

# Exchange of Notes Constituting An Agreement Between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Egypt Regarding Construction of the Owen Falls Dam, Uganda

Signed at Cairo 5 December 1949; in force 5 December 1949

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His Majesty's Ambassador at Cairo to the Egyptian Minister for Foreign Affairs ad interim  
BRITISH EMBASSY

Cairo, 5th December, 1949

Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honour to refer to my Note of the 30th of May, 1949, and to the reply of the then Minister for Foreign Affairs ad interim of the 31st of May, 1949, which Notes constituted a formal agreement between our two Governments regarding the proposed dam at Owen Falls and the works connected therewith.

The third point of this agreement provided that the Royal Egyptian Government and His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom would examine promptly contracts placed by the Uganda Electricity Board and would indicate their joint approval of them by formal Notes exchanged between each other.

As your Excellency is aware, the Uganda Electricity Board has now awarded the contract for the construction of the dam and hydroelectric power station at Owen Falls to a group headed by Christiani and Nielsen, Limited, comprising:

- o Dorman, Long and Company, Limited;
- o Edmund Nuttall, Sons and Company (London), Limited;
- o Hollandsche Beton Maatschappij, N/V;
- o Internationale Gewapendbeton Bouw N/V;
- o K. L. Kier and Company (London), Limited;
- o Nederlandsche Aanneming Maatschappij, N/V, late firm, H. F. Boersma;
- o Nederlandsche Beton Maatschappij, "Bato," N/V.

The amount of the contract is £3,639,540 5s. Od.

As your Excellency is also aware, the Uganda Electricity Board has further awarded a contract for ironwork to Messrs. Glenfield and Kennedy, to the amount of £124,866. On instructions

from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, I now have the honour to inform your Excellency that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom approve these contracts. If the Egyptian Government also approve them, your Excellency's reply in that sense and this Note will constitute the exchange of formal Notes referred to in paragraph 2 above. I should be happy to arrange for the Government of Uganda to be notified accordingly. I have, &c.

Ronald Campbell

II

The Egyptian Minister for Foreign Affairs ad interim to His Majesty's Ambassador at Cairo

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Cairo, 5th December 1949

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's Note of the 5th of December, in which you inform me that His Majesty's Government has approved the award of two contracts, viz :-

1. The first concerns the building of the dam and the hydro-electric power station at the Owen Falls which the Uganda Electricity Board had awarded to the group led by Christiani & Nielsen, Limited, to the amount of £3,639,540 5s. Od. This group comprises:
  - o Dorman, Long and Company, Limited;
  - o Edmund Nuttall, Sons & Company (London), Limited;
  - o Hollandsche Beton Maatschappij, N/V;
  - o Internationale Gewapendbeton Bouw, N/V;
  - o K. L. Kier & Company (London), Limited;
  - o Nederlandsche Aanneming Maatschappij, N/V, late firm N. F. Boersma;
  - o Nedertandsche Baton Maatschappij, "Bato," N/V.
2. The other concerns the iron-work for the sluices of the said dam awarded to Glenfield & Kennedy to the amount of £124,866.

In accordance with the terms of the third clause in the formal Agreement between our two Governments, constituted by the Exchange of Notes, that of your Excellency of the 30th of May, 1949, and that of his Excellency the Egyptian Minister for Foreign Affairs ad interim of the 31st May, 1949, I have the honour to inform your Excellency that the Royal Egyptian Government approve the above mentioned award of these two contracts and I therefore

request you to be kind enough to consider the exchange of my present Note and yours under reference as constituting on the part of our two Governments the necessary formal approval. I also note that your Excellency will be good enough to notify the Government of Uganda of this agreement.

Please accept, &c.

H. Sirri