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## NAMIBIA'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY - PAST AND FUTURE

### LESSONS FROM PAST BOOMS

The rapid infrastructure expansion that occurred before 2015 was followed by a severe downturn, underscoring the need for more gradual, strategic development. During that boom, Namibia's construction demand exceeded local supply, creating opportunities for foreign contractors to enter and take on major projects.

As these projects dried up in the recession that followed, many local businesses—especially those reliant on government contracts—were forced to close. Foreign contractors remain to be active in Namibia, and with a serious decline in demand for construction services, local contractors are being displaced by foreign contractors.

Moving forward, it is critical to avoid a repeat of this pattern, to further undermine the local construction sector. By pacing major projects more gradually, Namibia can create stable, sustainable employment for Namibian contractors and workers.

The current surge in demand across sectors, from energy to mining, and emerging sectors, risks sidelining local contractors even more, if not paced correctly. A more measured approach, with projects scheduled consecutively rather than simultaneously, would ensure that the benefits of these initiatives are widely distributed. Prioritising local companies and pacing projects responsibly is key to sustainable industry growth and job creation.

### ADDRESSING NAMIBIA'S INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES

Namibia faces a critical need for strategic and sustainable infrastructure development. Decades of inadequate maintenance and insufficient investment in Namibia's rail network, and uneven planning have left much of the country's infrastructure in disrepair. Addressing these issues is essential to improving services, supporting economic growth, and creating sustainable employment for Namibians. It is important that there is more emphasis on maintenance and upgrading of all building and civil infrastructure, instead of exclusively focusing on new infrastructure.

### WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Water scarcity remains a pressing issue, requiring both immediate and long-term solutions. While cities like Windhoek have implemented some water recycling measures, these efforts are not enough to meet the needs of expanding urban populations. Water demand also continues to rise from high-consumption industries such as mining. Establishing desalination plants and other alternative sources of water supply is essential, especially as Namibia grapples with drought and climate impacts. It is also critically important that existing underground water is carefully managed and protected, like for example the Stampriet Artesian Basin.

## SANITATION AND SEWER SYSTEMS

Sanitation infrastructure, particularly in rapidly developing towns, is becoming dilapidated and is struggling to keep pace with population growth and industrial expansion. In Windhoek, for example, aging sewer systems overflow at times, resulting in untreated sewage contaminating some rivers and presenting serious health and environmental risks. Upgrading existing sewer works and constructing new sanitation facilities in developing urban areas is crucial. This investment would not only address current system overloads but also ensure that rapidly growing towns and mining hubs are equipped to manage increased demands sustainably.

## ROAD MAINTENANCE AND RAIL NETWORK UPGRADES

One of the most critical gaps in our infrastructure lies in the neglected state of roads and railways. Rather than prioritising the construction of new roads, Namibia should focus on upgrading and maintaining her existing road network and rail system, which are essential for efficient transportation and economic activity. Years of neglect have led to significant disrepair, with critical sections of the railway and major roads now in poor condition. By addressing these pressing maintenance needs, Namibia can ensure that Namibia's transportation infrastructure supports both domestic and regional economic growth.

## SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOW-COST HOUSING

Namibia's health infrastructure has also faced longstanding neglect. Many government hospitals, clinics and schools require urgent repairs and upgrades to ensure quality healthcare & educational facilities for all Namibians. Similarly, the failure to adequately address low-cost housing has led to a persistent housing shortage, impacting many Namibians in urban and rural areas alike. It is essential to integrate housing development into broader infrastructure planning. This approach will allow local contractors to engage in housing projects that provide both social and economic value, benefiting communities while enabling industry sustainability.

## ELECTRICITY CHALLENGES

The electricity sector also poses challenges, with delays in upgrading the supply network undermining energy reliability and economic expansion.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL CONTRACTORS

Across all infrastructure sectors—whether in water, sanitation, electricity, or transport, schools, hospitals and clinics, housing—local contractors have the expertise, capacity, and competitiveness needed to deliver quality work. Their involvement not only fosters economic growth within Namibia but also ensures that employment opportunities benefit Namibians.

By prioritising the use of local contractors in building and civil infrastructure projects, Namibia can develop a sustainable, resilient industry capable of supporting long-term national growth. This approach is vital to maintaining a skilled workforce, building institutional knowledge, and reinforcing the local economy. This is vital considering the prospects and related opportunities in the emerging sectors.

## URGENCY OF ESTABLISHING A CONSTRUCTION COUNCIL

The absence of a Construction Council is one of the most significant challenges facing the construction industry in Namibia, largely due to the government's prolonged delay in establishing this regulatory body. Without a council, the industry lacks a formal mechanism to ensure that only qualified, capable contractors are awarded projects, leading to numerous issues such as:

-Substandard work and abandoned projects: Without oversight, many projects suffer from poor-quality work, with some contractors lacking the skills or resources to complete them, resulting in costly unfinished projects.

-Fraud and inefficiency: The lack of regulation creates an environment where contractors can engage in "tenderpreneur" practices, as well as creating multiple companies solely for tendering, subcontracting work to foreign firms, or even changing business names after poor performance. This undermines local industry and inflates project costs.

