



CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER



GLOBAL AFRICAN HYDROGEN SUMMIT A GREAT SUCCESS

As a catalyst for driving change the Global African Hydrogen Summit, that took place in Namibia from 3-5 September 2024, witnessed ten MoU announcements, partnership declarations and deal signings including:

1. €25 million in grants from the European Union to support the Namibian Green Industrialisation Agenda. The initiative, which includes commitments from Germany and the Netherlands, will be channelled via the SDG Namibia One financing vehicle for green hydrogen investment in Namibia including technical assistance to support long-term energy planning, renewable energy generation, and grid integration in collaboration with key Namibian stakeholders including the Namibian Green Hydrogen Programme (NGH2P) and Namibian Standards Institute (NSI).
2. Zhero announced the launch of a green ammonia gigawatt-scale project in Namibia, aiming to produce 500,000 tonnes annually from 2029 with Chinese co-developers, Envision Energy.
3. GreenGo Energy sign an MoU with local Namibian developer InnoSun Energy Holdings to co-develop solar and wind projects dedicated to green hydrogen production at scale.
4. GreenGo Energy announce the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with local Namibian iron mining company, Lodestone. This collaboration will explore innovative solutions to integrate green hydrogen into the steel production process.

5. Namibian cabinet approved the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on cooperation on renewable energy, clean energy and hydrogen between Namibia and the United States of America.

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LÜDERITZ PROPERTY SHOOTS UP BY 30% IN ONE YEAR

Lüderitz mayor Phil Balhao says residential property prices at the town have increased by 30% to 50% over the past year.

The discovery of 11 billion barrels of offshore oil in the Orange Basin has positioned Lüderitz and Oranjemund as potential hotspots for an oil and gas boom. However, the discoveries could also have a downside: a surge in housing and property prices.

What is happening at Lüderitz is consistent with similar developments in other 'oil towns' worldwide.

Wealthy individuals and foreign investors, who have no need for Namibian bank loans, snap up properties with 'loose' cash. Residents, including the poor, are then stuck with higher rental prices as the cost of land increases. This pushes the poor, who live in the locations and squatter settlements north and east of the centre of Lüderitz, into ever more difficult circumstances. Rising land prices can even force low-income residents to move out of Lüderitz altogether.

Balhao told stated that he was not surprised about the property market boom.

The mayor further said the municipality has approached the government to expand the town's boundaries.

"Only an increase in the supply of land around Lüderitz can alleviate the situation", he said.

Balhao said Sperrgebiet Diamond Mining has taken over the mining lease around Lüderitz from Namdeb, and has been negotiating for an expansion.

Source: <https://www.namibian.com.na/luderitz-property-shoots-up-by-30-in-one-year/>



NHE HOUSING BACKLOG HITS 120 000

More than 120 000 people are on the National Housing Enterprise's waiting list. National Housing Enterprises (NHE) chief executive officer Gisbertus Mukulu revealed this at an information-sharing session in Windhoek on 6 August 2024.

He said the overall housing backlog in the country remains steady at 300 000, which makes the provision of housing a "mammoth" task.

"The housing backlog is mostly in the ultra-low and low-income segments of the Namibian population," Mukulu said. He said to try and remedy the situation, the NHE has come up with deliberate interventions, of which one is to build houses that are more affordable.

This includes designing houses without pricey finishes such as ceiling boards, tiles and geysers.

"This is because the majority of Namibians are not able to afford a house that is too expensive. Clients can then expand their house as soon as their financial situation has improved", he said. Mukulu said the NHE sets cheap prices for their houses because it has the mandate to provide houses to low, ultra-low and medium-income earners.

The NHE has one to three bedroom houses, which can range from between N\$80 000 and N\$200 000 per house. Mukulu said the NHE has launched a five-year strategic plan which kicked off this year. The plan aims to increase the firm's loan book, and improve its service delivery.

Source: <https://www.namibian.com.na/nhe-housing-backlog-hits-120-000/>

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6. International Energy Agency to collaborate with Ministry of Mines and Energy of Namibia and the Namibian Green Hydrogen Programme (NGH2P) on Renewable Energy Opportunities for Namibia.

7. Africa Practice and Environmental Defense Fund forge strategic partnership to advance climate action in Africa.

8. Green Maritime Corridors announcement to be launched at COP29 in Azerbaijan.

9. Green Hydrogen Organisation and UN High Level Climate Champions commit to bi-annual dialogue with CSOs.

10. Green Hydrogen Business Alliance launches 'Localizing Green Industries in Namibia'.

The Summit unlocked the potential of the hydrogen opportunity in Africa and harnessed its projected impact on achieving a sustainable and equitable energy transition global. James Mnyupe, presidential economic advisor and head of programme, Namibia Green Hydrogen Programme (NGH2P) summarised that "the Summit was a huge success and will come back to Namibia next year from 9 – 11 September, 2025."

