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## RFA signs KfW loan agreement - funding rehabilitation of Trunk Road 1 Section 3 (TR1/3) between Tses and Gochas

The RFA's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ali Ipinge announced the signing of a loan agreement between Germany's Development Bank Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) and the Road Fund Administration (RFA).

During a media briefing held on Friday, 15 December 2017, Ipinge informed stakeholders and the road users in particular, that the RFA has taken up its third loan facility from KfW totalling an amount of EUR 30 million equivalent to N\$482 million. The loan will be used to partially fund the rehabilitation of Trunk Road 1 Section 3 (TR1/3) between Tses (at the intersection of DR0619) and Gochas (at the intersection of M0032) in the //Karas and Hardap Regions, respectively. The loan agreement was successfully concluded and signed on Wednesday 13 December 2017, between the KfW and the RFA and is supported by Government Guarantee.

Ipinge further added that, "In line with its mandate the RFA is committed to facilitate "quality road infrastructure investment" and believe that investing in projects such as TR1/3 from Tses to the intersection with MR32 to Gochas; shows that the RFA is committed towards achieving its mandate."

The entire 228 km road section from Keetmanshoop, located in the //Karas region, to Mariental in the Hardap region, forms part of the Namibian national trunk road network, which connects the harbour of Walvis Bay and Windhoek as well as the northern neighbours (Angola and Zambia) with South Africa. The road section serves as part of the transit corridor from South Africa to Namibia's northern neighbours. Thus it is not only of local importance, but of regional strategic importance.

Construction work on this project is envisioned to start during the 2018/19 financial year and due for completion in the 2020/21 financial year, with the loan repayment expected to commence in 2021. The loan will be fully repaid by the RFA over 10 years. Roads Authority (RA) is the appointed Project Executing Agency.



Fltr - Mr Conrad Lutombi, Mr Ali Ipinge and Mr Uwe Stoll

## Corporate Social sponsorship for the vulnerable of society RFA Sponsors the Association for Children with Language, Speech and Hearing impairments (CLaSH) 2018 Calendar

In support of raising general awareness on the plight of children with Language, Speech and Hearing impairments in Namibia, RFA sponsors the CLaSH calendar. Profits raised from the calendar is aimed at improving the situation of these children, their families and communities.

After a long and successful twenty years the 2018 and also the final edition of the CLaSH calendar was launched.

The final edition of the calendar was launched on 12 September 2017. Speaking at the launch, the Director of CLaSH, Ms Heide Beinhauer, expressed her gratitude towards the RFA for the generous sponsorship that assisted in realising the launch of the calendar. She added that, some of the most significant photos from the calendars of the past fifteen years were carefully selected to create the final version of the calendar. Ms Beinhauer, furthermore acknowledged all the photographers and the author of the poetic captions under each photograph for their contributions over the years.

Mr Rianus !Gonteb, Executive Programme Management Policy and Advice, who spoke on behalf of the RFA CEO, Mr Ali Ipinge, said that the RFA has a social responsibility strategy aimed at forming alliances that contribute to the wellbeing of the elderly, physically impaired, women and children as well as education and training.



CLaSH teacher presenting the 2018 calendar to the children

He added that, "the RFA is in particular proud of the relationship formed with CLaSH and applauded the director and her entire staff for their commitment towards educating these children. The CLaSH calendar is available at the school and at bookshops.

## RFA participates in the 2017 Cycle Classic event

As a corporate citizen RFA join hands in fundraising, to address such issues as poverty, health, hunger, education, early childhood development (ECD) and the environment.

The annual Namibian and Pick 'n Pay Cycle is Namibia's leading and largest cycling event, for competitive and for the not-so-competitive too. Held annually the Cycle Classic is the Rotary Club Windhoek's major fund-raiser and community service event. This year the event was held on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 October.

Through sponsorship organisations are given the opportunity to setup water tables along the cycling route. The water table serves as a stopover for cyclist to quench their thirst during the race. The RFA water table was located along the B1 road, across the Paaltjies recreational facility. A number of enthusiastic RFA employees assisted in manning the stand and cheered the cyclist on as they cycled passed the stand. The RFA was also represented by two staff members in the 20 and 30 km road race.

Funds raised at this event will be used towards poverty reduction, health, food security, education, early childhood development (ECD) and the environment.



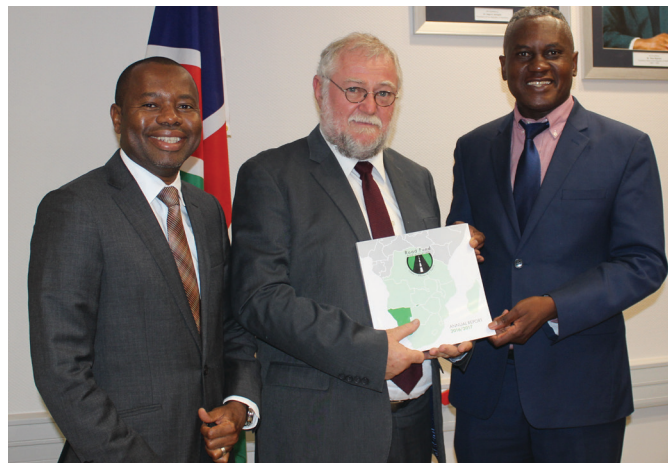
*Bunch of Cyclist on the B1 road*

## Extraordinary Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The RFA is committed to uphold good corporate governance, held its extraordinary AGM.

