

Remarks by: Mr. Ali Ipinge,
Chief Executive Officer of the Road Fund
Administration (RFA), at the occasion marking the
Official Handover of RFA sponsored fleet of vehicles
to the City of Windhoek's City Police.

Date: Monday, 03 August 2020 City Police Headquarter 14h00 Mr. Robert N. Kahimise, Chief Executive Officer of the City of Windhoek Chief Abraham K. Kanime, Head of City Police Director of Proceedings, Snr. Superintendent Gerry Shikesho Snr. Superintendent Adam Eiseb Members of the media Ladies and Gentlemen

Good afternoon,

- 1. It gives me great pleasure to witness the handing over of the fleet of vehicles, funded by the Road Fund Administration.
- 2. Funds from the Road Fund are allocated to various Approved Authorities including all traffic law enforcement agencies in Namibia, as provided for in the RFA Act. These recipients are the traffic law enforcement units of the City of Windhoek, Henties Bay, Keetmanshoop, Otjiwarongo, Swakopmund, Walvis Bay, Katima Mulilo and the Namibian Police (NAMPOL) Traffic Division.
- 3. Over the past five years, the RFA has allocated N\$86.4 million towards roads maintenance and a further N\$90.8 million towards traffic law enforcement within the City of Windhoek. This brings the total support towards the City of Windhoek to N\$177.2 million from the RFA. The funding is intended to defray the road maintenance and traffic law enforcement cost of the City of Windhoek and falls within the RFA mandate of maintaining a safe and efficient road network.
- 4. In the current year, N\$15 million has been allocated towards road maintenance and a further N\$20.1 towards traffic law enforcement, which funded the 39 vehicles here today, complimented by five mobile speed cameras and 50 alcohol testers also funded by the RFA, despite the funding challenges under the current Covid-19 economic crisis.
- 5. Available statistics show that car crashes in Windhoek have declined by 27%, whilst injuries have declined by 40% and fatalities have declined by 15% over the past year. Furthermore, the detection of driving under the influence has increased by

36%. These figures indicate that the RFA's investments into Traffic Law Enforcement is producing the desired results.

- 6. Our traffic law enforcement investments are paying dividends. Last year's festive season statistics show that traffic accidents declined by 3.8%, whilst fatalities declined by 11.3%. This tells us that we are finally getting positive returns on our traffic law enforcement investments.
- 7. Although the RFA acknowledges road safety achievements, road accidents remain a leading cause of death and injury in Namibia.
- 8. The RFA will continue to capacitate the respective traffic law enforcement agencies in order to increase the law enforcement presence on our roads in the interest of all the law abiding citizens. We trust that the vehicles funded by the RFA and handed over here today will be taken good care off and be put to good use to yield the necessary return on investment.

With these few words, I thank you.

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