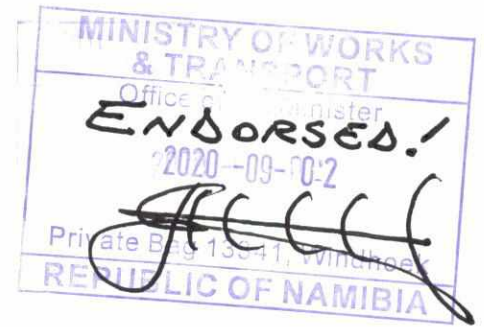


SAFE ROADS TO PROSPERITY



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UPGRADING TO BITUMEN STANDARD OF SECTION B OF MAIN ROAD 91 FROM ONDEROMBAPA TO ARANOS VIA AMINIUS IN THE OMAHEKE AND HARDAP REGIONS

1. The Roads Authority (RA) is a State Owned Entity with the mandate to manage Namibia's national road network, with a view to achieve a safe and efficient road sector. As part of its mandate, the RA commenced with the upgrading to bitumen standards of Main Road 91 (Gobabis-Aranos-Aminuis Road) in 2013.
2. Section A from Gobabis to Onderombapa (110 kilometers), was completed in March 2018. The construction of Section B from Onderombapa to Aranos, via Aminuis (135km) commenced in October 2019 and it is expected to be completed in December 2021. However, recently, some members of the Aminuis Constituency community stopped construction works. Their main grievance being the employment of people from other Constituencies in Omaheke and Hardap Regions and demanded more job opportunities for Aminuis Constituency Community members. They also threatened to harm the Contractor on the project, RCC-Teichmann Joint Venture. This behavior is disheartening and should not be tolerated.
3. It is important to note that this is a national project, which will benefits all Namibians, in particular those who are living in close proximity of the project. Employment opportunities should be given to all Namibians and this process must not be based on political affiliation or be made a tribal issue. The employment of unskilled workers is done through the Office of the Governor(s). To date, the Contractor has employed 117 unskilled workers from the Omaheke region, and 22 from the Hardap region. As the project progresses, the Contractor will continue to create more job opportunities for all skilled and unskilled Namibian workers. The Contractor may employ Namibians from other regions with special skills as the need arises.

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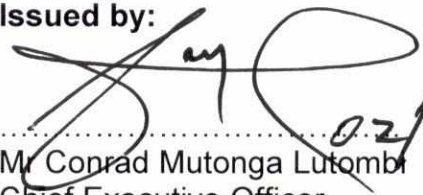
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4. We would like to emphasize that this project is one of the priority projects identified by our Government as it promotes local and regional integration. Once completed, the road will provide a viable road network that links communities from the southern part of our country from the Hardap and //Kharas regions via the Omaheke Region to the northern part of our country via the Gobabis-Grootfontein road. In addition, this project is an important catalyst in promoting regional competitiveness, trade and investment with the entire SADC Region as it forms part of the Trans-Kalahari Highway, which links the harbour at the Port of Walvis Bay in the Erongo Region to South Africa via Botswana.

5. The RA strongly condemns the unlawful actions from the “concerned” group and will not tolerate any further disruptions on this project. Stopping the project is not only detrimental to the RA as it has an effect on the completion date, it also leads to paying penalties and these funds could have been channeled to other national projects. Work stoppage costs the taxpayer approximately N\$3 million per day as this project is fully funded by the Government of the Republic of Namibia.

6. The RA will use all legal avenues at its disposal to ensure that the project is completed within the specified time period and those who decide to take matters into their own hands will face the full wrath of the law.

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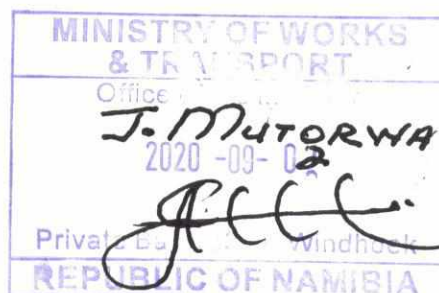

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