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and
Namibia**

**Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
NAMIBIA

ON

COOPERATION ON ISSUES RELATED TO
PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
DEVELOPMENT

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Namibia (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and in the singular as a “Party”);

COMMITTED to contribute, establish and develop a diversified relationship in the field of public works and infrastructure development, in the spirit of solidarity and friendship, contributing to NEPAD objectives and the development of the African continent at large;

AWARE of the importance of infrastructure for social and economic development of both countries;

ACKNOWLEDGING the mutual advantages that may result from this Memorandum of Understanding;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

In this Memorandum of Understanding, unless the context otherwise indicates-

“competent authority” means the competent authorities specified in Article 3;

“cooperation” means actions and activities undertaken by both Parties in pursuance of the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding;

“MoU” means this Memorandum of Understanding;

“public works” includes all built environment activities and undertakings affecting policy, infrastructure development (implementation and maintenance) and the environment where the activities take place.

ARTICLE 2

SCOPE OF COOPERATION

The Parties shall promote, develop and increase cooperation in the field of public works, built environment, regulatory environment and infrastructure development within their respective jurisdictions by exploring the possibilities for cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

ARTICLE 3

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this MoU shall be-

- (a) in the case of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Public Works;
and
- (b) in the case of the Republic of Namibia, the Ministry of Works and Transport.

ARTICLE 4

AREAS OF COOPERATION

The areas of cooperation under this MoU shall include, but not be limited to-

- (a) management of government immovable assets registers;

- (b) executing maintenance of government owned properties;
- (c) institutional cooperation, which shall include institutional capacity building in areas such as legislation and policy development, civil construction, manufacture of building materials, job inspection, quality assurance and the licensing of civil construction agents
- (d) exchange programmes between professional councils and/or boards in skills development of professionals in the building environment (artisans, architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, project managers, property managers and valuers,);
- (c) labour intensive construction (community-based) projects for job creation purposes;
- (f) production and supply of construction material and equipment;
- (g) collaboration on development and sharing of construction technologies and expertise;
- (h) encouraging cooperation and partnership between the public and private sectors' involvement in the construction industry for the purpose of infrastructure development; and
- (i) sharing knowledge and experience in alternative ways of financing of infrastructure development.

ARTICLE 5

FORMS OF COOPERATION

The Parties shall cooperate by-

- (a) exchanging building environment professionals for the purpose of sharing new techniques and technologies, including training and educational programmes;
- (b) exchanging, disseminating and sharing of information on public works and infrastructure development issues in areas of common interest;
- (c) creating partnership between public and private sector institutions and organisations in the countries of the Parties; and