

## Media release

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Bonus One

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### **RÖSSING MARATHON CHAMPIONS RECEIVE DEVELOPMENT BUSES**

The 2013 Rössing National Marathon champion, Paulus Iyambo, was awarded a development bonus worth N\$20 000 at the Namibia Defense Force's sport division in Windhoek.

Alina Armas, winner in the Ladies Open category of the marathon, also received N\$20 000, but could not attend the handover event because of her representing Namibia at the World Athletics Championships in Moscow at the time. Both athletes are members of the NDF sport club in Windhoek.

These sponsorships, made in addition to the N\$10 000 cash prize, won by each of the two category winners during the Rössing marathon in February, forms part of the mine's focus on promoting healthy lifestyles. Rössing awards development bonuses to the Namibian winners in the Men's and Ladies Open categories to enable them to build their athletics careers beyond the actual marathon competition. This is the third consecutive year that the development bonuses are awarded. Rössing continues to monitor and support the careers and achievements of the two winners by continuing to render material support through the bonuses - to be spent on training gear, supplements, medical supplies in case of injuries and transport expenses for participation outside of Namibia. This sponsorship is part of Rio Tinto Rössing's long-term commitment to sport in Namibia.

Penda Kiiyala, Rössing's General Manager External Relations, said at the handover event: "We want to play our part in giving Namibia's championship athletes the best possible chance to succeed on the world stage. It then also becomes a celebration of the athletes' outstanding achievements beyond the Rössing Marathon earlier in the year. Paulus, winning the Rössing National Marathon Championship for a second year in a row in 2013, is a shining, young, up-and-coming talent for the future. We believe that our association with Namibian champions will inspire and encourage other young Namibians to get more involved in sport and be our sporting heroes of tomorrow."

Rössing will stage the 23rd Namibia National Marathon Championship next year and the popular event will again be hosted in Swakopmund on Saturday, 15 February 2014. The marathon received record numbers of runners from all over Namibia in 2013 and the company expects the same support again next year. Paulus, who has been plagued by injuries this year, is confident that he will be back to defend his title in 2014. In receiving the development bonus Paulus said: "I have started training again and will be working hard to make a successful return. With the help of the development bonus from Rössing I have been able to recover much faster and get back into top shape."

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The Rössing National Marathon Championship is an important event through which aspirant runners can attempt to qualify for the major South African long distance running events later in the year.

As usual, there will again be attractive cash prizes associated with next year's marathon and entries to the event will be announced in the media early next year.

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