



SPEECH

BY

**THE PRESIDENT,
HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. E. D. MNANGAGWA**

AT

**THE COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW
GLOVERS 10 MW SOLAR POWER PLANT**

KWEKWE

22 MAY 2026

Director of Ceremonies;

Vice President, Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Dr. C. G. D. N. Chiwenga;

Vice President, Hon. Col. (Rtd) Dr. K. C. D. Mohadi;

Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Midlands Province, Hon. O. Ncube;

Honourable Ministers;

The Political Leadership of Midlands Province;

Chief Secretary to the President and Cabinet, Dr. M. Rushwaya;

Chairman of the Public Service Commission, Dr. V. Hungwe;

Chief Samambwa and other Traditional Leaders;

The Board Chairperson, Board Members and Management of New Glovers Solar;

Representatives of Pension Funds and Financial Institutions;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Comrades and Friends.

It is my honour to join you today for this official commissioning of the New Glovers 10 MW Solar Power Plant, here in Kwekwe. This initiative is part of ongoing efforts to diversify the national energy mix and build resilience against climate change and associated energy challenges. Further, projects of this nature are of critical importance with regards modernisation, industrialisation, increased agriculture productivity, and the development of rural industry systems.

I thank you all, for turning out in huge numbers to witness this milestone achievement. These are the results of the people-centred and development-oriented policies of our ruling revolutionary mass Party, ZANU PF. Under the Second Republic; **Tiri Musangano neHurumende inozadzisa zvivimbiso kune ruzhinji, tichiita mabasa anooneka, anobatika uye achishandura hupenyu hwedu.**

As you are aware, energy remains a key enabler for economic transformation and national development.

Our country is endowed with abundant solar radiation. **Zuva rakawanda munyika yedu.** The sun is our silent partner. As such, the construction of this solar power plant, is a welcome development and fully aligns with the objectives of the National Development Strategy 2 and the broader green energy agenda. Reliable, affordable, and clean energy has the ripple effects of overall economic productivity, investment attraction, job creation, and improved quality of life for our citizens.

I, therefore, challenge other investors, industries, institutions, and communities to emulate this example by embracing renewable energy solutions and productive investments that support national development.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

The establishment of this power generation facility, represents immense investor-confidence in ongoing economic reforms and our country's future.

The project is historic, being among the first implemented under the Government Project Support Agreement framework. This is a mechanism which creates a conducive and bankable investment environment for renewable energy development and infrastructure financing.

It is intended to provide comfort to investors through measures that guarantee cost reflective tariffs, guaranteed uptake of generated power, and the offshore repatriation of dividends. Such interventions are designed to position Zimbabwe as a competitive and attractive destination for long-term infrastructure investment.

I am pleased that the 10 MW Plant was undertaken by New Glovers Solar, an indigenous Independent Power Producer. This demonstrates the role played by the private sector to complement Government efforts to modernise and grow our economy.

The company's ambition to expand this initiative into a 100 MW Solar Power Plant, is commendable. **Well done.** Be assured that my Administration will support you. Zimbabwe is indeed open for business.

Equally, I express special commendations to pension funds and financial institutions, who participated in the project. More must be done by local capital markets towards the mobilisation of resources for strategic national projects that directly impact Vision 2030, and the industrialisation as well as modernisation of our country.

Meanwhile, I urge individuals and entities, including those in the diaspora, to diversify their investments into key national priority projects. **Kana mawana zvamawana kuminda, mumigodhi, neikoko kunze kwenyika, musadye mari yose. Ngativakei nyika yekwedu, nematunhu edu, kuti nyika ibudirire, remangwana rive raka jeka.**

Both urban and rural local authorities, are called upon to ring fence and reserve land for the establishment of energy and technology parks.

Taka bvumirana kuti; Nyika inovakwa, inotongwa, inonamatigwa nevene vayo / Ilizwe lakhiwa, libuswe, likhu-le-ke-lwe ngabanikazi balo.

I congratulate, the young Zimbabweans behind New Glovers Solar, who spearheaded the construction of this plant. I also applaud, engineers, technicians, financiers, and other stakeholders who worked tirelessly for the successful completion of this important project. Your collective efforts, unity of purpose and hard work, demonstrate the abundant skills, innovation, and determination that exist among our people.

Makorokoto. Amhlophe.

Distinguished Guests;

I am pleased to note that this project formed part of the Government's 100-Day Cycle Priority Projects.

The completion of this plant within record time reflects the discipline, efficiency, coordination, and commitment to results, that has become synonymous with the Second Republic. This achievement is a testament that when Government and the private sector work hand in hand, Zimbabwe can deliver projects of international standard. **Kana taka batana, tichishanda pamwe chete, hapana chinokona kubudirira.**

The New Glovers Solar Plant is generating electricity as well as empowering communities, creating jobs, transferring skills and uplifting livelihoods. This resonates well with the Second Republic's development philosophy of leaving no one and no place behind. We shall continue to implement programmes and projects that close the life-style and opportunity gaps, between our citizens, in urban and rural areas.

MuVision 2030, tirikushanda kuti munhu wese muZimbabwe ave nehupenyu hwakasimukira, economy yedu ichibudirira. Tose ngatishandei nesimba kuti tizadzise chishuviro ichi.

As Midlands Province, it is my expectation that, district by district, the aspirations and goals set out in Vision 2030, will be achieved, way ahead of time, leveraging on the province's rich natural resource endowments. We must, in this respect collaborate and scale up synergies for the value addition and beneficiation of all our resources, across the various sub-sectors of the economy. I look forward to positive provincial GDP growth.

To our young entrepreneurs throughout the country, may the project we are unveiling today be a source of inspiration, for you to pursue your dreams and realise your full potential as you help to build the Zimbabwe we all deserve. The future of our country lies in our hands.

Let me hasten to say that the Second Republic has zero tolerance for sabotage of strategic national investments. Anyone who steals cables, vandalises infrastructure, or demands bribes from investors is an enemy of development. Protect this asset. A solar panel stolen today means a job lost tomorrow. Guard this project like you guard your own homes.

Let us always remember that Zimbabwe belongs to all of us. The New Glovers Solar Plant is, more than a source of electricity. It is a beacon of hope and a symbol of innovation. It is a testimony of resilience, and indeed, proof that when Zimbabweans unite and rise to the occasion, our national development leaps forward.
Makorokoto, Amhlophe, Congratulations.

With these remarks, it is now my singular honour to declare the New Glovers 10 MW Solar Power Plant, officially commissioned.

It is also my distinct privilege to lay the foundation stone marking the commencement of the expansion of this project, to a 100 MW Solar Power Plant.

I once again, thank you all, **Ndinokutendai mose, Ngiyalibonga lonke**, for coming to witness this success story. I urge you, to remain united and hard-working in your various sectors and communities as we build our great motherland, Zimbabwe.

God bless you all.

God bless Zimbabwe.

I thank you.