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Specialised Technical Services big on fuel system installation

Today, many people are opening up fuel stations, but few are aware of the dos and don'ts for the business. It is for this reason that some fuel stations catch fire. However, with the right information on safety measures at a fuel station, fires can be avoided.

Do not smoke at a petrol station

According to Florence Nyika, the director of Specialised Technical Services in Kampala, petrol burns fast. So, any slight spark can cause a flame. To avoid that, it is important that people avoid smoking or lighting anything at a fuel station.

Use trained people to install fuel system

Nyika says a good fuel system installation needs well trained engineers and technicians, who have knowledge about the standards and requirements for both underground and surface tank systems.

"That is what Specialised Technical Services offers. We have experts who put up the main canopy, service bay, pump, office branding and other site installations and fabrications. We have technical experts who install all required conduits and do



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the wiring for tank systems, including control wiring for tank and fuel," Nyika says.

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quality equipment, coupled with skilled manpower, enables fuel dealers to get the best output and ensure safety. "Since fuel is inflammable, it is important that it is stored

Safety tips

- One should turn off the engine before refuelling. Start your engine and move your vehicle only after refuelling is completed and the nozzle is placed back on the dispenser.
- Do not smoke, use a lighter or light a match box
- Do not use your mobile phone. If you drop your mobile phone, a spark can be produced when the batteries are knocked loose. This could be hazardous because of the flammable vapours produced by fuel.



from contamination," she says.

Storage of fuel should be done in tanks

"According to the rules that govern inflammable liquids, fuel should be stored in strong tanks. Any spills should be cleaned up to avoid fires and environmental damage," she says.

Any material that has been used to clean fuel should be disposed of safely as it can also easily cause a fire or pollute the environment.

She says people should not dispose of spilled gasoline or cleaning materials on the ground or in garbage bins, drains, toilets or sewers. This could cause a fire, or the gasoline could seep into streams, lakes or groundwater and contaminate it.

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at room temperature, away from potential heat sources, such as the sun. We have all the equipment and technical expertise to do this," she explains.

Nyika says the company uses a number of reputable service station contractors that provide complete and durable fuelling system installations, renovations and maintenance.


"We also work for fuelling stations to ensure all fuel owners have proper fuel stations to provide increased

operational efficiency," she adds.

Always be innovative and discover new technologies

Nyika explains that discovery of new technologies is important because it helps in ensuring that fuel remains of high quality and is dispensed in the right quantities.

"Before a customer uses a fuel station, they should look around and see if the station has underground tanks that keep fuel secure and free



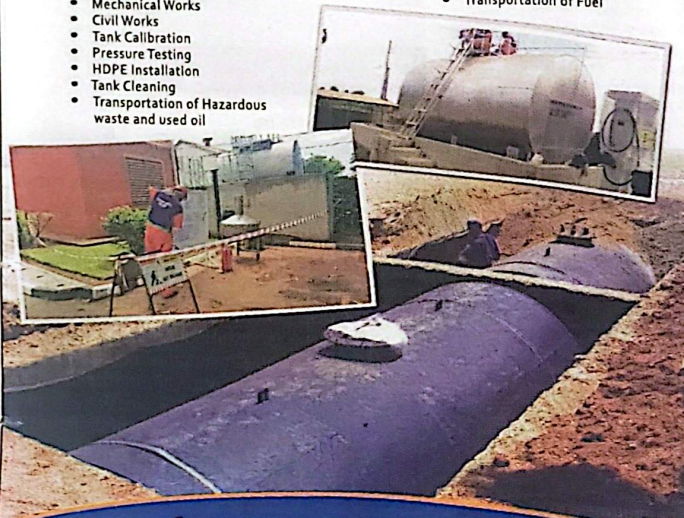
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