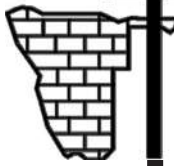


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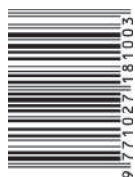
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# OFFICIALS

tend the session by the United Nations Commission of the Status of Women.

Kauma then traveled with Kavihura and Mwira to Geneva for the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) meeting from 21- to 28-Mar-24.

Mwira even applied for funding for a clothing allowance to purchase winter clothes. Premium economy class with window seats in the first rows of the aircraft were requested.

The subsistence travel allowance that was approved is reportedly N\$325,000 for Kauma, N\$160,000 for Kavihura, N\$70,000 for Shali and N\$46,000 for Mwira. The tickets cost N\$200,000 for Kauma, N\$80,000 for Kavihura and N\$60,000 for Shali and Mwira.

The finance department of the National Council assured the travelers that the funds were available and would be reserved for March.

According to National Council secretary, Tousy Namiseb, other members of the National Council and National

Assembly, each with their own support staff, are also attending the IPU meeting.

Namiseb said such events are essential for MPs and serve as training ground. Cross-cultural exchanges help parliamentarians with their oversight duties and sharpen their skills.

He said it was a matter of "job distribution" to include several staff members per trip. In order to ensure that one member of parliament was not "overburdened", they might be accompanied by an additional member of staff, such as a PA, to assist with tasks such as logistics. There was also a need for people who can do research for these PMs, Namiseb reasoned.

There has been a growing concern about frequent and seemingly excessive travels undertaken by National Council officials. Insiders claim that some top managers insist on being included in travel plans even when the trip only requires a personal assistant or clerk to attend.

Despite the availability of virtual communication platforms, officials reportedly insist on in-person traveling. This has raised red flags about the necessity and cost effectiveness of physical travel in many instances (*Namibian Sun 16-Feb-24; Die Republikein 15-Feb-24*).

## National Council allocates N\$2-m for traveling during 2023/24 FY

For the 2023/24 financial year, the National Council was allocated a total budget of approximately N\$167.5-m.

The first item on the annual procurement plan for the 2023/24 FY submitted by the National Council on 19-Dec-22 is for the provision of air tickets for domestic and foreign travels "for benchmarking and official engagements for the chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, deputy secretary, members of parliament and staff members" over twelve 12 months.

The estimated value was N\$2-m (revised from N\$2.5-m) and the "default method" of ONB procurement was stated "impractical". Since there is a limited number of travel agencies operating in the industry, the Restricted Bidding procurement method would be used.

In addition to the N\$2-m allocated for domestic and foreign travels the National Council Procurement Plan also provides for many workshops, retreats, teambuilding exercises, etc. in Namibia for National Council staff members.

## No annual Procurement Plan for the National Assembly

On the GRN eProcurement portal there is a Procurement Plan for the National Council for 2024/25 dated 08-Dec-23 (with N\$3-m budgeted for domestic and foreign travels), but there is no procurement plan at all for the National Assembly for the 2023/24 or 2024/25 financial years.

The National Council and the National Assembly (Parliament) share the same website but have separate tabs for their procurement: <https://www.parliament.na/category/procurement-of-council/> <https://www.parliament.na/procurement-of-assembly-2/>.

Neither house of Parliament has ever posted any of their procurement information on the GRN eProcurement portal, which became operational in October 2022.

## Retreats and team building exercises a plenty during 2023: From Popa Falls to Swakopmund

While no information was posted on the National Council website during 2023 or 2024 for specific overseas traveling requirements, there were a few

# POLICY & GOVERNANCE

RFQs for local retreats and conferences during 2023, including:

- \* NCS/RFQ/11-60/22/23: Venue for retreat of the office of secretary, chairperson and legal services at Swakopmund from 26-Feb-23 to 04-Mar-23 for 23 staff including tea breaks and snacks plus accommodation in standard rooms for 8 pax - closed 15-Feb-23;
- \* NCS/RFQ/11-12/23/24: Venue hire for National Council members of parliament and staff members to attend a legislative workshop on financial and related bills in Swakopmund from 13- to 16-Jun-23 (61x pax) - closed 05-Jun-23;
- \* NCS/RFQ/11-14/23/24: Venue hire for National Council officials to attend a retreat and team building session in Oshakati from 03- to 07-Jul-23 (33x pax) - closed 21-Jun-23;
- \* NCS/RFQ/11-29/23/24: Venue hire for NC staff members to attend a workshop (14 participants each) in Otjiwarongo from 17- to 21-Jul-23 (including closing dinner on 06-Jul-23 [sic] for 15 pax) and 31-Jul-23 to 04-Aug-23 (including closing dinner on 03-Aug-23 for 15 pax) - closed 10-Jul-23;
- \* NCS/RFQ/11-33/23/24: Venue hire and accommodation for a retreat at Popa Falls for NC Standing Committee on Health, Social Welfare & Labour Affairs on 31-Jul-23 (including breakfast and lunch, buffet dinner on 31-Jul-23 plus river chalet accommodation) - closed 24-Jul-23;
- \* NCS/RFQ/11-23/23/24: Venue hire for Members of Parliament and staff to attend a joint workshop of the Rules, Orders & Business Committee and Privilege Committee from 14- to 18-Aug-23 (28 or 38 pax [not clear], incl. teas and closing dinner) - closed 26-Jul-23;
- \* NCS/RFQ/11-40/23/24: Accommodation for JNC members and caretakers from 10 to 13-Sep-23 plus lunch and dinner for 56 pax. in Windhoek - closed 16-Aug-23;
- \* NCS/RFQ/11-65/23/24: Venue hire for NC's internal procurement structures training (for 27 participants incl. projector, flip chart stand, markers, pointer, notepads, pens) and teas (for 31 participants, incl. water, juices, nuts & sweets) and closing dinner (31 pax) from 22-Jan-24 to 02-Feb-24 in Swakopmund - closed 29-Nov-23.

