



CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER



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SOLAR PLANT WORTH N\$333.8M ON THE CARDS

United Kingdom solar energy company Solarcentury Africa has partnered with local developer Sino Energy to build a grid-connected solar photovoltaic (PV) plant of 19.3MWp worth US\$19 million (or N\$333.8 million).

The plant will be near the NamPower Gerus substation at Outjo in the Kunene region. The Gerus solar PV plant will be one of the first established in sub-Saharan Africa as a true merchant plant and will be 100% owned by Solarcentury Power, the merchant power division of Solarcentury Africa.

The company held a groundbreaking ceremony at the plant on Friday, 8 November 2024. Solarcentury Power in a statement said it has established a power trading company, Solarcentury Trading, that will directly sell the power generated by the Gerus solar PV plant to utilities and large industrial customers within Namibia and neighbouring countries as well as to those on the Southern African Power Pool.

"Solarcentury Africa is already developing several other solar PV projects in Namibia and other parts of the Southern Africa Development Community which will be funded and owned by Solarcentury Power, with Solarcentury Trading selling the power generated. Solarcentury Africa is part of BB Energy, one of the world's leading independent energy trading companies", the statement read.

Financial closure for the Gerus solar PV plant was achieved in the fourth quarter of 2024, with construction set to begin soon and commercial operation expected by mid-2025. Solarcentury Africa and Sino Energy funded all development activities for the Gerus solar PV plant up to financial closure.

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INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS KEY TO BENEFICIATION AMBITION

Namibia is taking significant steps to enhance its mineral beneficiation strategy.

The aim is to create much-needed local jobs, and increase the value derived from rich natural resources.

However, for the country to successfully implement this strategy and effectively process the minerals it mines, substantial investments in infrastructure are essential.

This means Namibia requires improvements in various sectors, particularly in water supply and transport logistics.

In 2023, Cabinet resolved to prohibit the exportation of critical minerals in their raw form, including lithium, graphite, cobalt, manganese and rare earth elements.

This decision is part of a broader initiative to ensure more of the value generated from these resources remains within the country, fostering local economic growth.

A report by the International Energy Agency emphasises that building local skills and capacities, supported by enabling policies and laws, is crucial for this endeavour.

“Enhancing electricity supply is critical. Namibia has a wealth of renewable energy resources that could be harnessed to support its mining sector and reduce reliance on imported energy,”, reads the report.

The agency warned that domestic electricity supply primarily comes from hydropower, which can be unreliable due to frequent droughts. The transition to renewable energy sources could not only diversify the electricity mix, but also provide a more stable and cost-effective energy supply for mining operations.

Source: <https://neweralive.na/infrastructure-investments-key-to-beneficiation-ambition/>



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GOVT PROVIDES N\$29.4 MILLION FOR INLAND ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN KAVANGO EAST REGION

The Ministry of Works and Transport, through the Road Fund Administration (RFA), has provided N\$29.4 million for the construction of a district road in the Kavango East region.

Deputy prime minister and works and transport minister John Mutorwa announced this during the official groundbreaking ceremony to commence the first phase of construction on Thursday, 14 November 2024.

District road 3472 from Ndiyona to Djaradjara covers 53km and connects the Khaudum National Park to trunk road 0804 (Rundu-Divundu) up to Tsumkwe. Our government, via the RFA, has fully funded this project. It will be implemented over 12 months”, he said.

The initiative aims to improve connectivity, enhance road safety, improve access to essential services and create economic opportunities, noted Mutorwa. District road 3472 from Ndiyona to Djaradjara covers 53km and connects the Khaudum National Park to trunk road 0804 (Rundu-Divundu) up to Tsumkwe.

Source: <https://www.namibian.com.na/govt-provides-n29-4-million-for-inland-road-construction-in-kavango-east-region/>

STRATEGIES DEvised TO IMPROVE TKC BORDER TRADE

Longer-term strategies to improve the flow of goods along the Trans-Kalahari Corridor (TKC) entail member states opening the TKC borders between Botswana and South Africa on a 24-hour basis, as well as establishing One-Stop Border Posts (OSBP). Member states will also consider implementing a Regional Cargo Tracking System (RCTS) to facilitate smooth trade along the corridor.

More immediate steps to address identified non-tariff barriers were recently devised and agreed upon during a meeting between Botswana and South African officials, as well as transport operators and clearing agents from Botswana, Namibia and South Africa. This was stated at the meeting held at Pioneer Gate border post, on 28 of November 2024. The purpose of the meeting was to facilitate seamless trade at TKC borders.

Some of the short-term strategies for TKC border posts include that all trucks must be pre-cleared and issued with release orders, or should proceed to border notification. Trucks that have not been pre-cleared and released should remain at the truck stop in Zeerust (South Africa) and only approach the border after being pre-cleared by South Africa and Botswana.

