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NUST COUNCIL LAUNCHES FORENSIC INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS OF MISMANAGEMENT

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The Council of the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) hereby informs the public, stakeholders, and the broader academic community that it has taken decisive action in response to recent allegations of mismanagement involving the Vice Chancellor, Prof Erold Naomab.

In pursuit of transparency and accountability, the Council has resolved to initiate a forensic investigation to independently and impartially examine the allegations. This process will be conducted by an external firm with the requisite expertise to ensure objectivity and integrity. To preserve the integrity of the investigation, the Council resolved to place Prof. Naomab on precautionary suspension, effective 8 October 2025.

In the interim, the Council has appointed Prof Andrew Niikondo as Acting Vice Chancellor and Dr. Erling Kavita as Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Teaching, Learning and Technology to ensure continuity in leadership and operational stability.

These decisions were not taken lightly. They reflect the Council's unwavering commitment to good governance, ethical leadership, and the advancement of its strategic priorities.

The Council expresses its gratitude to all stakeholders for their continued support and assures all stakeholders that it remains focused on delivering quality education, fostering innovation, and maintaining the highest standards of integrity.

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