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CBPN Acting Administrator, Head and Chairperson Amon Ngavetene said the procurement body had recorded a significant increase in the number of procurement awards during the period under review.

"This translates into the award of 92 contracts because of the lot allocation system promoted by the Board for inclusivity purposes. This is in comparison to 23 procurement projects awarded in the 2022-2023 financial year to the value of N\$2.3 billion, representing an increase of 71%," he said.

CPBN said 20 contracts were awarded through open advertised bidding to the value of N\$7.2 billion in comparison to the same number of awards to the value of N\$2.2 billion last year, representing a 69% increase in the value of awards.

Furthermore, two contracts were awarded through restricted bidding to the value of N\$15 million compared to one contract awarded in the 2022-2023 financial year to the value of N\$30



Crucial Dates

- Bank of Namibia Monetary Policy announcement date:
 - 19 June 2024
 - 14 August 2024
 - 23 October 2024
 - 4 December 2024
- AviaDev Aviation Development Summit 19-21 June 2024 at Movenpick, Windhoek
- Africa Hospitality Investment Forum (Ahif).
 25-27 June 2024
 Mövenpick Hotel, Windhoek, Namibia
- Global African Hydrogen Summit (GAh2S)
 Windhoek, Namibia from 03 05 September 2024

million, representing a decrease of 48% in the value awarded.

"There was an increase in the number of procurement contracts awarded through Direct Procurement from 2 contracts awarded during the 2022-2023 financial year to the value of N\$89 million in comparison to 8 procurement contracts awarded in the financial year underreporting to the value of N\$904 million, representing a 90% increase," he said in terms direct procurement.

Meanwhile, during the period under review, the Board has observed instances of delayed payment of invoices for consultant teams.

Although these teams are not directly appointed by CPBN, the non/delayed payment of their invoices significantly impacts the execution of contracts awarded by CPBN.

"This delay leads to a lack of supervision for works, potentially resulting in the approval of poor workmanship. CPBN has been made aware of cases where consultants are unable to conduct quality assurance and testing on site due to non-payment, leading to work approvals based solely on exchanged pictures via email and WhatsApp," said Ngavetene.

To mitigate this challenge, CPBN urged responsible entities such as the Ministry of Education, Art and Culture, and the Department of Works of the Ministry of Works and Transport (MWT), as well as State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) like NTA, to streamline the invoice approval processes and ensure timely payments.

Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) suggests establishing effective communication channels to keep consultants and contractors informed about the status of their invoices.

Furthermore, CPBN (M&E and EPU) is exploring potential solutions to address this issue in the future.

This includes the possibility of appointing consultant teams directly for our projects to ensure greater accountability.

"Alternatively, we may consider incorporating the roles of the MoWT directly into our contracts to streamline the supervision and payment processes to enhance efficiency, accountability, and the overall quality of our projects," noted Ngavetene.

During the period under reporting, CPBN was monitoring 146 contract implementations.



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Overview.

The Namibian Government, through the Ministry of Mines and Energy, and in collaboration with the Namibia Green Hydrogen Programme (NGHP) is embarking on an exciting phase of development that could unlock numerous opportunities for green industrialisation. As part of this endeavour, interested developers are invited to participate in a market sounding exercise, which will inform a launch for requests for proposals. The primary objective of this market sounding is twofold: to facilitate the development of crucial green hydrogen projects and infrastructure necessary for realising the goals of green industrialisation, and to gather preliminary perspectives, comments, and feedback on the proposed approach to advance the green industrialisation agenda.

Southern Corridor Green Valorisation

This initiative focuses on the development of green energy valorisation projects within the Southern Corridor, as part of the Southern Corridor Development Initiative (SCDI). This initiative, integrated within the Economic Advancement Pillar of the Harambee Prosperity Plan II, aims to harness the potential of green hydrogen production and industrialisation for the benefit of Namibia. The SCDI comprises a strategic portfolio of projects and infrastructure in the Southern Region, designed to maximise the opportunities presented by green hydrogen. A key area of focus is in developing an industrial complex centred about the port of Lüderitz to connect Namibids' Green manufacturing with SADC and global markets. By fostering collaboration and innovation, the initiative seeks to drive economic growth and sustainable development in the region.

Central Valley Common User Infrastructure (CUI) Development

This initiative seeks to explore the feasibility of developing Common User Infrastructure (CUI) in the Central Valley. The Central Valley has emerged as a key focal point for infrastructure investment, particularly in the establishment of a synthetic fuel hub. With multiple pilot projects already underway and private developers initiating ventures related to green hydrogen, the Central Valley is poised to become a thriving hub for green industrialisation. The primary focus of this initiative lies in developing various projects within high-capacity factor wind resource zones, including development of CUI for connecting existing and new projects, generation assets for renewable energy production, synthetic fuels production facilities (e.g., e-kerosene, methanol) and manufacturing facilities for essential components such as electrolysers, solar panels, wind turbines, and flat glass.

