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Your Excellency,

**REQUEST FOR SUPPORT TOWARDS THE REFURBISHMENT OF K.J. KAPEUA
COMBINED SCHOOL, OKANDJIRA, OVITOTO COMMUNAL AREA, OKAHANDJA
DISTRICT**

K.J. Kapeua Combined School is one of the Namibia Government Schools, under the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture. It is situated close to Ovitoto Government Clinic. It was built 40 years ago as a primary school for children of the Ovitoto settlement, and later upgraded to a combined school, welcoming learners from Pre-primary level to Grade 11. This school became dilapidated over the years, and the sewerage system and the teachers' housing are in a dire state. Lately, the school also started taking in learners from 5-Rand Settlement in Okahandja, which has added pressure on the learner accommodation facilities. The electricity bill of the school is also unaffordable and the proposed revamping exercise will also install solar energy facilities at the school.

Based on the above, we therefore welcome the opportunity, offered by Karibu Solar Kwetu Trading (Pty) Ltd, to upgrade the School, based on German standards for such educational facilities. We have been briefed by the Management of Karibu Solar Kwetu Trading (Pty) Ltd and we are convinced that they have the capability to take on this assignment (*see their CVs/portfolios attached*), which could in future be replicated to other needy schools in remote parts of Namibia.

The purpose of this letter is to request for your support in facilitating this undertaking. It is also important to note that this year, Namibia commemorates 100 years since the establishment of the Ovitoto Communal Area, which will occur on the 12th October 2024. Thus, given the historical connection of this particular area to the country's initial efforts for the struggle for independence, the refurbishment and upgrading of this school will be a special gift to the community. We believe

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that the success of this project will significantly contribute to the educational development of Otjozondjupa Region, and serve as a model for future educational projects in Namibia. To further illustrate this, the local Chief and his Council have provided a letter of support to the project, as attached. In light of the strong bilateral relations between Namibia and Germany, we kindly request the German Government to consider providing financial support for this ambitious and impactful project.

A detailed briefing on the interventions to be done by Karibu Solar Kwetu Trading (Pty) Ltd are in the memo attached to this letter and also illustrated in the attached detailed presentation.

We look forward to your favourable consideration of our request.

Yours sincerely,


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