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PUBLIC NOTICE

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TWO PERCENT (2%) VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE 2019/2020 DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAMME

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. On 6 May 2019, His Excellency the President, in terms of Article 26(1) of the Namibian Constitution, read together with section 30(3) of the Disaster Risk Management Act, 2012 (Act No. 10 of 2012), declared a State of Emergency on account of the persisting severe national disaster of drought that exists in the whole country.
- 1.2. It is against this background that, a humble appeal is made to all Namibians to donate up to two percent (2%) of their annual basic salary. This request is not only applicable to those who earn a salary but to everyone who earns an income and is willing to donate.
- 1.3. It is emphasised that the said donation is voluntary and should be made in the spirit of goodwill and patriotism.
- 1.4. In line with the principles of accountability and good governance, Treasury approval has been granted to open a Bank Account, where the contributions shall be deposited. A donation and consent form for those wishing to volunteer by donating has also been developed (Form No. 2-0/0022).
- 1.5. The form has been designed to provide a mechanism for deduction/s from salaries and keeping the records of all donors as per the statutory requirement.
- 1.6. For those who wish to make direct deposit/s to the bank account, the details are herewith provided.

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Bank Name : Standard Bank Namibia Ltd Account Name : Drought Relief Account 2019

Account Number : 60004010573

Type of Account : Current Account

Branch Name : Ausspannplatz

Branch Code : 08 2672 EFT Transfer : 08 73 73 Status of Account : Active

Swift Code : SNBMNANX

2. IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES

2.1. This Public Notice and the donation/consent form is on all OMAs websites, where the Pledge Form can be downloaded for use.

- 2.2. Chief Executive Officers/Heads of Organisations/Entities are requested to create a platform for questions and answers/clarifications to employees to ensure effective implementation.
- 2.3. Furthermore, Chief Executive Officers/Heads of Organisations/Entities are requested to facilitate the deduction/s of the donations from the salaries of their employees as per their respective institutions' internal procedures.
- 2.4. Those who wish to make their donations through other means other than deduction/s from their salaries are free to do so, for example direct payment from their bank account or in cash. The donation and consent form must still be completed, signed and submitted together with the proof of payment to the respective head of organisation.
- 2.5. All heads of organisations/entities are kindly requested to receive the donation and consent forms from employees, proof of payment where applicable and submit all to the Executive Director, Office of the Prime Minister.
- 2.6. Private Citizens and self-employed individuals who wish to donate should also make arrangements to submit the donation and consent form and proof of payment to the Executive Director, Office of the Prime Minister.
- 2.7. In compliance with the State Finance Act, 1991(Act No. 31of 1991) and the Treasury Instructions made thereunder, the Treasury Instructions provide the requirements for donations to the State in terms of M A 0000 and M A 0101.

2.8. Therefore, it is compulsory that all those who wish to contribute by donating in any form should provide their personal particulars by filling the donation and consent form referred under paragraph **1.4 above**.

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