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**Attention: All Media Houses**

### **THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF NAMIBIA ANNOUNCES MR PETER SHAAMA AS THE NEW CHIEF ELECTORAL AND REFERENDA OFFICER**

The Electoral Commission is pleased to announce, in terms of the Electoral Act 5, of 2014, Section 17 that **Mr Petrus Shaama** is the duly appointed Chief Electoral and Referenda Officer of the Electoral Commission of Namibia, for a period of Five (5) Years, effective 01 September 2023. The appointment comes after an extensive recruitment process carried out, in which Mr Shaama proved to be the qualified and suitable candidate.

Mr Shaama is the current Director of Operations at ECN. He has over 10 years of experience in electoral management, and 25 years in public administration and management in the public sector having served in different portfolios. He pursued a Master Degree in Electoral Policy and Administration (MEPA), Bachelor of Business Administration Honors Degree, Bachelor of Technology Degree in Human Resources Management, and National Diploma in Human Resources Management, with extensive experience in electoral management processes.

Upon assumption of duty, he will be responsible with assisting the Commission as the Accounting Officer of the ECN and the head of administration. His appointment will be a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to strengthen and enhance democratic processes within the country.

The Commission would like to congratulate Mr Shaama on his appointment and wish him the best in his new role as he ascends to the reigns of steering the Secretariat ECN. With his extensive experience in electoral management and sound leadership, we, as the Commission are confident that under his guidance, ECN will continue to play a pivotal role in promoting democratic values, ensuring electoral integrity, and fostering public trust in the electoral process.

We look forward to witnessing his exceptional leadership and the positive impact he will undoubtedly make in advancing electoral management in Namibia.

Equally, the Commission would like to thank all candidates that showed interest in the call for the application to be appointed as the Chief Electoral and Referenda Officer as well as the public for entrusting us with the execution of this process.

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**Issued by:**

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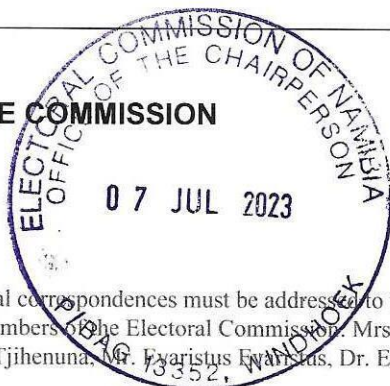
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