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## MAIN STORY

# Green hydrogen projects attract N\$2.08 billion investment

Namibia's green hydrogen sector attracted N\$2.08 billion in investment, supporting a growing number of projects that form part of the country's green industrialisation drive.

According to Green Hydrogen Commissioner and Head of the Namibia Green Hydrogen Programme (NGH2P), James Mnyupe, the sector has created over 800 jobs and channelled close to N\$170 million into local small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

"Skills development remains a priority," said Mnyupe, who confirmed that 183 scholarships have been awarded to young Namibians to support capacity building.

"Of these, 90 are at Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) level, and 93 at tertiary level. An additional EUR 1.3 million has been allocated to capacity-building efforts in the Hardap and //Kharas regions, linked to upcoming projects such as Hyphen Hydrogen Energy," he said.

Namibia's rollout is currently driven by five major green hydrogen projects. Among these is the HyIron Oshivela Project, which began production in March 2025. The facility aims to produce 15,000 tonnes of Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) annually, scaling up to 2 million tonnes per year by 2028.

Cleanergy Solutions plans to begin small-scale green ammonia production of 200



tonnes per year in 2025, expanding to 220,000 tonnes by 2028.

NGH2P reports that HDF Energy is developing a green baseload electricity facility, expected to generate 142 gigawatt-

## Crucial Dates

- **Bank of Namibia Monetary Policy announcement date:**
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  - \* 13 August 2025
  - \* 15 October 2025
  - \* 3 December 2025
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hours (GWh) annually from 2028.

Meanwhile, Zhero/Envision is targeting first green ammonia production of 500,000 tonnes per year in 2029, scaling to 2 million tonnes by 2030.

The largest of the current initiatives, Hyphen Hydrogen Energy, plans to start producing 1 million tonnes of green ammonia annually by 2028, with a goal of reaching 2 million tonnes by 2030.

The project also intends to supply surplus electricity to Namibia's national grid and export hydrogen to South Africa.

"These projects are paced by multiple Final Investment Decisions between 2024 and 2028 and represent Namibia's first wave of industrial-scale green hydrogen development," the NGH2P stated.

As part of its broader planning efforts, the NGH2P has completed three pre-feasibility studies, funded to the tune of N\$2.5 million.

One study confirmed the viability of an ammonia and fertiliser production facility near Neckartal Dam, aligning with agricultural development strategies.

Another study identified suitable sites for gigawatt-scale hydrogen projects outside the Tsau // Khaeb National Park, which could support downstream industries such as green steel, lithium beneficiation, and regional power exports.

A third study explored

Namibia's offshore wind potential near Lüderitz, estimated at between 20 and 35 gigawatts.

"The offshore wind study recommends a pilot turbine project to build local technical expertise and initiate structured knowledge transfer for this emerging technology," Mnyupe said at the launch of the second Global Africa Hydrogen Summit 2025.

He added that the NGH2P continues to coordinate policy, technical, legal, environmental, and financial frameworks to ensure the sector's responsible growth.



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## Cabinet approves N\$257m youth fund for entrepreneurs and start-ups

The Cabinet has approved the start of the National Youth Fund (NYF), a N\$257 million initiative aimed at supporting start-ups and growing youth-led businesses.

The decision follows an announcement by Finance Minister Ericah Shafudah in April, when she said the fund was a response to Namibia's high youth unemployment rate, currently reported at 44.5%.

"Cabinet approved the Common Guidelines for the operationalisation of the National Youth Fund (NYF). These include, amongst others, an initial outlay of N\$257 million with subsequent yearly official subventions," Cabinet said.

According to the Cabinet, the fund is designed to support a project entrepreneurship model, which will allow selected youth-led ventures to scale up and become market-ready.

"A fund philosophy to support a project entrepreneurship approach to ensure that some entities are supported to eventually scale up and attain market maturity," the document noted.

The fund will operate through several targeted channels, including lending and market linkage conduits,



public lending facilities, grants, and policy-based lending with segmented pricing.

Start-up initiatives will be eligible for funding ranging from N\$60,000 to N\$200,000, with additional support structures in place for growth-stage enterprises.

The NYF is expected to play a key role in empowering young entrepreneurs by improving their access to capital and creating opportunities for them to link with wider markets.

The Namibia National Reinsurance Corporation (NamibRe) has become the first contributor to the fund, donating N\$5 million last week.



## **Standard Bank Namibia delivers over 740 homes through Buy-a-Brick initiative**

**S**tandard Bank Namibia says it has provided more than 743 homes to low-income families since the launch of its Buy-a-Brick initiative in 2015.

The milestone follows the recent handover of 15 newly built houses in Okongo, a project carried out in partnership with the Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia (SDFN).