-Wasteful use of public funds: Ineffective regulation can lead to higher project costs, delays, and quality issues, resulting in a misuse of taxpayer money that could be invested more wisely with proper oversight.

A Construction Council would ensure that contractors are qualified, that the size of projects is aligned with the capacity of contractors, and public resources are safeguarded. Until this legislation is in place, CIF strongly encourages all buyers and government entities to work only with CIF members who are committed to upholding a professional Code of Conduct.

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## CIF CALLS FOR RELEASE OF 2023 EMPLOYMENT DATA

The CIF called on the Namibian government to release the 2023 census employment and unemployment data urgently. With the last available figures from 2018, critical sectors, including construction, remain in the dark regarding the state of the workforce, hampering effective planning and recovery efforts. With general elections around the corner on 27 November 2024, the CIF emphasises that accurate, up-to-date employment data is essential for transparency, informed economic strategy, and a deeper understanding of Namibia's current unemployment landscape.

Namibia's construction sector has been in decline since 2016, following a government moratorium on construction projects. The downturn was compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in job losses and a sector still struggling to recover. In 2016, the sector's contribution to GDP was 3.1% and in 2023, the contribution to GDP is down to 1.4%; which means an overall reduction of by 55% over that period. Whilst employment figures were 63,000 and 45,000 in 2016 and 2018, respectively (NSA figures), it can be assumed that the employment level in construction is only 28,000 in 2023, if the ratio between employment and GDP remained the same.

Despite the national census conducted in 2023, we are still operating in a vacuum without current employment data. Our industry needs to understand the extent of job losses and identify where we can re-train and re-skill to meet the demands of recovery and support growth in emerging industries.

In the last few years, the government has pushed for ambitious new projects in green hydrogen, oil, and gas, promising new jobs as part of Namibia's economic diversification agenda.

However, without updated employment figures, questions remain about how these new roles align with existing workforce gaps, unemployment rates, and demographic needs such as age groups, gender representation, and regional job distribution. This lack of clarity makes it difficult to assess whether promised job creation targets truly address the country's unemployment challenge or provide opportunities for those most impacted by the downturn in construction.

These emerging industries are promising, but we need transparency to see where job creation is actually happening, and how it stacks up against overall unemployment numbers and demographics. There's a real need to understand how these initiatives benefit all Namibians, especially those most in need of stable work.

The CIF urges the government to prioritise the release of the 2023 employment data as a matter of urgent public interest, giving Namibians insight into the true state of the workforce and enabling the industry to prepare for sustainable growth and economic resilience.



## BUILDING PLANS SEPTEMBER 2024

A total of 131 building plans to the value of N\$375 million were approved by the City of Windhoek in September, which is a month-on-month decline of 34.8% or 70 units from the 201 approvals in August. September's approvals constituted the highest monthly amount approved since September 2019.

This large increase in value was driven by the approval of commercial and industrial plans to the value of N\$264 million. Year-to-date, 1,423 building plans valued at N\$1.62 billion have been approved indicating 1.9% or 27 units decrease in the number of approvals over the same period last year but also indicating a 56.7% increase in value.

Over the past twelve months, 1,837 building plans valued at N\$2.08 billion were approved, reflecting an 8.7% y/y decrease in the number of approvals but a 51.1% y/y increase in value compared to the same period last year. In addition, 71 building plans worth N\$59.2 million were completed in the most recent month.

21 Residential building plans valued at N\$60.7 million were approved in September, indicating a 38.2% decrease in approvals from August while the value of the plans increased by 30.2% m/m. Compared to the same period last year there has been a 40% decrease in approvals and a 1.1% decrease in the value of approved residential units. 28 residential buildings to the value of N\$39.2 million were completed in September.

### DBN ECHOES SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS FINANCING

The Development Bank of Namibia (DBN) is committed to financing economic activities in Namibia that meet the explicit funding requirements for sustainable socio-economic development and growth. Illuminating on the basis for DBN funding, chief marketing and corporate affairs officer, Jerome Mutumba flagged that prime on the set of criteria to be met, an entity must be incorporated in Namibia, and it ought to be in good standing with all the applicable national statutes at the time of application. The prime requirement is applicable to all foreign and Namibian-owned registered enterprises, without exceptions.

To further guide prospective applicants, DBN expects enterprises to demonstrate sustainable financial viability and development impacts, in line with identified economic sectors aligned with national economic priorities.

Qualifying criteria for applications include businesses that demonstrate potential for long-term sustainability and employment-creation. This includes start-ups with clear, feasible business plans, and existing businesses looking to expand or undertake new ventures.

Mutumba said: "DBN seeks to ensure that its finance supports projects that are economically and environmentally-sustainable".

Source: <https://neweralive.na/dbn-echoes-sustainable-business-financing/>

Five commercial and industrial building plans to the value of N\$264.0 million were approved in September, the highest commercial and industrial approval value since September 2019.

Source: *IJG Securities*



## REPO RATE REDUCED FROM 7.50 PERCENT TO 7.25 PERCENT

On 14 & 15 October 2024, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Bank of Namibia held its fifth 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 unanimously decided to cut the Repo rate by 25 basis points to 7.25 percent.

