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THE NSI STRENGTHENING ITS GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SABS

The Namibian Standards Institution (NSI) and its counterpart in South Africa, the well-known South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on Technical Cooperation on Thursday, 24 June 2010, at the NSI Head Office in Windhoek.

The official signing ceremony took place between the representatives of the two companies, namely the CEO of the NSI, Riundja Ali Kaakunga (Othy), and the CEO of the SABS, Dr. Bonakele Mehlomekulu (Boni).

The MoA on Technical Cooperation holds numerous benefits for Namibia amongst others with regard to the use and applicability of South African National Standards (SANS) in Namibia, especially in the areas of Road Traffic and Transport.

‘The NSI is confident that this agreement will address the enforcement of certain legislation, such as the Road Traffic and Transport Act, 1999, so the required SANS standards and compulsory specifications will now be effectively used and applied in Namibia. We trust that the private and public sectors in Namibia will also use the opportunities created by this agreement to enhance their effectiveness and competitiveness in international and regional trade and commerce,’ said Riundja Kaakunga.

According to Kaakunga, the NSI will further benefit from the SABS who ‘shall provide inputs and technical and professional support in the fields of standardisation, calibration and product compliance to national and international standards, including training of NSI officials on SABS training courses in ISO 9001:2008 and HACCP as well as the SABS in-house courses on Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and HACCP.’

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“This agreement will enable the Namibian Standards Institution to benefit from the experience and knowledge gained over sixty-five years of our existence” said Dr Boni Mehlomakulu, CEO of the SABS.

“The agreement will advance trade both nationally and internationally, which is an indication of SABS contribution in raising Africa’s standards. I am confident that our relationship will be mutually beneficial and look forward to working with my counterpart, Mr. Riundja Ali Kaakunga”, she concluded.

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