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CERTIFIED NAMIBIAN PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO BE IDENTIFIABLE SOON

The Namibian Standards Institution on 20 October 2011 launched their Certification Marks of Conformity at the Nampower Convention Centre in Windhoek. The marks of conformity identify the products, processes and services that meet the requirements of a standard. Certification is a conformity assessment procedure whereby an approved third party such as the NSI visits an organisation, assesses their products, processes and services, and issues a certificate to show that the organisation abides by the principles set out in the relevant standard, following industry best practice. The vendor issued with the certificate demonstrates to the buyer that the supplier complies with international standards, which increases the confidence of the buyer in the products of and services rendered by the certified enterprise.

The Chairperson of the Namibian Standards Council (NSC), Dr. Martha Kandawa-Schulz, during the official launch speech, emphasized that: "Certification provides assurance that a product, processes and services conform to the requirements of the set standards and that the manufacturer or service provider maintains an appropriate quality system. It demonstrates the organization's commitment to quality products."

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Namibian Standards Council (NSC) members

Dr. Martha Kandawa-Schulz, Chairperson | Mr Edwin Beukes, Member | Mr Michael Gaweseb, Member | Mr Edward T Kamboua, Member | Mrs Asteria Nasheya, Member | Dr. Moses Maurihungirire, Member | Mr Shikondjeleni T Nashixwa, Member | Mrs Phortune Tjivikua, Member | Mr Riundja Ali Kaakunga (Othy), CEO (Member, Ex-Officio) | Adv. Notemba Tjipueja, Legal Advisor and Company Secretary

She continued to say that “With certification, you are guaranteed to achieve the following:

- Quality, safety and durability;
- Competitive products;
- Access to wider markets;
- Reduction of product liability risk;
- Protection of the consumer”

Kandawa-Schulz called upon businesses to “strive for excellence and to be proud of the NSI, as the National Standards Body of our country for their effort in building capacity in order to align themselves with international best practices enabling them to serve all businesses and consumers alike.”

The NSI is a statutory specialised institution, under the Ministry of Trade and Industry established by Standards Act No. 18 of 2005 with overall responsibility for co-ordination of matters of standardisation, quality assurance, metrology and testing. In terms of Section 21 (1) of the Standards Act (Act No: 18 of 2005) the NSI is empowered to issue the NSI mark of conformity that may be applied to any commodity, system or document which are complying with the specification of the relevant standard.

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