In discussing the monetary policy stance, the MPC noted the growing momentum in the international monetary policy easing cycle, the retreat in domestic inflation over the medium term, along with the recent downside surprise in the September 2024 inflation print. The MPC also noted that the domestic economy, while growing at a moderate pace, was operating below full capacity, with private sector credit extension remaining subdued.

This suggested that further support to the domestic economy is warranted. With the latest projections indicating a lower and well-contained trajectory for inflation over the medium term, and with international reserves at a level deemed robust, the committee unanimously decided to reduce the Repo rate by 25 basis points to 7.25 percent per annum, effective immediately. Concurrently, commercial banks are expected to reduce their prime lending rate by the same magnitude to 11.00 percent.

Source: *Bank of Namibia*





## NAMIBIA BUILDING WORKER PENSION FUND ENCOURAGES BENEFITS TO BE CLAIMED

According to the Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority, the retirement fund industry in Namibia, saw a total of N\$218.7 million unclaimed pension benefits by pensioners and their beneficiaries, in 2023; which is an improvement from the N\$229.1 million reported in 2022. It is in the interest of any pension fund provider to ensure that benefits are claimed upon retirement by their members or indeed, in the event of death, by their family members and more specifically, the determined beneficiaries.

The Namibian Building Workers Pension (NBWPF), an umbrella fund for the construction sector, historically had a relative large amount of unclaimed benefits. One of the biggest difficulties was the fact that members that had exited the fund had become untraceable, despite efforts to find them. Another fundamental reason was that some of the beneficiary forms had not been updated by respective members.

NBWPF felt it was necessary to have a hands-on approach in order to improve the administration of the fund. Accordingly, EPIA Financial Services, recently created by the NBWPF, is now in charge of the handling all administrative activities of the NBWPF. One of the main strategic actions was to get the records of their members, and where possible, previous members, up-to-date. With more recent and accurate records, some unclaimed benefits have now been resolved, and future traceability will be drastically improved.

Mr Enwich Kazondo, principal of the NBWPF: "It is very important to us that the administrative foundation of EPIA Financial Services is very strong, so that we can provide an excellent service to our stakeholders, and part of that is that benefits can be claimed and accessed very quickly".

"We realise how important it is that a pension fund is not burdened by excessive amount of outstanding claims. It not only negatively affects the life of the retired member or indeed their dependents or beneficiaries, but it practically remains a liability on the books of the fund. The unclaimed benefits become also burden as they need to remain locked within the fund which makes resource allocation and investment planning more difficult. This needs to be avoided."

Since the NBWPF had dis-engaged from their previous administrative services provider and engaged their own company - EPIA Financial Services - to administer the NBWPF, the fund has seen very big improvements. As of 2022, an estimated 2,500 benefits remained unclaimed. The fund initiated a tracing process for these unclaimed members in September 2023. Since then, over 1,900 members have been located, and payments have been successfully made to more than 800 of them.

Additionally, the fund has inherited a group of deferred members, which are Active non-contributing members; and the fund is actively working to trace this group of members along with the traditional unclaimed beneficiaries.

Enwich Kazondo elaborated: "We believe that this is a big achievement. It is really important to us. Ultimately, we want our stakeholders to know and trust that we make every effort to ensure that claim benefits are paid out – either to the retiring members themselves or to their determined beneficiaries. This is one of the major priorities to us. We also want retiring members to indeed benefit of their savings for old age, and in the event of their death, we would like to see that their dependents or beneficiaries are also supported through benefits paid out by the fund".

In this regard, NBWPF encourages current members – as well as their employers – to ensure that beneficiary forms are updated when necessary and at least once per year. In addition, the NBWPF encourages those that had worked in the construction sector, and had made pension fund contributions but had failed to claim the benefits, to get in touch with the fund immediately. The same would apply to those whose deceased family member was a member of the NBWPF. The offices of the NBWPF can be contacted at:

Ongwediva Branch: 0837222702  
Swakopmund Branch : 0837222700  
Windhoek Head Office: 0833305521

Enwich Kazondo, principal officer of the NBWPF says: "We will continue to focus on reaching out to potential claimants. We realise how important it is. In fact, over the last few years, so many persons have been affected due to retrenchments, earlier retirement or indeed deaths especially during Covid-19. Many of these claims have already materialised. Now, we will continue to focus on those before that time. Of course, the longer one waits, the more difficult it will become to trace those that should benefit."

## 38 NEW HOUSES TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT ARANDIS

The Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia (SDFN) held a ground-breaking ceremony for 38 new houses at Arandis on 22 October 2024.

The project promises dignified housing for families who have long awaited the opportunity to possess their own homes, said deputy minister of urban and rural development Evelyn Nawases-Taeyele.

"This project is a groundbreaking step forward in tackling the housing crisis in our community. It embodies our unwavering commitment to ensuring that everyone has access to safe, affordable and dignified housing – vital for those who have long faced the challenge of finding a place to truly call home".

Of the 38 houses to be constructed, 14 are funded by the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development, 17 by First National Bank and the remaining seven houses through repayments by members of the SDFN.

Since its inception in 2000, the SDFN has constructed more than 8 600 houses countrywide.

"Government support has been crucial in building over 3 550 houses", Nawases-Taeyele said.

Trefeni Mukete, a member of the SDFN's Arandis network, shared that they started saving on 12 August 2007 for the initiative, and described it as a "dream come true".