CENTRAL BANK CUTS REPO RATE TO 7.5% TO SUPPORT ECONOMY AND MAINTAIN CURRENCY PEG

From 12-13 August 2024, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Bank of Namibia held its fourth bi-monthly meeting for 2024 to decide on the appropriate monetary policy stance to be implemented over the next two months. To continue supporting the domestic economy while simultaneously safeguarding the peg between the Namibia Dollar and the South African Rand, the MPC decided to reduce the Repo rate by 25 basis points to 7.50 percent. This decision was made following a comprehensive review of domestic, regional and global economic developments.

The domestic economic recovery continued during the first six months of 2024, although growth is forecast to decelerate for 2024 as a whole. Inflation continued to be moderate, while the growth in Private Sector Credit Extension (PSCE) remains subdued. The merchandise trade deficit widened further while the stock of international reserves remained sufficient to support the currency peg and meet the country's international financial obligations.

Global economic activity continued on a gradual expansion path during the second quarter of 2024, with growth expected to remain broadly stable in 2024 and 2025. While inflation recently exhibited a mixed picture, it is significantly lower than a year earlier. The monetary policy easing cycle has commenced even though most monitored central banks continued to exercise caution regarding interest rate reductions.

The MPC observed that despite the gradual global disinflation, most monitored central banks have remained restrictive even though some have taken the first step in easing monetary policy. In Namibia, economic activity remained on a recovery path but with a lower growth rate forecast for 2024, in part due to drought-induced setbacks. There has been a welcome slowdown in inflation. Private sector credit extension has been weak for a protracted period and the domestic economy, in aggregate, was also deemed in need of essential support. With inflation and inflation expectations slowing and nominal interest 5 Public rates unchanged, real interest rates have increased thereby signalling an effective tightening of monetary policy. International reserves remain adequate and have in fact increased further. Considering these factors, the MPC felt that a moderate easing of monetary policy was warranted.

Source: Bank of Namibia

DUNDEE, CHINESE FIRM MARRIAGE APPROVED

The Namibian Competition Commission (NaCC) has approved the proposed merger between Hong Kong-based Sinomine Rare Metals Resources Co. Limited and Dundee Precious Metals (DPM) Tsumeb Holding (Pty) Limited, with conditions.

Sinomine Resource Group recently concluded deals to purchase controlling interests in a copper mine in Zambia, and earlier this year purchased Dundee's copper smelter in Namibia.

The NaCC approved the merger on condition there shall be no retrenchment of Namibian employees three years after concluding the deal. Also, the parties must maintain a ratio of no less than 92% local employees.

Source: <https://www.namibian.com.na/govt-to-build-512-classrooms/>

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FIFTH ANNUAL CIDB ERWIC AWARDS RECOGNISE CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

The Construction Industry Development Board (cidb) hosted its fifth Empowerment and Recognition of Women in Construction (ERWIC) Awards on 22 August 2024 in Sandton, north of Johannesburg.

This year's awards highlighted the importance of diversity and inclusion in driving innovation and success in the construction industry and comprised 15 categories, recognising women-led companies and individual women with distinguished achievements, as well as companies supporting gender transformation, development, and mentorship.

cidb chief executive officer Bongani Dladla said that the ERWIC Awards provide invaluable opportunities for women to connect and grow and highlights the importance of community and mentorship within construction. "Being nominated gives companies access to a vast network of women in construction, allowing for collaboration and mutual support among industry peers", he says.

"Don't be scared to grab onto all opportunities that are available to you", Dladla advises. "Enter the awards and get your name out there. I would encourage all aspiring female leaders to be confident and to showcase their achievements, as this visibility can lead to further prospects", he adds.

The 2024 Winners

The winner for *Project Delivery Excellence of the Year – Grade 1* was **Independent Girls Business Enterprise (Pty) Ltd** for their – *McDonalds Columbine Courier* project. Coming in second place was **Chuma Properties & Construction Group** for their *Shell Hemingways* project. Third place went to **Tsa Ntai Construction and Projects (Pty) Ltd** for their *Refurbishment & Upgrading of Baphalane Primary School*.

