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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### *Namibian Team wins big at the Eskom Science Fair*

The Namibian science team sponsored by the National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) who attended the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists International Science Fair 2014 in Boksburg, South Africa, last week walked away with big prizes.

The Namibian team who exhibited their Nampower Science Fair winning projects at the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists International Science Fair, consisted of Branden van der Cloff, Albert Weck, Wilka Johannes, Jesse Witbooi and Craig McNally - walked away with two silver and two bronze medals.

The Eskom Expo for Young Scientists (Eskom Expo) International Science Fair is South Africa's largest international science fair, providing an annual forum for more than 822 finalists from over 31 regions and 4 countries, including Namibia to showcase their independent research, and compete for prizes.

“We are so proud of the Namibian team, and wish them all the best in their pursuit of science careers. The NCRST remains committed to their development and interest in science through endeavours such as this, and hope to send an even bigger team to the Expo in the years to come”, said Ms Angelique Philander, Manager: Human and Institutional Development, and Science Promotion at the NCRST.

Eskom Expo brings together the brightest young scientific minds, giving them the opportunity to showcase their talents on a national stage, where judges review and judge their research projects in one of the 25 categories available.

Finalists at the Eskom Expo ISF - not only gain exposure to careers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and innovation, (STEMI) but also stand a chance of winning laptops, mobile science kits, university bursaries, cash, electronic equipment etc. Some even get the opportunity to participate in prestigious international science fairs

The Eskom expo's primary aim is to encourage the youth of South Africa, and Africa to participate in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and innovation (STEMI) activities in order to promote an interest in these areas with the long-term view to developing scientific skills

The Eskom Expo for Young Scientists is a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting interest in the fields of science and technology, with the ultimate goal of urging young people into these careers. In addition, the nature of the project results in public awareness of science and technology, an area of increasing importance worldwide and in South Africa and SADC.

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