



**REMARKS BY DEBMARINE NAMIBIA COMMUNICATION
MANAGER STELLA IPINGE DURING SPONSORSHIP PLEDGE
TO NETBALL NAMIBIA TO PARTICIPATE ON TRI-NATION
TOURNAMENT IN BLANTYRE, MALAWI**

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Chief Administration of the Namibia Sports Commission - Mr. Freddy Mwiya

Rebekka /Goagoses,

Vice-President Netball Namibia

Imelda Nerongo

Secretary General - Netball Namibia

Desert Jewels National Netball Team

Debmarine Namibia Executives and Staff present

Members of the Media

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning and welcome.

As you know, we have been a proud sponsor of Netball Namibia over a period of 5 years and counting.

The success of Netball Namibia has been felt by everyone. The team has been consistently showing up and improving in all tournaments and friendly games which they've hosted and/or participated in for the past five years – the Pent Series, African Netball Championship and to top it all – the showstopping Netball Singapore Nations Cup win in 2019 – that we are still applauding. Not only that, but we've observed Netball Namibia's consistent dedication in developing local netball talent in Namibia, through the hosted Debmarine Namibia Senior Regional Championships, training of umpires and strengthened regional netball bodies of which we are proud to have supported.

Debmarine Namibia, is committed to 'Stand with Women and Girls', and this is one example where we are showing our commitment.

This year, Debmarine Namibia is further committing to a total investment of **N\$3.2 million** to Netball Namibia to keep the team active with invitational/country hosted international friendly matches, international ranking games and part-taking in the annual African Championships.

As part of this commitment, we have sponsored the National team with flight tickets, meals, accommodation, and uniforms (consisting of t-shirts, bags tracksuits and sneakers) to take part in the upcoming Tri-Nations competition (Malawi and Zimbabwe).

We are delighted that that through the partnership with Netball Namibia, a sponsorship investment of over **N\$4 million**, the lives of young sportswomen have been positively impacted, with the enablement of continued participation in the ‘game they love’ both at home and abroad. This stand as an inspiration in many ways. I was pleasantly informed that some of our local netball players were scouted and currently play for outside netball clubs – that is an encouraging example of how we intend for this investment to ‘**Make life brilliant** for the Namibian girl child’. It is therefore our commitment, responsibility, and passion to ensure that every diamond we discover, creates a lasting positive impact.

I would like to thank and congratulate the leadership of Netball in the young Republic, under the capable watch of our Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Services and the Namibia Sports Commission, for your encouragement and support.

Finally, we from Debmarine Namibia wish our National Netball Team ‘the Desert Jewels’ under direction of coach Sunette Burden and your entire leadership team, the **very best of luck**. Please give it your best, play hard and fair at the same time. We are very much aware that at

the end of each tournament, there is always one winner and few runners-up but what is most important is that you represent our Country, with pride.

I thank you.