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ROADS AUTHORITY REAFFIRMS ITS DUTY AND NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ACROSS NAMIBIA

The Roads Authority (RA) wishes to address concerns raised by various stakeholders, including road users, Regional Councils and communities, regarding the pace of road construction projects across the country.

The RA acknowledges these concerns and reiterates that the implementation of national road infrastructure projects continues in a phased, structured and fiscally responsible manner. Contrary to some public assertions, it is incorrect to suggest that the Government of the Republic of Namibia (GRN), the RA or the Road Fund Administration (RFA) has abandoned any road project. All outstanding sections of ongoing projects remain active commitments of the GRN, RA and RFA, and their implementation will continue subject to annual funding availability. The three institutions will continue to collaborate closely to ensure that projects, particularly those at advanced stages of construction, are completed within a reasonable timeframe. This includes ongoing technical reviews, funding discussions and prioritization exercises aimed at sustaining progress.

Road construction and maintenance in Namibia are significantly influenced by funding availability, competing national priorities and the broader fiscal pressures facing the country. These realities require projects to be implemented in phases, aligned with national budget cycles and sustainable financing arrangements. Road infrastructure is capital-intensive and requires substantial financial resources.

The RA, RFA and GRN are actively engaged in discussions to strengthen and diversify funding arrangements for road construction and maintenance. These engagements are intended to ensure that Namibia's road network is maintained and expanded in a carefully planned manner despite prevailing fiscal constraints. They include short-, medium- and long-term financing strategies, phased implementation plans, and measures to safeguard the continuity of strategic access roads, district roads and critical national road corridors.

The RA is fully aware of the inconvenience, road-safety concerns and increased transport costs experienced by road users because of poor conditions on certain sections of the road network. The Authority deeply appreciates the patience and understanding shown by communities, transport operators, Regional and Traditional leaders, and other key stakeholders.

Established in terms of the Roads Authority Act, 1999 (Act 17 of 1999)

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Every effort is being made to address these concerns in the short, medium and long term through targeted maintenance interventions, accelerated procurement processes and improved project sequencing. As the implementing agency for national road infrastructure, the RA remains committed to providing accurate, timely and transparent information on the status of current and future road projects across the country. Moreover, the RA is aware of delays in the execution of some projects and is actively addressing the challenges affecting their timely implementation.

Stakeholders are encouraged to engage directly with the RA for verified information on project timelines, progress and planned interventions. The Authority will continue to strengthen its communication platforms to ensure that the public receives reliable updates on all major road projects.

Lastly, the RA assures the Namibian public that national road construction and maintenance programmes remain a priority. We remain committed to delivering safe, reliable and efficient road infrastructure that supports economic growth, social development and national connectivity.

The RA therefore appeals to all stakeholders for their continued patience and understanding as we work diligently to deliver these critical national assets.

For further information, stakeholders may contact the RA's Corporate Communication Office.

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