Source: <https://sabuildingreview.co.za/category/construction-news/>

IZA AFRICA LAUNCHES LATEST EDITION OF ITS 'EXPERT GUIDE TO GALVANIZING'

The International Zinc Association (IZA) Africa has launched its May 2024 'Expert Guide to Galvanizing'. "No engineer in the civil engineering, mining, design or structural engineering sector or architect should be without a copy", comments IZA Africa Director Simon Norton.

Galvanizing with zinc ensures that steel receives long-term protection from corrosion. Design, fabrication, and inspection requirements are an essential part of any project that involves successful hot dip galvanizing.

The 'Expert Guide to Galvanizing' has been compiled by IZA Africa with the assistance of Terry Smith, an independent expert consultant in galvanizing. Norton originally conceptualised and produced the first IZA A publication, 'The Essentials of Galvanizing', in 2020 with input from Smith.

Now they have collaborated again to create and compile latest edition

THE OSCARS OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY: AFRIBIZ INVEST JOINS FORCES WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

The highly anticipated 17th annual South African Construction Awards (SACA) is set to take place on November 27, 2024, at the prestigious Emperors Palace. Dubbed "The Oscars of the Construction Industry", this event promises to be the biggest and most spectacular yet, hosting over 1,000 industry experts and organisations, and featuring 24 categories that will honor the very best in South African construction.

Excitement is building as the industry eagerly awaits this year's ceremony. The South African Construction Awards have become a hallmark of excellence, setting the standard for recognition and celebration within the sector. With each passing year, the anticipation grows, and this year is no exception. Industry professionals are looking forward to an evening of celebration, networking, and the acknowledgment of the remarkable achievements that continue to drive the South African construction landscape forward.

SACA President, Mr. Lloyd Ngavu, expressed his excitement about the upcoming event and the new partnership with Afribiz Invest, a leading turnkey infrastructure development company. "Celebrating the construction industry is more than just an event; it's a recognition of the hard work, innovation, and dedication that drives this vital sector. Bringing industry experts together to acknowledge each other's contributions is incredibly encouraging", said Ngavu.

The 2024 SACA Awards gala dinner is expected to be a night that the industry will never forget.

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of 'The Expert Guide to Galvanizing' to ensure engineers and specifiers have an advanced understanding of zinc-based coatings at their fingertips.

Hot dip galvanizing of steelwork with zinc has been integral to steel structures for many years, while the techniques and understanding of galvanizing has advanced significantly as well. Galvanizing protects steel in two unique ways: Firstly, as a slowly corroding barrier offering a reliable and long lifespan to the steel; and, secondly, should the coating be damaged, the surrounding zinc will sacrifice itself by providing cathodic protection.

In order to obtain the maximum benefit, the Expert Guide should be read in conjunction with 'The Essentials of Galvanizing' published in 2021.

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Omusati Regional Council

Tender No: W/ONB/ORC-33/2024/25
Closing Date: 2024-09-27
Non-Refundable Levy Payable: N\$300.00 (Non - Refundable)

Bids are hereby invited via Open National Bidding (ONB) for Construction of Onandjaba Village Council Office. A compulsory site meeting will be held on 27 August at 11h00, Okalongo / Onandjaba Village Council Office.

Enquire: Mr Ervin Kamati (Head - PMU)

Email: pmu-queries@omusatirc.gov.na

Opuwo Town Council

Tender No: W/ONB/OPTC-01/2024/2025
Closing Date: 2024-09-20
Non-Refundable Levy Payable: N\$300.00 (Not Refundable)

Competent and experienced civil engineering contractors (specialising in bulk water storage facilities and pipeline works) are hereby invited to submit bids for the Construction of Bulk Water Storage Facility and Water Distribution Mains in Opuwo, Kunene Region. Qualification requirements Include: Reputable Civil Engineering Contractors Registered in Namibia. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

Enquire: Mr N. Petrus - Mr. Abel Katjoho (Tech)

Telephone: +264 (0) 65 238576 / 273007

Email: pnicanor@alvengineers.com; pmuopuwotc@gmail.com

Swakopmund Municipality

Tender No: W/ONB/SM-006/2024
Closing Date: 2024-09-30
Non-Refundable Levy Payable: N\$300.00 (Non - Refundable , VAT Inc)

Open National Bid invitation for the Supply of all building material, plant, equipment, and personnel required for the demolition, renovation, and construction of the structures detailed on the drawings for the Renovation of the Seating Cubicles at the Mole Tamariskia of the Municipality of Swakopmund. Prerequisites: Bidders shall demonstrate to have completed similar scope of works within the last five (5) years.