Source: <https://www.namibian.com.na/38-new-houses-to-be-constructed-at-arandis/>



*Groundbreaking - Housing beneficiaries and officials participate in a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of 38 houses at Arandis.*



## UUTONI HANDS OVER 30 HOUSES AT OPUWO

Urban and rural development minister Erastus Uutoni handed over more than 30 houses in Opuwo on 25 October 2024. The construction was funded by the regional development and equity provisions trust fund.

Uutoni explained the houses were initially funded and built through the Build Together Programme during the financial year 2023/2024, but when the funds became depleted, the town council approached the regional development and equity provisions trust fund to assist in completing the project.

The minister underscored that providing affordable and decent housing remains a national development priority, requiring collective action from all levels of government, communities and key private sector stakeholders such as the construction industry and financial institutions.

Source: <https://www.erongo.com.na/local-news-ero/uutoni-hands-over-30-houses-at-opuwo2024-10-29>



## ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT TO BOOST INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS LAUNCHED IN WINDHOEK

An electrification project to enhance the infrastructure of its informal settlements located in the Tobias Hainyeko Constituency was launched on 20 September 2024.

The project includes the installation of medium and low-voltage overhead networks and service connections, ultimately providing electricity to 249 households and including street lighting.

Speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony, the minister of urban and rural development Erastus Uutoni discussed the challenges of rapid urbanisation and rural-urban migration, which have resulted in informal settlements lacking essential services.

He noted that the City of Windhoek plans to electrify about 4,000 households over the next five years, requiring annual funding of N\$15 to N\$20 million. "I call upon all financial institutions to assist in this crucial project", he said, stressing that electrification is essential to the well-being of residents in all spheres of life and must strive at all government tiers to mobilise for the much-needed financial support for such projects.

Source: <https://economist.com.na/91376/mining-energy/electrification-project-to-boost-informal-settlements-launched-in-windhoek/>

## TALENT ACQUISITION



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## ONGOS TO BUILD 2 000 HOUSING UNITS IN LUSAKA

Ongos Valley Development has partnered with the Zambian government to address its housing shortage.

The agreement entered into involves building 2 000 residential units in Lusaka. Zambia's housing deficit allegedly stands at 1,5 million.

Ongos Valley spokesperson Abed Erastus says the project is likely to take between 18 to 24 months to complete, but cannot say when it would kick off.

"It's too early in the development process to provide an accurate value as there are still plenty of variables", he says. Erastus says the project aligns with the company's ambition to expand within southern Africa and to export its expertise and solutions to the rest of the continent.

He says Zambia is planning on building at least 200 000 houses per year.

Source: <https://www.namibian.com.na/ongos-to-build-2-000-housing-units-in-lusaka/>

## ROBUST EXPANSION IN CONSTRUCTION DRIVES MALAYSIA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH IN 3Q24

Malaysia's construction sector showed continued robust growth in the third quarter of 2024 (3Q24), expanding by 22.9% to RM41.1 billion, surpassing the 20.2% growth seen in the second quarter.

This positive growth is primarily attributed to a 42.6% surge in specialised trade activities, which has been a key driver of the sector's momentum.

Additionally, the residential and non-residential buildings sub-sectors also experienced significant expansion, growing by 27.8% and 27.7% year-on-year, respectively.

The civil engineering sub-sector, which remains the largest contributor to the sector's total work value, saw a more modest growth of 12.0%, down from 25.2% in the previous quarter.

The private sector led the growth, accounting for 63.5% of the total work done and recording a strong increase of 33.3%, while the public sector rose more moderately by 8.1%.

According to MIDF Amanah Investment Bank Bhd, this strong performance signals an improved economic outlook, particularly in the private sector. The sector's positive momentum is expected to contribute significantly to Malaysia's GDP growth in 3Q24, with construction activities forecast to account for 13.5% of GDP growth, up from 10.6% in the previous quarter.

This sustained expansion in construction is expected to have broad positive effects, stimulating further growth across other sectors of the economy.

Source: <https://www.researchandmarkets.com/reports/5918206/south-africa-construction-industry-databook?>

## CAP COULD SAVE THE UK CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY BILLIONS, SAY COSTAIN

Connected and Autonomous Plant (CAP) could save the construction industry billions according to the latest Costain report.

The report, "Connected and Autonomous Plant: Market Analysis", defines CAP as "a collective term for leading-edge construction equipment that leverages interconnected digital technologies and autonomous functionalities to optimise construction processes".

The report concludes that adopting CAP would bring performance, safety, environmental, and financial benefits. The report estimates that adopting CAP would add £417bn in value to the industry, including £356bn across the whole of construction, leaving £61bn to broaden the economy.

The report has an ambitious vision of the future with CAP fully adopted, with most tasks on worksites being autonomous, and fully integrated AI controlling most machinery. The human presence on site will be higher skilled, with roles mostly consisting of design and supervision.

The boosts to sustainability and efficiency would give the construction industry what many would argue to be a desperately needed lift. Adoption of CAP is estimated to reduce CO2e by 19,300kt, and save £10bn in fuel energy costs.