Source: <https://neweralive.na/strategies-devised-to-improve-tkc-border-trade/>



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UNDERSTANDING NEW CROSS-BORDER BANKING CHARGES ...IMPROVEMENTS CREATE SECURE ENVIRONMENT

New regulations effective since 30 September 2024 have transformed how consumers send and receive money between Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini, and Lesotho, better known as the Common Monetary Area (CMA).

“These changes represent a significant advancement to our cross-border payment systems”, explained Brian Katjaerua, CEO of the Bankers Association of Namibia (BAN). “While customers need to adapt to new processes, these improvements create a more secure and efficient banking environment for all”, said Katjaerua.

New way to send money

The previous system of direct electronic transfers (EFTs) between CMA countries has come to an end. All cross-border payments now use the SWIFT-based transaction. SWIFT is an acronym for Global Payment Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications and allows consumers to send money through their bank’s online platform, mobile app, or local branch.

Source: <https://neweralive.na/understanding-new-cross-border-banking-charges-improvements-create-secure-environment/>

CONSTRUCTION SECTOR PLEDGES TO PRIORITISE WORKER SAFETY

The construction industry in South Africa has taken a significant step towards improving worker safety and conditions. A high-level delegation, including representatives from the Department of Employment and Labour, the International Labour Organisation (ILO), and industry partners, gathered in Cape Town on 5 November 2024 to sign a Decent Work Movement's Pledge.

This commitment comes amidst growing concerns about the industry's safety record. According to ILO Director Jens Christensen, the sector has a global reputation for high rates of injuries and fatalities, with one in five workers succumbing to work-related accidents annually.

"For every worker who dies, the costs are devastating", Christensen emphasised. "The construction industry is a vital engine of economic growth, but we must prioritise the well-being of those who build our nation".

The pledge aims to address critical issues such as inadequate training, poor working conditions, and a lack of enforcement of safety regulations.

Source: <https://constructionnews.co.za/construction-sector-pledges-to-prioritize-worker-safety/>



CONSTRUCTION THRIVES IN ZIMBABWE DESPITE CURRENCY VOLATILITY AND ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY

Zimbabwe's construction sector is on the rebound despite the effects of currency volatility and an uncertain monetary policy framework.

Piniel Mkushi, chairman of CAFCA - the only cable manufacturer in Zimbabwe and a unit of Reunert-controlled CBI Electric - stated on the 18 November 2024 that "the construction sector was buoyant spurred by the road construction activities, new housing and property development" projects.

Nonetheless, the overall trading environment for Zimbabwe has been volatile, worsened by a decline in commodity prices for most metals and alloys as well as the impact of the drought for the 2023/2024 agricultural season, which dampened demand across the economy.

Currency instability in September and earlier in the year also drove up inflation while exchange rate fluctuations remain "a challenge to value" preservation. CAFCA manufactures electric cables for the Zimbabwe and regional market.

Despite an uncertain outlook, the company believes that its depth of experience in the Zimbabwean market and the region "puts CAFCA in a competitive position to drive growth" and capacity utilisation.

In the year 2024 to the end of September 2024, CAFCA raised volumes by 10% although the sales mix was skewed towards low margin sales, therefore resulting in a 5% and 18% inching down of revenue and operating profit respectively.

Source: <https://www.iol.co.za/business-report/economy/construction-thrives-in-zimbabwe-despite-currency-volatility-and-economic-uncertainty>

AFRICAN CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL SUPPLIES AND SPRING WATER ENGINEERING SERVICES: OFFERING COMPREHENSIVE CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS

African Construction Material Supplies (ACMS) and Spring Water Engineering Services (SES) join forces to revolutionise construction industry across Africa.

African Construction Material Supplies (ACMS), a leading provider of innovative construction material export solutions, partners with its sister company, Spring Water Engineering Services (SES), to offer an extensive range of products and services to businesses across the continent. This collaboration aims to enhance the construction industry by providing seamless access to high-quality materials and comprehensive engineering services.

ACMS has established itself as a trusted name in the procurement and sourcing of top-tier construction materials. Committed to bridging gaps in the industry, ACMS ensures that businesses, regardless of

location, have access to essential building materials. From South Africa to the Sahel, ACMS facilitates the supply of specialised construction materials and equipment, guaranteeing that clients receive the highest quality products for their projects.

Beyond procurement, ACMS excels in the export and import of construction materials and equipment, simplifying international transactions for its clients. This service ensures hassle-free logistics, proper packaging, compliance with export regulations, and secure transportation.

Source: <https://sabuildingreview.co.za/category/construction-news/page/3/>

TENDERS

IlKharas Regional Council

Tender No: W/ONB/||KRC-01/2024/25

Closing Date: 2025-01-09

Non-Refundable Levy Payable:
N\$300.00 (Non - Refundable)

Invitation for Bids for Construction of Services (Water & Sewer) - Aus Phase 1. Bidders are hereby invited from experienced Civil Engineering Contractors for the construction of gravity sewer system and water reticulation (Phase 1) in Aus in the ||Kharas Region.

