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**STRATEGIC PLAN
2008-2013**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

One of Namibia's energy policy goals is to increase electricity generation from domestic sources in combination with the objective of environmental protection. In the White Paper on Energy Policy of 1998, the Government of Namibia categorically states that the effective implementation of these policies is dependent on the creation of adequate institutional and human resource capacity. It further elaborates that it would establish an institutional base, with adequate human resources, to house and manage programmes on energy efficiency and energy conservation. This has ultimately culminated in the launch and support of institutes like the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Institute. Prior to the establishment of REEEI, the Government of Namibia commissioned quite a number of programmes in the area of sustainable energy. These programmes include, the Promotion of the Use of Renewable Energy Sources in Namibia with support from GTZ in 1993, Renewable Energy Information Network Namibia (REINAM) in 1997, the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Bureau of Namibia (R-3-E Bureau) and Namibia Renewable Energy Programme (NAMREP) in 2003. REEEI was formally launched in October 2006 after a series of consultations and workshops with various stakeholders.

This strategic plan document which was developed through wide consultations by the institute with support from the Ministry of Mines and Energy and guidance from the Rector of the Polytechnic of Namibia will cover the period 2008 to 2013. The document will be a guide for the Institute as it embarks on the road to provide concise information on renewable energy and energy efficiency to the people of Namibia. The document will also provide the detailed position, plans and strategies of the Institute to stakeholders at the Polytechnic of Namibia (PoN), Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME), the Government of the Republic of Namibia (GRN), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other stakeholders. The Institute has streamlined its goals and objectives in order to fulfil its Vision and Mission. The Institute's database will be used as a tool to store and distribute information to stakeholders through the web. Interaction with the public through regular radio discussions and newspaper articles is designed to reach out to as many people as possible.

Collaboration with various PoN departments as well as establishment of linkages with both local and international research institutes is meant to raise the capacity building drive. It will also assist REEEI to have access to the latest trends and developments in the renewable energy and energy efficiency (RE & EE) field. The Institute's success will depend on public and private funding as well funding-raising through project management and awareness activities. During the period covered by the strategic plan, the success of the DANIDA funded Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Capacity Building Programme (REEECAP) and securing of Global Environmental Facility (GEF) funding for the Namibian Energy Efficiency Programme will be of paramount importance to the Institute.