Magreth Mengo, Standard Bank Namibia's Head of Marketing, Communication, Sponsorship, and CSI, said the initiative offers more than just shelter.

"This is not just a handover. It is a handover of opportunity. A handover of peace of mind. And a handover of pride, from temporary shelter to permanent belonging," she said.

Reflecting on the importance of home ownership, Mengo added: "There is something profoundly sacred about a home. It is where stories are passed down, where children grow up dreaming, and where parents finally exhale, knowing their family is safe."

Mengo praised the strong partnership with the Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia and the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development, describing it as central to the success of the initiative.

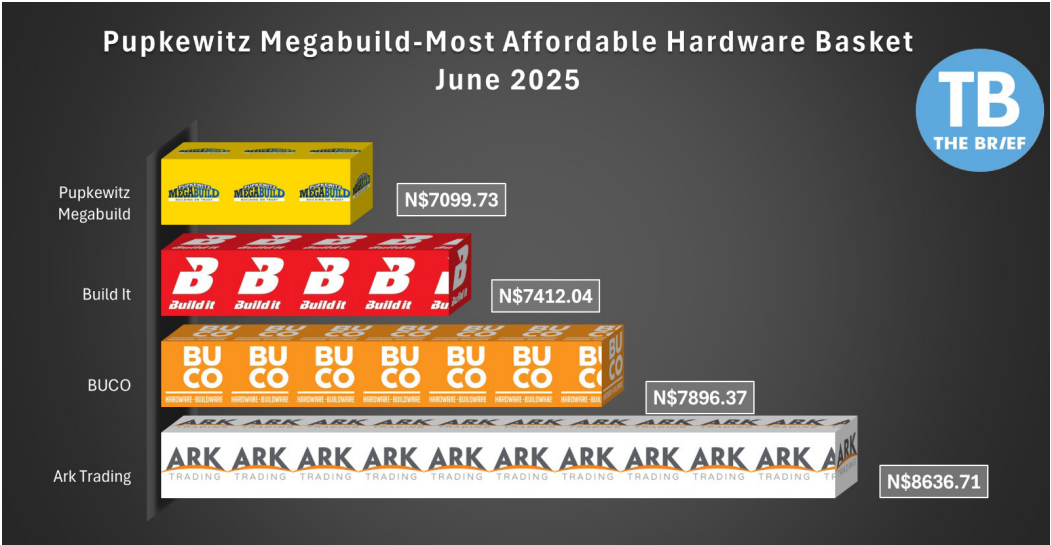
"None of this would have been possible without the enduring partnership between Standard Bank Namibia, the Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia, and the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development. Their collaboration has enabled the delivery of sustainable housing solutions across the country, including in underserved regions like Okongo," she said.

The Buy-a-Brick initiative was



introduced as a response to the country's housing backlog. It allows individuals and organisations to contribute by donating the cost equivalent of a single brick, with proceeds going towards building affordable homes for those living in informal settlements.

Since its inception, the initiative has raised over N\$26.4 million, supported by contributions from Standard Bank employees, corporate partners, and the bank's Corporate Social Investment (CSI) budget.



# Pupkewitz Megabuild reclaims Most Affordability in June

After a surprising shift in May, Pupkewitz Megabuild reclaimed its top spot as the most affordable hardware retailer in Windhoek in June 2025, after Build It had taken last month's lead.

While Build It's total hardware basket cost increased by 3.6%, Pupkewitz Megabuild strategically slashed its total basket cost by 2.9%, resulting in Build It dropping to the second most affordable hardware retailer in Windhoek.

## Cost Comparison (VAT Included)

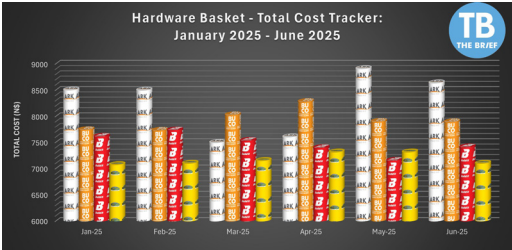
Hardware Store	Total Cost: May	Total Cost: June	% Change	Rank Change
Build It	N\$7,154.64	N\$7,412.04	+3.6%	1st ↓ 2nd
Pupkewitz Megabuild	N\$7,314.41	N\$7,099.73	-2.9%	2nd ↑ 1st
BUCO	N\$7,903.78	N\$7,896.37	-0.1%	3rd
Ark Trading	N\$8,907.68	N\$8,636.71	-3.0%	4th

After maintaining a total basket cost of N\$7,314.41 for 2 months, Pupkewitz Megabuild decisively cut prices and its total basket cost dropped by 2.9% to N\$7,099.73.

