



NAMIBIA TRAINING AUTHORITY

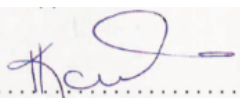
PRESS STATEMENT: 11 February 2013

Objective:

To brief the stakeholders on the conclusion of a forensic audit on the Namibia Training Authority (NTA), that was commissioned by the board in September 2012

STATEMENT BY THE NTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The NTA Board being conscious of its mandate commits itself to ensure that the NTA becomes and remains the Port of Call for TVET in Namibia.
2. The NTA board confirms that the forensic audit that was being conducted by Ernst & Young at the NTA has been concluded. The NTA board has studied the report of the forensic audit and has decided to take actions as applicable in the best interest of the NTA and education and training sector in Namibia at large.
3. The NTA board has decided to commence disciplinary proceedings against the NTA CEO Mrs Maria Nangolo-Rukoro and as such resolved to suspend, with full pay, the NTA CEO Mrs Maria Nangolo-Rukoro with immediate effect on charges as issued to her. A disciplinary hearing chaired by an independent chairperson will be held at an appropriate time where the NTA CEO will have the opportunity to make representation in relation to the charges leveled against her.
4. The board further resolved to appoint Ms Anna-Liisa Shiwoomwenyo Nghipondoka, Director of Omusati Regional Directorate of Education as Acting CEO during the period of suspension of Mrs Maria Nangolo-Rukoro until further notice.
5. The board has further resolved that disciplinary action may be taken against other NTA employees implicated in the forensic audit report, in line with the Labour Act and NTA disciplinary procedure,
6. The disciplinary hearing is confidential and the case will be deemed to be a matter *sub judice* and as such no further communication will be issued in this regard until the disciplinary process has been concluded and only if it is deemed prudent.
7. The board would like to assure the Namibian Nation that all its endeavors have been and will be aimed at the progressive development and enhancement of Vocational Training in support of the Namibian National Development Programmes and in line with Vision 2030.



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Hilya Nghiwete – Deputy Chair
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Established in terms of Section 6 of the Vocational Education and Training Act, Act No. 1 of 2008

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