

# PolyCare brings affordable homes into reach

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**The PolyCare Research Technology Namibia factory was officially inaugurated yesterday by Vice-president Nangoloh Mbumba at Brakwater, just north of Windhoek.**

Touted as a success story following the 2016 Invest in Namibia Conference, this technology revolutionises housing construction and can substantially contribute to homes for the many Namibians in need.

The factory is a joint venture between PolyCare GmbH from Germany and local partners KL Construction, Namibbeton and Guinas Investment.

With President Hage Geingob's recent statement of the housing situation being a humanitarian crisis, this factory could not have come at a better time.

"The technology offered by PolyCare is a welcome addition to the ex-

isting traditional building systems as it has many advantages," Mbumba said. The system does not use water and is very efficient in its carbon footprint.

The construction method uses polymer bricks which are four times stronger than conventional concrete bricks and can be used to build any type of structure.

It is also very fast. It takes roughly two weeks to build a two-bedroom house at a starting price of N\$295 000, excluding the cost of the land.

The factory represents an investment of N\$38 million and moreover, PolyCare has undertaken to train SME builders to become part of the value chain. Bank Windhoek has agreed to funding prospective buyers in the lower- to medium-income brackets.

Readers will recall the show house constructed outside the Safari Hotel's conferencing centre during the 2016 investment indaba.



**BUILDING BLOCKS:** Dr Gerhard Dust from PolyCare in Germany shows Vice-president Nangoloh Mbumba a polymer brick constructed locally.

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