## Two-year tenders for up to 80 participants in three towns

On 16-Jan-24, three National Council tenders closed for the provision of conference facilities (for up to 80 participants), hotel accommodation and meals as well as related services to the NC for a period of two years:

- \* NCS/RFQ/11-71/23/24 - in Swakopmund
- \* NCS/RFQ/11-73/23/24 - in Otjiwarongo
- \* NCS/RFQ/11-74/23/24 - in Windhoek.

These RFQs were found on the NC website dated 08-Dec-23 - but were not visible until 15-Dec-23 (by when most tenderers were on holiday). These bids were listed in *Tender Bulletin 1522*.

No bid opening information could be found on the NC website.

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ALSO WANTS TO TRAVEL FOR THREE YEARS

**Six of eleven tenderers were responsive, with two companies awarded contracts at prices higher than those stated in the award notice, while three other contenders lost out for not submitting the lowest responsive offers**

The National Assembly also issued a tender - with a strange TB reference (possibly RB for Restricted Bidding) - NCS-TB/RFQ/03-66/23/24 closing 31-Jan-24 - for the provision of travel services (flight tickets, travel insurance, accommodation and conference venues) to the National Assembly for a period of 36 months.

The NA allocated the same reference number to a tender for transcription and printing services closing on the same date.

Contrary to the National Council - which has recently issued an ONB tender for traveling services for 24 months - the National Assembly chose to issue a Request for Quotation tender for a 36-month period.

According to the bid opening record posted on the National Assembly website, eleven offers were received. The award notice dated 27-Feb-24 lists three successful bidders with their price offers:

- \* Advance Travel & Tours = N\$1,400 - amount quoted corresponds with award amount;
- \* Lazilia Travel = N\$2,070 according to the award notice, but stated as N\$1,800 in the Executive Summary of the Bid Evaluation Report;
- \* Travel Hub Namibia = N\$2,065 according to the award notice but stated as N\$1,400 contract award amount in the Executive Summary of the Bid Evaluation Report and N\$1,875.25 as the amount quoted.

The eight bidders not selected for the award and reasons for disqualification are:

- \* Blueberry Travel = N\$1,020 - 100% shareholder is not a Namibian citizen (at least 51% Namibian shareholding was required);
- \* Satguru Travel & Tours = N\$1,604.25 - no certificate from regulating body of Namibia; did not initial each page of the bid document and did not complete all fields;
- \* Elite Travel Planners = N\$1,800 - not lowest responsive bid (stated as "none" responsive but must have been responsive);
- \* Koako Travel & Tours = N\$2,760 - not lowest responsive bid (stated as "none" responsive but must have been responsive);
- \* Trip Travel = N\$2,850 - not lowest responsive bid;
- \* Rennies Travel Namibia = N\$3,835 - no reference letter for similar services;
- \* Owa Travel & Tours = N\$8,510 - no reference letter for similar services;
- \* Chilela Safaris & Tours = N\$81,243.25 - no reference letter for similar services.

Twenty-four offers were received for sand removal and related works in the Lüderitz Area, when tender W/ONB/RA-27/2023 closed at the Roads Authority Head Office in Windhoek at 11:00, Thursday 08 February 2024 after the closing date was extended from 01-Dec-23.

This tender was advertised in some local newspapers and listed in *Tender Bulletin 1522*.

Total prices in ascending price order:

- \* Hungwe Civil Engineering & Construction / Hoanib Trading JV = N\$16,793,685.75
- \* Alugodhi Engineering & Construction = N\$16,793,773.15
- \* Goresb Trading = N\$16,951,996.82
- \* Danny's Building Contractors = N\$17,136,817.50
- \* Geckoh Fifty Eight Investment Group = N\$17,170,369.40
- \* Tuyapeni Trading Enterprises = N\$17,172,835
- \* Vidu Trading = N\$17,306,913.50
- \* Golden West Investments =

CLOSING AT THE ROADS AUTHORITY 08-FEB-24:

## Sand removal from roads in Lüderitz area

Twenty-four offers from N\$16.8-m to N\$57.9-m

- N\$17,519,471.22
- \* Efidano Maintenance & Construction Services = N\$18,265,013

- \* Llewellyn Fire Fighting & Suppliers = N\$18,294,839.40
- \* Boabab Trading Enterprises =

CLOSING AT THE ROADS AUTHORITY 15-FEB-24:

## N\$27-m road upgrade to Talismanus

Six offers were received for upgrading to low volume seal standard of MR119 - T0602 to Talismanus, Phase 1 (6km) in the Omaheke Region, when tender W/ONB/RA-30/2023 closed at the Roads Authority Head Office in Windhoek at 11:00, Thursday 15 February 2024 after being extended from 14-Dec-23. Total prices in ascending order:

- \* Alugodhi Engineering Construction / Pandu Construc-

- tion JV = N\$27,000,000.15
- \* Namibbeton Civil Engineering Contractors = N\$27,542,719.08
- \* West Valley Roadworks = N\$28,380,085.25
- \* Pisces Investment Holdings No. Eight = N\$28,447,552.30
- \* Otesa Civil Engineering = N\$29,374,402.80
- \* Zero Six Five Trading = N\$29,982,115.75.



# NAM HEADING FOR THE BIG OIL LEAGUE

28 MARCH 2024

Haiitham Al Ghais, secretary general of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), will deliver an address at the Namibian International Energy Conference (NIEC) in Windhoek this April, sharing insight into global oil trends.

He will be joined by a delegation from the organization, who will lead technical discussions around the outlook for oil and the potential role Namibia plays in the global market.

Namibia is on track to produce its first oil from offshore discoveries by 2030 and the country is getting ready to take on a more prominent role in global supply chains.

Offshore discoveries and onshore exploration efforts are expected to transform the domestic economy while establishing new export chains for both regional and international consumers.

During NIEC 2024, the OPEC delegation will present the organization's World Oil Outlook, sharing insight into ongoing developments, future expectations, and efforts to create market stability.

