

Land disputes delay construction Of Lubowa specialised hospital

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KAMPALA. Unresolved land disputes have delayed the construction of a multibillion specialised hospital at Lubowa hill on Entebbe Road, *Daily Monitor* has established.

The construction of the high-tech hospital, which was scheduled to commence in June last year, was expected to offer super-specialised services such as cancer treatment, heart diseases, neurosurgery (brain and spinal code surgeries), and organ transplantation.

Others include specialised accident and emergency units, intensive care and high dependence care units.

“ We took 30 acres of this land to construct this hospital. There is no way anybody can successfully claim this land,” PRESIDENT MUSEVENI SAID IN REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO CLAIM GOVERNMENT LAND TO FRUSTRATE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES

However, sources privy to the project on Wednesday said the Italian investor, who had offered to fund the project, Ms

Enrica Penetti, has pulled out over reported dispute over the site the allocated site. The project was planned to cost \$250m (Shs900b).

During the ground-breaking ceremony for the project in June last year, President Museveni assured Ms Penetti that the 30-acre piece of land belongs to government, which also owns the title.

According to Mr Museveni, the land used to be a coffee plantation belonging to a British company known as Mitchell Courts but government later bought it for the Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC), an HIV/Aids Centre.