

Profica to manage York Commercial Park in Zambia

Profica property and construction solutions company has been appointed as project manager for the newly launched York Commercial Park development in Lusaka, Zambia.



"Profica is proud to be involved in this major development in a pivotal distribution hub at the centre of the sub-Saharan African logistics routes," says Profica group managing director Tim White. "We have managed this development from inception, overseeing and managing the pre-development and land enablement as well as the construction of the services and infrastructure to turn agricultural land into a high tech logistics park."

Two phases

York Commercial Park, initiated by private equity investor Actis, is now being developed by Improvon and Actis in two phases over five years. The park's first 5,000m² building is now complete along with the park infrastructure and gatehouse. The park will be fully serviced with all infrastructure, including roads, paved areas, electricity, water, and the highest standard of security with monitored and controlled 24-hour access.

York Commercial Park is targeting both local and multinational companies with a unique business model of selling or leasing warehousing and light industrial units designed and constructed to clients' own specifications. In addition, the park will offer space for every size of business by introducing them to the mini-unit format, allowing smaller companies to lock into modern and bespoke storage and warehousing facilities while larger businesses can consolidate multiple mini-units.

Profica celebrated a decade of success in Africa in 2015, working across retail, commercial, recreational and industrial property. The company has completed a number of large industrial projects, including managing the installation of process systems and operations integration on technically complex projects. This is the second industrial project in Zambia that Profica has been involved in, following project management of the construction of headquarters for a global company in Kitwe.

Localised solutions

Profica continues to provide services to other international clients on shopping centre projects in Zambia. In line with the Profica philosophy to offer localised solutions and insight in Africa, local teams are working in tandem with international talent, transferring skills as the project is delivered.

"Our local knowledge, company culture and investment in the right people, processes, and technology continues to get the best results for our clients. We look forward to completing the next phase of York Commercial Park and delivering further projects in Zambia and throughout the African continent," concludes White.
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