With the development of offshore oil and gas discoveries, Namibia is poised to become a major player globally. Discoveries made by energy majors TotalEnergies, Shell, and QatarEnergy in 2022 and 2023 opened the Orange Basin, with recent drilling success further highlighting the potential for billion-barrel deposits in Namibia.

Multinational energy corporation, Galp, made two discoveries at the Mopane-1X well in 2024 while TotalEnergies announced its second

## OPEC secretary-general to address Namibia International Energy Conference in April, alongside billion-barrel oil discoveries offshore, as the Kudu gas and green hydrogen initiatives forge ahead

Orange Basin find, with hydrocarbon intervals revealed at the Mangetti-1X well this year.

Since 2022, Shell made discoveries at the Jonker-1; La Rona; and Graff-1 wells – expected to hold as much as 1.7 billion barrels in total – while drilling at the Lesedi-1 well in 2023 showed the presence of hydrocarbons.

Exploration in both offshore and onshore basins is set to yield positive results, further underscoring the country's position as a frontier contender.

Offshore, Galp has proceeded to spud the Mopane-2x well while energy major Chevron expects to spud its first well in PEL 90 in 2024. Exploration and production companies are also making strides onshore.

Independent oil and gas company ReconAfrica plans to start drilling in the Kavango Basin this year. Correspondingly, exploration company 88 Energy plans to kickstart exploration in Namibia's PEL 83 having recently acquired a 45% non-operated interest in the asset.

Taking place April 23-25 in Windhoek, the sixth edition of NIEC 2024 will connect foreign investors to Namibian energy projects. With the participation of project operators, investors and Namibian energy leaders, the event will provide an update on ongoing developments, regulatory reform, and upcoming

opportunities.

### Cape Town Energy Week

Namibia's Minister of Mines and Energy, Tom Alweendo, will speak at the 2024 edition of the African Energy Week (AEW) - Invest in African Energy conference – from 4 to 8 November in Cape Town.

TotalEnergies discovered the company's second oil and gas find at the Mangetti-1X well in January 2024, building on its Venus-1 find in 2022 where over two billion barrels are estimated to be in place.

Appraisal work has already kicked off for Mangetti-1X while the company has dedicated 30% of its exploration and appraisal budget to the country.

Two discoveries were also made by Portuguese oil and gas company Galp at the Mopane-1X well in PEL 83. Galp's contracted rig will proceed to drill the Mopane-2X well.

Meanwhile, Shell continues to drill at PEL 39, where discoveries were made at the Graff-1; Jonker-1X – estimated to hold 300 million barrels; the Lesedi-1X well; and the La Rona well.

These finds draw attention to the size and scope of untapped oil and gas in Namibia, making a strong case for other E&P companies interested in the basin.

## ENERGY UPDATE

Onshore, ReconAfrica plans to start a drilling program in the Kavango Basin in 2024 after the company secured approval for the second renewal exploration period on PEL 73 – running from 2024-2026 – and plans to drill a minimum of one exploration or stratigraphic well.

Meanwhile, oil and gas company 88 Energy signed a farm-in deal with private exploration firm Monitor Exploration in November 2023 for a 45% non-operated working interest in PEL 93. With prospective resources of 22 trillion cubic feet of gas in PEL 73 alone.

### Kudu gas project

In addition to exploratory success, Namibia's efforts to start producing gas from the Kudu Conventional Gas Development in the Orange Basin by 2026 are beginning to show progress with an FID expected this year.

A joint development plan for the asset was signed in November 2023 between TotalEnergies, Shell and the government, with the project currently in the Front-End Engineering and Design phase.

Gas from the project will be transported to an 885MW combined cycle gas turbine and will be used for domestic power generation, offering a strategic opportunity for the southern African region to enhance energy security.

### Green hydrogen

Notwithstanding oil and gas achievements, Namibia's continues to make progress to establish itself as a global green hydrogen hub. Three green hydrogen pilot projects – the Hyrail Dual-Fuel Locomotive, Daures Green Hydrogen Project and Cleanergy Green Hydrogen Service Station – will begin operations in 2024.

Additionally, Namibia's dedicated green hydrogen blended finance vehicle – SDG Namibia One Fund – acquired a 24% stake in the country's largest green hydrogen development – the \$10 billion Tsau-Khaeb Green Hydrogen project – earlier this year.

With a capacity of 7 GW of renewable energy and 3 GW of electrolyzer, the project will produce two million tons of green hydrogen per year.

"Namibia continues to make strides towards unlocking the full potential of its energy sector. Attractive regulation, long-term development plans and an integration approach to developing resources further consolidates the country's position as a regional hub.

"As interest continues to turn towards the country's oil, gas and green energy opportunities, AEW 2024 will connect capital to projects and partners with authorities," stated NJ Ayuk, Executive Chairman of the African Energy Chamber.

(By APO Group on behalf of African Energy Chamber)

CLOSING AT THE ROADS AUTHORITY 08-FEB-24:

## Road signs in Rundu region

Fifty-three offers from N\$4.9-m to N\$74.4-m

Fifty-three offers were received for the erection and replacement of road signs in the Rundu Region, when tender W/ONB/RA-28/2023 closed at the Roads Authority Head Office in Windhoek at 11:00, Thursday 08 February 2024 after the closing date was extended from 07-Dec-23.

This tender was advertised in some local newspapers and listed in *Tender Bulletin 1522*.