The second AGM for the year, was held on 20 November 2017 at the Ministry of Finance. Honourable Calle Schlettwein, Minister of Finance presided over the meeting. The RFA was represented by its Board members, CEO and Executive Management. Also in attendance were two senior members from the Ministry of Public Enterprises. The RFA presented the 2016/2017 Annual Financial Report for discussion and approval. Performance agreements of board members and the appointment of external auditors as well as various issues related to road infrastructure funding were discussed during the meeting.

Honourable Schlettwein urged the RFA leadership to align their business plan with the NDP5 and the Harambee Prosperity Plan. Furthermore, to prioritise funding and to deploy its resources to develop corridors in order to drive the corridor concept to its logical conclusion. The Minister approved the Annual Report and applauded the RFA for being a self-sustaining and well governed SOE.



*Fltr - Mr. Ali Ipinge RFA CEO, Honourable Calle Schlettwein, Minister of Finance, Mr. Penda Ithindi, RFA Board Chariman*

## The RFA values Human Capital for efficient service delivery - **Border Post Staff Accommodation Project**

To address the need for decent accommodation for its employees at remote areas, and as part of its employment conditions improvement plans the Road Fund Administration has engaged on a CBC accommodation project.

During August 2017, phase three of the project started with the awarding of contracts to the successful bidders for the construction of staff accommodation at the various border posts. The RFA is represented at seventeen border posts across the country from which it collects Cross Border Charges(CBC) revenue from foreign-registered vehicles entering Namibia temporarily.

The successful completion of phase one and two led to the rollout of phase three. A total number of seventeen staff houses will be constructed between Oshikango, Omahenene, Katwitwi, Kashamane and Wenela border posts under the current phase. With the completion of phase three the total number of border post staff housing units constructed under this project will stand at fifty-six. Phase three of the housing project is envisaged to be completed between March and July 2018.



*Staff housing under construction at the Kashamane Border Post*

## Regional networking and strategic alliance in the road sector is essential - **Zambian Road Fund Delegates visits RFA**

Sharing lessons learned in the road sector at regional level avoids reinventing the wheel.

A delegation from the Zambian Road Fund (RF), led by two of its board members paid a visit to the Road Fund Administration (RFA) on 11 October 2017. Among the delegations' key interests were road sector legislation developments, operations and funding of the road network from the road user charges.

The RFA shared the developments on the Namibia Road Fund legislation reforms. On their part, the Zambian delegation deliberated on their progress on tolling as well as the operational model of the Zambian road sector.



Members of the visiting Zambian delegation

## Stakeholder engagement RFA Five-Year Business Plan Stakeholder Consultation Meeting

The RFA is entrusted with the funds collected from the Road User Charges (RUCs) to ensure funding for an economically efficient road network.

The RFA annual five-year business plan consultation meeting for the period April 2018 to March 2023, was held on the 14th of November 2017. Various stakeholders from, local authorities, government ministries and the business community attended the consultative meeting. This annual meeting is a platform at which the draft Five-year Business Plan is presented to the stakeholders for scrutiny and input. This forum is participatory, engenders transparency and builds ownership of the business plan.

During his keynote address, RFA Board Chairperson, Mr Penda Ithindi, said that, "the plan envisages to inject some N\$13billion in the road sector over the five-year period, providing much needed capital in the economy at the time when government fiscal policy assumes a consolidation phase."

The funding determinations are derived from funding requests submitted by funding beneficiaries stated in the RFA Act, for road network maintenance and rehabilitation. These requests are gaged against the road master plan, national development plans, Harambee Prosperity Plan and strategic road sector priorities.



Stakeholders at the Business Plan Meeting

The Chief Executive Officer of the RFA, Ali Ipinge, said that, "the RFA remains committed to fund the economically warranted programmes and projects of the Roads Authority and other Approved Authorities.

## "RFA Zero tolerance for Fraud" - **FRAUD HOTLINE LAUNCHED**

The RFA has zero tolerance for fraudulent activities and encourages transparency and ethical behaviour in all aspects of its business.

The fraud hotline was launched on the 14th of November 2017, in Windhoek at the Safari Hotel and Conference Centre.

The RFA Fraud Hotline is independently managed by Deloitte Auditing firm. The public is encouraged to report any fraudulent activities anonymously 24-hours a day using the hotline number **0800 810 251** or by sending an email to **reportfraud@tip-offs.com**



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