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In Pursuit of Self-reliance and Capacity Building

**STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR SAM NUJOMA,
FOUNDING PRESIDENT AND FATHER OF THE NAMIBIAN
NATION, ON THE HANDING-OVER CEREMONY OF
TEACHING MATERIALS DONATED TO THE SAM NUJOMA
FOUNDATION**

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Distinguished Mr Olayinka O. Arowolo, Country Director & Managing Partner of Nabirm Energy Services;

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Ladies and Gentlement;

I am delighted to welcome you all at the handing over ceremony of a consignment of Teaching Materials that were donated by Nabirm Energy Services to The Sam Nujoma Foundation for further distribution to needy schools in our country.

I am indeed privileged to receive the consignment on behalf of The Sam Nujoma Foundation and would therefore like to express my profound gratitude and appreciation to Mr Olayinka O. Arowolo, Country Director & Managing Partner of Nabirm Energy Services for this goodwill gesture of support and commitment to the education of our learners.

As I have stated on numerous occasions, the importance of education in the development of human resources in Namibia cannot be overemphasized. Education is the key to a prosperous future.

No country can meaningfully develop without adequate knowledgeable and skilled human resources. It is therefore necessary that our youth are equipped with relevant technical knowledge and skills to enable our country to realize Vision 2030.

Over the years, tremendous efforts have been made to improve the quality of education in our country. To this end, our government continues to allocate a lion's share of its national budget to education and training. However, government's efforts alone will not be sufficient.

Therefore, it is critical that we forge partnership and synergies with private entities to help in the socio economic development of our country. Indeed, the donation by Nabirm Energy Services through their corporate social responsibility, to assist and complement our Government's efforts in addressing the shortage of teaching and learning materials in our school classrooms, especially in rural schools which are mostly affected is commendable.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Some may consider the social corporate responsibility, as charity or an allocation of resources but to us, it is a crucial and long-term investment that will enable hundreds of young Namibian to realize their potential.

I therefore appeal to the rest of our corporate citizens to emulate the good example of Nabirm Energy Services.

Indeed, Nabirm Energy Services, generous gesture of good will be highly appreciated and valued by all of us.

The Sam Nujoma Foundation will make sure that these teaching materials are well taken care while in our custody and will be distributed to the needy schools before the commencement of the 2013 academic year.



I thank you.