

Statement of sentiment from the Omaruru Basin Management Committee  
to the SADC Water Sector Programme

It is with great regret that we the elected but until now and over 8 month delayed unrecognized, OmBMC issue this statement.

We a group of highly motivated and well trained voluntary citizens who are all very much interested in the sustainable management of the water resources in the Erongo region. We have been trained with financial and technical support from the SADC Water Sector Programme to become a self governing committee and had hoped to complete the work planed on schedule.

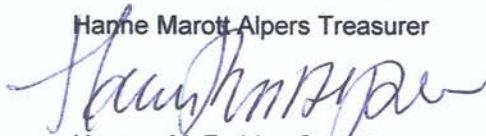

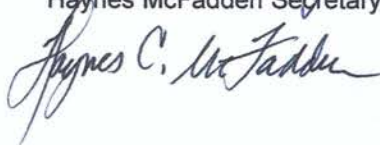
To this effect we duly submitted our budget in early December 2008 and requested a written recognition from the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Affairs so we would be in a position to open a bank account and legally sign documents on behalf of the OmBMC. We have waited for this recognition since October 2008. We have since the 19 April 2009 had no further correspondence from Directorate of Water Affairs and a meeting approving our budget was indicated to have been held 11 May 2009. Until today the 25 June we have still had no information on the status of our budget and on the reason why we have not yet been officially recognized and given a mandate to execute our duties as OmBMC members. Until we have official recognition we are unable to carry on functioning as OmBMC as we are currently just a group of interested citizens without a formal common platform. Due to the continuous delays at Directorate of Water Affairs we are therefore unable to participate in any further functions as it has no formal, binding and therefore meaningful consequences.

With regret OmBMC

Hon Shangombe Chairman

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