Virtual Sessions will be held on the dates and times noted below. Links will be shared with all registered participants.

Southern Corridor Green Valorisation Market Sounding Virtual Session.

Date: 30th May 2024 Time: 10:00 - 12:00 CAT Platform: Online Central Valley CUI Development Market Sounding Virtual Session. Date: 29th May 2024

Time: 09:00 - 12:00 CAT Platform: Online







NSI working on standards for oil and gas, green hydrogen sectors

he Namibian Standards Institution (NSI) says it is developing standards for the emerging oil and gas and green hydrogen industries.

NSI Chief Executive Officer Eino Mvula said the institution is driving the development of industry-specific standards to ensure safety, quality and sustainability in the vital sectors, while aligning standards with industry needs.

"As Namibia progresses towards economic diversification, our standards must evolve to support emerging industries such as oil and gas and green hydrogen. By establishing comprehensive standards, we can foster growth, innovation and international competitiveness in these sectors," said Mvula.

He said for the oil and gas sector, the institution aims to ensure fuel quality and safety standards are upheld.

"Our collaboration with the Ministry of Mines and Energy is instrumental in establishing a petrochemical testing laboratory, this facility will play a crucial role in verifying fuel quality, thereby safeguarding consumers and enhancing industry reliability," said Mvula.

He revealed that the NSI is exploring developing standards for the green hydrogen sector, a promising frontier in renewable energy.

"We recognise the potential of green



hydrogen to drive sustainable development. To support this, we are working on standards for green hydrogen production, certification and measurement services," said Mvula.

He said the institution was collaborating



with organisations such as GIZ and support received from a leader in green hydrogen, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Action of the Federal Republic of Germany.

"These partnerships enable knowledge exchange and capacity building. Together, we aim to position Namibia as

Congratulations

econNamibia wishes to congratulate Paulus Mahupe Hamutenya on being awarded the Best Second Year student in the Bachelor of Applied Mathematics and Statistics for the 2023 academic year.

This award was conveyed to Hamutenya during the 2024 Namibia University of Science and Technology Annual Academic Awards.

Hamutenya is one of 10 beneficiaries of ReconNamibia's Science; Technology; Engineering; Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) scholarship programme for students from the Kavango East and Kavango West regions. Currently in his third year, Hamutenya has shown continued commitment and dedication towards his studies from the beginning of his course.

The scholarship programme forms part of ReconAfrica's Community Outreach Programme, to which the company has committed N\$112 million, as part of the Environmental, Social and Governance approach to business We are extremely proud of this achievement and wish Hamutenya continued success in his academic journey and beyond.







adhering to global best practices," said Mvula.

The NSI's initiative is part of the company's 2024-2028 ISBP launched recently.

The company also announced the commencement of the Metrology Act of 2022, which is pivotal in enhancing market access and ensuring more Namibian products are on foreign shelves.

"One of the pivotal initiatives we're heavily invested in is the comprehensive implementation of the Metrology Act. This legislative framework serves as the bedrock of our quality assurance efforts, ensuring that standards rigorously upheld across various sectors," said Mvula.

He highlighted critical role this act plays in safeguarding consumer interests, fostering fair trade practices, and bolstering the credibility of Namibian products both domestically and on the global stage.



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NamPower to ink financing deal for Otjikoto Biomass Power Project

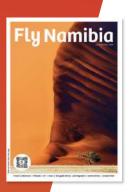
he Namibia Power C o r p o r a t i o n (NamPower) is set to finalise financing and supplier agreements for the 40MW Otjikoto Biomass Power Station (OBPS) this week.

The OBPS project is estimated to cost N\$1.9 billion over its 25-year lifespan.

The national electric power utility company is the project's executing agency, which is being funded by the French Development Agency, the Mitigation Action Facility and the Government of Namibia.

"NamPower is signing financing supplier and agreements and engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) contract with its financiers and suppliers for the planned 40MW Otjikoto **Biomass** Power Station Project,"

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the company said before Friday's official ceremony.

This comes as the government has made a budget allocation of N\$400 million for the development of the 40-megawatt (MW) Otjikoto Biomass Power Station, on the outskirts of Tsumeb in Oshikoto Region.

NamPower aims to add 150MW of power generation to the grid, to increase capacity.

