

Inauguration of the Rhino-Halliburton Technology Centre at UNAM Southern Campus

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The University of Namibia (UNAM) proudly inaugurated the Rhino-Halliburton Technology Centre at its Southern Campus in Keetmanshoop, on 24 October 2024. This state-of-the-art facility marks an important milestone in advancing geoscience education and research capabilities, not only at the Southern Campus but across Namibia.



The Technology Centre has been outfitted with next-generation computing hardware from **Rhino Resources** along with a comprehensive three-year software package from **Halliburton**. This combined donation, valued at over **N\$130 million**, will significantly enhance research and practical training in **Petroleum Geology, Engineering Geology, Geophysics, and Data Analysis**.

The lab is a demonstration of the collaboration between academia and industry, aiming to empower students and researchers with advanced tools for geoscience exploration and production.

Speaking at the inauguration, **Prof. Dr. Kenneth Matengu**, UNAM Vice Chancellor, emphasised the importance of the Technology Centre in augmenting the University's research capabilities. The establishment of this facility confirms our promise to the nation that UNAM is committed to providing students with the best possible scientific tools.

These resources will deepen their knowledge and develop their skills to effectively contribute to Namibia's energy mix and sustainably grow the natural resources sectors. This is the perfect opportunity to do so."



Ms. Maria Mbudhi, Namibia Deputy Country Manager of Rhino Resources, remarked, "Rhino is extremely proud of this initiative, which was birthed through a strategic industry partnership, for the benefit of the student community at UNAM. The opening of this facility is a cornerstone that has been set for a future generation of Namibian students to build a brighter tomorrow. Rhino is looking forward to seeing the wealth of Namibian talent that will come through these doors, ready to participate in the energy industry and contribute to the economic growth of the Land of the Brave."

Mr. Antoine Berel, Halliburton Vice President Africa Other South, stated, "This collaboration strengthens our investment in Namibia's future by equipping students and early-career professionals with cutting-edge tools and knowledge,"



Dr. Absai Vatuva, Head of the Department of Geosciences in the School of Science, expressed enthusiasm for the opportunities the new lab will bring. “This Technology Centre is a game-changer for our students and staff. With the advanced hardware and software at their disposal, we are now equipped to lead groundbreaking research and foster innovation in geosciences.”

The cutting-edge hardware donated by **Rhino Resources** comprises of **15 high-end Dell workstations with dual 27-inch monitors, professional desks, ergonomic chairs and a video projector system**, all of which provide an optimal learning environment for the students.

The software bundle donated by **Halliburton** includes **DecisionSpace Petrophysics, DecisionSpace Geosciences 10ep, Seismic Analysis 10ep, and OpenWorks 5000.10.7.0**, all of which are integral to the exploration and production (E&P) sectors. A complete Dataset for Geoscience, reservoir, drilling and completion is also part of the donation.



These tools allow students and researchers to conduct detailed subsurface data analysis, seismic interpretation, and geophysical assessments, effectively bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical industry applications.

The Rhino-Halliburton Technology Centre represents a substantial investment in the future of Namibia's geoscience and energy sectors, providing hands-on training opportunities that prepare students to excel in their careers and within their communities.

UNAM looks forward to seeing the positive impact of this collaboration, setting a new standard for educational facilities in the region.

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About UNAM

The University of Namibia is the leading tertiary institution in Namibia, dedicated to providing quality education, research, and community engagement. With 12 campuses across the country, UNAM strives to empower students with the skills and knowledge to contribute to Namibia's social and economic development. UNAM is ranked 24th among the top 100 universities in Africa, out of more than 2,500 institutions on the continent, and is the only university in Namibia to be featured in The Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings for 2023, 2024 and 2025.

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About Rhino Resources

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Halliburton Industries Limited (Halliburton) provides a range of products and services to the energy industry, specialising in oil and gas exploration, drilling, and production, as well as engineering and construction services. Halliburton's dedication to excellence in research and education is exemplified by its support for the Rhino-Halliburton Technology Centre, offering students state-of-the-art tools to bridge the gap between academia and industry.

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