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## General Notice

### BANK OF NAMIBIA

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#### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NEW NAMIBIAN COINS AND UPGRADED BANKNOTES TO BE ISSUED BY THE BANK OF NAMIBIA

In terms of section 40(2) of the Bank of Namibia Act, 2020 (Act No. 1 of 2020) as amended, the Bank of Namibia hereby announces the characteristics of the new Namibian Coins and the Upgraded Banknotes that will be issued by the Bank of Namibia during August 2025. The new Namibian Coins and Upgraded Banknotes have been approved by the Minister of Finance under section 40(1) of the Bank of Namibia Act, 2020 (Act No. 1 of 2020) as amended.

#### Upgraded Namibian Banknotes

1. This Upgraded Banknote series which features advanced and newly introduced security elements are:
  - 1.1 10 Namibia Dollars (N\$10)
  - 1.2 20 Namibia Dollars (N\$20)
  - 1.3 50 Namibia Dollars (N\$50)

- 1.4 100 Namibia Dollars (N\$100)
- 1.5 200 Namibia Dollars (N\$200)
2. **N\$10:** The primary colour of the N\$10 banknote is blue, and the secondary colour is orange. Its dimensions are 129mm x 70mm. On the obverse is the portrait of His Excellency Dr. Sam Nujoma. On the reverse, the antelope illustrated is the Springbok. The multi-tonal three-dimensional watermark is a Springbok.
3. **N\$20:** The primary colour of the N\$20 banknote is brown, and the secondary colour is orange. Its dimensions are 134mm x 70mm. On the obverse is the portrait of His Excellency Dr. Sam Nujoma. On the reverse, the antelope illustrated is the Red Hartebeest. The multi-tonal three-dimensional watermark is a Red Hartebeest.
4. **N\$50:** The primary colour of the N\$50 banknote is green, and the secondary colour is yellow. Its dimensions are 140mm x 70mm. On the obverse is the portrait of Kaptein Hendrik Witbooi. On the reverse, the antelope illustrated is the Kudu. The multi-tonal three-dimensional watermark is a Kudu.
5. **N\$100:** The primary colour of the N\$100 banknote is red, and the secondary colour is pink. Its dimensions are 147mm x 70mm. On the obverse is the portrait of Kaptein Hendrik Witbooi. On the reverse, the antelope illustrated is the Oryx. The multi-tonal three-dimensional watermark is an Oryx.
6. **N\$200:** The primary colour of the N\$200 banknote is violet, and the secondary colours are ochre and sage. Its dimensions are 152mm x 70mm. On the obverse is the portrait of Kaptein Hendrik Witbooi. On the reverse, the animal illustrated is the Roan Antelope. The multi-tonal three-dimensional watermark is a Roan Antelope.
7. The House of Parliament is visible to the left behind the main portrait and also appears on each banknote denomination symbolizing Namibia's sovereignty.
8. On the reverse side of each banknote denomination the Namibian Coat of Arms appears.
9. The N\$10 and N\$20 banknotes are printed on a composite substrate known as Durasafe and the N\$50, N\$100 and N\$200 banknotes are printed on cotton.

**The following main security features appear on the Upgraded Banknotes:**

1. The N\$10 and N\$20 banknotes have a see-through window in the form of a diamond shape (rombus) with the Bank of Namibia logo embossed inside the window.
2. A perfect see-through registration feature producing the word "BoN" appears on all the banknote denominations when they are held up to the light.
3. Small circles are printed on both sides of each banknote denomination as an anti-copying measure, enhancing the banknotes resistance to unauthorized reproduction.
4. All banknote denominations have a glossy varnish coating which becomes shiny and visible when viewing the banknotes at an angle.
5. Raised printed lines for the visually impaired are present at the long edge of each banknote denomination as follows: N\$10 has two raised printed lines, N\$20 has four raised printed lines; N\$50 has six raised printed lines, N\$100 has eight raised printed lines, and the N\$200 has ten raised printed lines.

6. The signature of the Governor of the Bank of Namibia, Mr. Johannes !Gawaxab, is printed in raised ink on the obverse of each banknote denomination.
7. The SparkLive® feature appears in the form of the Bank of Namibia logo showing a moving light effect shifting between two colours. On the N\$50 banknote the colours shift from green to blue. On the N\$100 banknote the colours shift from magenta to green and on the N\$200 banknote the colour shifts from gold to green.

