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save water **SAVE 25% WATER**

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NOISE CONTROL DURING SCHOOL EXAMINATION PERIOD

The City of Windhoek hereby informs the public that the October / November examination, particularly for the grade 10 and 12, is underway.

It is therefore against this background that, the City of Windhoek is appealing to all residents and visitors to take the examination period seriously and create an enabling environment for our future leaders to study in a noise and stress free environment.

The shebeen / bars / churches in residential area and the public at large are therefore humbly requested not

to make any disturbing noise in any manner, whether by playing loud from a car, jukebox, any music instrument or using any apparatus that creates a nuisance, from the 01 October – November 2015 in order to allow our learners to study in silence.

The public at large is encouraged to monitor any excessive noise levels and to report such noise to the Windhoek City Police at 061-290 2239, toll free 302 302 or sms line 4444.

In anticipation, we thank you very much for your co-operation.

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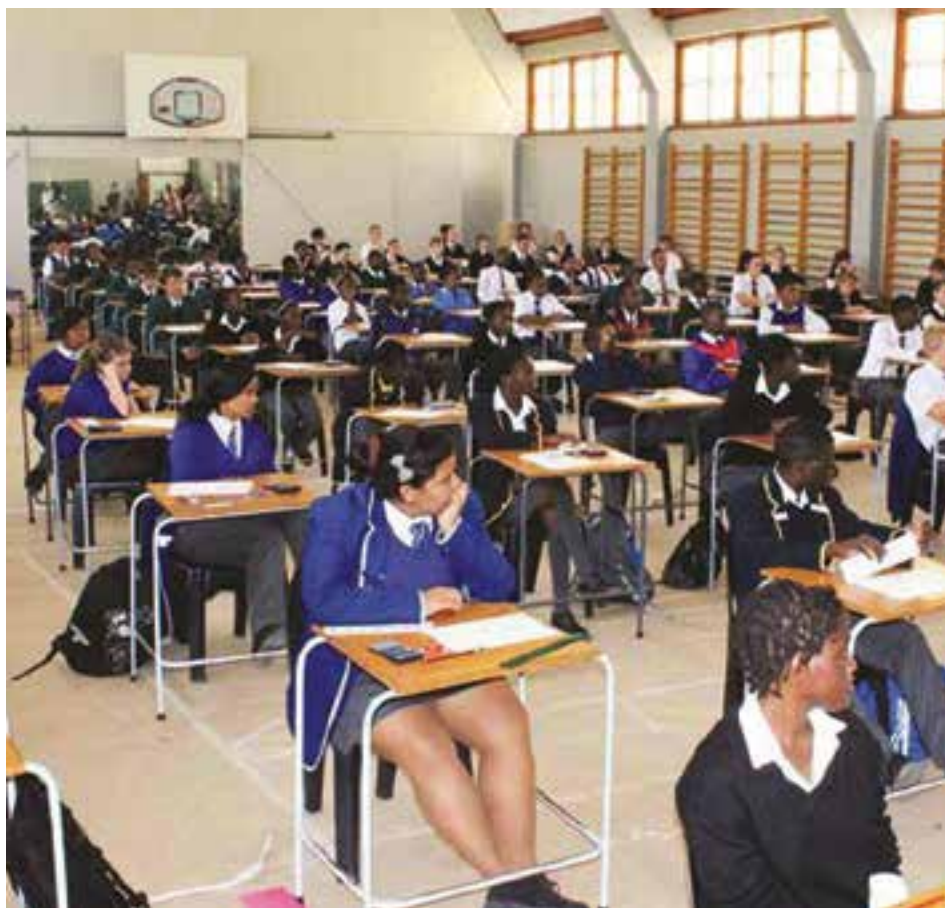
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For illustration purposes: Students writing examinations



Editor's Desk

DID YOU KNOW?



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Dear esteemed readers of the Aloe, I would like to welcome you to our second last edition of this newsletter in 2015.