Prices on two sections for 53 tenderers listed in alphabetical order:

- \* AJ Engineering & Construction - #1 = N\$8,867,434.95; #2 = N\$6,258,650.75
- \* Albama Investment Group - #1 = N\$10,603,565.23; #2 = N\$7,397,947.70
- \* Alugodhi Engineering & Construction - #1 = N\$11,495,497.75; #2 = N\$7,676,526
- \* Alugodhi Engineering / Power Construction JV - #1 = N\$15,126,057.87; #2 = N\$10,081,722.37
- \* Amproma Investments - #1 = N\$8,984,745.00; #2 = N\$6,320,380
- \* BeTech Investment / Paramite Engineering JV - #1 = N\$8,431,952.38; #2 = N\$5,962,861.25
- \* Black Ladder / Potential Investments JV - #1 = N\$9,316,122.25; #2 = N\$6,895,141.72
- \* Broadway Investments - #1 = N\$9,271,348.39; #2 = N\$6,246,255.02
- \* Chiave Investments - #1 = N\$9,545,690; #2 = N\$6,261,117.50
- \* Danny's Building Construction - #1 = N\$9,278,522; #2 = N\$6,394,891.25
- \* Eben Engineering - #1 = N\$7,753,185; #2 = N\$5,368,343.78
- \* Efindano Maintenance & Construction - #1 = N\$9,515,298.38; #2 = N\$6,309,250.75
- \* ETN Technical Services - #1 = N\$10,677,675.25; #2 = N\$7,271,093.50
- \* Faraday Investments - #1 = N\$5,535,981.55; #2 = N\$3,785,107.70
- \* FL Shekhina Investments - #1 = N\$14,970,642.50; #2 = N\$9,814,249.50
- \* Gawaseb 1242 Investments - #1 = N\$43,866,170.98; #2 = N\$29,537,459.05
- highest offer totaling N\$73,403,630.03
- \* Golden West Investments - #1 = N\$9,933,372.02; #2 = N\$7,054,006.85
- \* Goreseb Trading - #1 = N\$9,675,045.11; #2 = N\$6,871,898.72
- \* GTK Trading / Frampton Investments JV - #1 = N\$9,396,103.75; #2 = N\$6,651,686.25
- \* HNK Trading - #1 = N\$8,965,428.81; #2 = N\$6,341,951
- \* Hungwe Civil Engineering - #1 = N\$14,960,351.73; #2 = N\$9,971,400.45
- \* James & Young Trading Enterprises - #1 = N\$9,488,765; #2 = N\$6,592,737.25
- \* Kakonda Haulage - #1 = N\$9,268,691.89; #2 = N\$6,245,369.52
- \* Kakondje Investments - #1 = N\$3,338,254.99; #2 = N\$2,327,216.71 - 2nd lowest offer totaling N\$5,665,471.70
- \* Kanzo KKK Investments - #1 = N\$18,800,145.38; #2 = N\$12,437,037.25 - 2nd highest offer totaling N\$31,273,182.63
- \* Kufudilira Construction & Renovations - #1 = N\$5,223,182.47; #2 = N\$3,789,164.55
- \* Lissy Building & Civil Works - #1 = N\$4,670,285.13; #2 = N\$3,080,148.50
- \* Lwendo Locke Investment - #1 = N\$8,867,017.50; #2 = N\$6,205,773.75
- \* Maperes Investment - #1 = N\$9,893,153.88; #2 = N\$6,711,394.25
- \* Mindpower Investment - #1 = N\$8,870,812.50; #2 = N\$6,212,415
- \* Nilotse Investments - #1 = N\$9,677,566.25; #2 = N\$6,644,539.30
- \* Nilotse Trading / NP Trading JV - #1 = N\$7,033,300; #2 = N\$5,252,600
- \* Nu-Line Road Services - #1 = N\$6,118,077.63; #2 = N\$4,356,913
- \* Obrian & Fortune Investments - #1 = N\$6,745,960.38; #2 = N\$4,650,393
- \* Okasisiti Express - #1 = N\$6,067,661.05; #2 = N\$4,267,578.70
- \* Ongushe Investment - #1 = N\$7,055,917; #2 = N\$4,783,218
- \* Pelico Engineering Group - #1 = N\$9,702,460.82; #2 = N\$6,258,620.14
- \* PMPH Construction - #1 = N\$8,859,509.73; #2 = N\$6,258,663.40
- \* Royal Contractors - #1 = N\$9,943,582.66; #2 = N\$6,884,603.24
- \* Shemuvalula Construction - #1 = N\$8,870,591.13; #2 = N\$6,397,421.25
- \* Shipiki Construction - #1 = N\$6,602,477.75; #2 = N\$4,531,609.50
- \* Shisho's Trading / Thia Trading JV - #1 = N\$8,867,443.81; #2 = N\$6,255,627.40
- \* Shiveli Trading Enterprises - #1 = N\$8,924,315.88; #2 = N\$6,298,523.55
- \* Tokar Investments Group - #1 = N\$9,884,393.75; #2 = N\$6,643,780
- \* Try Harder Construction - #1 = N\$8,867,445.70; #2 = N\$6,258,630.51
- \* Tuhingireni Property - #1 = N\$2,770,565.68; #2 = N\$2,142,552.63 - lowest offer totaling N\$4,913,118.31
- \* Twin Power Investments - #1 = N\$7,542,499.25; #2 = N\$5,254,114.25
- \* Venmart Investments - #1 = N\$9,299,774; #2 = N\$6,490,904.75
- \* Veshati Investments - #1 = N\$9,388,830; #2 = N\$6,082,120
- \* Vidu Trading - #1 = N\$9,316,883.13; #2 = N\$6,479,330
- \* VII Investments - #1 = N\$5,802,355.44; #2 = N\$3,772,360.29
- \* XAM Investments - #1 = N\$9,579,339.00; #2 = N\$3,164,491
- \* Zero Six Five Trading - #1 = N\$16,293,350.13; #2 = N\$10,691,147.50



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## Concrete and steel roadworks in Oshakati region

Fifty-five offers were received for routine maintenance of concrete and steel road structures in the Oshakati Region, when tender W/ONB/RA-31/2023 closed at the Roads Authority Head Office in Windhoek at 11:00, Thursday 15 February 2024, after being extended from 07-Dec-23.

