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MINISTRY OF URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

## DIRECTIVE RELATING TO REGIONAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL AUTHORITY COUNCILS: STATE OF EMERGENCY - COVID-19 REGULATIONS

Under regulation 14(1) and (3) of the State of Emergency - Covid-19 Regulations published under Proclamation No. 9 of 28 March 2020, with the authorisation of the President and the approval of the Attorney General, I issue the Directive set out in the Schedule.

E. UUTONI MINISTER OF URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Windhoek, 21 April 2020

### **SCHEDULE**

### **Definitions**

1. In this directive a word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the State of Emergency - Covid-19 Regulations has that meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates -

"local authority area" means a local authority area as defined in section 1 of the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act No. 23 of 1992);

"local authority council" means a local authority council as defined in section 1 of the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act No. 23 of 1992);

"potable water" means water that is treated and safe to drink or to use for food preparation;

"region" means a region as defined in section 1 of the Regional Council Act, 1992 (Act No. 22 of 1992);

"regional council" means a regional council as defined in section 1 of the Regional Council Act, 1992 (Act No. 22 of 1992); and

"the Regulations" means the State of Emergency-COVID-19 Regulations published under Proclamation No. 9 of 28 March 2020.

#### Provision of potable water

- **2.** (1) Local authority councils must ensure that residents within its respective local authority areas -
  - (a) with arrears and suspended water services have their water supply reconnected; and
  - (b) with no access to water supply are provided with access to potable water.
- (2) Regional councils must ensure that the residents within the area of jurisdiction of the respective regional councils -
  - (a) with arrears and suspended water services have their water supply reconnected; and
  - (b) with no access to water supply are provided with access to potable water.
- (3) All costs incurred in supplying water, as directed in paragraph (1) and (2) and as a result of the lockdown, must accurately be recorded.
- (4) The costs referred to in paragraph (3) must be ring-fenced and kept separate from the normal operational water bills.