



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

VOTE 23: DEPARTMENT OF WORKS

BUDGET SPEECH

2014/2015

BY

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Honourable Chairperson of the Whole House Committee
Honourable Members

Please accept our gratitude for this opportunity to introduce to this August House Vote 23 of the Department of Works for the 2014/2015 Financial Year.

Vote 23 caters for the provision of institutional facilities, office accommodation, official accommodation (housing), as well as the management and maintenance of Government properties. This vote also renders essential and technical services to Offices/Ministries and Agencies with regard to the implementation of Capital Construction Projects on the Development Budget, the provision of standard stock and material supplies as well as printing services and the maintenance of garden infrastructure and equipment to mention but, just a few.

Honourable Members, I am please to highlight to this August House some achievements realised by the Department of Works during the period under review.

- The Department has once again successfully managed a variety of ongoing capital construction projects on behalf of line Ministries worth in excess of N\$ 400.0million
- The Ministry has successfully recruited qualified and experienced professionals from Zimbabwe in order to address the shortage of engineering skills in the Department of Works. Thus far, a total of sixty five (65) professionals have been recruited while a further twenty three (23) were recommended to assume duty on 01 April 2014.
- A targeted implementation rate of 80% of capital projects have been achieved for the 2013/2014 Financial Year
- Arrangements to deploy some of these Zimbabwean Professionals in the field of Architecture, Engineering, and Quantity Surveying to assist with the development of building construction projects in the regions are far advanced
- As part of the Ministry's understudy programme, a Memorandum of Understanding has been amended during the 2013/2014 Financial Year to make provision for Namibians to study and obtain professional qualifications at accredited Universities in Zimbabwe.