According to "the the company, development of this project is a clear indication that NamPower committed to supporting achieving and Government objectives as set out in the National Planning Policies, the National Integrated Resource Plan (NIRP) and the fifth National Development (NDP₅)". The project fact sheet indicates that Namibia faces the challenge that its open savannah, characterised by a mixture of trees. bushes and extensive plains, grass increasingly changing bushv into a dense landscape by the intrusion and intensification of aggressive and undesirable wooden plant growth, more commonly known as encroacher bush.

Encroachment affects more than million hectares 26 of land in Namibia. The study indicates that the imbalance in the proportion of grassland to leads to deteriorating biodiversity, a carrying capacity of the farmland and a decrease in the recharge of Namibia's aquifers.

"It is against this background that NamPower proposes to construct and operate the Otiikoto **Biomass** Power Station, which will generate electricity by the combustion of wood chips from encroacher bush harvested from the surrounding areas of the proposed project site."

NamPower sources of power generation are the 120MW coal-fired Van Eck power station in Windhoek, the 24MW diesel-powered Paratus power station at Walvis Bay, and the 22.5MW ANIXAS diesel-powered station at Walvis Bay as well as the 332MW hvdro-electric Ruacana Power Station in the Kunene River at Ruacana.

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Television's Future

In light of all these new trends and changes, Multichoice Namibia is positioning the business for the future by providing integrated customer value propositions that personalise the customer experience, to develop strong customer loyalty, off the back of a robust content offering on its DStv, GOtv and Showmax brands.

Building on its track record of investing in technology to be ahead of the curve and to accommodate shifts in consumer video consumption trends to support future growth, the group continued to transition strategically with an increased investment in Showmax, ahead of an exciting re-launch earlier this year.

We remain focused on developing our leading entertainment platform that caters for consumer needs across Africa, on leveraging our footprint to build a differentiated ecosystem and on developing additional revenue streams.

The New Showmax is Revolutionising Streaming

Earlier this year, MultiChoice, Comcast's NBCUniversal and Sky announced the launch of the new Showmax featuring a refreshed brand and a massive content line-up, all delivered on a powerful new streaming platform.

At the heart of the new offering is the world's first standalone Premier League plan for mobile, with all 380 games offered live on Showmax Premier League.

There are currently just over 450 million smartphones in the hands of individuals across Africa _ and more than 250 million avid football lovers on the continent. Showmax Premier League is a game-changing product that gives individuals a ticket to the football they love, wherever they are, on the device they always have with them, at a price that's impossible not to love.

Alongside the Premier League, the new Showmax also opens the door to a thrilling entertainment universe spanning a wide range of stars and stories across multiple genres, with no fewer than 21 new Showmax Originals. There will be more than 1 300 hours of Showmax Originals produced in the coming year, representing a significant 150% increase in production output compared to the year hetero.

Unlike our competitors, Showmax's content



offering is boosted by its focus on the African market and strengthened by the vast creative and commercial presence already established by MultiChoice.

As the first streaming service in Africa to make mobile downloads possible for offline viewing and the first to launch a mobile-only plan, Showmax has now delivered incredibly competitive new price points, with a growing network of payment options available to customers.

Digital Innovation and the Entertainment Experience

MultiChoice is leading the digital transformation in entertainment, not only with the reimagined Showmax streaming platform but across all its platforms.

Over recent months, MultiChoice Namibia expanded its online offering by introducing GOtv Stream to GOtv customers across Namibia and introduced DStv Stream – a groundbreaking service that allows new customers to access DStv content seamlessly without the need for a satellite dish, bringing content directly to their TVs or mobile devices.

These digital advancements are grounded in our continued commitment to offer more than just content; we offer value for money through seamless digital interfaces that are even more accessible, effortless to use, and affordable. Our sole intent remained intact – enrich our customers viewing experiences.

Our digital transformation journey is about more than just technological advancements; it's about creating a cohesive, user-centric ecosystem across DSty, GOty, and our add-to-bill products such as Showmax. Our approach to resolving common issues like the E-16 error, streamlining app functionalities, whilst future-proofing our technology demonstrating our dedication to enhancing customer experience and delivering value at every touchpoint.

Telling the Namibian Story: Impact through Hyperlocal Focus MultiChoice has long embraced the power of telling authentically African stories that enrich the lives of African audiences, celebrating the diversity of the continent and its multifaced culture

The company has built business models around this commitment, not just supporting African storytelling in principle, but practically, by growing the African film and TV production sector, as well as its content industry.

