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- **Director of Ceremonies, Ms Marusca Goliath,**
- **NamPower Board of Directors,**
- **Namibia Training Authority (NTA),**
- **TVET regulating body's management,**
- **NamPower ExCo members,**
- **Proud Parents,**
- **Colleagues,**
- **Members of the Media**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**
- **Most importantly our graduates**

Good morning.

Today, once again, we find ourselves at a pivotal moment - a culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. A moment where we celebrate the transition from apprentice/trainees to skilled artisans, ready to contribute significantly to NamPower, to Namibia's energy landscape, and the world.

NamPower prides itself in capacity-building and skilling of young people on the latest technologies to ensure security of supply for the continuous improvement of the nation. This, NamPower does in tandem with global developmental goals, such as the Sustainable Development Goals, which calls for action to address pressing global

challenges, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace, and justice.

The SDGs recognise that ending poverty must go together with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth. This, we can only achieve through continuous training and skills enhancement to enable people, especially the young people, to make a living for themselves. Thus, I believe, vocational training fits perfectly into this space.

Ladies and gentlemen,

One of the highlights of the past year (2025) has been a project that truly reflects who we are as NamPower and the NamPower Training Centre, as a skills development hub, which aims to keep up with global trends.

Dear parents, I must proudly tell you how our trainers with their Level 2 and Level 3 trainees designed and constructed a modular structure that could be easily assembled and dismantled. This was not just a model—it was a fully functional demonstration unit, showcased at the Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair.

What made this project exceptional was its integration of modern technology and sustainable solutions. The structure operated entirely off grid, powered by solar energy through panels mounted on the roof. Ensuring that we comply with the SDGs by using solar as a renewable energy source. It demonstrated, in a very practical way, how renewable energy can be harnessed to meet real-life everyday needs.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The team did not stop there - the unit also featured smart technology integration, including a window with curtains controlled through a KNX system, enabling building automation/Artificial Intelligence, where the unit's lights and/or curtains could be opened or closed using an App on a cellphone. This allowed us to showcase how intelligent automation can be seamlessly combined with renewable energy systems.

This project is a clear example of NamPower's commitment to innovation, creativity, and relevance. It shows that we are not only teaching theory—we are equipping our

trainees and employees alike, with the skills to design, build, and adapt to the demands of modern industry.

Most importantly, it demonstrates that our trainees can think beyond the classroom, solving real problems, and contribute to a future that is both technologically and sustainably advanced. As such, I will encourage you to think towards entrepreneurship and job creation options with your newly acquired skills. We should move towards empowering ourselves, as well as others through the creation of businesses, as opposed to traditional job-hunting or waiting for government to create jobs for us.

However, as I stand before you this morning, I am confident that the future of Namibia is in GREAT hands because of you, NamPower's Artisan Graduates.

I am immensely proud of each one of you. Congratulations on this remarkable achievement!

I thank you