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MEDIA RELEASE

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TO: ALL MEDIA

SUBJECT: PHOTOGRAPH OF “COLLAPSED” PIER ON A BRIDGE ON THE SWAKOPMUND – HENTIES BAY ROAD PROJECT

The Roads Authority (RA) has been alerted to a photograph that was posted on social media (Facebook) about a section of an old bridge which is currently undergoing rehabilitation on the Swakopmund - Henties Bay road upgrade project. The picture shows a skew pier that appears to be falling over and the intention of the post is to maliciously discredit the work of those who are involved in this project, without contacting the RA for clarification before posting damaging and false information.

The fact of the matter is, the “bridge” in the photograph is the existing Omaruru River Bridge, which is currently undergoing a rehabilitation process. This includes upgrading, repairs and widening of the bridge deck to include walkways. Certain structures of the bridge had to be demolished and these included the existing deck, the pierheads etc. All the piers that were demolished will be replaced, including the skew one. We would like to make it categorically clear that the skew pier is not new but an old pier of the old existing bridge.

The RA would like to assure the public that there is no truth to the claims of poor workmanship or any compromise on the quality of material. As an entity responsible for the overall management of Namibia’s national road network, the RA prides itself on constructing roads and bridges of the highest standards with no compromise on quality whatsoever. We shall continue to strive for integrity and excellence through our business dealings.

In closing, the RA herewith appeals to the public to refrain from making malicious accusations and/or assumptions without facts. Please contact our Corporate Communication Office for clarity should there be any questions or concerns.

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