Enquire: Mr A. Louw (Tech) / Mr H Kanandjembo (Pro)

Telephone: +264 (0) 64 4104402 / 4104106

Agro-Marketing and Trade Agency (AMTA)

Tender No: W/ONB/AMTA-01/2024
Closing Date: 2024-10-14
Non-Refundable Levy Payable: N\$100.00 (Non-refundable)

The Agro-Marketing and Trade Agency (AMTA) hereby invites reputable, suitable and experienced Namibian based Companies/Entities to submit their bids through Open National Bidding for the Procurement of works for the construction of a Warehouse Shed/Shade at AMTA Tsandi Silo.

Enquire: Mr. Stephen Iimbili (Tech) / Procurement Management Unit

Telephone: +264 (0) 65 2325000 / +264 (0) 81 3885685

Email: imbilis@amta.na; shawapalat@amta.na

Okongo Village Council

Tender No: W/ONB/OKVC-01/2024/2025
Closing Date: 2024-10-01
Non-Refundable Levy Payable: N\$300.00 (Non - Refundable)

Bidders are hereby invited through Open National Bidding (ONB) from experienced Electrical Contractors for the Construction of Medium and Low Voltage underground Electrical Reticulation for Okongo Village Council.

Enquire: Ms. N. Shakaalela (PMU)

Telephone: +264 (0) 65 288510

Email: nsheetekela@okongovc.com.na

Otavi Town Council

Tender No: W/ONB/OTC-03/2024
Closing Date: 2024-10-03
Non-Refundable Levy Payable: N\$300.00 (Non - Refundable) (Cash payment to be paid at the Council's cashier)

Otavi Town Council hereby invites through Open National Bidding (ONB) offers from suitable, qualified, and experienced civil construction companies for the Construction of Municipal Services at New Cairo Reception Area Phase-3 in Otavi Town. Not Compulsory bid clarification meeting on Friday, 06th September 2024 at 11H00.

Enquire: Mr. Kefas Ubiteb

Telephone: +264 (0) 67 234022

Email: kubiteb@otavitown.org.na

TENDERS

Debmarine Namibia

Tender No: DBMNE0498
Closing Date: 2024-12-13
Non-Refundable Levy Payable:

Debmarine Namibia seeks experienced Service Providers who can provide DNV services in accordance with the DNV 2.7-1 Standard for Offshore Containers - Provision of Inspection and Maintenance Services in line with DET Norske Veritas (DNV) standards to Debmarine Namibia.

Enquire: The Procurement Officer
Telephone: +264 (0) 61 2978481
Email: TenderEnquiries@debmarine.com; Tenders@debmarine.com

Swakopmund Municipality

Tender No: W/ONB/SM-007/2024
Closing Date: 2024-09-16
Non-Refundable Levy Payable: N\$300.00 (Non - Refundable, VAT included)

Open National Bid invitation for the Supply of all building materials, plant, equipment, and personnel required for the demolition, renovation, alteration, construction, and extension of the existing infrastructure located on Erf 610, Tamariskia of Municipality of Swakopmund. Prerequisites: Bidders shall demonstrate to have completed a similar scope of work within the last (3) years. Pre-Bid - 14 August 2024 HR Training Room, Rakotoka Street & Daniel Kamho Avenue, Swakopmund. Prospective bidders are to pre-book as specified in the bidding document.

Enquire: Mr A. Louw (Tech) / Mr H Kanandjembo (Pro)
Telephone: +264 (0) 64 4104402 - +264 (0) 81 12492334

Ministry of Agriculture, Water & Land Reform

Tender No: W/OCBI/NWSSP/02-2023
Closing Date: 2024-10-04

Non-Refundable Levy Payable: N\$900.00 (Non - Refunable)
The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Construction of the litapa - Okeeholongo Rural Water Supply Scheme (Phase 2A) and Associated Infrastructure Works, Namibia.

Enquire: Secretary to the Procurement Committee
Telephone: +264 (0) 61 2087268

Ministry of Health and Social Services

Tender No: W/ONB/1308PF-10/2024
Closing Date: 2024-09-20
Non-Refundable Levy Payable: N\$100.00 as indicated cash (Non - Refundable)

Request for Open National Bidding - Goods, Services, and Works for Construction of various health facilities in Kavango West and Kavango East (Guardhouse in Rundu Maternity ward gate; ablution facility in Sharukwe clinic, Ablution facility in Nepara Clinic; ablution facility in Nzinze clinic; and ablution facility in Yinsu clinic).

Enquire: Secretary: Procurement Committee
Email: procurement@mhss.gov.na; Ndapwa.Kafidi@mhss.gov.na

