ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL REHOBOTH

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Press Release

On Monday, 13th August 2007, St. Mary's Hospital, Rehoboth is going to start with major renovation and restructuring works, as the only CHS District Hospital which has not been renovated since Independence.

The St. Mary's Hospital is managed by Catholic Health Services (CHS), the building is owned by the Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Keetmanshoop. As a District Hospital, it is fully subsidized by the Ministry of Health & Social Services (MOHSS). As per the Partnership Agreement between the Roman Catholic Church and MOHSS, the latter is expected to contribute 50% of the renovation costs.

The renovation and restructure works are planned to take place during the next 3 years, conducted in phases, depending on the availability of funds. The overall cost of the project is estimated at 38 Mio N$. Fundraising is ongoing and any contribution will be very welcomed. Please contact the project office at St. Mary's Hospital. Telephone: 062 522 006, e-Mail: stmarys.renovation@chs-namibia.org, http://www.chs-namibia.org

The project plans are based on a feasibility study and design report of Eckhard Siedentopf, Architectural design in Windhoek. Quantity Surveyors are Dawn Adams & Associates, Windhoek. On the hospital's side, a project office has been setup to co-ordinate the various stakeholders', donors' and the community's needs and enquiries.

On Monday, 13th of August 2007, the first phase, including the renovation & alteration of the paediatric ward is going to start. This is possible thanks to the funds received from France Coorporation (French Embassy in Namibia), The Johanniter International Assistance in Germany, Missio Würzburg in Germany and Diocese Würzburg in Germany and PMK. The newly setup ward is planned to be finished in November 2007.

The celebration at St.Mary's Hospital for the project commencement (start) on the 13th of August 2007 – 10:00, will be met by his Excellency, Bishop Philipp Pöllitzer (Diocese of Keetmanshoop), Sister Ottilie Kutenda (Director of CHS Health Services), Mrs. Castellanos (MOHSS) and Mr. Eckhard Siedentopf (Architect).

Directors: Bishop J. Shikongo (Chairman), Archbishop L. Nashenda, Bishop P. Pöllitzer, Sr. I.K. Poroto, Dr. G. Thengumthottathil, Sr. M. Haita, Sr. B. Bohetile, Sr. O. Kutenda (Dir. Health)