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AMENDMENT OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS: WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT, 2013

Under section 129(1) of the Water Resources Management Act, 2013 (Act No. 11 of 2013), I amended the regulations published under Government Notice No. 269 of 29 August 2023 as set out in the Schedule.

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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE,
FISHERIES, WATER AND LAND REFORM

Windhoek, 19 July 2025

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the Water Resources Management Regulations published under Government Notice No. 269 of 29 August 2023.

Amendment of regulation 113 of Regulations

2. The Regulations are amended by the substitution for regulation 113 of the following regulation:

“Publication of intention to apply for licence

113. (1) A person who intends to apply for a licence for removal of rocks, sand or gravel from a watercourse for sale or commercial exploitation must publish, at least 60 days before he or she makes an application contemplated in regulation 114, a notice to that effect in the *Gazette* and a newspaper circulated widely in the area where the watercourse is located.

(2) A notice published in terms of subregulation (1) must –

(a) contain the following particulars and information pertaining to the rocks, sand or gravel removal activity:

(i) the applicant’s full name and contact details;

(ii) the name of the river or watercourse;

(iii) the location of the site, which must include –

(aa) the coordinates;

(bb) a map indicating the area for removal; and

(cc) clear geographical descriptors;

(iv) an estimate of the volume or quantity to be removed;

(v) an estimate of the maximum depth of removal;

(vi) the potential environmental impacts and must –

(aa) indicate that an environmental impact assessment report was done and is available for inspection at a specified place mentioned in the notice; and

(bb) provide the contact details of a person where a copy of the environmental impact assessment report can be obtained; and

(b) invite persons to lodge written objections, if any, to a person mentioned in the notice, and state –

(i) how objections must be lodged;

(ii) the place where objections must be lodged; and

(iii) the period within which objections are to be lodged, which period may not be less than 30 days from the date of publication of the notice in the *Gazette* and a newspaper circulated widely in the area where the watercourse is located.”

Amendment of Annexure 10 of Regulations

4. The Regulations are amended by the substitution for Annexure 10 of the following Annexure:

“ANNEXURE 10
(Regulation 63)
CATEGORIES OF DRILLERS’ LICENCES

Category	Drilling Method	Diameter mm (inch)	Minimum Depth (m)	Formation Hardness	Compressor Capabilities	Auxiliary Equipment	Hook Load of Drilling Rig	Mud Pump Capacities	Yield Testing	Zone Testing	Hole Development
1 (a)	Air Percussion Drilling – DTHH (alternative with RC)	508 (20)	100	Hard	3 units – 900cfm at 350 psi i.e. 1530 l/s at 24 bar	Bits, hammers, weighted collars, drill stems and stabilisers	50 ton	Not applicable	100m ³ /h for 50m head	Single or double packers	Airlift, double tube and packers blow test
		444 (17½)	500								
1 (b)	Mud Rotary and Air Rotary Drilling	508 (20)	100	Hard to soft	3 units – 900cfm at 350 psi i.e. 1530 l/s at 24 bar	Bits, hammers, weighted collars, drill stems and stabilisers	50 ton	Minimum 40 m ³ /h, preferably higher at 10 bar or Mission magnum 4x3x13 or Equivalent	100m ³ /h for 50m head	Single or double packers	Airlift, double tube and packers or by submersible pump in packer house
	Flood RC with airlift	444 (17½)	500	Hard to soft	2 units – 600cfm at 350 psi i.e. 1000 l/s at 24 bar OR 1 unit – 900 cfm at 350 psi i.e. 1000 l/s at 24 bar			Not applicable			

Combined licences and limitations	Licence holders for Category 1 (a) automatically qualify for Category 2 (a) and Category 3 licenced work. Licence holders for Category 1 (b) automatically qualify for Category 2 (b) licenced work.
	In Category 1 (a) "Flood Rotary with airlift" (Flood RC with airlift) is not a licencing requirement. This can be performed by licenced contractors under special working conditions when deemed necessary.
	Categories 1 (b) and 2 (b) contractors are required to emplace filter gravel, bentonite seals and cement grout in the annular space around borehole casing and borehole wall. The contractor must have the list of required equipment.
	The above categories must include borehole deepening, enlarging, altering, cleaning, rehabilitating or sealing.

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