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**PRESS RELEASE**

**FALSE ALLEGATIONS REPORTED BY THE MEDIA**

The Namibian Newspaper and the Windhoek Observer recently falsely reported that the Ministry of Health and Social Services paid “N\$ 1 billion to unregistered suppliers, who were not registered to pay VAT (Value Added Tax)”.

This information is not accurate, as according to the audit query, the amount that is actually reported by the Auditor General is N\$ 981,025.85 (nine hundred and eighty-one thousand and twenty five Namibian dollars; and eighty-two cents), inclusive of VAT and not N\$ 981 million as incorrectly reported by the media.

The Ministry hereby sets the record clear and demand for an official apology from the media, for providing the nation with inaccurate information.

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