



*Republic of Namibia*

TALKING NOTES  
OF  
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ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE NDC SOLAR  
GRID FEED SYSTEM IN WINDHOEK, 15 MAY 2013

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Director of Ceremonies  
NDC Board of Directors and Management  
Distinguished invited guests  
Members of the Media  
Ladies and gentlemen

It is my distinct honour and privilege to be present here today to inaugurate this solar Photovoltaic system.

Today is yet another important and historic day for the NDC as we are about to witness the inauguration of the NDC's first solar supply to compliment the NDC's move towards developing sustainable, renewable energy making a serious contribution to the core values of its existence.

“To promote economic growth and development, through entrepreneurial support on a sustainable basis” is part and parcel of the Mission of the NDC.

Further, its Values, which allow for *Result Driven* actions leading to “valued results rather than intentions”. This is enhanced by its Innovation as it “seeks out new development solutions, unrestrained by the past”.

This project therefore truly fulfils the following parameters;

- Reducing day time electricity consumption from the City of Windhoek grid,
- Reducing the carbon footprint of the NDC's operations
- Being an exemplary of effective sustainable development
- Utilising local content, inclusive of natural resources as much as possible to fulfill job creation and capacity building mandates, and
- Providing value for money

Furthermore, solar development, by both the private and public means, holds substantial promise as the NDC can now lead by example.

Director of Ceremony, Invited guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

Let us thank the City of Windhoek for allowing the interconnection and the Suppliers (ALENSYS CC) for a job well done.

The system is expected to pay for itself in approximately eight (8) years at current tariff rates based on avoided costs. The project has taken a large amount of planning and preparation to ensure that what you see here today is successfully implemented.

The system is designed to be a full time on-grid one with an overall electrical output of 44,5 Kilo Watts (KW) at peak

output. The system is made up of 44,5 kW of solar panels and 45 kW peak out put inverters.

Ladies and Gentlemen

This momentous occasion today bears testimony to the development work of the NDC.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Ministry to thank all our stakeholders, particularly the Government of the Republic of Namibia, for their continued support in our endeavours to drive development to greater heights. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the NDC Board, Management and the Project Team for a job well done.

Once more, please feel welcome to this historic occasion and let us nurture this project together for the betterment of the livelihood of Namibia.

I thank you