Enquire: Mrs. E Swartz (PMU)

Telephone: +264 (0) 63 221900

Email: pmu.kharas@karasrc.gov.na

IlKharas Regional Council

Tender No: W/ONB/||KRC-03/2024/25

Closing Date: 2024-01-09

Non-Refundable Levy Payable:
N\$300.00 (Non - Refundable)

Invitation for Bids Construction of Electrical Services - Aus Phase 1. Bidders are hereby invited from experienced Electrical Engineering Contractors for the construction of electrical services (Phase 1) in Aus in the ||Kharas Region.

Enquire: Mrs. E Swartz (PMU)

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Ministry of Works and Transport

Tender No: W/ONB/24-03/2024-25

Closing Date: 2024-01-15

Non-Refundable Levy Payable:
N\$300.00 (Non-Refundable)

Bidders are invited through Open National Bidding (ONB) procedures for the mentioned works and consultancy services and the invitation is open to all eligible Namibian registered bidders for the Maintenance of Ariamsvlei-Luderitz Railway section (Keetmanshoop to Luderitz-M002).

Enquire: Mr. R. Beukes (PMU)

Telephone: +264 (0) 61 2954200

Email: procurement@mwt.gov.na

Ministry of Works and Transport

Tender No: W/ONB/24-02/2024-25

Closing Date: 2024-01-14

Non-Refundable Levy Payable:
N\$300.00 (Non-Refundable)

Bidders are invited through Open National Bidding (ONB) procedures for the mentioned works and consultancy services and the invitation is open to all eligible Namibian registered bidders for the maintenance of Ariamsvlei-Luderitz railway section (Ariamsvlei to Keetmanshoop - M001).

Enquire: Mr. R. Beukes (PMU)

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Email: procurement@mwt.gov.na

NamPower

Tender No: W/ONB/NPWR-03/2025

Closing Date: 2025-01-24

Non-Refundable Levy Payable:

Open National Bidding (ONB) for the Renovation and Upgrading Works at the Ruacana Eha Lodge Revamp Project in Ruacana Town, Omusati Region.

Enquire: Mathew Nelenge

Telephone: +264 (0) 61 2052324

Email: bidclarifications@nampower.co.m.na

NamPower

Tender No: G/ONB/NPWR-03/2025

Closing Date: 2025-01-31

Non-Refundable Levy Payable:

Open National Bidding for the Supply, Delivery and Offloading of Disconnectors.

Enquire: Mathew Nelenge

Telephone: +264 (0) 61 2052324

Email: fpp.procurement@nampower.com.na

TENDERS

Swakopmund Municipality

Tender No: W/ONB/SM-012/2024

Closing Date: 2025-01-06

Non-Refundable Levy Payable:
N\$300.00 (Non - Refundable, VAT Incl.)

Open National Bid invitation for the Supply, delivery and installation of a 1000 cubic meters powder coated steel potable water tank for the Swakopmund Smallholdings, including hydraulic controls, feed and supply pipework. Prerequisites : Bidder shall demonstrate to have completed works of a similar nature and size for each of the last five years or as otherwise stated in the BDS.

Enquire: Mr J Beukes

Telephone: +264 (0) 64 4104425

Email: pmu@swkmun.com.na

Ministry of Health and Social Services

Tender No: W/ONB/1303WS-19/2024

Closing Date: 2025-01-24

Non-Refundable Levy Payable:
N\$300.00 (Non - Refundable)

Request for Open National Bidding - Goods, Services and Works for the Inspection, Fault-finding and reporting, repair, overhauling, mounting, installation, test running and commissioning, servicing, and supply and delivery of parts/equipment for Operational equipment, machinery and plant at Windhoek Central Hospital.

Enquire: Secretary:Procurement Committee

Email: Procurement@mhss.gov.na

Ministry of Health and Social Services

Tender No:W/ONB/1303WS-18/2024

Closing Date: Non-Refundable Levy Payable: N\$300.00 (Non - Refundable)

Request for Open National Bidding - Goods, Services and Works for the Maintenance, Renovations, Repairs and Minor new works on Low tension installations for Windhoek Central Hospital (Electrical works).

Enquire: Secretary:Procurement Committee

Email: Procurement@mhss.gov.na

Ministry of Health and Social Services

Tender No: W/ONB/1303WS-17/2024

Closing Date:2025-01-24

Non-Refundable Levy Payable:
N\$300.00 (Non - Refundable)

Request for Open National Bidding - Goods, Services and Works for the Maintenance, Renovations, Repairs and Minor works on Civil Infrastructure for Windhoek Central Hospital.

Enquire: Secretary:Procurement Committee

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