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Ismail Mehmood Designs was established in 1993 as a locally registered firm of Consulting Architects with Ismail Mehmood Patel as Principal. Ismail Mehmood Designs is located in Area 2 on Plot No. 2/132, Bombay Road in Lilongwe. The firm has been functioning as a successful firm of architects for over twenty years in Lilongwe - Malawi. The firm comprises the principal architect, two graduate architect; as well as two architectural technicians, secretarial and administration staff.

IM Designs has improved its capacity through computerizing its operations and boasts seven AutoCAD workstations and two A1 colour Plotters.

In most projects, IM Designs are the lead consultant, and have provided the Architectural as well as the Project Management Services. The key architectural members of staff at IM Designs are diverse and dynamic both in view of their cultural and ethnic backgrounds, as well as their architectural training. This diversity is a microcosm of the social environment in Malawi, and serves to ensure that each design carried out responds to the diverse nature of our society, environment and context.

IM Designs has a strong financial foundation and is respected in Malawi by both colleagues and clients alike.

The IM Designs team has a passion for architecture and can often be found delighting over the smallest of architectural details, and feels in many ways that it shares the social responsibility for the development of both the city of Lilongwe and Malawi as a whole.

As a team, the staff members have resolved numerous design problems. The intention has been to translate the Client's requirements into a design solution, which blends with the surrounding,

rendering it both of an approachable human scale, as well as having a unity with its surrounding architectural fabric, while avoiding architectural ubiquity.

Since its establishment, IM Designs has completed a variety of architectural works including single and multi-storey office buildings, a library building prototype, churches and mosques, hospital extensions, children's ward, outpatient department, medical centre, single and multi-storey private houses, four-star hotel with shopping centre among many more.

IM Designs was invited to compete against two other locally based architectural firms for the design of a new luxury lodge of 'log cabin type' in Nyika National Park. IM Designs' submission emerged the winner and was awarded the design and construction management contract which was funded by the German Government.

IM Designs provided the design and supervision of three SOS Children's Village in Mzuzu, Blantyre and Chipata in Zambia, which comprised an administration block, a clinic, a kindergarten, a hall, a service block, a director's house and two other staff houses, twenty family houses, two guest houses and a full primary school.

IM Designs has also provided design work for renovations to facilities at the American Embassy, and have also completed extensions to the American Ambassador's Residence, and extensive renovation to the American Embassy Holiday Cottage at the Zomba Plateau.

IM Designs entered a national architectural competition for a prestigious office/commercial development for MPICO for a site in the Capital City. IM Designs was awarded second prize.

IM Designs also worked on a prestigious multi-million-dollar academy for girls in association with Architects in New York. This project comprised of administration and library, classrooms with laboratories, multi-purpose hall with concert facilities, gym and assembly, dormitories for girls, dining hall, staff housing, etc funded by Raising Trust Malawi. Full Planning Permission was granted and civil works completed. Five Contractors were invited to tender but unfortunately due to cost constraints the project has been shelved. For the same Client Raising Malawi Trust IM Designs successfully completed an Orphan Care Centre in Namitete, Lilongwe and a boys' hostel at Home of Hope Orphanage in Mchinji.

We are currently working on a Multi-Billion Hotel Complex and Conference Centre at Mchinji Roundabout, Lilongwe. A major extension on Hotel Victoria in Blantyre including a New Conference Hall was successfully completed and the facilities are fully operational at present.

We have also successfully completed the following projects:

- 3 New Buildings for Malawi Rural Finance Company which comprises of banking halls in Lilongwe, Blantyre and Mzuzu.
- Crossroads Shopping Complex including the Hotel
- 2 New Office Blocks in Lilongwe City Centre, one of them is housing UNICEF Headquarters and Airtel Centre.
- The New Shopping Complex at Mchinji Roundabout housing "City Mall Shopping Centre".
- Housing projects for Pacific Investments comprising of
 - 54 Detached and Semi Detached Houses in Area 9, Lilongwe
 - 36 Town Houses in Area 9, Lilongwe
 - 16 Flats in Area 6, Lilongwe
 - 12 Town Houses in Limbe
- A magnificent hotel in Mzuzu
- A 4 Storey office complex in City Centre, Lilongwe for Africa Muslim's Agency.
- A 3 Storey office building - CASA de SHEZ in the City Centre.
- A hotel in old town, Lilongwe
- A New Private Banking Suite for Standard Bank, Capital City Branch, Lilongwe,

- Service Centre for Standard Bank at Gateway Mall, Lilongwe
- Shopping Mall (Corporate Mall) along Paul Kagame Road
- A Hotel (Grand Palace) in Mzuzu.

Two Shopping Centres for Pacific Investment situated opposite Shoprite and Mali Shopping Centre opposite Game Complex in Lilongwe.

We have also been commissioned to design and supervise the construction of an office block for Mai Aisha Trust at City Centre, Lilongwe. The office block will comprise of 6 floors of office space with a basement carpark. Other projects which we have been granted approved by Lilongwe City Council are offices for Centre Development Ltd and work on site will commence in October, 2017 and office and showrooms along Paul Kagame Road for Skyband.

Apart from projects done in Malawi, IM Designs has also done the following projects in Zambia:

- An Office Block for Christopher Russel – Solicitors
- Housing Estate for Elmere Garden
- Housing Estate for Carribean Properties
- Housing Estate for Green Park
- Islamic School for Jamiah Islamia
- Masjid-U-Fallah

From the above, it may be seen that IM Designs has handled work for a wide variety of Clients and has the versatility that is required to handle almost any assignment.