Total prices for concrete (1) and steel (2) maintenance in alphabetical order:

- \* AJ Engineering & Construction - #1 = N\$7,274,309.80; #2 = N\$9,718,830.53
- \* Alugodhi Engineering & Construction - #1 = N\$7,274,449.06; #2 = N\$9,718,830.52
- \* Amakulu Construction / Tuna Trading JV - #1 = N\$7,274,309.80; #2 = N\$10,708,869.57
- \* August Twenty Six Construction - #1 = N\$26,604,945.25; #2 = N\$40,139,102.70 - highest offer totaling N\$66,744,047.95
- \* Be-Tech Investments / Paladime Engineering JV - #1 = N\$6,910,629.85; #2 = N\$9,220,511.85
- \* CHW Trading Enterprises - #1 = N\$7,893,534.51; #2 = N\$9,571,694.57
- \* Danny's Building Construction - #1 = N\$7,579,523.50; #2 = N\$9,917,725.66
- \* D-Square Trading Enterprises - #1 = N\$10,800,555.63; #2 = N\$12,486,975.47
- \* Efindano Maintenance & Construction - #1 = N\$7,274,327.05; #2 = N\$9,719,531.25
- \* Enko Investments & Construction - #1 = N\$9,278,412.09; #2 = N\$12,434,530.18
- \* ETN Technical Services - #1 = N\$8,278,260.63; #2 = N\$10,791,292.87
- \* Gawaseb 1242 Investments - #1 = N\$12,868,690.29; #2 = N\$18,306,139.52
- \* Geckoh Fifty Eight Investment Group - #1 = N\$7,274,309.80; #2 = N\$9,718,830.52
- \* Golden West Investments - #1 = N\$8,046,294.45; #2 = N\$11,506,578.68
- \* Goreseb Trading - #1 = N\$8,204,621.34; #2 = N\$11,700,798.35
- \* GTK Trading / Frampton Investments JV - #1 = N\$8,840,275.89; #2 = N\$10,033,401.92
- \* Hungwe Civil Engineering / Haonib Trading JV - #1 = N\$7,786,979.80; #2 = N\$9,717,633.11
- \* Inauguration Investments - #1 = N\$7,403,922.81; #2 = N\$9,925,004.51
- \* INN Investments - #1 = N\$7,666,016.44; #2 = N\$9,911,189.29
- \* James & Young Enterprises - #1 = N\$7,444,582.50; #2 = N\$10,125,285.24
- \* Kai Engineering & Fabrication - #1 = N\$7,274,309.82; #2 = N\$9,718,830.51
- \* Kauna Builders - #1 = N\$7,068,898.78; #2 = N\$9,719,084.77
- \* Larissa Investments - #1 = N\$7,799,262.63; #2 = N\$10,987,711.06
- \* Lau Tom Construction / DHIPAH Trading JV - #1 = N\$7,281,916.44; #2 = N\$9,719,435.32
- \* Lexson Trading - #1 = N\$7,528,130; #2 = N\$10,539,039.08
- \* Lissy Builders & Civil Works - #1 = N\$8,069,216.50; #2 = N\$9,418,498.50
- \* LP Investment - #1 = N\$7,673,679.29; #2 = N\$10,491,988.58
- \* M Richter Construction & Investments - #1 = N\$8,091,952.02; #2 = N\$8,590,248.10
- \* Mendoza Investments - #1 = N\$8,299,460.88; #2 = N\$10,205,946.84
- \* Mindpower Investment / Omupondo Construction JV - #1 = N\$7,217,845.63; #2 = N\$10,035,578.88
- \* Nilotse Investments - #1 = N\$7,423,991.75; #2 = N\$9,892,798.98
- \* Nilotse Investments / NP Trading JV - #1 = N\$7,172,816.94; #2 = N\$7,617,108.33 - lowest offer totaling N\$14,789,925.27
- \* Nu-Line Road Services - #1 = N\$8,224,091.28; #2 = N\$10,537,442.54
- \* O'Brien & Fortune Investments - #1 = N\$7,295,942.13; #2 = N\$9,985,306
- \* Olugodhi Construction - #1 = N\$11,767,935.63; #2 = N\$10,791,292.87
- \* Omaka Mining Engineering - #1 = N\$7,429,567.17; #2 = N\$10,067,164.46
- \* Omangela Construction - #1 = N\$8,224,828.75; #2 = N\$9,860,306.22

- \* Om'Kuto Contractors & Developers - #1 = N\$7,618,409.31; #2 = N\$10,088,698.28
- \* Ongushe Investments - #1 = N\$8,639,042.94; #2 = N\$10,869,656.53
- \* Otiomise Construction - #1 = N\$7,913,510.24; #2 = NQ
- \* Palladium Civil Engineering - #1 = N\$10,016,370.13; #2 = N\$12,618,776.11
- \* Pisces Investment Holdings No. Eight - #1 = N\$9,018,192.19; #2 = N\$11,815,569.81
- \* PMPH Construction - #1 = N\$7,273,965.63; #2 = N\$9,719,144.66
- \* Potenza Investments - #1 = N\$7,814,158.29; #2 = N\$9,605,957.69
- \* Royal Contractors - #1 = N\$7,218,736.20; #2 = N\$8,643,485.50
- \* TCG Trading Enterprises - #1 = N\$7,235,176.56; #2 = N\$9,714,699.11
- \* Tokar Investments Group - #1 = N\$7,620,578.13; #2 = N\$9,954,598.43
- \* Tuyapeni Enterprises - #1 = N\$7,355,349.02; #2 = N\$9,963,027.94
- \* Wasiku Trading / Stand Firm JV - #1 = N\$8,638,276.34; #2 = N\$10,678,630.26
- \* Venmar Investments - #1 = N\$7,498,333.50; #2 = N\$10,250,344.59
- \* Vero Group - #1 = N\$24,367,378.75; #2 = N\$35,125,270.53 - 2nd highest offer totaling N\$59,492,649.28
- \* Veshat Investments - #1 = N\$7,448,739.61; #2 = N\$9,933,788.18
- \* Vidu Trading - #1 = N\$7,578,348.42; #2 = N\$10,230,979.08
- \* West Trading - #1 = N\$5,836,361.25; #2 = N\$9,877,899.65 - 2nd lowest offer totaling N\$15,714,260.90
- \* Zero Six Five Trading - #1 = N\$10,083,178.44; #2 = N\$11,595,312.98

CLOSING AT THE ROADS AUTHORITY 09-FEB-24:

## Chinese lanterns on the Windhoek - airport highway?

Roads Authority's tender for LED lighting on Windhoek's international airport highway attracts seven offers from N\$68.5-m to N\$348.4-m from four Chinese, three local, two South African and one Spanish firm after the tender was changed from being reserved for Namibians to open international bidding by the AfDB whose loan is co-funding the project

Seven offers were received for the design, supply and installation of an LED lighting system for the Windhoek - Hosea Kutako International Airport Dual Carriage Freeway Project, when tender G/OIB/RA-01/2023 closed at the Roads Authority Head Office in Windhoek at 11:00, Friday 09 February 2024.

