



**ACCEPTANCE REMARKS BY HONOURABLE HILMA N
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DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS'
DURING THE SITE INSPECTION OF THE LAND ALLOCATED
TO THE MINISTRY BY THE CITY OF WINDHOEK FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES FOR THE NAMIBIA DEFENCE
FORCE MEMBERS, HELD AT ROCKY CREST, WINDHOEK,
ON 04 NOVEMBER 2020**

Program Director

Your Worship Councillor Fransina Kahungu - the Mayor of the City of Windhoek and other Local Authority Councillors from the City of Windhoek

Maj. Gen. Nathinge – Director Central Staff and other MODVA Officials

Officials from the City of Windhoek

Distinguished Members of the Media

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my honour and privileged to be here today to inspect and receive on behalf of the Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs (MODVA), and indeed on behalf of our Minister Rear Admiral Peter Hafeni Vilho a piece of land allocated to MODVA by the City of Windhoek (CoW).

During the City Council Meeting, held on the 27 October 2016, the Municipal Council of the City of Windhoek, through Council Resolution CR 239/10/2016 resolved that approval be granted for the allocation of land to the then Ministry of Defence (the current Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs)

Ladies and Gentlemen

The Namibian Government's commitment to addressing the housing needs in all rural and urban areas of Namibia led to the formulation and adoption of the National Housing Policy. Henceforth housing development is part and parcel of Namibia's development efforts aimed at ensuring that each Namibian has a roof over his/her head.

This in its own is a clear demonstration of the political commitment by the government in prioritizing housing delivery to its people. Equally true is that our constitution provides fundamental rights which includes the provision for the right to shelter.

Therefore, the Ministry of Defence is no exception when it comes to housing delivery to the Defence Force members.

It is in the light thereof, that the Ministry approached City of Windhoek for a piece of land for the purpose of constructing private dwellings or official accommodation for the members of the Namibian Defence Force as an initiative to provide quality and affordable houses to the men and women in uniform.

As Ministry we are today thankful that our engagement with COW has yielded tangible results and concluded the valuation of Portion

V and W as applied hence the site hand over we are witnessing today.

Director of Proceedings

We understand the financial cost that come along with the realisation of this project, therefore it is worth mentioning at this particular juncture, that factors contributing to the slow pace of land delivery includes amongst others lack of serviced land. It is our hope that COW will continue to be a good development partner and continue meeting the Ministry half way in terms of cost involved in developing this land. This will help the Ministry attain its objectives.

Your Worship the Mayor,

Hon Members

May I once more thank the Municipal Council of the City of Windhoek for allocating this piece of land to the Ministry to the full realize the implementation of the project, which is indeed a pilot project but with the view to be extended to other LA's country wide.

I thank you