In 2022, MultiChoice Namibia embarked on an ambitious journey to provide uniquely local and inspiring Namibian content and empower Namibian creatives with the necessary skills to grow the creative industry. The undertaking with the local broadcaster nbc produced 13 unique locally produced Namibian films, which featured on DStv, GOtv and Showmax under the banner Namibia to the World' and received overwhelmingly positive responses from Namibian and African audiences across the board.

Now MCN has officially launched the second phase of its local content initiative, Ombura, making it the largest commercial investment in the local TV and film industry – this year producing 6 feature films, I documentary and I lifestyle series – each showcasing a unique and authentic perspective of Namibia, its culture, its people, and way of life.

To build the capacity to provide the hyperlocal programming, MultiChoice established the MultiChoice Talent Factory (MTF) in 2014. MTF is a continent-wide training initiative dedicated to training the next generation of African filmmakers and storytellers. Since its establishment,13 Namibians have graduated as young filmmakers who are now taking Namibian stories to the world – with two more Namibian students expected to graduate at the end of 2024.

This industry integration has twin benefits of providing the creative sector with a healthy pipelline of talented young people, while also giving MTF graduates relevant experience. Seven MTF graduates have worked on the MCN local content project, helping create unique Namibian films, documentaries and series.

The Future of Television is Still Bright

MultiChoice has a compelling growth strategy in place, which is partly driven by the opportunity to capture sustainable long-term growth through our targeted investment in streaming and the need to absorb increased external economic pressure on the business and its consumers in the short-term.

So, while the media landscape is undoubtedly changing, Multichoice maintains its significance through its unique offering. It's not just surviving; it's thriving by adopting and continuing to play a crucial role in our daily lives. The business has embraced the evolution of television, recognising the enduring value of linear TV alongside the rise of online streaming, digital transformation, local content and placing our customers at the centre of everything we do.



Govt to auction 13,584mt of horse mackerel



PUBLIC INVITATION

PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF THE 2024/2025 END-USER TARIFF APPLICATIONS BY THE DIFFERENT LICENSEES

The Electricity Control Board (ECB) is hereby inviting interested members of the public to attend the public presentation by NORED, CENORED, Erongo RED, Oshakati Premier Electric, Keetmanshoop Municipality and City of Windhoek on their respective 2024/2025 applications.

Interested members of the public will have the opportunity to engage the distribution licensees to clarify and explain their tariff applications to their customers

The public presentations are to enhance electricity end-consumers' involvement in the determination of end-consumer tariff

Herewith the schedule of the public presentations:

Date	Licensee	Town	Venue	Starting Time
21 May	NORED	Katima Mulilo	UNAM Katima Mulilo Campus Auditorium	09:00 - 11:00
23 May	NORED	Rundu	Rundu Trade Fair Centre Hall	09:00 - 11:00
24 May	OPE	Oshakati	Oshakati Town Council Auditorium	09:00 - 11:00
27 May	NORED	Ondangwa	Ondangwa Airport Hotel	09:00 - 11:00
28 May	NORED	Opuwo	P Wake Conference Centre	09:00 - 11:00
29 May	CENORED	Otjiwarongo	C' est Si Bon Hall	09:00 - 11:00
30 May	Erongo RED	Swakopmund	Strand Hotel	09:00 - 11:00
04 June	Keetmanshoop Municipality	Keetmanshoop	Westdene Moth Hall	09:00 - 11:00
06 June	City of Windhoek	Windhoek	NamPower Convention Centre	09:00 - 11:00

We look forward to welcoming you at the different presentations.



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Namibian government auctioning metric tonnes (mt) of horse mackerel and 1,000 metric tonnes of monkfish.

The Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises and the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources have opened the bidding process.

According to the bidding documents, bids should be in multiples of 100 metric tonnes with a minimum price of N\$3,571 per mt for freezer fish and N\$1,000 per mt for wet fish.

The auction is being held in line with Section 3(3) of the Marine Resources Act, Act No. 17 of 2000 amended, which allows the government to utilise or harvest marine resources to promote

socio-economic, cultural or other governmental objectives in the public interest through an entity or person designated by the Minister, on direction from the Cabinet.

This comes as the Cabinet approved total allowable (TAC) of 270,000 metric tonnes (mt) for horse mackerel by the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources during the 2024 season.

The approved horse mackerel TAC for 2023 is a decline from 290,000mt approved for the 2023 season and 330,000mt approved for the year 2022.

According to trade data from the Namibia Statistics Agency, September 2023, fish accounted for 12.1% of the country's total export earnings of N\$7.8 billion.