**On the reverse side of the banknote, the following visible security features appear:**

1. All banknote denominations have a horizontal black serial number and an asymmetric vertical red serial number.
2. Each banknote denomination has a customized security thread that pulses colour and switches between the monetary denomination and the antelope.
  - 2.1 The N\$10 denomination banknote has the Ignite Security Thread containing the number “10” and the silhouette of the Springbok.
  - 2.2 The N\$20 denomination banknote has the Ignite Security Thread containing the number “20” and the silhouette of the Red Hartebeest.
  - 2.3 The N\$50 denomination banknote has the Pure Image Security Thread containing the number “50” and a Kudu.
  - 2.4 The N\$100 denomination banknote has the Pure Image Security Thread containing the number “100” and an Oryx.
  - 2.5 The N\$200 denomination banknote has the Pure Image Security Thread containing the number “200” and an image of a Roan Antelope.

Pictorial representations of the Upgraded Namibian Banknotes:

**N\$10: Obverse**



**N\$10: Reverse**



**N\$20: Obverse**



**N\$20: Reverse**



**N\$50: Obverse****N\$50: Reverse****N\$100: Obverse****N\$100: Reverse****N\$200: Obverse****N\$200: Reverse****New Namibian Coins**

1. The new series of coins are denominated as follows:
  - 1.1 10 Namibia Cents (10c)
  - 1.2 20 Namibia Cents (20c)
  - 1.3 50 Namibia Cents (50c)
  - 1.4 1 Namibia Dollar (N\$1)
  - 1.5 5 Namibia Dollars (N\$5)
2. The motifs on the obverse of the new coins have been updated with themes that celebrate **Namibia's top five economic sectors** namely: Mining, Retail, Agriculture, Manufacturing and Tourism. These sectors were selected for their substantial contributions to national GDP and their pivotal roles in driving economic growth and development.
3. The Namibian Coat of Arms is depicted as the main motif on the reverse of all the coin denominations.
4. **10 cent coin:** The sector represented by the coin is **Agriculture** with the main motif depicted on the obverse being a **Pearl Millet Crop**. The pearl millet represents the agricultural sector in Namibia. The motif symbolizes the resilience and importance of agriculture as a key pillar of the Namibian economy, providing sustenance and livelihoods for many Namibians. The composition of the 10 cent coin is copper plated steel, the diameter 15.50mm ± 0.10 mm and the weight is 1.60 ± 0.10 g. The edge of the coin has partial serration.

5. **20 cent coin:** The new 20 cent coin represents the **Manufacturing** sector and has a main motif depicting **Green Energy**, which is represented by a windmill and the sun as symbols of the future of Namibia's manufacturing industry and commitment to green energy. The composition of the 20 cent coin is copper plated steel, the weight  $2.00 \text{ g} \pm 0.12 \text{ g}$  and the diameter  $17.50 \pm 0.10 \text{ mm}$ . The new 20 cent coin has a serrated edge.
6. **50 cent coin:** **Tourism** is the sector that is represented by the 50 cent coin. The main motif depicted on the obverse of the 50 cent coin is the "**Sossusvlei**" valley which is world famous for its spectacular sand dunes and the dead trees of the "Soussusvlei Deadvlei". The composition of the 50 cent coin is brass plated steel, the weight  $2.50 \pm 0.15 \text{ g}$  and the diameter  $19.50 \pm 0.10 \text{ mm}$ . The new 50 cent coin has a partial serrated edge.
7. **N\$1 coin:** The N\$1 coin represents the **Retail** sector and the motif on the obverse depicts **two hands exchanging coins in a retail transaction**. The motif symbolizes the fundamental essence of retail - the act of buying and selling. The composition of the N\$1 coin is brass plated steel, the weight  $3.70 \pm 0.22 \text{ g}$ , and the diameter  $21.50 \pm 0.10 \text{ mm}$ . The new N\$1 coin has plain and grooved edge.
8. **N\$5 coin:** The N\$5 coin represents the **Mining** sector. On the obverse of the N\$5 coin, the motif is a combined **polished and rough diamond**. The coin highlights the economic value and global significance of Namibia's mining sector, showcasing the country as a leading player in the diamond industry. The composition of the N\$5 coin is a bi-metallic, nickel-plated steel core and a brass-plated steel ring, the weight is  $6.9 \text{ g}$  and the diameter  $29.0 \text{ mm}$ . The new N\$5 coin has an irregular milled edge.

### Security Features

1. The **N\$5 coin** has microtext "5 Namibia Dollars" along the border pattern.
2. **Latent Image:** When turning the coin, one can see the image changing from the sun of the Namibian flag to the initials BoN (Bank of Namibia).

Pictorial representations of the new Namibian Coins denominations:

**10 Cent: Obverse**



**10 Cent: Reverse**



**20 Cent: Obverse**



**20 Cent: Reverse**



**50 Cent: Obverse****50 Cent: Reverse****N\$1: Obverse****N\$1: Reverse****N\$5: Obverse****N\$5: Reverse**

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