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METROLOGY WORKSHOP 1/3

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NSI ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS NEW METROLOGY

The Namibian Standards Institution (NSI) has been mandated by the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) to hold national consultations that could lead to the introduction of a new Metrology legislation. As part of nation-wide consultations, a national consultative workshop was held at Hotel Thüringerhof in Windhoek on 10 May 2012.

The need to draft a new Metrology legislation is necessitated by the fact that the Trade Metrology Act, 1973 (Act No. 77 of 1973), has been amended several times with the last amendment by the Metrology Amendment Act, 2005 (Act No. 17 of 2005) was made in 2005 and also that regulations issued under the Trade Metrology Act, 1973 (Act No. 77 of 1973) are completely antiquated and are no longer in line with the modern state of the science of measurement. This initiative is also necessary to harmonise Namibia's metrology legislation with regional and international requirements, in particular the recommendations of the International Organisation for Legal Metrology (OIML) and the SADC Cooperation in Legal Metrology (SADC MEL).

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A Steering Committee consisting of representatives from the public and private sector has been established to facilitate and guide the process. The Steering Committee at its first meeting held at the NSI in March this year agreed that the SADC Model Draft Metrology law would serve as prime reference for the new legislation. At the national consultative workshop held on 10 May 2012 public input was solicited, that would be taken into account before the draft is submitted to the Minister of Trade and Industry for consideration.

The NSI CEO, Riundja A. Kaakunga, (Othy), during his welcoming address invited participants to use the platform to engage in discussions that would contribute to the content of the envisaged legislation which must reflect the needs and aspirations of all Namibians. Mr. Kaakunga continued to say that: “The Government has long recognised the need to develop the legislative framework for the establishment of Namibia’s national quality infrastructure as the necessary prerequisite for the protection of the consumer and to facilitate trade and regional integration. Most importantly, in 1999, Cabinet adopted the National Quality Policy (NQP) of Namibia, which places Namibia amongst very few countries which have a NQP as proof of the Government’s commitment to quality and productivity”, and emphasized that the field of metrology plays a crucial role in ensuring an appropriate quality infrastructure in Namibia.

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