

### WELCOMING REMARKS BY HIS WORSHIP

## **CLLR TREVINO FORBES**

# AT THE

## **GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY OF STREET ROADS IN**

WALVIS BAY

10 OCTOBER 2024

#### CORNER OF THIRD STREET AND RAILWAY STREET,

WALVIS BAY

- Director of the Ceremonies
- Hon Veikko Nekundi, Deputy Minister of Works and Transport
- Hon Neville Andre, Governor of the Erongo Region
- Local and Regional Councilors present
- Mrs Victoria N Kapenda, CEO of the Municipality of Walvis Bay
- Mr Ali Ipinge, RFA Chief Executive Officer
- Dr Conrad Lutombi, RA Chief Executive Officer
- Project Consultants
- Invited guest
- Members of the Media,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great honor and a profound sense of pride that I stand before you today at this momentous occasion—the groundbreaking ceremony for the rehabilitation of our street roads here in beautiful Walvis Bay. This project marks a pivotal step forward for our community, enhancing not only the infrastructure but also the quality of life for all who reside in and visit our beloved port town.

As we celebrate this significant milestone, we must recognize the vital collaboration made possible through the Memorandum of Understanding between the Roads Authority, the Road Fund Administration, and the Municipality of Walvis Bay. This partnership embodies our shared commitment to the development and improvement of our roads, ensuring that the necessary resources are allocated effectively to meet the needs of our growing population.

The importance of this agreement cannot be understated. By joining forces, we have united our efforts to create an efficient and sustainable transportation network that will serve as the backbone of our infrastructure.

This initiative underscores our collective responsibility to maintain and enhance the roads that connect our communities,

foster economic growth, and support the movement of goods to and from the Port of Walvis Bay, one of the busiest and most vital ports in the region.

The rehabilitation of our street roads will bring numerous benefits to Walvis Bay. Improved roads will facilitate better access to key services, enhance safety for all road users, and promote efficient transport, which is crucial for our local businesses.

Furthermore, as a port town, the health of our roads directly impacts our economic vitality, attracting investment and fostering trade. This project is not just about paving our streets; it is about paving the way for new opportunities and progress.

Today, as we commence this important project, let us remember that we are not only building roads but also building a brighter future for Walvis Bay.

Together, we are strengthening our community, supporting our economy, and enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations.

I encourage each of you to take pride in this initiative and to support its successful completion. Let us celebrate this moment and look forward to the positive changes for Walvis Bay.

Thank you