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CPBN uncovers widespread wage violations by contractors



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Closing date for submission: Friday, 31 May 2024 at 16h00

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Central Procurement Board Namibia (CPBN) has identified discrepancies between the wages paid bv certain contractors and providers service and the minimum requirements wage outlined in the Labour Act and the Procurement Act.

To address the alarming issue, CPBN

said it will be implementing stricter enforcement measures to guarantee compliance with the established minimum wage standards.

"Non-adherence minimum wages, certain contractors and service providers are found to underpay their workers, disregarding the Labour standards or undertakings they agreed to in the written undertaking section 138 of the Labour Act and Section 50 (2) D of the Procurement Act," said CBPN acting Administrator, Head and Chairperson Amon Ngavetene.

He noted that the Board is collaborating with clients to engage non-compliant contractors, stressing the importance of adhering to labour standards and rectifying worker underpayments.

"Clients are encouraged to rigorously monitor contract adherence and ensure corrective actions are taken regularly," he said.

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Out of these, 84 contracts, constituting 57.5% of the total, were on track with a deviation of less than 10% acceptance.

13 contracts, making up 8.9% of the total, had fallen behind or were off track, exhibiting a deviation between 10% and 25%.

Additionally, 30 contracts were less than three months into their implementation phase. Three contracts were practically completed or in the defect liability period.

Lastly, reports were not received for 16 contracts according to the Board's monitoring and evaluation statistics.





Namibian farmers harvest 100 metric tonnes of produce through WFP projects

amibian smallholder farmers harvested 100 metric tonnes of agro and horticulture produce through the World Food Programme's (WFP) 12 community-based food system projects that generated over US\$28,000 (N\$509,040) in income and created 368 jobs, benefitting women and youth.

These projects directly impacted over 300 smallholder farmers, who received comprehensive support, enhancing their agricultural skills and technology and creating over 350 agricultural jobs.



350 agricultural jobs. WFP's support to food systems not only generated over US\$28,000 in income but also forged essential connections to the national market," stated WFP Namibia.

Across various project sites, farmers collectively harvested over 100 metric tonnes of agricultural produce, significantly boosting Namibia's food production capacity and reducing reliance on imported

food sources.

Notable initiatives included the Ondera and Tsumkwe food systems projects. These projects, in partnership with the Namibian Correctional Service and other community-based initiatives, showcased models of food security and economic development.

"Beyond immediate food security, WFP's initiatives supported government programmes, enhanced institutional strength digital and pursued transformation. These efforts collectively contributed to a robust framework for recovery and resilience. ensuring Namibia is better equipped to face future challenges," climate the organisation noted.

Notable examples include projects like Stampriet Primary School, Berseba Food Systems Project, Tsumkwe Clinic and Schlip Clinic, each receiving 500 chickens for egg production.

Through these targeted efforts, WFP bolstered Namibia's agricultural output and economic resilience, setting a strong foundation for sustainable development.

Meanwhile, the WFP collaborated with key government agencies and UN sister organisations to enhance Namibia's climate-based early warning systems.

This initiative was part of

the National Resilience Building Strategy and Vulnerability Assessment Analysis, which aims to improve the country's capacity to respond to climate-related hazards.

"A central component of WFP's strategy was the introduction of the Three-Pronged Approach (3PA) for climate resilience. This included workshops designed to empower local communities and authorities with sustainable practices," said WFP.

Additionally, WFP led the environmental pillar of the UN Partnership Framework, emphasising environmental sustainability.

INVITATION FOR BIDS



AGRONOMIC BOARD

The Namibian Agronomic Board (NAB) hereby invites competent Namibian registered companies to submit proposals as outlined below:

NO.	Description	Procurement Reference No	Document Fee	Closing date and Time
1	Procurement of five (5) motor vehicles for the NAB	G/ONB/NAB- 001/2024/2025	N\$300	30 May 2024 at 10H00 AM
2	Consultancy services to undertake an assessment of the financial sustainability of the Namibian Agronomic Board (NAB)	SC/RP/NAB- 002/2024/25	N\$300	30 May 2024 at 10H00 AM

Interested eligible bidders may send their proof of payment and request for bidding documents via the email below. Kindly use the bid no as a reference (e.g. NAB-001 or NAB-002).

The document fee should be paid into the bank account provided below:

Bank: Standard Bank Namibia Limited
Account Name: NAMIBIAN AGRONOMIC BOARD

Account Number: 041525361

Account Type: Business Current Account

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Submissions must be hand-delivered/ couriered to; NAB Head Office, NO. 30 David Meroro Road, Agricultural Board's Building, Windhoek, Namibia. The documents must be deposited into the bid box placed at the NAB reception. No emailed or faxed documents will be accepted.

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