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Launch of the Davin Trustco Hockey Stadium / Africa Junior U21 World Cup Qualifier Tournament

The Trustco sponsored artificial hockey turf field at Windhoek High School will decide -- between 18 and 28 March during the Namibian Independence Celebration week -- which of seven aspiring African nations will carry the torch of the continent at the U21 Ladies World Hockey Championships in Chile and the U21 Men's World Championships in India later this year.

In a historic Namibian sport event, the Trustco sponsorship will launch the nation once again onto the international sporting stage, introducing competitors to the most modern and highest quality international standards of hockey surfaces available.

The Trustco Group Holdings (TGH) contribution of several millions of Namibian dollars to the Janine and Suzelle Davin Sport Trust have propelled Namibia to the forefront of hockey infrastructure development. The astro turf at Windhoek High School, together with the Trustco sponsored astro turf at Trustco Bank Aloe Hockey Park at Windhoek Gymnasium private school, fulfils a long cherished dream of hockey Namibia, one of the nation's most successful and fastest growing sports codes.

Competitors with world champion aspirations from seven African nations; South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Nigeria, Egypt and Namibia, will compete in this prestigious tournament.



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The local organizer of the Africa Junior U21 World Cup Qualifier Tournament, Mr Johan Weyhe, encouraged Namibian companies to emulate the Trustco example of developing the sport talents of the youth by investing in world class facilities like the astro turfs. Weyhe expressed his appreciation to Trustco Group Holdings on behalf of the Namibian Hockey Union by making the dream a reality. "Trustco once again demonstrated their commitment to sport development in particular and the role of sport in establishing excellence in a healthy and competitive environment in general in Namibia."

"Although we will be competing against some of the powerhouses of world junior hockey, Namibia is committed to compete in a spirit that will do the nation proud, just as the infrastructure development, with the assistance of Trustco, will no doubt do, too." Weyhe further said Namibian hockey is mindful of the philosophy of the Trustco MD, Dr Quinton van Rooyen, that Namibia is not merely participating in international events, but also competing as equals within the rules of good sportsmanship, striving towards excellence wherever the flag of the nation is carried.

The official opening of the U21 Junior Africa World Cup Qualifier will be held on 18 March at Windhoek High School, to which all, but the hockey fraternity in particular, is invited. Matches will be played under international field conditions that will be unveiled by the Namibian hosts when the official opening of The Trustco Davin Hockey Stadium will take place.

The astro turf development is the result of a long term commitment between Trustco and the Janine and Suzelle Davin Sport Trust who is well known for excellence in sports development amongst the youth. The partnership included the historic completion of the newly constructed artificial hockey turf field at Windhoek High School, as well as a long term branding agreement between the two partners.

The stadium will officially be known as The Davin Trustco Hockey Stadium and is a dream come true for all hockey players and enthusiasts. It is expected that the venue will be a springboard for the Namibian youth to hone their talents and competitive edge for showcasing on the international sporting arena.

"We as the trustees of the Janine and Suzelle Davin Sport Trust are proud to associate with Trustco and we are looking forward to create opportunities, to develop hockey players and to give them a chance to live their dreams," said Mr Herman Davin, Trustee of the Janine and Suzelle Davin Sport Trust. He



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furthermore also thanked the Janine and Suzelle Davin Sport Trust, the Davin Family and FNB Trust for their generous sponsorships and also all the individual sponsorships from hockey enthusiasts who contributed to making this dream a reality.

Dr Quinton Van Rooyen, Group Managing Director of Trustco, in a message to participants and organizers of the historic Windhoek event, expressed the expectation that the event will catapult Namibia as serious contender as host of world class events and showcasing the Namibian standards to the rest of the world. "Namibia is no doubt a worthy flag bearer of the African march towards development in all fields of human endeavour and respected, equal partners in the relentless walk to achieving the highest of standards," van Rooyen said.

The two venues earmarked for 10 days of spectacular continental hockey talent will be the Davin Trustco Hockey Stadium at Windhoek High School and the Trustco Bank Aloe Hockey Park situated at Windhoek Gymnasium Private School.

All hockey enthusiasts and players are invited to visit these two premises over the 10 days. Games will be played during the day and matches will also take place during evenings. The daily entrance fee is N\$ 20 and the starting time will be 18h00 for the official opening on Friday the 18th of March 2016. Matches played before and directly after the official opening will be as follows;

- 17:30 The **Namibia Men's Team vs Egypt Men's Team**
- 20:00 The **Namibia Women's Team vs Botswana Women's**

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About Trustco Group Holdings Limited.

Trustco Group Holdings Limited is a listed financial services group that invests in sustainable high growth assets in emerging markets.

The Group focuses on three operating segments namely, Insurance & Investments, Resources and Banking & Finance. These operating segments are augmented by a support services component.

About the Corporate Social Investment (CSI) activities of the Group

Trustco Group and its subsidiaries subscribe to the sustainable implementation of CSI initiatives which seek to augment and enhance the group strategy.

Trustco Group has invested approximately N\$ 10 million in the Namibia Squash Association for more than a decade to assist, develop and ensure the growth of squash in Namibia.

The Group has invested N\$ 7.6 million in sport, educational sponsorships, NGO's and special causes for the 2015 financial year.

Furthermore, the Group has invested significantly in both the Trustco Davin Hockey Stadium and the Trustco Bank Aloe Hockey Park, the first two artificial hockey turf fields in Namibia.

Trustco Group and Trustco Air Services also sponsored an amount to the tune of N\$ 1.5 million towards hosting a memorable Trustco Namibia International Air Show 2015, the first air show to be held in Namibia since 1995.

Trustco also sponsored an amount of N\$ 3.7 million towards the Trustco Namibia Sevens tournament, the first international sevens tournament held in Namibia.

Most recently the Group concluded a sponsorship agreement with the Trustco United Sport Club worth several million over a period of 20 years.

The group aspires to remain at the forefront of corporate citizenry, investing in and giving back to the Namibian society.

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