



Ohorongo Otavi Community Trust

Joined press conference

Ohorongo Otavi Community Trust – Global United – Energy for Future

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INTERNATIONAL SOCCER IN OTAVI

SOCCER LEGENDS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD PLAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF OTAVI

The Ohorongo Otavi Community Trust (OOCT) announced during a joined press conference held together with German NGO Global United FC e.V. (GU) and Schwenk Namibia subsidiary Energy for Future that international, regional and local soccer legends will gather for a historic soccer match on Otavi's soccer field. Soccer legends such as Lolo Goraseb, Phil Masinga, Sunday Oliseh and Guido Buchwald will be part of the team challenging players from regional soccer teams, while well-known Namibian artist Gazza will entertain the crowd with a musical performance.

The game will take place on the 3rd of April at 14h50 in Otavi, with Honourable Dr Hage Geingob, Minister of Trade and Industry to kick-off the match. Hans-Wilhelm Schütte, trustee of OOCT is excited: 'This is a once-only opportunity for the Otavi community. Just imagine soccer legends such as Lolo and Phil Masinga playing soccer here in Otavi on our field and to raise awareness of the objectives of our trust!'

The soccer field is currently being refurbished as part of the latest initiative by OOCT which includes the repair of the netball, volleyball and basketball courts as well as the renovation of the soccer stadium and ablution facilities. The soccer match is to bring the people of Otavi together to celebrate the

refurbishment of the soccer field while at the same time raise awareness of climate change. The repair of the Otavi sports facilities is only the latest of initiatives undertaken by the trust, who as mandate adopted the objective to uplift the Otavi community. Other initiatives include the renovation and furnishing of the Otavi Health Clinic, installation of solar geysers for a local hostel as well as the refurbishment of the Otavi playground.

According to Schütte a number of partners joined the Trust to support the initiative of the trust as well as the event. Regional building contractor Nexus renovates the stadium and ablution facilities free of charge, while Khorab Lodge and Gabus Game Farm support the event by offering accommodation to the team members of Global United. International SOS supplies medical support and first aid at the game. First National Bank, who in the past already supported the trust, again donated a substantial amount in support of the event in Otavi, but also activities by GU in Windhoek. Further financial support is provided by Nampak. Members of the media house Democratic Media Holdings, Allgemeine Zeitung, Republikein and Namibian Sun are invaluable partners to the trust by spreading the news of the game all over the country.

Global United FC is a football project that consists of more than 300 of the world's most famous former players and coaches, including stars such as Fredi Bobic, Mark Fish and Lothar Matthäus. It is our mission to fight for a better environment by playing exhibition football matches at various worldwide locations affected by climate change. Founder and President of the NGO, Lutz Pfannenstiel, indicates: 'Global United FC will fight climate change in two ways, firstly by using the global popularity of football and its most recognizable players to raise awareness on the alarming issue of global warming, and secondly by donating the matches' proceeds to support organizations and research institutions dedicated to fighting against climate change.'

The current visit of Global United is the second to the country. While last year's visit concentrated on Windhoek, the main activities planned for this year's stay are focused on Otavi. GU is supported by a number of international and Namibian sponsors including Schwenk Zement KG, Conleys, SAT1, Hoffenheim and Polytan, as well as the Namibia Tourism Board, Wilderness Safaris, SWA Safaris, The Village Courtyard Suites, Ohorongo Cement (PTY) Ltd, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, First National Bank, Windhoek Country Club, Hotel Thule, Air Namibia and Leading Lodges of Africa.

Most of the international players have never even heard of the small town of Otavi before the game was scheduled in Otavi. 'It is our privilege to show what we stand for in this game – raising awareness to important social and environmental issues through the power of sport. We hope that through this game we manage to put Otavi on the map, and show to the world what significant potential this pretty little town has,' Lolo Goraseb, Namibian soccer legend states.

The game follows the official 'bush-breaking' ceremony of Energy for Future (PTY) Ltd (EFF), sister company of Ohorongo Cement (PTY) Ltd. EFF will both in terms of environmental and socio-economic aspects responsibly harvest encroacher bush on the farms in Otavi and surrounding areas to supply the Ohorongo cement factory with wood chips. The cement producer will use the wood chips to replace coal in the cement production process. With the woodchips supplied by EFF, Ohorongo will not have to

import coal from South Africa anymore, but can use an abundant local resource. Harvesting encroacher bush will not only benefit the Namibian balance of payments, but also the farmers who employ the services of EFF in that reduced bush growth allows increased cattle production. In addition, the use of wood from encroacher bush has significant positive impact on CO2 emissions, which are significantly lower than in the case of coal. Representatives of Global United will take part in the kick-off celebrations of Energy for Future.

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