



*The Gateway to Endless Opportunities*

**REMARKS BY:**

**HER WORSHIP, CLLR. NDESHIHAFELA LARANDJA,  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WINDHOEK**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE:**

**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY OF THE SANITATION  
PROJECT**

**IN COLLABORATION WITH:**

**VIVO ENERGY NAMIBIA**

11 FEBRUARY 2025  
09H00  
MIX SETTLEMENT, WINDHOEK RURAL CONSTITUENCY

- **Programme Director, Mr. Christopher Eita; Manager: External Relations & Networking;**
- **Your Worship Cllr. Clemencia Hanases, Deputy Mayor of the City of Windhoek;**
- **Hon. Piet P. Adams, Constituency Councillor, Windhoek Rural,**
- **Cllr. Ilse Keister, Chairperson of the Management Committee of City of Windhoek;**
- **All Local Authority Council Members, Present;**
- **Mr. Jaco van Rensburg, Managing Director, Vivo Energy Namibia,**
- **Mr. Moses Matyayi, Chief Executive Officer of the City of Windhoek;**
- **Executives and Senior Officials of both Vivo Energy Namibia and the City of Windhoek;**
- **Residents of Mix Settlement;**
- **Members of the media;**
- **Ladies and gentlemen;**

**Good morning!**

It is indeed with great excitement that we gather here today to mark the groundbreaking of the Sanitation Hub-a project that speaks directly to our commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents of Windhoek.

This initiative is evidence of what we can achieve when the public and private sectors collaborate for the common good. Our partnership with Vivo Energy Namibia once again demonstrates the power of collective action in addressing

pressing community needs. This is not the first time that the City of Windhoek and Vivo Energy Namibia have joined forces to uplift our communities. In 2023, through our collaborative efforts, we successfully hosted a marathon that raised funds, towards the donation of 572 books, distributed between the Nathanael Maxuilili and Greenwell Matongo Community Libraries.

Capitalising on the 2023 marathon success, the 2024 Vivo Energy Windhoek Marathon saw an increased participation rate by our residents - attracting over 3,000 runners which was a record-breaking achievement for Namibia. Please join me in round of applause.

The overwhelming support from participants allowed us to raise an incredible amount of **N\$ 296,358.55** last year. And ever true to our shared commitment, these funds are now being directed towards this crucial Water and Sanitation project for which we are gathered here, to break ground. Additionally, I am pleased to announce that, through the Windhoek Residents Mayoral Trust Fund, an additional N\$50,000 was pledged to this project by Cllr. Queen Omagano Kamati, former Mayor of the City of Windhoek,

further demonstrating our commitment to its success. Furthermore, the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: compels us to achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations, by 2030. I believe that initiatives such this have significant impact on reaching these global objectives and I can only applaud all our stakeholders and partners for their continuous support.

The envisaged Sanitation Hub to be built here, include toilets, two water points, and two urinals, and will be constructed at a total cost of N\$600,000.00. The City of Windhoek will cover the remaining balance to ensure access to adequate sanitation for our community.

As we break ground on this sanitation hub today, we are not just laying the foundation of a building, we are laying the foundation for dignity, health, and a cleaner environment for our residents in vulnerable communities. Access to adequate sanitation is a fundamental human right, and this hub serves as a beacon of progress in ensuring safe and hygienic conditions for many in our city.

To Vivo Energy Namibia: your unwavering support and Commitment to corporate social responsibility is commendable. I look forward to continued collaboration to making a tangible difference in the lives of Windhoek's residents. I also commend the hard work and dedication of our municipal teams involved in making this project a reality.

Let this groundbreaking ceremony serves as a reminder of what we can achieve when we work together. May this sanitation hub stand as a symbol of our collective resolve to build a healthier, more inclusive, and more sustainable Windhoek.

I look forward to seeing the completion and official opening of this much-needed facility, together with our valued partner, in the near future.

I thank you.

**Ndeshihafela Larandja**  
**Mayor of Windhoek**

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