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**CRATON FOUNDATION STEPS IN TO EASE PUPIL ACCOMMODATION  
PRESSURES AT OLOF PALME PRIMARY SCHOOL**

A new classroom with space for between 30 and 40 pupils is going a long way towards easing the daily challenge confronting staff at Windhoek's Olof Palme Primary School: how to teach nearly 1 400 pupils with insufficient classrooms?

The new classroom, built at a cost of some N\$80 000, has been donated to the school by the Craton Foundation, corporate social investment vehicle of Craton Mining And Exploration Limited, the wholly-owned, Namibian-registered operating entity of International Base Metals Limited.

Thanking the foundation for the new classroom, Olof Palme Primary School Principal Julia Hangula said that, because of the dilemma arising from the high number of pupils and classroom shortage, grades 5 to 7 lessons have had to be in conducted in the mornings and grades 1 to 4 lessons in the afternoons. In addition, tents in a poor state of repair have had to be used as makeshift classrooms.

Craton Foundation Chairperson Kobus van Graan said the new classroom is the first major project to be funded by the Foundation since its inception in September last year.

"This is a first, important step for the Foundation in meeting its objective to create long-lasting relationships with the communities in which Craton Mining and Exploration operates, specifically by providing assistance for the social upliftment and educational advancement of Namibian citizens," van Graan said.

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