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PAYMENT OF PRIVATE VEHICLE OWNERS FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND THE CONDUCT OF THE AROEB, KOËS AND STAMPRIET LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE MARIENTAL RURAL CONSTITUENCY ELECTIONS

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the public who made their vehicles available for use during the 2020 Regional Council and Local Authority elections. The ECN had experienced a critical shortage of vehicles in various regions and had called on private vehicles owners that could avail their vehicles to do so in order to successfully conduct the 2020 Regional Council and Local Authority elections.

The ECN has thus far made payments to private vehicles owners who operated in the following regions: **Oshikoto, Kavango West, //Kharas, Khomas, Kunene, Zambezi** and three out of the seven constituencies of the **Erongo region**. Accordingly, the Commission would like to acknowledge that we are in the process of engaging Treasury (Ministry of Finance) with a view to be able to make payments for the private vehicle owners of the remaining regions.

The ECN takes this opportunity to apologize to all affected individuals for the delay in the payment of private vehicle owners that availed their vehicles to the ECN during the 2020 Regional Council and Local Authority elections and for any inconvenience caused in this regard.

Fresh polls for the Koës, Aroab and Stampriet Local Authorities as well as Mariental Rural Constituency

In terms of the judgement handed down by the Electoral Court on 11th December 2020 in which the elections held on 25th November 2020 in the Koës, Aroab and Stampriet Local Authorities as well as Mariental Rural Constituency were declared null and void and set aside, the Commission is obligated to conduct fresh polls in the aforementioned local authorities and constituency.

Logistical preparations for the holding of elections in Koës, Aroab and Stampriet Local Authorities as well as Mariental Rural Constituency are at an advanced stage. The ECN is currently busy consulting on certain legal aspects in respect of the judgment made which are of relevance to the said elections.

The affected political parties and contestants will be engaged in due course in order to share the proposed electoral calendar as well as other aspects of the aforementioned elections. Voters in the affected local authorities and constituency will be informed on developments around the elections through the ECNs voter and civic education programme.

Finally, the date for the holding of the polls will be communicated to the general public as soon as consultations are completed with relevant stakeholders.

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