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WINDHOEK DISTRICT HOSPITAL A STEP CLOSER TO REALITY AS N$174 MILLION INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACT IS SIGNED

The Central Procurement Board of Namibia (CPBN) has marked another significant milestone in advancing national development through public procurement, following the successful facilitation of the procurement process and subsequent signing of a N$174 million contract for bulk earthworks, a water reservoir and essential infrastructure services for the planned Windhoek District Hospital in Havana, Windhoek, Khomas Region.

Awarded to Elderwood Trading CC in a Joint Venture with Shangsheng Construction, through a competitive Open National Bidding process, the contract represents an important step in the Government's efforts to strengthen public healthcare infrastructure, improve access to healthcare services and alleviate pressure on existing referral hospitals.

The 12-month project entails bulk earthworks and the installation of critical infrastructure, including roads, stormwater drainage systems, water supply, sewerage networks and electricity services, laying the foundation for the subsequent construction of the hospital.

The contract signing ceremony was attended by CPBN CEO, Mr. Idi Itope; the Executive Director of the Ministry of Health and Social Services, Mr. Penda Ithindi; and representatives of the successful Joint Venture, Mr. Kenneth Shikongo and Mr. Huang Heng Wan.

Although located in Windhoek, the hospital is expected to benefit the entire Namibian nation. Once operational, it will provide much-needed relief to Windhoek Central Hospital and Katutura

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Intermediate Hospital, which currently serve both Windhoek's growing population and patients referred from all 14 regions. By accommodating patients requiring district-level healthcare services, the new hospital will enable these referral facilities to focus more effectively on specialised medical care, ultimately strengthening healthcare delivery nationwide.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Mr. Ithindi described the development as a historic milestone for Namibia's healthcare sector, noting that it will be the first district hospital constructed in Windhoek since independence. With the capital's population having surpassed half a million, he emphasised the urgent need to expand healthcare infrastructure to meet growing demand. He further noted that the contract signing brings the country a step closer to addressing these healthcare challenges and improving access to quality medical services.

CPBN CEO, Mr. Idi Itope, underscored the importance of translating procurement decisions into tangible development outcomes, emphasising that the signing of the contract marks the transition from procurement to implementation. He stressed that the N$174 million investment represents public funds that must be utilised responsibly and efficiently for the benefit of the Namibian people. He therefore urged the contractor to adhere to the agreed 12-month implementation period, maintain the required quality standards and honour all contractual obligations. Mr. Itope further cautioned that delays in implementing critical healthcare infrastructure projects have far-reaching consequences, as they ultimately prolong the wait for essential healthcare services and much-needed relief for patients and healthcare facilities.

The Windhoek District Hospital project demonstrates the vital role of public procurement in advancing Namibia's national development priorities. Beyond the immediate infrastructure works, the investment represents an important step towards strengthening the country's healthcare system and improving the well-being of its people.

For CPBN, the significance of this contract extends beyond its N$174 million value. Its ultimate success will be measured by the contribution it makes towards delivering a healthcare facility that eases pressure on existing hospitals, improves access to medical care and benefits Namibians across all 14 regions.

In the picture attached (FLTR): Mr. Kenneth Shikongo (Elderwood Trading CC), Mr. Penda Ithindi (Executive Director, Ministry of Health and Social Services), Mr. Huang Heng Wan (Shangsheng Construction) and Mr. Idi Itope (CPBN CEO).

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