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Metrology Day 1/2

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NAMIBIA READY TO EMBRACE METROLOGY THROUGH THE NSI

On 20 May 2011, Namibia joined the international community in commemorating the World Metrology Day. The World Metrology Day is commemorated on 20 May every year to raise awareness about the importance of accurate, reliable and internationally accepted measurements in everyday life. The theme for this year is "Chemical measurements for our life, our future" in celebration of the achievements of chemical measurements and their contributions to the well-being of humankind.

To celebrate the event, the Acting Director: Commerce in the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Maria Pogisho, officially inaugurated the NSI Metrology Laboratory, which has been established to serve as the National Metrology Institute (NMI) of Namibia responsible for the establishment of a national measurement traceability system through maintenance of national measurement standards and dissemination of the traceability by providing calibration services to industry.

The Acting Director described the event as an achievement of a milestone in the history of Namibia as the NSI Metrology Laboratory will serve as the National Metrology Institute (NMI) of Namibia. "This facility will also house the legal metrology function that has been transferred from the Ministry of Trade and Industry to the NSI effective from 1 April 2011 and would be responsible for the administration of the Trade Metrology Act No. 77 of 1973, as amended, and the Metrology Amendments Act No. 17 of 2005."

Metrology Day 2/2

Pogisho called upon the NSI Metrology Laboratory to demonstrate the equivalence of the Namibian national measurement standards to those of other countries in order to provide the basis for the international recognition of calibration and measurement certificates it issues.

“On this occasion commemorating the World Metrology Day I am pleased to officially declare the NSI Metrology Laboratory officially opened. The tremendous investments in this facility are indicative of Government’s commitment to making national measurements standards available to industry in order to contribute to trade in Namibian products and services,” she said.

Pogisho called upon the management and staff of the NSI to continue carrying out the work of developing the facility into a centre of excellence. The NSI Metrology Laboratory is situated in 31 Edison Street, Windhoek.

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