Managing director of transportation at Costain, Jonathan Willcock, said: "Infrastructure investment – particularly in transportation – is recognised as a pathway to national growth and prosperity.

Source: <https://www.pbctoday.co.uk/news/digital-construction-news/construction-technology-news/cap-could-save-uk-construction-industry-billions-say-costain/144682/>

## ZIMBABWE: CONSTRUCTION SECTOR EMBRACES MODERN APPROACHES

Zimbabwe is pushing ahead with innovative approaches in construction and infrastructure to tackle the evolving development landscape and meet global standards, local government and public works minister Daniel Garwe told a construction conference in Russia on 25 October 2024.

The Minister was leading a delegation in the construction sector to cross-pollinate ideas and tap into technological advances in Russia with the IV Constructions Championships Conference and the XI International Construction Forum Exhibition, one of the largest engineering and construction gatherings in Russia, being held simultaneously.

He is highlighting Zimbabwe's move towards a development paradigm that will drive sustainable economic growth with the dual platform designed to facilitate collaboration between governments and the industrial and civil construction sectors.

Minister Garwe highlighted that Zimbabwe is harnessing new technologies in the construction sector to propel infrastructure transformation.

He met the deputy governor of Sverdlovsk region at the House of Government, Kozlov Vasilii, and the deputy minister of international and foreign economic relations of the region, Liudmila Berg, to exchange notes about collaborations on the economic front.

He also participated in the first session of the International Conference of Technical Regulation in Construction.

"Zimbabwe is entering a new era of ambitious construction and infrastructural projects aligned with global sustainability goals", said Minister Garwe.

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



## HOME BUILDING GEOGRAPHY INDEX (HBGI)

The Home Building Geography Index (HBGI) is a quarterly measurement of building conditions across the United States of America and uses county-level information about single-family and multi-family permits to gauge housing construction growth in various submarkets. The HBGI for the second quarter of 2024 focuses on the population density-based delineation of home building that has been the mainstay of the HBGI.

### Key Findings for Q2 2024

- The year-over-year growth rates for all single-family markets further increased to positive territory, adding to the gains recorded in the first quarter. This positive news was fueled by the limited amount of existing inventory and pent-up demand for single-family construction.
- In the multi-family sector, growth rates remained negative for all markets, continuing the downward trend from last quarter.
- Labor shortages, supply shortages and higher mortgage rates continue to be issues for both the single-family and multi-family markets.

Source: <https://www.nahb.org/news-and-economics/housing-economics/indices/home-building-geography-index>

## RENOVATIONS, SUSTAINABLE BUILDING MATERIALS CAN BOOST EUROPE'S GREEN TRANSITION

Construction, use and demolition of buildings causes major environment and climate pressures but smart renovations that focus on efficient use of energy and resources can help Europe increase the sustainability of its housing sector, according to a European Environment Agency (EEA) report published on 30 September 2024.

The EEA report 'Addressing the environmental and climate footprint of buildings' assesses the current state of Europe's buildings stock and looks at what is needed to make Europe's buildings more sustainable. Renovating existing buildings with sustainable materials while improving climate resilience and working with nature are key. The report also explores what policy actions are needed to achieve that by 2050.

More than 30% of the EU's environmental footprint comes from buildings, making it the sector with the highest environmental impact.

About one third of the Union's material consumption goes to construction. The use of buildings accounts for 42% of the total energy consumption and 35% of greenhouse gas emissions.

Decommissioning buildings leads to the largest waste stream in the EU by weight. Although recycling rates of demolition waste are high, they mainly lead to low-value downcycling, the EEA report says. Ageing populations, increasing affluence and changing climate are expected to change demands for buildings' particular uses in Europe, the EEA report notes. More buildings are likely to be needed in cities, and buildings need to contribute to environment and climate solutions.

Source: <https://www.eea.europa.eu/en/newsroom/news/renovations-sustainable-building-materials>

## US CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LEADERS VIEW ON TRUMP'S ELECTION VICTORY

An expectation of a more favorable regulatory environment generated several positive reactions. "We are ready to work with the incoming administration and Congress to help craft an agenda that is focused on easing regulatory obstacles that are needlessly delaying infrastructure and economic development projects across the country; continuing to invest in improving infrastructure; and addressing construction workforce shortages," said Jeffrey Shoaf, CEO of the Associated General Contractors of America, in a statement to Construction Dive. "To that end, we are eager to work with the president-elect as he and his team fashion their economic and regulatory agendas."

Michael Bellaman, CEO at Associated Builders and Contractors, said Trump's commitment to supporting free enterprise and workforce development gives the construction employer trade group confidence for continued construction growth.

"This is an exciting day for our industry," said Bellaman, whose organisation advocates for merit-based inclusion on public contracts, as opposed to having requirements for unionised labor, [in a statement](#). "We are confident that the construction industry will thrive and all workers will be given the opportunity to build America with fewer obstacles."

Ron Tutor, CEO and chairman of Los Angeles-based heavy civil contractor Tutor Perini, said he was delighted by the election's outcome on the firm's third-quarter earnings call on Wednesday. "I'm elated that Trump won and wiped Kamala Harris out," Tutor said. "I've always considered Trump good for business and since his background is construction, I can't imagine him being anything but positive."