This tender was re-issued as 'Open Competitive Bidding (International)' tender on 01-Dec-23 on the AfDB website from an earlier bid inviting registered "Namibian" companies. The closing date was extended from 18-Jan-24.

The RA invited sealed bids from eligible bidders for design, engineering, procurement, delivery and installation of an LED street lighting system.

Total prices and alternative offers, where applicable, of tenderers listed alphabetically:

- \* FE Construction PIH (South Africa) / CM Salvi SL (Spain) JV = US\$9,172,199.63 excl. VAT
- \* Multi Solutions (Nam) = N\$68,459,271.59 excl. VAT; alternative = N\$48,608,799.26
- \* China Railway Seventh Group (China) = N\$130,112,460.77 incl. VAT
- \* RJJ Project Management (South Africa) / Faraday's Electrical & Mechanical JV = N\$137,724,073.26 incl. VAT; alternative = N\$119,208,483.65
- \* Guang Dong Epistar Electronic Lighting (China) = N\$166,216,554.98 incl. VAT; alternative = N\$155,506,589.77
- \* Power Line Africa (Nam) = N\$174,831,629.49 excl. VAT; alternative = N\$147,641,824.28
- \* Unik Construction Engineering Namibia (China) / China Shandong International Economic & Technical Cooperation Group (China) JV = N\$348,362,307.24 excl. VAT; alternative = N\$288,122,734.24

- \* The project is co-financed by the AfDB under loan number 2000200002004 as part of the Transport Infrastructure Improvement Project.
- \* This is a sub-tender to RA/DC-CR/06-2014/2A that closed 12-Oct-18 for the construction of TR9/1 from Windhoek to Hosea Kutako International Airport to dual carriage freeway standards (Phase 2A between Sam Nujoma interchange to Dordabis interchange, 19.5km).
- \* The main contractor for this section of the new highway is Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC - International Project Engineering Company) who were awarded the tender for N\$950-m.
- \* The new LED lighting tender was con-

ducted through OCBI procedures, as per the AfDB's Procurement Framework and was open to "all" eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework. Bids had to be accompanied by a Bid Security of N\$2-m.

### Namibian tender became international

An earlier tender with the same 'OIB' reference with a closing date of 05-Oct-23 was published in *Tender Bulletin 1504* on 11-Aug-23. At the time, the RA invited competent and registered Namibian companies to bid, in line with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act 15 of 2015. This tender was found on the AfDB website and on the RA website dated 09-Aug-23.

It was also published in some local newspapers in August last year stating: In line with the Code of Good Practice on preferential procurement in Section 71 & 72 of the PPA 2015, the RA encourages "Category of all Local Suppliers" as outlined in Section 4 of the Code of Good Practice to participate.

CLOSING AT THE ROADS AUTHORITY 08-FEB-24:

## Concrete and steel maintenance roadworks in the Windhoek region

Forty-one offers were received for routine maintenance of concrete and steel road structure in the Windhoek Region, when tender W/ONB/RA-25/2023 closed at the Roads Authority Head Office in Windhoek at 11:00, Thursday 08 February 2024 after the closing date was extended from 07-Dec-23.

This tender was advertised in some local newspapers and listed in *Tender Bulletin 1522*.

Total prices in ascending price order:

- \* Royal Contractors = N\$15,921,752.54
- \* Creative Construction = N\$18,559,921.88
- \* JJ Garus-Oab Investments = N\$18,611,168.75
- \* Boabab Trading Enterprises = N\$18,729,043.75
- \* Evesh Investments / Urban Engineering JV = N\$19,136,609.50
- \* Zero Six Five Trading = N\$19,283,760.63
- \* D-Square Trading Enterprises = N\$19,380,116.25

Forty-one offers from N\$15.9-m to N\$26.6-m for works in the Windhoek region

- \* CSEG Investments Holding / Malla Trading JV = N\$19,943,409.25
- \* M&B Trading Enterprises / Welwitichia Pumps & Engineering JV = N\$19,950,170.85
- \* Oshikoto Building Construction = N\$20,075,679.38
- \* Wynec Plant Hire & Construction = N\$20,195,546.75
- \* Peke Power & Civils = N\$20,210,496.75
- \* ETN Technical Services = N\$20,487,899.75
- \* Potenza Investments = N\$20,590,210.82
- \* PMPH Construction = N\$20,699,997.24
- \* Kai Engineering & Fabrication = N\$20,700,000
- \* AJ Engineering & Construction = N\$20,700,000
- \* Green ANM Technical Services = N\$20,700,019.55
- \* Hungwe Civil Engineering & Construction / Hoanib Trading JV = N\$20,700,069
- \* Pelico Engineering Group = N\$20,700,960.74
- \* Ndinpenda Trading Enterprises = N\$20,703,787.81
- \* Alugodhi Engineering & Construction / Sound Cloud JV = N\$20,704,240.63
- \* Mindpower Investments / Omupondo Construction JV = N\$20,741,699
- \* Amakulu Construction / Tuno Trading JV = N\$20,746,644
- \* Odjove Trading / Ndahomenwa Trading Enterprises JV = N\$20,813,309.23
- \* Florida Trading = N\$20,909,090.10
- \* Nova Investments = N\$20,920,308.37
- \* Efindano Maintenance & Construction = N\$20,924,458.44
- \* Caldera Investments = N\$20,941,341.88
- \* Geckoh Fifty Eight Investment Group = N\$20,973,145.94
- \* Tuyapeni Trading Enterprises = N\$21,117,496

- \* Danny's Building Construction = N\$21,294,124.50
- \* James & Young Trading Enterprises = N\$21,460,184.50
- \* Lexson Trading = N\$22,314,341.25
- \* Vidu Trading = N\$22,370,996
- \* Nilotse Investments = N\$22,412,867.50
- \* Goreseb Trading = N\$23,363,963.04
- \* Maperes Investments = N\$23,410,981.25
- \* Ekuma Investments = N\$23,775,335.75
- \* Golden West Investments = N\$24,908,637.29
- \* PIH No. Eight = N\$26,648,515.88.

