

MEDIA RELEASE

Rössing Uranium donates busses to NIMT

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Rössing Uranium today continued to cement its corporate citizenship status with a donation of two busses to the Namibia Institute of Mining and Technology (NIMT) in Arandis.

The donation, which falls part of the company's deliberate efforts to keep up to the mine's national CSI footprint, is believed to be a huge score for NIMT who have for long struggled to transport trainees to and from the vocational centre.

The donation of the two 52-seater Higer busses, valued at N\$2.4 million, will allow NIMT to replace some of its ageing fleet. In addition, each bus is equivalent to replacing three smaller busses, thereby reducing the amount of traffic on the B2 highway between Arandis and Swakopmund, improving the safety of road users.

At the donation handover, Rössing Uranium Managing Director Johan Coetzee highlighted the strong relationship between the two organisations, dating back to 1990 when Rössing constructed phase 1 of the vocational facility aimed to train and develop technical skilled Namibians to contribute to the growth of the country.

"For many years NIMT, has been a cornerstone and leader in training and producing skilled artisans for the Namibian mining industry, as well other businesses in Namibia having a need of the various artisan skills covered at this institution," said Coetzee, adding that nearly half of Rössing artisans have been trained at NIMT, which is testament to the contribution of NIMT.

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Coetzee added: “We therefore need no invite or permission to care for our own. Our contribution to the engines of education in this country are purely. It is solely a kind gesture for a corporate that understands the importance of providing services to the engines of education and the betterment of communities that will carry the brand Rössing even when some of us are long gone.”

NIMT Executive Director Ralph Bussel praised the work of Rössing, saying the donation places a huge relief to the transport burden at the institution.

Bussel highlighted the continued hard work of NIMT in producing disciplined artisans who are qualified to take on industry.

“It is because of donation of Rössing like that that we are able to fulfil our mandate. Many of our products here are proud employees of Rössing and we can only produce more qualified artisans with the help of the absorbing industry,” said Bussel.

Bussel also highlighted the transport troubles that existed at the institution, citing that most of their fleet is exhausted and with busses experiencing weekly ageing mechanical breakdowns.

“We really appreciate the work you continue to do for us. This is by most the biggest contribution to our institution, and it is surely a huge boost to fulfilling our mandate,” said Bussel.

Instrumentation trainee Tia Conradie shared sentiments of appreciation on behalf of the student community, highlighting that besides her dreams being to work for Rössing, the donation is a huge relief the school.

“Thank you very much Rössing for contribution to our education journey. The comfort of the new busses will surely contribute positively to our education here at NIMT,” enthused Conradie.

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