### Infrastructure outlook

While Skanska Acting CFO Pontus Winqvist told Construction Dive that the firm is "quite neutral" for the time being on the election results, he said the major factors contributing to the Swedish firm's business in the U.S. won't change when Trump returns to the Oval Office. He noted a Republican president will almost certainly mean lower taxes for businesses, which would benefit the firm's bottom line. "The infrastructure bill continues to be there. There will continue to be a lot of investments in the infrastructure. Also in the big building segment with data centers," Winqvist said. The National Utility Contractors Association emphasised the urgency of addressing infrastructure needs, especially in water systems, roads and energy projects.

<https://www.constructiondive.com/news/trumps-election-sparks-optimism-hedging-construction-leaders/732219/>

City of Windhoek

**Tender No:** W/ONB/COW-335/2024  
**Closing Date:** 2024-11-25  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00 (Non - Refundable)

Invitation for Bids (IFB) for construction of affordable housing units - mixed-use developments (Goreangab Extension 4 and Cimbebaisa Extension 2) for two years.

**Enquire:** Mr. Theunis Heunis (Tech)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 61 2903195  
**Email:** Theunis.Heunis@windhoekcc.org.na

City of Windhoek

**Tender No:** G/ONB/COW-280/2024  
**Closing Date:** 2024-11-26  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

Invitation for Bids (IFB) for supply, delivery & installation of ten (10) high mast Led lights in the Informal Settlements for twelve (12) months.

**Enquire:** Mr. Michael Haraseb (Tech)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 61 2902493 |  
**Email:** Michael.Haraseb@windhoekcc.org.na

Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture

**Tender No:** W/ONB/10 - 14/2024/2025  
**Closing Date:** 2024-11-26  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

Hereby inviting bidders for the construction of classrooms, pre-primary classrooms, admin offices, science labs, computers labs, school libraries, ablution blocks and cooking shelters education facilities in all fourteen (14) regions. Region: Omusati Region: Package 10.

**Enquire:** Ms. Regina Puteho / Mr. Geoff Besser  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 61 2933056 / 2933045  
**Email:** Regina.Puteho@moe.gov.na; Geoff.Besser@moe.gov.na

Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture

**Tender No:** W/ONB/10 - 15/2024/2025  
**Closing Date:** 2024-11-28  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

Hereby inviting bidders for the construction of classrooms, pre-primary classrooms, admin offices, science labs, computers labs, school libraries, ablution blocks and cooking shelters education facilities in all fourteen (14) regions. Region: Oshana Region: Package 11.

**Enquire:** Ms. Regina Puteho / Mr. Geoff Besser  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 61 2933056 / 2933045  
**Email:** Regina.Puteho@moe.gov.na; Geoff.Besser@moe.gov.na

Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture

**Tender No:** W/ONB/10 - 16/2024/2025  
**Closing Date:** 2024-11-29  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

Hereby inviting bidders for the construction of classrooms, pre-primary classrooms, admin offices, science labs, computers labs, school libraries, ablution blocks and cooking shelters education facilities in all fourteen (14) regions. Region: Oshikoto Region: Package 12.

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**Email:** Regina.Puteho@moe.gov.na; Geoff.Besser@moe.gov.na

Northgate Tutorial College

**Closing Date:** 2024-11-29  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$2000.00 (Non - Refundable Fee)

Northgate Tutorial College is hereby seeking experienced registered Namibian companies, building and engineering contractors for the following procurement - construction of Northgate Tutorial College classroom, administration block, double storey hostel with thirty-six rooms, dining hall, ablution block and fencing wall.

**Enquire:** Mr. F.J. Mangwana (Tech) / Mr. Johannes Isac (Pro)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 81 3009991 / +264 (0) 81 5740215



TENDERS

Sinomine Tsumeb Smelter

**Tender No:** ST24\_002  
**Closing Date:** 2024-11-29

Sinomine Tsumeb Smelter (Pty) Ltd. invites registered, competent and experienced individuals or companies to tender for the Replacement of Wet ESP 2013 and 2016 Editube Bundles.

**Enquire:** Technical  
**Email:** ststenders@sinomine.na

Sinomine Tsumeb Smelter

**Tender No:** ST24\_003  
**Closing Date:** 2024-11-29

Sinomine Tsumeb Smelter (Pty) Ltd. invites registered, competent and experienced individuals or companies to tender for maintenance of air compressors, dryers and blowers.

**Enquire:** Technical  
**Email:** ststenders@sinomine.na

Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture

**Tender No:** W/ONB/10 - 17/2024/2025  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-02  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

Hereby inviting bidders for the construction of classrooms, pre-primary classrooms, admin offices, science labs, computers labs, school libraries, ablution blocks and cooking shelters education facilities in all fourteen (14) regions. Region: Otjozondjupa Region: Package 13.

**Enquire:** Ms. Regina Puteho / Mr. Geoff Besser  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 61 2933056 / 2933045  
**Email:** Regina.Puteho@moe.gov.na; Geoff.Besser@moe.gov.na

Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture

**Tender No:** W/ONB/10 - 18/2024/2025  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-02  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

Hereby inviting bidders for the construction of classrooms, pre-primary classrooms, admin offices, science labs, computers labs, school libraries, ablution blocks and cooking shelters education facilities in all fourteen (14) regions. Region: Zambezi Region: Package 14.