It is almost that time of the year, when we have to wrap up and take stock of the activities of the year; what were our goals; lesson learnt and what to improve on next time. City of Windhoek in its pursuit to enhance the living standard of all our people, continues to demonstrate its commitments in contributing to the wellbeing of our residents in various ways. We recently concluded our participation in the annual Windhoek Show where all our services were brought under one roof. We consider this activity as a public participation exercise that engages our esteemed residents and visitors in our operational and mandatory activities; to seek your inputs and suggestions on how we can move our beautiful *City of Many Faces* forward.

Namibia being a country blessed with various artefacts and historical site that mainly attract tourist to our beloved motherland, the month of September annually marks the celebration of our national heritage week. Heritage does not only play an important role in our lives by reminding us of the importance of unique identities, culture and traditions; but heritage embraces our sense of belongingness and uniqueness of our contrasting country that subscribes to our national motto, *One Namibia, One Nation*.

In the spirit of our national motto, I am once again pleading to you dear residents and visitors to the City of Windhoek, that this part of the year is very crucial to our nation, where our tertiary students and grade 10 and 12 learners are busy with their final examinations. Let us continue to play our supportive role in ensuring that, we create a conducive environment for them to study.

Lastly, let me remind you of the exciting entertainment news of the hosting of the Windhoek Jazz Festival 2015 scheduled to take place on the 24th October 2015 at the Hage Geingob Stadium. This year's festival will feature, Jonathan Butler, a renowned international Jazz artists who



For illustration purposes: Laboratory technician testing the water quality.

The Gammams laboratory has been accredited by Southern Africa Development Community Accreditation Services which means

since August 2015, all test done in our laboratory are internationally recognised as being accurate and reliable.

will be sharing the stage with HHP, Fu Jazz All Stars, Lize Ehlers, Dixon, Sean K and Zen-Zo. So, avoid missing this historic event, and guarantee yourself a seat for only N\$250 per ticket at all compu-tickets

countrywide.

See you at the Windhoek Jazz Festival 2015, and enjoy reading, until next month!

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STOP DISPOSING OFF ILLEGAL WASTE MATERIALS INTO THE SEWER SYSTEM



Illegal act... the unauthorised waste materials being removed from a municipal manhole in the northern western suburbs.

The above picture demonstrates how misuse of sewer systems by the public, remains one of the major causes of frequent blockages, especially in the north-western suburbs. Unauthorized materials are put into the system through toilets

and rodding eyes at residential premises, as well as vandalized manholes in public places.

The City of Windhoek is therefore once again urging the residents to refrain from disposing off unauthorised

materials into the sewer system. The exercise of removing such things is much costly and thus, is being discouraged. All any other solid waste materials should be disposed at the designated landfill site as prescribed by the City of Windhoek.



WINDHOEK GETS A MODERN MEDICAL INCINERATOR



All medical waste should be correctly disposed off

The City of Windhoek is currently constructing two medical waste treatment facilities in the northern industrial area in Newcastle Street at a cost of N\$50 million which marks yet another milestone investment in the city's quest to adequately manage the waste generated by our health and medical facilities. The facility is expected to be fully operational in June 2016.

Officiating at the ground breaking ceremony, Cllr Muesee Kazapua, Mayor of the City of Windhoek said that, there is a gap in the treatment of medical waste, and thus the need for the establishment of a facility to treat

waste was identified, when it became apparent that the current facilities no longer have capacity to sufficiently dispose and process the increased amount of health care and medical waste in the City.

The environmental management is fast becoming a central discipline worldwide and concepts such as sustainable development, cleaner production and pollution prevention are continually brought to the attention of those responsible. Therefore, the City of Windhoek being responsible for management of all waste generated within its jurisdiction, took it upon itself

to invest in a Health Care Risk Waste facility that will cater for increased volumes in medical waste.

The facility will manage all medical waste within the City's boundaries, but also render assistance to the surrounding towns such as Rehoboth, Gobabis and Okahandja. The facility is also expected to serve as a skill transfer centre, as it will be open to other local authorities, to gather experience and expertise in the sustainable management of medical waste. This in turn will positively impact how waste is managed in the whole country.



