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Re: Establishment of the Omaruru Basin Management Committee

Attention: Mr E. Shangombe

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry (MAWF) encourages the establishment of Basin Management Committees (BMC) as platforms to implement the concept of managing water at basin level. The goal of BMC is to involve basin communities in the management of water resources, together with government. In most cases stakeholders indicated that they were keen to be involved in this process, given the water problems they encounters.

This process was consulted and accepted in the Omaruru basin, and funds were secured by the MAWF from SADC Water Sector and implemented through NNF. Throughout the process, discussion of water issues and acceptance of the basin management concept led to the formation of the Omaruru Basin Management Forum and election of the executive Omaruru Basin Management Committee (OmBMC) to carry out the day to day activities towards the better functioning of the Omaruru Basin. The Omaruru Basin stakeholders' commitment to participate in the integrated management of water resources in the Omaruru Basin is proven by the committee's development of Vision, Action Plan and the Constitution, which they submitted to the MAWF.

This letter serves to inform you that the OmBMC is a recognized Committee to represent the basin stakeholders on water related issues and is fully supported and recognized by MAWF. Due to lack of capacity both human and financial, further supported is extended from the SADC Water Sector Program, operational modalities are being finalized with NNF. Undoubtedly, MAWF remains committed to the process and will continue to render technical support to the Committee.

Once again, the MAWF appreciate the effort and commitment of basin stakeholders towards participating in the management of water resources in the Omaruru Basin and look forward to advices on related issues and future cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,

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