**Enquire:** Ms. Regina Puteho / Mr. Geoff Besser  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 61 2933056 / 2933045  
**Email:** Regina.Puteho@moe.gov.na; Geoff.Besser@moe.gov.na

Khomas Regional Council

**Tender No:** G/ONB/KRC-01/2023/2024  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-02  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

Invitation for Bid (IFB) Open National Bidding (ONB) for the construction of Katutura Central Constituency Office. A non-compulsory pre-bid meeting will be held on 15 November 2024 at 10:00 am, Erf 10554, 10356, 10357, 10358 Corner of Genesis & Helena Angula Street, Single Quarters, Katutura.

**Enquire:** Procurement Management Unit  
**Email:** krc.pmu@khomasrc.gov.na |

City of Windhoek

**Tender No:** W/ONB/COW-344/2024  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-02  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$600.00

Invitation of Bids (IFB) for Construction of Affordable Housing Units - Multi-Storey Developments (Goreangab Extension 4 - ERF 3799 & 3800 for two years period) - no compulsory pre-bid meeting.

**Enquire:** Mr. Theunis Heunis (Tech)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 61 2903195  
**Email:**Theunis.Heunis@windhoekcc.org.na

# TENDERS

## Road Fund Administration

**Tender No:** W/ONB/RFA - 05/2023  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-02  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.

Construction of 139Kw Solar PV rooftop system at Roads Authority (RA) Head Office Erf 8163. Site Visit: Thursday, 31 October 2024 at 10H00 am at the Road Authority (RA) Head Office Erf 8163, Mandume Ndemufayo Street.

**Enquire:** Procurement Management Unit (PMU) | Telephone: +264 (0) 61 4333049/82  
**Email:** procurement@rfanam.com.na |

## Rehoboth Town Council

**Tender No:** G/ONB/RTC-22/2024  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-02  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$500.00

Bidders are hereby invited through Open Advertised Bidding (OAB) from Bona Fide Namibian competent bidders to submit their best bid as follows for supply, delivery and installation of prepaid water meters and metering system.

**Enquire:** Ms. Shirley Wemmert-Bruwer (Secretary: PMU)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 62 521807 |  
**Email:** procurement@rtc.org.na

## NORED

**Tender No:** NE06/2024  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-09  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

NORED hereby invites qualified, competent and registered Namibian companies to submit their tenders for the supply and delivery of the under-mentioned for three (3) year term: supply and delivery of various overhead line materials and circuit breakers and surge protection.

**Enquire:** Ms. Johanna Luanda (Admin) / Ms. Gloria Shivute (Pro) / Mr. Shinana Shinana - Mr. Edward Shaningwa (Tech)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 83 2822306 / 2822130 / 2822362 / 2822136  
**Email:** j.luanda@nored.com.na;g.shivute@nored.com.na;s.shinana@nored.com.na

## Opuwo Town Council

**Tender No:** W/ONB/OPTC-02/2024/2025  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-12  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00 (Not Refundable)

Competent and experienced civil engineering contractors are hereby invited to submit bids for the construction of bulk water storage facilities, water rising main and drilling of boreholes in Opuwo, Kunene region. Qualification requirements include: reputable civil engineering contractors registered in Namibia. A non-compulsory site meeting will be held on 26 November 2024, at 11:00 am.

**Enquire:** Mr N. Petrus - Mr. Abel Katjoho (Tech) / Mrs. Dina Tjazapi (Admin)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 65 238756 / +264 (0) 64 530023 / 530599  
**Email:** info@alvengineers.com;pmuopuwotc.gmail.com

## 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

## NAMPORT

**Tender No:** W/ONBNAMPORT-3644/2024  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-13  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

Namport hereby invites bids through Open National Bidding (ONB) procedures for the construction of paved perimeter roads in the Port of Ludertiz. This bid is open to all eligible Namibian entities for person ('Bidders'). A margin of preference will apply as detailed in the bidding document.

**Enquire:** Melani de Klerk (Manager Pro) / Owieke Amunkete (Administrator Tender & Contracts)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 64 2082319 / 2082217  
**Email:** m.deklerk@namport.com.na;procurement@namport.com.na;o.amunkete@namport.com.na



# TENDERS

## Zambezi Regional Council

**Tender No:** W/ONB/ZRC-09/2024/2025  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-17  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

Zambezi Regional Council is hereby inviting experienced Namibian contractors to submit bids for the construction of bulk services at the Zambezi Rural Development Centre at Masokotwani in Zambezi Region Phase 2. Bid Documents may additionally be downloaded from Zambezi Regional Council website: <https://www.zambezirc.gov.na> . Compulsory site meeting will be held on 22nd November 2024.