The construction of the medical incinerator located in Newcastle street in the Northern Industry Area



Witnessing the groundbreaking of the City of Windhoek medical waste incinerator L-R: Analdinah Chipeio, Section Engineer: Licensing & Special Projects; Alderman Boas Ekanjo; Cllr Hileni Ulumbu; His Worship, Cllr Muesee Kazapua; Solid Waste Management mascot; Mr Fillmon Hambuda, Acting Chief Executive Officer; Ms Utete Karimbwe-Mupaine, Strategic Executive for Economic Development and Environment and Cllr Joseph Shikongo.



COW ASSISTS PREVIOUSLY DISADVANTAGE LEARNERS THROUGH FUNDS SOLICITED FROM THE UNITED NATIONS WOMEN'S GUILD SCHOLARSHIP



From left to right: Feinge Mutlian, Toini Nashandi, Olivia Shitjeni, Ester Shiimi, Ester Nekongo Ms Kandetu (Teacher) in front Ruusa Uugwanga, Ashley Rhom, Eveline Mukuye, Michelle Swartbooi, Tracy Kabuku and Mr. A. Wohler CDO: Social Welfare (CoW)

United Nations Women's Guild in Geneva raises funds every year to assist children in need worldwide. One of its programme is to assist disadvantaged children to attend secondary education.

The idea is to help potentially good students who are orphans or whose parents are unable to afford the school fees and thus secure secondary school education for those children.

In 2011, City of Windhoek submitted a proposal for possible funding facilitated by Mrs. Cecelia Maruta an employee of the City of Windhoek, who was a member of the United Nations Women's Guild in Geneva.

She facilitated the scholarship funding when she was living with her husband

as the Charge de Affaires in Geneva, currently an Ambassador in Vienna, Austria.

The scholarship is mainly for girls and currently 10 girls From Hage Geingob High school are benefiting. City of Windhoek played a crucial role in identifying and investigating the circumstances of the children in the community and they are also responsible for mentoring, supporting and monitoring the progress of the children at school and at home.

Financial aid is granted to the Education Institution for a period of five years from 2012 -2016 (with the amount of CHF 6000.00 each year).

The children are expected to stay at the school for the period of five years

until high school is completed. The financial aid covers schools fees, uniforms, stationary, and eventually transportation costs.

Currently, 10 girls from the informal settlement such as Okahandja Park, Okuryangava, Otjomuise, Ombilli, and Hakahana are benefiting from the funds. Last year, the learners passed Grade 10 with flying colours.

Currently Mrs.Maruta is again looking for potential organizations/institutions working with children in need to contact her for possible funding from United Nations Women's Guild, Vienna. The deadline is 30 November 2015.

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THE ENFORCEMENT OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS CONTROL ACT (ACT NO. 1 OF 2010) AS FROM 01 OCTOBER 2015

The Tobacco Products Control Act (Act No. 1 of 2010) as promulgated on 14 April 2010. The Act came into operation on 1 April 2014 and, on that same day, the Minister of Health and Social Services, Hon. Richard Kamwi, gazetted regulations under the Act to provide more detail on the implementation of this piece of legislation.

These regulations (Ministry of Health and social Services No.35) should be read together with the Act so that Namibians can fully understand what is allowed and where smoking is prohibited. At the same time, the playing field between smokers and non-smokers has been levelled, keeping in mind Article 10 (2) of the Namibian Constitution reading: "No persons may be discriminated against on the grounds of sex, race, colour, ethnic origin, creed or social

economic status".

