



**MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY**

**TALKING POINTS**

**OF**

**HON. CALLE SCHLETTWEIN,**

**MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MTI)**

**ON OCASSION OF THE FIRST ADDRESS TO MTI STAFF AND ITS AGENCIES**

**ON**

**FRIDAY, 01 FEBRUARY 2013,**

**AT THE**

**NAMPOWER CONVENTION CENTRE, WINDHOEK**

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**Director of Ceremonies;**

**Hon. TjekeroTweya, Deputy Minister of Trade & Industry;**

**Dr Malan Lindeque, Permanent Secretary;**

**Mr Nghidinua Daniel, Deputy Permanent Secretary;**

**Heads of Departments and Directorates;**

**Distinguished CEOs and MDs of SOEs resorting under the  
Ministry;**

**Dear Staff Members and**

**Members of the Media**

1. I am delighted to address you on this auspicious occasion. It is indeed a special occasion for me, as it is my first meeting with you all jointly present, although I have met with some of you informally and formally so.
2. While I have worked with some of you at various forums such as SACU, SADC and so forth, I look forward to a good closer working relationship with all of you.
3. At this juncture, I wish to point out that I am no stranger to matters of trade and industry and economic development in general, as emphasized by my predecessor during the handing-over ceremony last year.

4. While, I have worked with Deputy Minister Tweya, I believe in his competency and trustworthiness, and have no doubt that he will continue to give me the necessary support, as he has diligently been doing to my predecessor, now Prime Minister of our Republic. I also expect the same from the Permanent Secretary and staff below him.

**Hon. Deputy Minister, Ladies and Gentlemen;**

5. The Ministry of Trade & Industry is responsible for spearheading two very important sectors, which are not only wide in scope but very critical for the realization of national socio-economic development goals of our country. We are at the centre to take Namibia to prosperity as per our VISION – 2030 and NDP4.

6. It therefore suffices to say that a well developed and competitive trade and industrial sector is the source of employment, the production of goods and services that are much needed in the country and for exports to other countries; a means for addressing existing social inequities;

and important source and basis for wealth creation and economic growth and competitiveness.

7. Whilst I acknowledge and wish to thank the MTI Team for the work that the Ministry has done so far, I equally recognizes that there is more work still required in some of these areas, which we have to collectively drive forward as a team and these amongst other includes;

Development of the SME Sector

Enabling Business Environment

Market Space

Agencies

Corporate Issues

Structure

Strategic Plan

Teamwork

I thank you