Although it was not the biggest total basket drop seen this month, it was still enough to affect the affordability ranks.

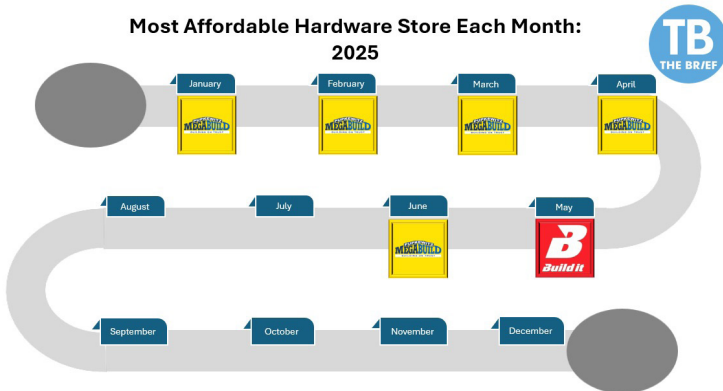
Build It saw a 3.6% total basket cost increase, resulting in a drop in affordability, that resulted in a N\$312.31 difference between it and Pupkewitz Megabuild.

Ark Trading, having seen a 17.2% increase in its total hardware basket cost in May, experienced the largest price drop



this month at 3.0%. However, it remains the most expensive hardware retailer in Windhoek.

### Price Rankings and Trends



- Most Affordable Hardware Retailer: Pupkewitz Megabuild (N\$7,099.73)
- Most Expensive Hardware Retailer: Ark Trading (N\$8,636.71)
- Sharpest May-June Price Increase: Build It (+N\$257.40)
- Biggest May-June Price Drop: Ark Trading (-N\$270.97)
- Most Volatile Pricing: Ark Trading (Most frequent noteworthy price movements)
- Most Stable Prices: Pupkewitz Megabuild (Basket cost under N\$7,400.00 all year, thus far)
- Highest Average Cost 2025: Ark Trading (Average basket cost N\$8,273.72)
- Lowest Average Cost 2025: Pupkewitz Megabuild (N\$7,175.92)

### Notable Price Increases

- Brickforce 75MM 15M Roll: BUCO recorded an 15.1% increase (N\$18.24 → N\$20.99)
- Brickforce 150MM 15M Roll: BUCO recorded an 14.4% increase (N\$18.34 → N\$20.99)
- Door Hardboard Interior: Build It recorded a 14.1% increase (N\$269.98 → N\$307.91)

### Notable Price Decreases

- Lockset 2 Lever: Pupkewitz Megabuild recorded a 20.2% decrease (N\$98.99 → N\$78.99)
- Door Hardboard Interior: Ark Trading recorded a 12% decrease (N\$521.95 → N\$459.53)

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• Ceiling Board: Ark Trading recorded an 11% decrease (N\$233.84 → N\$208.27)

### What This Means for Consumers:

Pupkewitz Megabuild remains a reliable hardware retailer in terms of affordability. By maintaining a total basket cost below N\$7,400.

Build It, being the second most affordable hardware retailer, this month remains an affordable option, however consumers should take note of the recent cost increase, notably N\$257.40 more than last month's total cost.

Ark Trading remains the most expensive hardware retailer, but consumers should take note of the 3.0% cut in the overall basket, as this may indicate future cost cutting strategies, possibly improving affordability.

### Survey Overview

The monthly hardware basket survey, conducted by The Brief, tracks the prices of common hardware and construction material across leading hardware retailers in Windhoek, namely Ark Trading, Buco, Build It and Pupkewitz Megabuild.

Pricing changes can reflect stock availability, supplier costs, and seasonal demand.

That's why The Brief's monthly survey helps you stay one step ahead and serves as a vital resource for contractors, businesses, and homeowners looking for cost-effective options.

### Surveyed Items:

- Roofing Galvanized IBR - 0.47mm, 6.6m
- Copper Tube 460 Class - o 22MM x 5.5M
- Aluminium Window (Bronze) - 900x900
- Aluminium Sliding Door (Bronze) -1800X2100MM
- Brick 7MPA - 210X100X100
- Brickforce 150MM 15M ROLL - 1.8MM
- Brickforce 75MM 15M ROLL - 1.8MM
- Lintol concrete - 1200X110X75MM
- Lintol concrete - 1800X110X75MM
- Lintol concrete -900X110X75MM
- Ceiling Board - 1200X3000X6.4MM
- DoorFrameSteel-813X2032X115X1MM
- Lockset 2 lever
- Door Hardboard Interior - 813X2032MM
- 32.5 Cement Ohorongo - 50kg
- 42.5 Cement Ohorongo - 50kg

- Paint - 20L

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The information presented in this article is intended for informational purposes only and does not constitute professional pricing advice or definitive market analysis.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the building material prices listed, discrepancies may occur due to changes in supplier pricing, stock availability, or data collection methods.

