



## News Release

### **B2Gold supports SRT with three-year sponsorship**

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**Windhoek, 4 September.** B2Gold Namibia will support *Save The Rhino Trust (SRT)* with a total of N\$3 million. The funds will be distributed over three years at roughly one million per year.

B2Gold made this commitment at a networking event hosted by the company in partnership with *Namibian Environment & Wildlife Society (NEWS)*. Various representatives from the conservation fraternity were invited and the aim of the event was for like-minded individuals to share their thoughts on conservation and the fight against poaching in Namibia.

A symbolic B2Gold sponsorship cheque was jointly handed over to SRT by Mark Dawe (Managing Director of B2Gold Namibia) and Dr Malan Lindeque (Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Environment & Tourism). It was received on behalf of SRT by Simson Uri-Khob (CEO).

After the hand-over ceremony, Mr Uri-Khob gave an update on the activities of SRT and the current state of affairs as far as rhino poaching was concerned. He emphasised that the fight against poaching requires all stakeholders to work together – from grassroots community level upwards. “We will only win the war against poaching if all stakeholders take hands.”

SRT is internationally recognized as an expert in the field of black rhino conservation and a leading example of community-based, grass roots conservation. Through their work, the black rhino has come back from the brink of extinction. Now these animals face a new surge in poaching driven by international crime syndicates. SRT relies solely on the support of local and international donors for their conversation work.

B2Gold has a well-established Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme that supports community projects within four focal areas: education, health, livelihood (SME) development and environmental conservation. It will spend in excess of N\$13 million on CSR in 2015 – the first full year of production for the company’s Otjikoto Mine. During the construction phase (2013 to 2014) of Otjikoto, B2Gold had already spent a total of N\$7 million on CSR in Namibia.

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