

**SPEECH BY MR OTTO N SHIKONGO, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF DEBMARINE  
NAMIBIA DURING THE DONATION HANDOVER CEREMONY OF SEVERAL ITEMS  
TO INTERMEDIATE HOSPITAL OSHAKATI**

**Honourable Governor of Oshana Region Clemens KASHUUPULWA**

**Oshana Health Director Ms Johanna Haimene represented by Mr Albert  
Ndahalele**

**Acting Medical Superintendent Dr Korbenean.Vizcay Amutenya**

**Chief Medical Officer – Professional Services Dr Phillips Nakangombe**

**Acting Chief Medical Officer – Medical Services Dr Asumani Kibandwa**

**His Worship the Mayor of Oshakati Town - Angelius Iiyambo**

**Ondjondjo Cultural performance**

**Members of the Media**

**Distinguished invited guests**

**Ladies and gentlemen!**

Good morning – and thank you very much for joining us at this wonderful occasion of the donation handover to the Intermediate Hospital Oshakati.

Our business at Debmarine Namibia is about highly technical and world-leading marine diamond mining. As we say in Debmarine Namibia, our job is to turn diamond dreams into reality. We are proud of the work we do; and our unmatched contribution to Namibia in terms of taxes and royalty we pay to our Government; as well as dividends to both our Shareholders.

First and foremost, allow me to commend the Intermediate hospital Oshakati and the Ministry of Health and Social Services at large for initiating the clean-up campaign in ensuring that the hospital operates in a clean and hygienic environment.

The request toward this donation had me thinking of how the hospital staff are committed to the betterment of their surroundings. I was informed that every month the hospital department gives 3 – 4 people that makes up a total of 100 staff to conduct clean-up campaign around hospital premises and surrounding areas. This is highly commendable and the effort of this magnitude deserves a good round of applause.

Through our corporate social investment arm we are committed to delivering a lasting positive socio-economic impact and creating a positive diamond legacy.

Our initiatives focus on community development programmes, education, health and welfare, environment, capacity development, arts and enterprise development. As a responsible corporate entity Debmarine Namibia is pleased to donate 60 portable wheeled bins; 100 black refuse bags, 150 bottled water and 150 t-shirts towards the hospital monthly clean-up campaign to the value of N\$140 000.

In addition, Debmarine Namibia has also committed to support the Hospital's monthly medical seminars which is attended by doctors, nurses, radiographers and many more in the health fraternity from the whole northern regions. To that effect, we commit to assist with refreshment worth N\$8000 per seminar for a period of six months.

Furthermore, Debmarine Namibia also made a five (5) year commitment of N\$277 000 towards the Ministry of Health and Social Services in support of the

prevention of suicides countrywide. The suicide prevention initiatives aim to bring a decrease in suicide cases which is at a very concerning rate.

We at Debmarine Namibia believes that a healthy workforce is a productive workforce and a healthy Nation is prosperous nation.

With this few words ladies and gentlemen I am confident that these donations will be used appropriately and that health services for our people will be improved as a result.

Thank you.