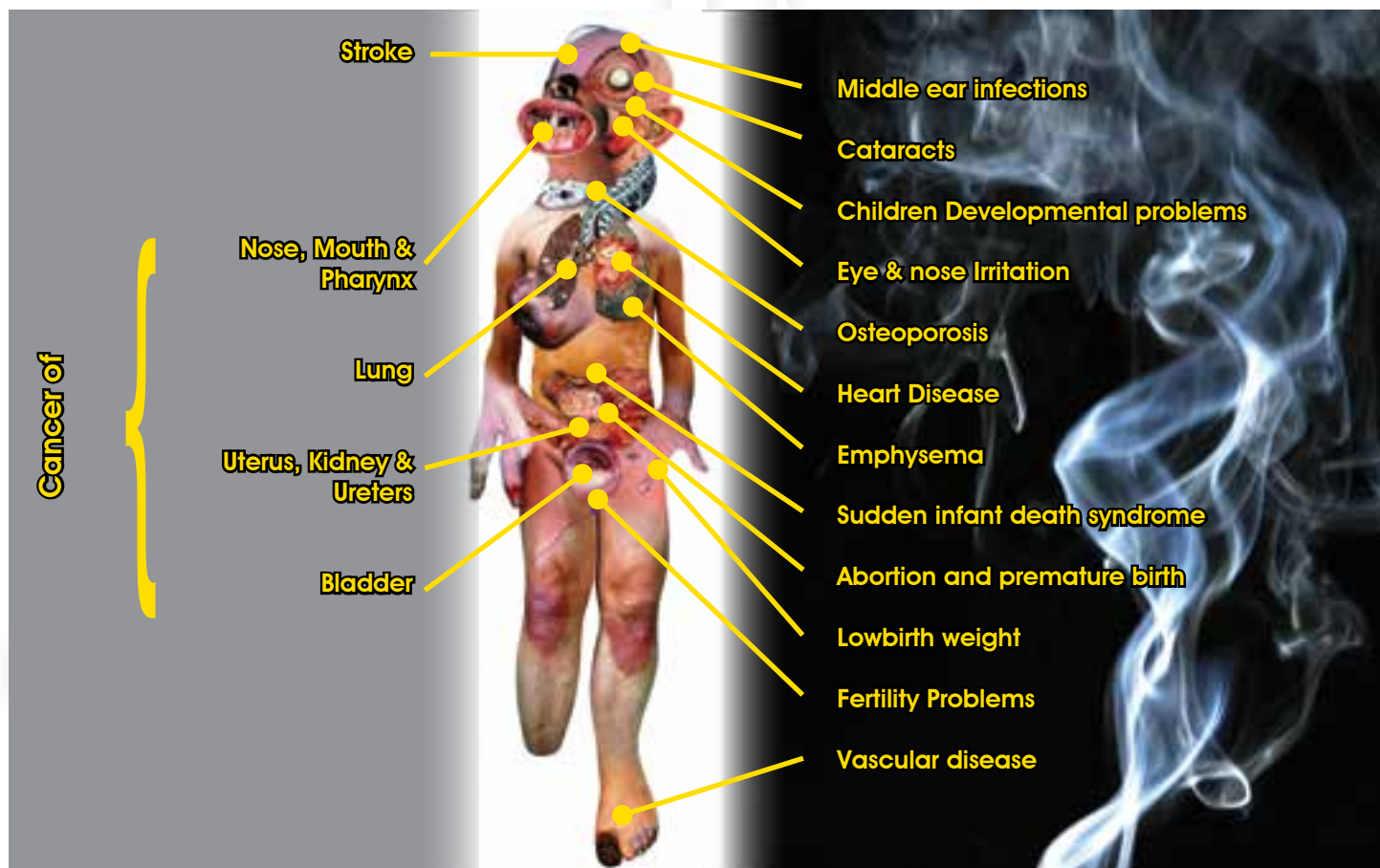
Therefore, it is quite clear that the aim of introducing this legislation was not to "reprimand" the smokers in the country, but rather to "discipline" the Namibian society to work together in creating a healthy nation. Without a healthy nation there will be no development and nobody wants to live in a country that is stagnant.

It should also be pointed out that the aim of this information is to enlighten the public and stakeholders affected by the Act on the most important issues reflected in the legislation. It would be unwise to rewrite the Act without explaining those clauses that need to be understood by the ordinary citizen of our country. It is against this background that the public should read this shortened version of the Tobacco

Products Control Act (Act No. 1 of 2010).

