

NAU defends

THE Namibia Agricultural Union acknowledges the right of every individual, enshrined in the constitution of the Republic of Namibia, to express his or her democratic views. Any reaction to a letter in a newspaper would also be in accordance with this. It is however impossible to react fully to a letter of Mr KR Sievers, with the heading 'Outdated privilege' which appeared in your September 3 edition, in order to set the

record straight.

Most of Mr Sievers' allegations, targeted at the commercial farmers, would necessitate factual clarifications and explanations, which your newspaper would not have enough space for.

Let us focus on the issue at hand: "... the commercial farmers have no real reason for complaint about the new book value of their stock". Despite the privileged position of the past, the commercial farmer still has a crucial and very important role to play in the Namibian

economy and society.

The NAU, as the representative body of the majority of commercial farmers as well as some communal farmers, commits itself to handling agriculture and related affairs effectively at local, national and international levels to the benefit of the society. This is

a mission statement of the union.

Its actions since independence and before speak of a positive commitment towards the country and its people. It certainly does not want to evade its responsibilities, like paying taxes.

At its annual congress in August the NAU accepted the principle that livestock values should be adjusted and that agriculture should be treated equally to other sectors. The congress however felt that the unique situation of the farmer (commercial as well as communal) should be taken into consideration and that only realised profits should be taxed.

Can you expect farmers, who made no profits due to the drought situation, to pay taxes on the increased livestock values and still survive? Also, what about their dependents, those who have worked on their farms for years? If the concerned farmers have no income, who will care for their farm workers? Remember, agriculture is one of the biggest employees.

The congress also decided that the NAU should negotiate with government about the equalisation system regarding agronomy farmers. The abolition of the system will hit agronomy farmers the hardest, because they will be fully taxable on every commercial harvest, but only be allowed to deduct the losses of a bad season from the next good harvest. The fluctuations of our climate and variable rainy seasons are known factors and agronomy should be assisted with all possible means, whether commercial or communal.

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Letters to Editor

CITY OF WINDHOEK

CITY ELECTRICAL ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

CONTRACT NO CEE 1/93

CONTRACT TITLE:

SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF STREETLIGHTING IN KATUTURA AND WANAHEDE

NOTICE TO TENDERERS:

Tenders are hereby invited from competent contractors for the supply, delivery and installation of streetlighting in Katutura and Wanahede.

TENDER DOCUMENTS:

Tender documents will be available as from Monday 25 October 1993 from the City Electrical Engineer's Department, P O Box 5011, Armstrong Street, Windhoek.

AMOUNT PAYABLE:

NS 200-00 per set of documents, which sum is non-refundable. Payment shall be made at the offices of the City Electrical Engineer's Department before documents will be issued.

SITE INSPECTION:

The City Electrical Engineer and/or a representative will conduct prospective tenderers on a site inspection, departing from the conference room at the offices of the City Electrical Engineer's Department, Armstrong Street, Windhoek, on Monday 1 November 1993 at 14h30.

CLOSING TIME, DATE AND PLACE:

Tenders in sealed envelopes, endorsed "CONTRACT CEE 1/93 STREETLIGHTING IN KATUTURA AND WANAHEDE," must be delivered to the undersigned or deposited in the tender box on the ground floor, Municipal offices, Independence Avenue before 12:00 on Friday 12 November 1993. Immediately thereafter, tenders will be opened in public in the Committee Room on the mezzanine floor, between the first and second floors, Municipal Offices.

ENQUIRIES:

Mr R Zietsman, V W L Namibia Inc, 8 Curt von Francois Street, Windhoek.
Tel: 061-37704/5, Fax 061-33595.

The Employer does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.
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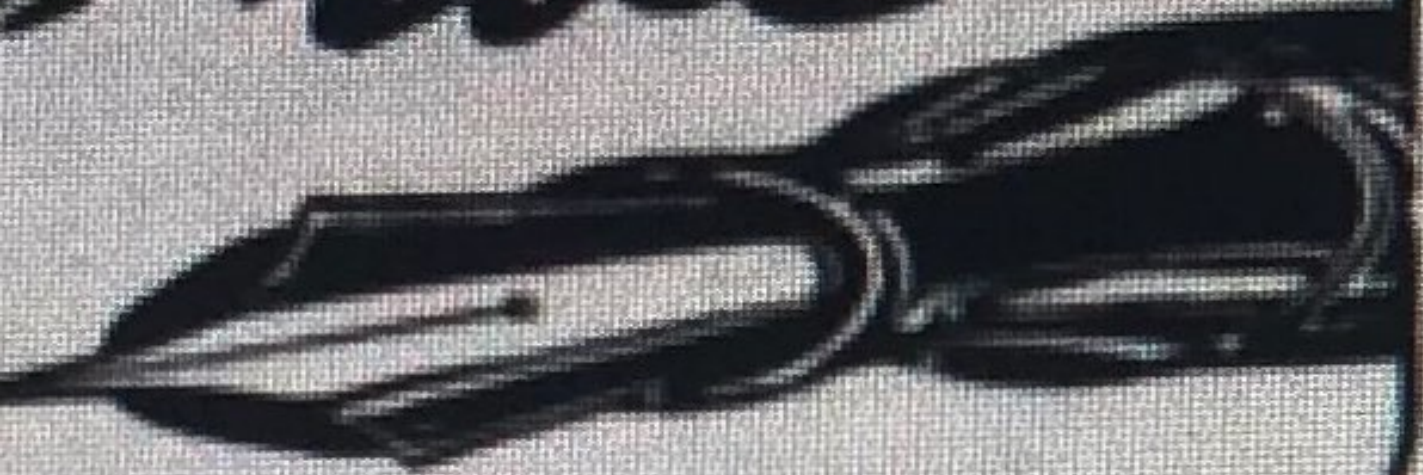
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The amended tax system regarding agriculture will affect every who is farming productively and paying taxes. The NAU very much supports every effort that is aimed at the assistance of communal farmers to become commercial farmers. The new increased livestock values will however also negatively affect them and any other newcomers from the outset.

It would be totally unreasonable to suggest that the farmers (especially the commercial farmers) have no case whatsoever regarding the increased livestock values. In the same breath, it would also be totally

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of unfair to link this matter to the past, as Mr Sievers has stated: "They no longer deserve privileges or sympathy. It is now for them and not the taxpayers, to bear the consequence of their negligence and selfishness in the past".

Let us assure Mr Sievers that the commercial farmers are committed to this country and its people and would not like to lay claim to anything at the expense of any person or sector. And they are taxpayers as well.

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