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OHORONGO SPONSORS CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY'S 2012 TRAINING INITIATIVE

Ohorongo Cement is a member of the CIF and highly values skills training in the construction industry. Therefore Ohorongo Cement has committed itself to provide a very substantial sponsorship of N\$120,000 to support the Construction Industries Federation of Namibia (CIF)'s annual training programme. This is the first of its kind in the history of the Namibian construction industry. Training is one of the key focus areas of the CIF. With currently over 200 members, the CIF launched its annual training initiative allowing members and non-members to appropriately manage their resources and training budgets far in advance.

The training offer includes a variety of courses about cement and concrete; scaffolding; health and safety; first aid; paint application as well as land surveying of relevance to the industry. The majority of courses are one day to two-day courses. This year, the training is also being offered in Ongwediva and Swakopmund, next to Windhoek, to meet the growing demand for know-how as a result of growth in building activities in the respective regions. The average registration fees for respective courses are approximately N\$1,250 per day. This includes course materials, relevant certification as well as refreshments and lunch.

Consulting general manager, Ms Bärbel Kirchner expressed the CIF's gratitude: "we would not have been able to offer this diverse range of learning opportunities to our members and others in the industry if it were not for the very generous support of Namibia's sole cement manufacturer. With this extremely generous sponsorship Ohorongo Cement show their extraordinary commitment to the industry in ensuring appropriate delivery of our training initiative."

"We are anticipating that over 200 individuals within the construction industry will receive training by the end of March next year. We will have approximately 25 courses scheduled over this period. This will not only ensure an appropriate transfer of skill but also that the industry will work towards maintaining and further enhancing high quality service levels within the industry and that our members are in a strong position to deliver on the promise as reflected in the CIF's code of conduct".

For more information on the respective training courses, the CIF can be contacted per e-mail at secretary@cifnamibia.com or on Tel. 061- 230028 from 08:00 to 13:00 on weekdays.

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