liability period of one year. From 20 to 24 January 2014 Arab Consulting Engineers (Egypt) effected site visits with the Contractor and noted early distresses along a stretch of around 75 metres. The Contractor was notified and instructed to identify the causes and to propose remedial actions. The Contractor immediately started with soil investigations and a report is awaited for consideration by the Consultant. In the meantime, the same stretch of road has deteriorated further. The Engineer has formally instructed the Contractor on 19 February 2014 to take all precautionary measures to protect people, properties and structures, if so required.

The RDA wishes to emphasise that this stretch of road includes retaining walls made of reinforced earth which have been designed and built by the Contractor. The Road Development Authority reassures the public that the contract provides for the repair of the damaged section by the Contractor at their own costs. In the meantime, geotechnical investigations are under way to identify the causes of the collapse and corresponding remedial measures will follow.

The Road Development Authority wishes to reiterate its assurance to the public at large that it is closely monitoring the situation and that it will see to it that the contract provisions are respected and strictly adhered to.

As a precautionary measure we rely on the collaboration of the public not to venture in the vicinity of the collapsed area.

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