The control of tobacco for Namibia is a noble and important goal for all of us to strive towards its intended objectives. According to the World Health Organization, globally tobacco kills over 6 million people every year. Among these more than 10% are non-users exposed to the second-hand smoke. When we read and deliberate on this piece of legislation, we must appreciate these facts:

Tobacco smoking is responsible for 90% of lung cancer; 70% of chronic-respiratory illnesses; and 25% of heart disease. Source: (WHO). Tobacco Products Control Regulations came into effect as of 1 April, 2014 and stipulate comprehensive tobacco control measures which will be implemented all over the country.



This has the following implications. Firstly within 3 (three) months, the following must be instituted:

1. No smoking will be allowed in all public places,
2. Warning signs must be displayed at all points of tobacco sale,
3. Restricted availability of tobacco to persons under 18 years,
4. Prohibition to smoke signs must be displayed at all public places,
5. Specific oversight duties must be implemented by owners and/or persons in charge of the public places.

This means that all our public places will become tobacco smoke free as from 01 July 2014. Tobacco smoking is then banned in all public spaces such as shopping malls, sport fields, schools, workplaces, clubs, airport lounges and public transport.

Furthermore, the efforts of the Ministry of Health and Social Services alone will not be sufficient. Therefore, it needs the support of other line Ministries, organizations, and law enforcement agents and most importantly our hotels, hospitals, clubs, airport waiting lounges and shebeens industries to implement the Regulations without fail.

SIGNS INDICATING PROHIBITION OF SMOKING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
In terms of Government Notice No. 35, Regulation under the Tobacco

Products Control Act, 2010, 8.

- (1) The owner of or person in charge of a place or an area contemplated in section 22(1) of the act must prominently at every entrance to such place or area display a sign which –
 - (a) Bears the wording "Smoking of Tobacco Products Prohibited"; and
 - (b) Is of the size not less than 210 millimetres by 297 millimetres ("A4 size").
- (2) The letters of the wording referred to in sub-regulation (1) must –
 - (a) be at least 2 cm in height and 1.5 cm in width; and
 - (b) be in red coloured Helvetical font on a white background.

KEY IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

"TOBACCO PRODUCTS" means a product containing tobacco, that is intended for human consumption, and includes, but is not limited to, any device, pipe, water pipe, papers, tube, filters, portion pouches or similar objects manufactured for use in the consumption of tobacco; in terms of Regulation 13 the tar yield of cigarettes marketed in Namibia must not be greater than 1,2mg per cigarette.

"PUBLIC PLACE" Means any indoor, enclosed or partially enclosed, area which is open to the public and includes a workplace, a club, a private dwelling, if that private dwelling is used

for any commercial childcare activity or for schooling or tutoring, and a public conveyance;

Keep in mind that in the case of a private dwelling it is only applicable if that dwelling is for any commercial childcare activity or for schooling or tutoring and a public conveyance.

Therefore a "PUBLIC PLACE" means any enclosed indoor area used by the general public or serving as a place of work including restaurants, all retail stores, lobbies and malls, offices, including waiting rooms, and other commercial establishments; public conveyances with departures and travel, educational facilities; hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and other health care and medical facilities; and auditoriums, elevators, theatres, libraries, art museums, concert halls, indoor arenas, and meeting rooms.

"WORKPLACE"

- a) Means any indoor, enclosed or partially enclosed, area in which employees perform the duties of their employment;
- b) Includes any corridor, lobby, stairwell, elevator, cafeteria lounges, washroom or other common area frequented by such employees during the course of their employment; and
- c) Includes vehicles used in the course of work.

What other poisons are included in tobacco products



ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS RELATED TO WATER CONSERVATION

- No watering of gardens between 9:00 and 16:00.



- No washing of vehicles with hose pipes.
- No wastage of water
- No discharge of water into the street.
- Repair leaks immediately.

- Residential swimming pools should be covered.
- Shower head discharge should be less than 10 l/min
- No automatic or tipping system for latrine's.
- No hosing down of paved areas



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