Readers are encouraged to contact retailers directly for the most current and comprehensive pricing information.

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## Nedbank Namibia seals funding deal with Trollope to launch Namibia operations

**N**edbank Namibia has concluded a funding agreement with Trollope Contractors Namibia (Pty) Ltd, a subsidiary of the South African-based Trollope Mining Group.

The deal is expected to support Trollope's mining activities in Namibia and contribute to job creation and economic growth, particularly in the Erongo Region.

The funding package, which includes asset-based finance and working capital facilities, will enable Trollope to commence its operations in Namibia.

Although new to the local market, Trollope Contractors brings close to 50 years of mining experience across Southern Africa and

operates one of the largest mining equipment fleets on the continent.

"This partnership with Trollope is a powerful example of how Nedbank Corporate and Investment Banking (CIB) is enabling growth in sectors that matter," said Nedbank Namibia Managing Director, Martha Mururua.

"Mining is a cornerstone of Namibia's economy, and we are proud to support a company that not only delivers operational excellence but also contributes meaningfully to local development."

Trollope's entry into Namibia forms part of its wider strategy to diversify into new mineral sectors and geographical areas.



The company is known for its focus on safety and operational efficiency.

The mining sector remains a key driver of the Namibian economy, contributing significantly to GDP, export revenue, and employment. Trollope's planned activities in the Erongo Region are expected to bolster production and support the growing global demand for minerals used in clean energy technologies.

Nedbank noted that the transaction fits within its broader strategy of backing sustainable projects and fostering economic transformation.

"This deal is more than just a financial transaction – it's a partnership built on shared values and a shared vision for the future of mining in Namibia," Murorua said.

"We look forward to supporting Trollope as they grow their footprint and contribute to the country's economic development."

The deal was facilitated by Nedbank

Namibia's CIB team in partnership with the Nedbank CIB Mining & Resources team in South Africa and the Africa Regions team, showcasing the bank's ability to provide cross-border financial solutions.

Trollope's future plans include expanding its presence in Southern Africa, with Namibia expected to play a central role in the company's regional growth.

Founded in 1975, Trollope Mining Services is a well-established opencast mining contractor involved in medium to large-scale mining projects across Southern Africa. The company provides contract mining, crushing and screening, mine infrastructure development, bulk earthworks, rehabilitation, and plant hire services.

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## BoN throws its own sector under the bus



There is a line regulators should not cross. When trust in an institution depends on independence and consistency, turning on the entities one oversees is more than poor judgement; it is institutional betrayal.

That is precisely what the Bank of Namibia (BoN) has done in its latest monetary policy statement.

After keeping the repo rate unchanged at 6.75 percent, BoN used the final section of its announcement to target commercial banks. Not with data. Not with regulation. With spin.

Namibia, the statement noted, remains the only country in the Common Monetary Area where the prime lending rate sits 3.75 percentage points above the repo rate, instead of the 3.5 percent norm.

BoN then “urged” local banks to fall in line, suggesting they were out of step and, by implication, holding consumers hostage to inflated borrowing costs.

This was not policy. It was a media manoeuvre.

BoN regulates these institutions. It has access to their records, understands their risk models, and signs off on their compliance.

If BoN has a problem with interest

margins, it has the tools to deal with it directly, discreetly and properly.

And the story it told was not even accurate.

### A Margin That Has Long Existed

The 25 basis point gap is not new. It has existed for years, through multiple repo adjustments, shifting lending cycles and the absence of serious economic reform.

If BoN believed it distorted policy transmission, it had time to act.

Borrowing costs remain high. Inflation is easing, but relief has been slow to reach households.

Rather than confront structural issues—slow courts, weak collateral enforcement, high default risk—BoN chose to shift blame onto the sector it regulates.



### Expression of Interest (EOI)

#### Tsau //Khaeb (Sperrgebiet) National Park: Orange River Tourism Concession (Hohenfels) Investment Opportunity

The Tsau //Khaeb (Sperrgebiet) National Park (TKNSP) is in the south-western corner of Namibia. It is approximately 320 KM at its longest, up to about 100 KM wide, and covers an area of about 25 000 KM<sup>2</sup>.

The Orange River Concession within the TKNSP is situated adjacent to Oranjemund, comprising 22 150 hectares of mostly dune sea and riverine habitat. It is the only concession in the TKNSP designated for building a lodge and associated amenities.