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# THE FOLLY OF AUGUST 26'S N\$200-M SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION WINDFALL

28 MARCH 2024

The Namibian government's decision to award its fast-tracked schools construction tenders to the defence ministry's August 26 Construction Company without competitive bidding last year has come back to bite it, after subcontractors of a builder to whom the military entity outsourced one of its projects stopped work because they had not been paid.

The Construction Industries Federation had warned last year that August 26 Construction did not have the capacity to undertake the construction of classrooms and ablution facilities at schools, after it had become known that private builders had been sidelined in favour of the defence ministry's company.

August 26 Construction outsourced the construction of Havana Primary School in Katutura - for which it was awarded one of the schools upgrading tenders - to Penatu Trading to execute the contract on its behalf. Subcontractors appointed by Penatu, which is owned by Frans Munkhata Kamenye, are now complaining about non-payment for work done and a lack of building materials, bringing work to a standstill.

The four subcontractors who were appointed by Penatu Trading in December last year are Wellma CC, Shinana Trading, Papa Issy Trading and Onangwe Construction, who are complaining about discrepancies between the value of their work and what they are being paid.

According to the aggrieved subcontractors they had a verbal agreement that they would each build a classroom block at the school for approximately N\$70,000. Penatu's site manager, Leonard Banda, told them that nobody would get paid more than N\$100,000. But they were forced to stop work when they ran out of building materials in January. Despite returning to the site during February there were no materials to finish the classrooms.

"We need August 26 and the education ministry to tell us the exact amount paid to Penatu for the construction of this school," they demanded. Site manager Banda felt it would be a breach of protocol if he spoke to the media.

August 26 managing director, Martha Endjala, said she would be happy to hear from the subcontractors directly. The defence force's company had told subcontracted workers at the site that those who feel they were not being treated fairly should reach out to the August 26 office to present their grievances rather than complaining on social media.

Penatu Trading's Kamenye denied allegations of exploitation, claiming that the four subcontractors were being paid

**After the Namibian defence ministry's August 26 Construction was awarded a multi-million contract to build classrooms at government schools without public tender last year, it outsourced its the Havana Primary School to Penatu Trading, whose subcontractors have now stopped work**



in line with agreed fees. He said he had brought the four companies on board at the request of Moses //Garoeb constituency councillor, Stefanus Ndengu, who insisted that locals be involved in the project.

"We subcontracted them as brick layers and gave them the necessary equipment for digging the trenches and mixing the concrete," he claimed. As far as the depleted building materials were concerned, his comment was: "they should just wait."

The four subcontractors said their appeals for redress made to Ndengu since January had fallen on deaf ears (*Namibian Sun 19-Mar-24*).

## Carte Blanche to the NDF's business empire

The contract for construction at Havana Primary School must be one of those handed to August 26 Construction by the Ministry of Education, Arts & Culture without any competitive bidding.

The late president Hage Geingob instructed the education ministry last year to appoint August 26 Construction for the upgrading of government schools and accelerated construction of classrooms - at the expense of private building firms, while August 26's audit reports have never been made public.

As reported in *Tender Bulletin 1480*, the Public Procurement Act does provide for the allocation of tenders through 'public entity procurement' amongst government institutions.

The Ministry of Education, Arts & Culture's executive director, Sunet Steenkamp, had earlier confirmed that the ministry was in discussion with August 26 Construction to partner in the school upgrades because it was a state entity. But the secretive August 26 group of companies are not listed as a public entities in addenda to the Public Procurement Act.

August 26 Construction is a subsidiary of August 26 Holding Company (Pty) Ltd, wholly owned by the Ministry of Defence & Veterans Affairs on behalf

of the Namibian government and incorporated under the Companies Act.

## Private builders lose out to August 26

The Construction Industries Federation of Namibia lashed out at the award of government tenders for building schools to August 26 Construction at the expense of the private sector in August last year.

The N\$255-m tender for the building classrooms and ablution facilities in several regions of Namibia excluded the private sector from participating.

"The question is, why August 26, as a company wholly owned by our Government, under the auspices of the Namibian Ministry of Defence & Veteran Affairs to build the infrastructure used by Namibia's defence force, is contracted outside of what should be its ordinary mandate".

According to the CIF, August 26 does not have sufficient capacity as, according to CIF records, "August 26 has an annual turnover of less than N\$5 million".

It can be anticipated that August 26 will subcontract most of the work where, in principle, no contractor should subcontract more than 50% of the works.

The CIF questioned whether there was a public tender at all.

"If not, why has the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture chosen not to advertise this singular project", apparently valued at N\$225-m.

"We are also concerned that if there was not a public tender, whether and why the Ministry of Education, Arts & Culture had received an exemption, and on what grounds."

It was also important, according to the CIF, to know whether any architects, engineers and quantity surveyors had been engaged, as well as what the design of the respective classrooms and ablution facilities is, "as the anticipated completion within three months seems unrealistic."

"The fundamental issue is that apparently contractors in the private sector were not able to bid and that they had to compete with August 26. Principally, Government ought to not operate in the sphere where the private sector can do the work."

It was also understood that "they would involve personnel from the Ministry of Defence & Veteran Affairs, who

are on the payroll of the said ministry. This would lead to unfair competition (CIF Facebook page, 20-Aug-23).

