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**Remarks and Introduction of Keynote Speaker by**

Hon. Lieutenant General (rtd.) Sebastian Ndeitunga,

Governor of Ohangwena Region

At the

**Ground breaking for the Ohangwena II Wellfield Water Supply**

**Schemes (WSS) Project**

**Eenhana**

**29<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

- **Director of Ceremonies**
- **Hon. Calle Schlettwein: Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform**
- **Hon. Olivia Anghuwo, Eenhana Regional Constituency Councillor and Member of National Council (MP)**
- **His Worship Omri-Onn Kavandje, Mayor of Eenhana Town Council**
- **Esteemed Regional and Town Council's councillors**
- **Ohangwena Police Regional Commander Commissioner Otilie KASHUUPULWA**
- **Chief Executive Officer of NamWater: Abraham Nehemia**
- **Management cadres of NamWater present**
- **Officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform present**
- **Representatives from Element Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd and Unik Construction Engineering Pty LTD**
- **Community and local leaders**
- **Members of the Media**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen!**

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I stand before you today, as the Governor of the Ohangwena Region, to introduce our keynote speaker this morning. Before that, allow me to share a few words.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the remarkable initiatives spearheaded by both the Namibian Government and NamWater in sustaining water infrastructure and accessibility within our beloved region.

Water is not only a fundamental element for life but also a crucial catalyst for socio-economic development. The tireless efforts of the Namibian Government, guided by strategic frameworks such as the National Development Plan 5 and the Harambee Prosperity Plan II for Vision 2030, underscore a resolute commitment to ensuring that every Namibian has access to clean and sufficient water resources.

The Ohangwena 2 Wellfield Project stands as a testament to our unwavering determination to address the pressing water demands of our region. Through careful planning and diligent execution, this project promises not only a reliable water supply but also hope for a brighter future. This groundbreaking ceremony marks a pivotal moment in our collective effort to enhance water supply infrastructure and uplift the livelihoods of our communities.

I would like to express my profound appreciation to the Namibian Government, NamWater, and all parties committed to the successful completion of this great project. Your constant dedication and planning are vital to ensuring a sustainable water supply for the Ohangwena Region.

Furthermore, we must recognize the critical importance of responsible water usage and infrastructure maintenance. As we embark on this journey to enhance water accessibility within the Ohangwena Region, let us pledge to safeguard our precious water resources and infrastructure. By ensuring their proper maintenance and sustainable usage, we can guarantee their longevity for the benefit of present and future generations.

In conclusion, I call upon all stakeholders, government entities, community leaders, and residents of this region to unite in support of efforts aimed at securing a prosperous future for the Ohangwena Region. Together, let us forge ahead with determination, resilience, and unity, knowing that our collective efforts today will pave the way for a brighter tomorrow.

With this, I ask you to rise as we welcome the Minister of Agriculture, Water, and Land Reform, Honourable Calle Schlettwein to address us.

Thank you.