OMDis Town Transform Agency (OMDis) invites investors and development partners to express interest in constructing and operating this concession.

Interested companies can register by submitting their company profile by Friday, 4 July 2025 at 16h00. The Terms of Reference (ToR) will be sent to the shortlisted companies only. Submission can be made to Mrs. Selma Stephanus, [selma@omdis.co](mailto:selma@omdis.co), cell: +264 811 651 193/ +264 63 234 344.

For further clarification please contact Ms. Ronel van der Merwe at +264 81 317 8349 or [ronel@omdis.co](mailto:ronel@omdis.co).

Banks operate within the rules BoN sets. They do not invent risk; they respond to it. When that risk includes legal delays, recovery bottlenecks and volatility, margins reflect those realities.

To ignore that context and present margins as unjustified is misleading.

### Short-Term Optics, Long-Term Damage

Every headline BoN grabs at the sector's expense chips away at trust. The consequences go beyond local opinion.

Investors are watching. So are ratings agencies. A regulator that throws its own sector under the bus to ease public pressure does not project strength. It projects fragility.

There is still time to step back. BoN could launch a proper review of retail

pricing. It could work with the sector on legal reform and credit constraints.

But it should stop framing banks as the culprit for failures rooted in policy drift and system design.

BoN cannot supervise in private and shame in public.

And the cost is long-term institutional trust.

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## Cabinet approves Namibia's new financial sector strategy entrepreneurs and start-ups

**T**he Namibian government has approved the Namibia Financial Sector Transformation Strategy for the period 2025 to 2035, aimed at strengthening financial system stability, improving access to finance, enhancing consumer protection, and increasing the sector's contribution to national development.

According to the latest Cabinet decisions,

the Minister of Finance, who chairs the Financial Sector Council, has been instructed to finalise the draft action plan for the strategy.

"Cabinet approved the Namibia Financial Sector Transformation Strategy (2025–2035) as the official national strategy for financial sector development and inclusion. Cabinet directed the Minister of Finance, as the Chairperson of the Financial Sector

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Council, to finalise the draft action plan.”

Cabinet further directed all relevant offices, ministries and agencies to align their programmes with the new strategy and actively support its implementation.

The Financial Sector Council, chaired by the Minister of Finance, will serve as the multi-stakeholder oversight body responsible for monitoring the execution of the strategy. Institutions such as the Bank of Namibia, NAMFISA, the Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade, and the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises have been tasked with developing and implementing the plan.

The strategy builds on the earlier Financial Sector Strategy, which concluded in 2021, and sets the direction for the sector’s development over the next decade.

It is intended to ensure that the financial system remains effective, competitive, inclusive and resilient, while also being aligned with the country’s broader development objectives.

The strategy is structured around five key pillars: Financial Sector Development for Growth and Sustainability; Digital Transformation and Innovation; Financial Access, Literacy and Protection; Financial Sector Localisation; and Skills and

Capacity Development.

Only the pillar on Digital Transformation and Innovation is newly introduced, while the others are carried over from the previous strategy.

“Cabinet endorsed the role of the Financial Sector Council, chaired by the Minister of Finance, as the multi-stakeholder oversight body for strategy execution,” the statement noted. “This strategy aims to enhance financial system stability, access to finance, consumer protection, and deepen the sector’s contribution to national development. The Financial Sector Strategy (2011) reached the end of its implementation period in 2021.”

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# Over 1,500 expected at Namibia’s 2025 Green Hydrogen Summit

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day summit will assemble heads of state, ministers, investors, industry leaders, technologists and developers to mobilise capital and advance Africa's green hydrogen agenda. The 2025 summit, themed *Ambition in Action: Fuelling Africa's Green Industrial Revolution*, will place hydrogen and its derivatives at the centre of Africa's industrial and low-carbon transition.

DMG's Senior Vice President of Energy, Damian Howard, said the programme includes a high-level ministerial meeting,

leadership roundtables, showcases of 50 green projects, the signing of 20 memoranda of understanding, and participation from 60 countries. The summit will also feature CPD-accredited masterclasses, investment roundtables, innovation exhibitions and strategic dialogues aimed at linking policy with implementation and securing bankable energy investments.




"This year's theme, *Ambition in Action: Fuelling Africa's Green Industrial Revolution*, will tangibly showcase and communicate the case for hydrogen, its derivatives, and

renewable energies as core solutions to a lower-carbon energy system and as the blueprint for a green industrial economy," Howard said.


The Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB) highlighted that the 2024 edition attracted 1,400 delegates from 65 countries, hosted 75 global exhibitors and facilitated nine investment partnerships.

The Board's Executive for Talent, Innovation and Productivity, Julia Muetudhana, said the summit also generated US\$3.5 million in direct economic activity for Namibia.

