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Letter of Support

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of SchoolNet Namibia I should like to support "OLPC Namibia" comprising team members from the University of Namibia, University of Illinois, and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine' and their plan to empower the teachers with the skills to effectively integrate the XOs into their curricula.

SchoolNet Namibia has been providing sustainable, low cost, low energy technology and internet access solutions, as well as technical support and training services to schools, community-based organisations, and educational practitioners throughout Namibia since 1999. SchoolNet is strongly committed to the accelerated growth of Namibia's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Sector in line with our government's Vision 2030. We are a highly regarded and innovative not-for-profit ICT service provider to the education and community development sectors, committed to fulfilling our educational, social and environmental responsibilities. We are proud of our transparent promotion of free and open source technology, open educational content and affordable internet access solutions toward Namibia's educational advancement. I believe that SchoolNet Namibia *can* provide local logistic and technical support to your proposed venture at this school.

This letter comes with our sincere interest to support, where possible, and evaluate your (and Nicholas's) determined efforts to bring OLPC and XO to the Mupewa Primary School in Oshikuku, and recognises the indication of support provided by the Director of Education for the Omusati Region of northern Namibia.

Yours faithfully,

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