**Enquire:** Mr. Abraham Shikoyeni (Admin) / Mr. Makongwa Mutero (Tech)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 66 261771 / +264 (0) 81 7366320 / +264 (0) 66 261779 / +264 (0) 81 1439480

## Zambezi Regional Council

**Tender No:** G/ONB/ZRC-10/2024/2025  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-17  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

Zambezi Regional Council is hereby inviting experienced Namibian suppliers to submit bids for the supply and delivery of 103 Pre-Cast Concrete VIP toilet units and 100 Amalooloo Bottom Panels with accessories and handwash facilities in seven (7) Rural Constituencies of Zambezi Region: Sanitation Programme. Bid documents may additionally be downloaded from Zambezi Regional Council website: <https://www.zambezirc.gov.na>

**Enquire:** Mr. Abraham Shikoyeni (Admin) / Mr. Makongwa Mutero (Tech)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 66 261771 / +264 (0) 81 7366320 / +264 (0) 66 261779 / +264 (0) 81 1439480

## Ongwediva Town Council

**Tender No:** G/ONB/OngweTC - 09/2024/25  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-17  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$100.00

Ongwediva Town Council is hereby inviting prospective bidders for the supply and delivery of pipes fittings. (National Margin of Preference is applicable).

**Enquire:** Ms. Josephine Hainana (Admin) / Ms. L Aimwata (Tech)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 65 233700

## Ongwediva Town Council

**Tender No:** W/ONB/OngweTC - 11/2024/25  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-17  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

Ongwediva Town Council is hereby inviting prospective bidders for the following bids for the refurbishment and renovation of pump station number 03 in Ongwediva (National Margin of Preference is applicable). Bid Briefing on Thursday, 21 November 2024 at 09:00, Council Offices (Old Boardroom).

**Enquire:** Ms. Josephine Hainana (Admin) / Mr. Hesekiel Namwandi (Tech)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 65 233700

## Ongwediva Town Council

**Tender No:**W/ONB/OngweTC-12/2024/25  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-17  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$100.00

Ongwediva Town Council is hereby inviting prospective bidders for the following for the maintenance of Council Civic Buildings (electrical infrastructures networks) for a period of 2 years (National Margin of Preference is applicable).

**Enquire:** Ms. Josephine Hainana (Admin) / Mr. Hesekiel Namwandi (Tech)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 65 233700

## City of Windhoek

**Tender No:** W/ONB/COW-351/2024  
**Closing Date:** 2025-01-14  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the construction of municipal services for Rocky Crest Cemetery - Phase 1-3.

**Enquire:** Mr. Joseph Cupido (Tech) |  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 61 2903687 |  
**Email:** Joseph.Cupido@windhoekcc.org.na |

Ministry of Health & Social Services

**Tender No:** W/ONB/1308PF-21/2024  
**Closing Date:** 2025-01-17  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

Procurement Management Unit - Request for the Open National Bidding - goods, services and works for the construction of pre-fabricated clinic, staff accommodation and, auxiliary services at Muzii in the Zambezi region.

**Enquire:** Secretary: Procurement Committee  
**Email:** Procurement@mhss.gov.na

Road Fund Administration

**Tender No:** W/ONB/RFQ- 03/2024  
**Closing Date:** 2025-01-17  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.

The Road Fund Administration (RFA) in line with the Public Procurement Act, 2015 (Act No.15 of 2015) amended, hereby invites suitable and competent Namibian service providers to submit their best bids for the provision of services for the construction of sewerage conservancy tanks at RFA Housing facility, Noordoewer Border Post. Site Visit: At Bidder's own discretion, on-site visit will be organised the RFA.

**Enquire:** Procurement Management Unit (PMU) | Telephone: +264 (0) 61 4333049/82  
**Email:** procurement@rfanam.com.na |

City of Windhoek

**Tender No:** NCS/ONB/COW-352/2024  
**Closing Date:** 2025-01-20  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

Invitation for Bids (IFB) for provision of security services (guarding & access control) to Municipal Council of Windhoek eastern zone for a period of two (2) years.

**Enquire:** Ms. Toini Auene (Tech)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 61 2902590  
**Email:**Toini.Auene@windhoekcc.org.na

City of Windhoek

**Tender No:** NCS/ONB/COW-353/2024  
**Closing Date:** 2025-01-22  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$600.00

Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Unit Rate Contract for road maintenance works for the Municipal Council of Windhoek for a period of 2 years.

**Enquire:** Mr. Reinhard Bohmer (Tech)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 61 2902443  
**Email:**Toini.Auene@windhoekcc.org.na

City of Windhoek

**Tender No:** W/ONB/COW-369/2024  
**Closing Date:** 2025-01-23  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00 (Non - Refundable)

Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the construction works for the refurbishment of the Sam Nujoma Stadium. A non-compulsory site meeting will be held Friday, 15 November 2024 at 10h00, Sam Nujoma Stadium, Katutura, Windhoek.

**Enquire:** Mr. Jacobus Jacobs (Tech)  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 61 2902102  
**Email:** Jacobus.Jacobs@windhoekcc.org.na

NAMWATER

**Tender No:** W/ONB/NW-009/2025  
**Closing Date:** 2024-12-12  
**Non-Refundable Levy Payable:** N\$300.00

NamWater is inviting registered and reputable firms to submit bids for the following procurement for the construction of a new pipeline and appurtenances at Mururani Settlement. Non-Compulsory Pre-Meeting held on 12th November 2024 at 11h00, NamWater Elevated Water Tank, Mururani Settlement, Kavango West Region.

**Enquire:** The Procurement Management Unit  
**Telephone:** +264 (0) 61 210741  
**Email:** bids@namwater.com.na