According to the NIPDB, Namibia's strategy is focused on building a regulatory and investment environment that supports localisation, innovation and skills development. A national skills strategy

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has been completed in partnership with the International Labour Organisation (ILO), with green hydrogen identified as a priority focus area.

“Last year, we witnessed a turning point. The inaugural edition of GAH2S established Namibia not only as a global frontrunner in green hydrogen but also as a credible convener of dialogue and investment around Africa’s green industrial revolution,” Muetudhana said.

Namibia currently leads the continent in readiness for just energy transition financing, according to the Climate Investment Funds (CIF), which the NIPDB attributes to enabling reforms and a whole-of-government approach.

Muetudhana said that as global attention shifts toward hydrogen-based products such as ammonia, fertilisers and synthetic fuels, Namibia is positioning itself as both an export hub and a value-added manufacturing base.

The 2025 summit will also expand participation by SMEs, increase youth involvement and strengthen regional partnerships to support a just energy transition.

“Our position on inclusion is clear. We do not seek to lead in isolation. Namibia’s success must serve as a platform for broader African prosperity,” Muetudhana said.

Green Hydrogen Commissioner and Head of the Namibia Green Hydrogen Programme (NGH2P), James Mnyupe, noted that this year’s summit is tracking similar, if not greater, momentum, with over 1,500 attendees and participation from nearly 70 countries expected.

“These numbers are a testament to the growing interest in green hydrogen as both an energy carrier and an enabler of industrialisation, as well as Namibia’s position as a key player in this space,” he said.



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## JAC T9 review – A budget bakkie with premium aspirations

By Max Lodewyk

**T**he JAC T9 marks the Chinese automaker's boldest entry yet into the fiercely competitive one-tonne bakkie segment.

With muscular styling, a suite of modern features and a price tag that dramatically undercuts most mainstream rivals, the T9 aims to offer value without compromise.

In the words of JAC Motors themselves: "The stylishly designed T9 isn't just a bakkie; it's a lifestyle—a fusion of power, advanced safety and luxurious comfort, delivering the complete lifestyle experience."

### Exterior – Rugged and Modern

Available in four variants—the CTI Lux (4x2 and 4x4) and the Super Lux (also in 4x2 and 4x4), the T9 strikes a commanding presence on the road. Its bold grille, reminiscent of

Bane's mask from *The Dark Knight Rises*, is flanked by slim LED daytime running lights and auto-levelling LED headlights. Muscular wheel arches, high ground clearance and standard side steps add to its tough yet modern appeal.

The T9 is kitted with striking 18-inch alloy wheels, setting it apart visually from more conservative rivals within JAC's bakkie range. It certainly looks the part and doesn't look out of place parked next to the segment's top-sellers.

### Interior – Upscale Feel at a Lower Price

Step into the T9's cabin and you'll be surprised by how far your money goes. Leather seats, a 10.4-inch portrait-style infotainment screen and a fully digital instrument cluster elevate the in-cabin experience. With soft-touch materials and



piano black trim, the T9 punches above its weight in terms of perceived quality, bearing strong design cues reminiscent of the GWM P-Series and Ford Ranger.

Rear legroom is generous, comfortably seating five adults, while the features list is extensive:

- Multi-function leather steering wheel
- Cruise control
- Wireless charging
- Apple CarPlay and Android Auto
- Climate control
- Keyless entry and push-button start
- Six-speaker sound system
- Sunroof and roof rails (Super Lux)
- Electric parking brake
- Selectable 4WD with low range
- Rear differential lock
- 64-colour ambient lighting
- Soft-touch dashboard

### Performance and Engine

The T9 offered locally is powered by a 2.0-litre turbo diesel engine delivering a 125 kW of power and 410 Nm of torque. Mated to a refined 8-speed ZF automatic transmission, the T9 offers smooth gear shifts and sufficient low-end torque for cruising. Although not the most powerful in its class, it strikes a fair balance between performance and efficiency and JAC claims a combined fuel consumption of 7.8L/100 km from the 76-litre tank.

### Off-Road Capability

Off-road credentials include:

- 210 mm ground clearance
- 800 mm wading depth
- Hill Descent Control
- Selectable 4WD with rear diff lock

The T9 also offers a braked towing capacity of 3,500 kg and a payload rating of approximately 1,000 kg, making it a capable workhorse both on and off the beaten track.

