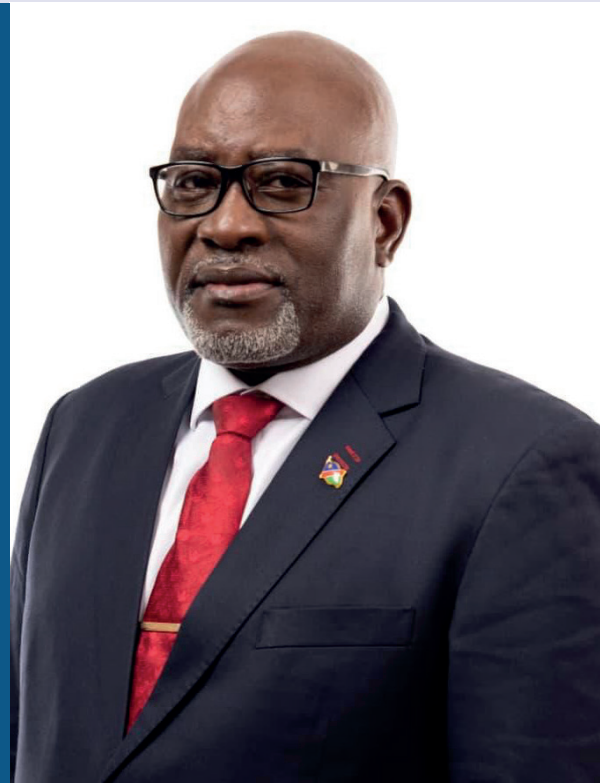




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Hands That Build a Nation

Behind Namibia’s industries are the people whose labour, sacrifice and ambition shape our future

Dear readers,

The lives of many successful Namibians have been built upon the bedrock of our industries. Deep within the dusty streets of this nation, stories of perseverance, sacrifice and ambition continue to shape the social fabric that makes Namibia admired across the world. Behind every product manufactured, every mineral extracted, and every enterprise built lies the labour and determination of ordinary people striving for a better future.

Namibia is not a nation admired by chance.

She is a country built by hands determined to realise the dream of shared prosperity. She has been shaped through endurance, relentless sacrifice, and the determination of extraordinary people who refused to surrender their hope for tomorrow.

The soul of our nation’s industries is breathed into them by her people. They reflect a society willing to invest today for a stronger tomorrow. Our land carries both a promise and a responsibility, and today Namibia stands among Africa’s most resource-rich nations.

Mining remains one of the most important contributors to our economy, consistently accounting for a significant share of export earnings and foreign direct investment. Namibia is one of the world’s leading uranium producers and is internationally respected for its diamond industry, particularly offshore marine diamond recovery, regarded as among the most technologically advanced mining operations anywhere in the world.

Beyond diamonds and uranium, Namibia possesses substantial deposits of zinc, copper, gold, lithium, manganese, lead, tin, rare earth elements, and other critical minerals increasingly required for the global energy transition. Recent discoveries in the Kunene Region have once again reminded us of the extraordinary geological potential that still lies within Namibia’s landscapes.

At the same time, our nation is emerging within entirely new economic frontiers.

The discovery of offshore oil and gas reserves along Namibia’s southern coastline has attracted major international attention, while green industrial development projects have positioned Namibia as a potential future supplier of clean energy to global markets. Combined with some of the highest solar radiation levels in the world and vast wind potential along our coastline, Namibia possesses strategic advantages few nations can replicate.

Yet history teaches us something important: natural resources alone do not guarantee national prosperity. As a nation, we must therefore remain guided by long-term thinking. Around the world, countries blessed with immense mineral wealth have at times struggled with inequality, instability, environmental degradation, corruption, and economic dependence. Others, however, transformed resource wealth into education, infrastructure, industrial growth, sovereign wealth, and long-term national stability.

The difference has never been the resource itself, but the manner of its stewardship. And this is where Namibia now stands. The true value of development is measured not only by what is taken from the earth and built upon it, but also by what is ultimately left behind for future generations. Every tonne exported, every barrel discovered, every mineral extracted, and every investment agreement signed carries with it a responsibility not only to today’s economy, but also to the Namibia that future generations will one day inherit.

Our progress must be guided by responsible leadership that seeks the best for Namibia and her people. This land, its resources, and ultimately its future belong to every Namibian.

Let us get to work. 