The projects involve classrooms and ablutions in eight regions valued at N\$189.9-m:

- \* 13 classroom and two ablution blocks for N\$7-m in //Kharas;
- \* 24 classrooms and two ablution blocks for N\$10.3-m in Hardap;
- \* 46 classrooms and nine ablution blocks for N\$23.1-m in Ohangwena;
- \* 41 classrooms and six ablution blocks for N\$21.8-m in Kavango East;
- \* 84 classrooms and nine ablution blocks for N\$40.8-m in Khomas;
- \* 51 classrooms and nine ablution blocks for N\$33.7-m in Erongo;
- \* 58 classrooms and twelve ablution blocks for N\$29.6-m in Oshana;
- \* 58 classrooms and three ablution blocks for N\$23.6-m in Oshikoto (*The Namibian*, 18-Sep-23; *Bulletin 1510*).

## August 26 Construction defended

Countering the CIF's contention that the defence force company's appointment could potentially lead to non-completion and poor workmanship, August 26 Construction's MD, Martha Endjala said in September last year that the company had successfully completed 500 classrooms in a record time of five months and within budget - without providing evidence.

"How can one accomplish this under a cost of N\$5 million, using soldiers with no construction skills? August 26 Construction is a fully sustainable company honouring its own liabilities and paying its expenses from the income generated through its own operations," she told *The Namibian* newspaper.

August 26 Holdings chairperson Fillemo Shafashike, told the newspaper that all the CIF's allegations were "just lies. How can a company like August 26 not have the capacity to complete this work?"

"This is August 26 we are talking about, with multiple subsidiaries, and therefore our construction turnover can also not be N\$5 million annually."

"Why should we not be given the work? We are a Namibian company employing Namibians. But utilising staff of the ministry of defence I do not even want to comment on".

Education minister Anna Nghipondoka had said earlier in 2023 that over 4,000 classrooms were needed across the country.

The ministry had secured N\$255-m to construct 510 classrooms and 70 ablution blocks through August 26 Construction within a period of three months (*The Namibian 18-Sep-23; Bulletin 1510*).

## SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTATION & LABORATORY

REFERENCE: DBMNE0502; CLOSING: 19-Apr-24 12:00

DESCRIPTION: Expression of Interest: Laboratory analysis for the determination of physical, chemical and biological in marine sediment and seawater samples. DESCRIPTION: Debmarine Namibia is a marine diamond recovery company operating in the Atlantic 1 Mining License Area (ML47). Currently, diamond recovery operations occur at 90 to 140m water depths from approximately 20km from the shore, off the south-western coast of Namibia. The key objective of Debmarine Namibia's research programme is to access the effect of diamond recovery operations on the seabed and surrounding environment and to monitor the time of recovery after disturbance. Debmarine seeks a reliable and technically proficient laboratory to support the analysis of seawater and sediment samples using the latest environmental analysis instruments and techniques. SCOPE OF WORK will primarily focus on physical, chemical and biological analysis of marine sediment and water samples. The requirements for laboratory services include, but are not limited to: (1) Sediment analysis: particle size distribution analysis; Total Organic Carbon (TOC) analysis; Total Organic Nitrogen (TON) analysis; trace metals analysis; Dissolved Inorganic Carbon (DIC). (2) Environmental DNA (eDNA): Sediment and seawater analysis. DOCUMENTS to submit: Company or laboratory profile; clear outline of expertise in physical, chemical and biological analyses in the marine environment; at least two senior staff members should possess a cumulative experience of at least 10 years in conducting physical, chemical and biological analyses of sediment and seawater samples; highlight at least five projects undertaken related to marine sediments and seawater analysis; relevant equipment list; outline of the analysis techniques employed. The laboratory should possess the necessary accreditations and certifications, such as ISO 17025, for the aforementioned analytical methods. Furthermore, Debmarine Namibia requires a laboratory with experienced personnel who can provide prompt and accurate analytical results, as well as the associated statistical data analysis, quantification of results, interpretation and reporting. Local academic institutions are encouraged to apply. DISCLAIMER: Debmarine Namibia shall not be respon-

sible for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a response to this EOI and furthermore reserves the right not to extend this EOI into any future tenders, negotiations and/or engagements. Debmarine Namibia will not accept submissions rendered after the closing date and time.

CONTACT: Debmarine Namibia; Windhoek; Procurement Officer (enquiries / documents); ph.: +264-(0)61-2978460 (enq); web: Tenders@debmarine.com (enq / doc); https://debmarine.com/tenders-and-eoi;

DOCUMENTATION: Registered businesses interested in providing such services are requested to obtain a tender document specifying the Reference Number 'DBMNE0502' from Tenders@debmarine.com.

REFERENCE: G/RFQ/NW-090/2024; CLOSING: 11-Apr-24 11:00

DESCRIPTION: RFQ: Supply and deliver water quality monitoring instruments [only on website] CONTACT: Namibia Water Corporation Ltd, 176 Iscor Street, Aigams Building, Windhoek; quotation/bid box (bids); Procurement Management Unit (enquiries); fax: 061-712015/2009 (enq); web: bids@namwater.com.na (enq);

DOCUMENTATION: Bid documents are available on www.namwater.com.na under 'procurement' free of charge

## SECURITY

REFERENCE: NCS/ONB/OSHTC-02/2023/2024; CLOSING: 15-May-24 10:00

DESCRIPTION: Bid Invitation: Open National Bidding: Provision of security services for Oshakati Town Council properties for a 2-year period.

CONTACT: Oshakati Town Council, Civic Centre, 906 Sam Nuyoma Road, Oshakati, cashier (document); bid box (bids); PMU - Anna-Lisa Korea-Jeremia (enquiries); ph.: +264-(0)65-229500 (enq); web: procurementunit@oshtc.na or akorea@oshtc.na (enq);

DOCUMENTATION: N\$300 (non-refundable) levy for bid document paid cash at the cashier

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