### Safety Features

JAC has equipped the T9 with a generous suite of safety features:

- ABS, EBD, Brake Override System, Hydraulic Brake Assist, ESC, and Traction control

- Hill-start Hold Control (HHC)
- Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS)
- Driver, passenger, side, and curtain airbags
- ISOFIX child seat mounts
- Auto door lock and child safety lock
- Reverse camera and front/rear parking sensors

- 360° view camera (Super Lux only)

The absence of advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS), such as adaptive cruise control, lane-keeping assist, and automatic emergency braking may however be a sticking point for safety-conscious buyers in 2025.

### Warranty and Service Plan

Buyers benefit from a solid after-sales support package:

- 5-year/200,000 km warranty
- 5-year/100,000 km service plan
- Service intervals every 15,000 km (first service at 10,000 km)

### Pricing (As of June 2025)

T9 2.0 CTI Lux Automatic 4x2 - N\$549,900

T9 2.0 CTI Super Lux Automatic 4x4 - N\$659,900

These numbers are significantly lower, by over N\$200,000 in some cases than comparable models from the legacy brands and position the T9 as a compelling alternative to the GWM P-Series.

### Verdict

The JAC T9 enters the local market as a well-equipped, competitively priced contender. While it may not yet match the brand recognition or dealership network of more established rivals, it makes a strong impression with its design, features, and overall value, evident in the growing number of T9's seen on our roads.

Therefore, if you're after a modern double cab that stretches your dollars further without sacrificing comfort or capability, the JAC T9 is very much worth a test drive.

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## **Namibia seeks stronger U.S. partnerships at Africa Business Summit**

**N**amibia will participate in the 2025 U.S.-Africa Business Summit, with the country's attendance aimed at deepening economic ties with the United States and promoting investment and trade opportunities.

President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah is set to lead the Namibian delegation to the summit, which will take place in Luanda, Angola, from 22 to 25 June. The summit is organised by the Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) in partnership with the Angolan government under the theme "Pathways to Prosperity: A Shared Vision for U.S.-Africa Partnership."

The gathering is expected to bring together African heads of state, ministers, senior U.S. government officials, and business leaders from both Africa and the United States.

President Nandi-Ndaitwah is scheduled

to speak on Monday, 23 June, during a plenary session on "Advancing U.S.-Africa Energy Partnerships: From Dialogue to Delivery." She will also address a session on "Women in Leadership: Driving Innovation, Catalysing Investments, and Shaping Policy" on Tuesday, 24 June.

According to the Presidency, Namibia's participation is focused on promoting foreign direct investment and securing business opportunities in priority sectors such as agriculture, infrastructure, energy, mining, and oil and gas.

The summit will feature high-level discussions on strengthening U.S.-Africa economic partnerships, investment facilitation, and key policy matters. Delegates will also explore challenges, promote sector growth, and encourage innovative collaborations.



## The potential in organizing Namibia's poultry producers to enhance local production

By Hanks Saisai

According to the Namibian Poultry Producers' Association (PPA), the Namibian poultry industry's production value reached N\$1.74 billion in 2024, representing an approximate 13% increase from the N\$1.5 billion recorded in 2023.

The sector now stands as the second-largest contributor to Namibia's agricultural production, trailing only the cattle industry, which recorded an estimated N\$3.2 billion in 2024, according to the PPA.

With poultry products (eggs and meat) being among the most affordable protein sources for many households in Namibia, this presents an ideal opportunity for local poultry farmers to get organized and enjoy a fair market share of these essential products.

As the poultry industry continues to grow, it is essential for all poultry farmers to first register as producers with the Livestock

and Livestock Products Board (LLPB), previously known as the Meatboard of Namibia.

Moreover, poultry farmers should also register as members of the PPA. This will allow the regulator (LLPB) and the association (PPA) to determine the precise number of poultry farmers in each region and the produce they can offer monthly. Moreover, through the Market Share promotion scheme, the association can collaborate with the regulator to increase the local production quota.

Additionally, major producers can subcontract small-scale farmers to supply them with eggs and meat. This arrangement could create a reliable and sustainable market for small producers and provide an opportunity to expand their production capacity.

Alternatively, regional farmers could form co-operatives that can be utilized to purchase inputs such as chicks, hens, feed, vaccines, antibiotics, disinfectants and



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supplements in bulk. This strategy could potentially lower individual farmers' input costs, as many farmers can be offered discounts from input suppliers when buying in bulk.

Additionally, farmers can share the transportation costs of these inputs from suppliers to distribution points in their respective regions. This will enable smallholder farmers to significantly lower input costs and gain a better competitive advantage to sustain their enterprises, as the production unit cost will be reduced.

On the marketing side, farmers involved in the trade of poultry products can enjoy a fair market share by forming a marketing co-operative that allows them to pool their resources together and offer products to formal markets such as wholesalers, retailers, tourism facilities, government institutions, as well as informal markets such as vendors.

This co-operative will ensure that it addresses the three crucial aspects of markets, which are quality, quantity and consistency, thus enabling farmers to understand the product quantities and quality they need to offer monthly.

For instance, if a market demands 10,000 eggs monthly, farmers can pull resources from their respective enterprises to reach the monthly target. Upon receiving the payment, the co-operative could distribute the income according to the number of eggs a farmer offered from their enterprise.

Organizing farmers involved in poultry production has the potential to yield numerous positive benefits, and with the support of all industry players, including farmers, regulators, and associations, such initiatives could foster sector growth and unlock hidden markets through achieved self-reliance.

Being organized also ensures that consistency, quality, and quantity requirements are met while reducing individual farmers' costs.

For regulators, this presents an opportunity to access accurate information regarding the production capacity of local farmers and to explore modalities of reducing dependency on imports by allocating additional quotas to local farmers.

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## NamWater implements temporary measures to ease Walvis Bay water shortages

Namibia Water Corporation (NamWater) has introduced temporary measures to ease water shortages in Walvis Bay, as the town continues to face supply problems caused by damaged infrastructure.

The national water utility said the emergency steps are expected to increase total water supply from the Kuiseb system to the Mile 7 Reservoirs from the current 730 cubic metres per hour to between 950 and 1,022 cubic metres per hour.

NamWater, through its Coastal Business Unit, confirmed that it began powering boreholes in the Kuiseb New Delta Scheme on 16 June 2025 using generator sets to temporarily boost supply.

“Interim measures are being implemented to help ease ongoing water shortages in the area. These temporary interventions are part of NamWater’s broader response to ensure continued water supply while preparations for a permanent solution are underway,” the company said.



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NamWater explained that the temporary use of generators is necessary while the company awaits the replacement of damaged overhead powerline conductors that have severely restricted borehole operations.

“The delivery of key materials required for the powerline replacement has been delayed due to unforeseen logistical challenges experienced by the supplier,” the company said. “As a result, the previously anticipated full restoration timeline by the end of July 2025 is no longer achievable.”

NamWater said it will confirm a revised completion date once the materials arrive.

According to the water utility, the current shortages are the result of powerline failures caused by corrosion and prolonged exposure to extreme coastal weather. “This has compromised the operational capacity of boreholes in the High Dune and Dorop South areas,” NamWater said.

The company confirmed it is fully funding the emergency intervention, which includes the deployment of three fuel-powered generators strategically positioned to serve multiple boreholes.

“To ensure safety and uninterrupted operation, 24-hour security has been arranged, sourced from local Walvis Bay service providers for faster response times,” NamWater said.

NamWater expects the emergency measures to significantly improve water supply.

“The expected benefits of this intervention include a projected increase in water abstraction rates from the current 145 cubic metres per hour to approximately 430 cubic metres per hour in the High Dune and Dorop South aquifer compartments,” the company said.

In addition to boosting supply, the temporary measures will support ongoing refurbishment work at the Collector 2 Reservoir in the Swartbank area.

NamWater said it remains committed to resolving the water supply challenges facing Walvis Bay. “NamWater remains fully committed to addressing the current water supply challenges and is working diligently to implement both interim and permanent solutions,” the company said.





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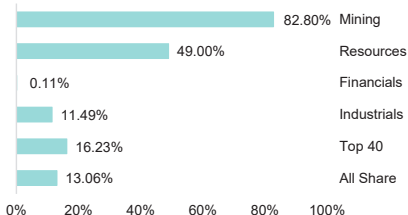
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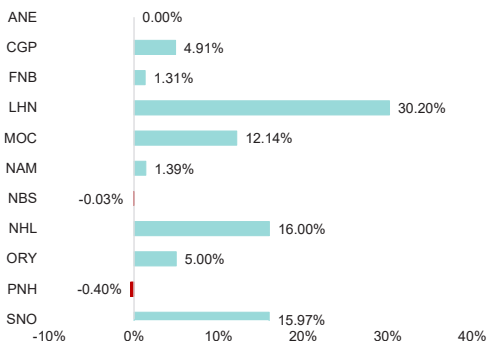
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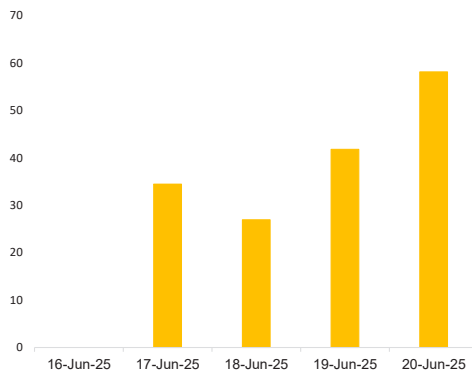
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