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**Attention: News Editors
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**PROGRESS UPDATE AND URGENT NOTICE
STATUS OF SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS AND FINAL EXTENTIONS TO
EFFECT RECTIFICATIONS IN TERMS OF THE ELECTORAL ACT 2014**

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) issues this statement, to provide a progress update on the status of nominations for the General Election of members of all regional councils and local authority councils.

The Commission acknowledges the diligent efforts of the majority of political parties, independent candidates, and associations who successfully lodged their nominations in a timely manner, culminating in the required public sitting on Thursday, 16 October 2025, which was mandated to run from 09h00 until 11h00. This nomination day was determined following the publication of Proclamation No. 37 in Government Gazette No. 8749, dated 26 September 2025.

STATUS UPDATE: NOMINATIONS REFERRED BACK FOR RECTIFICATION

In the period preceding and including the Nomination Day, numerous nomination records were analysed by the Returning Officer(s) and referred back to the respective entities via the PPCM portal. These referrals were initiated to allow political parties, candidates, and associations to address immediate non-compliance issues.

Below are the details of daily referral activities:

- **5 October 2025:** 5 nominations referred back
- **12 October 2025:** 4 nominations referred back
- **13 October 2025:** 5 nominations referred back
- **14 October 2025:** 7 nominations referred back
- **15 October 2025:** 16 nominations referred back
- **16 October 2025:** 33 nominations referred back

The required rectifications pertain to **11 political parties:**

1. Affirmative Repositioning
2. Body of Christ Party
3. Independent Patriots for Change
4. Landless People's Movement
5. Namibia Economic Freedom Fighters
6. National Democratic Party

7. Popular Democratic Movement
8. Rally for Democracy and Progress
9. Republican Party
10. SWANU
11. United Namibians Party

The required rectification in respect of **8 independent candidates**:

1. Isdor Munkanda Muronga – Mukwe Constituency
2. Jafet Augustus- Oniipa Constituency
3. Magreth Raundikua Meroro – Okorukambe Constituency
4. Mayavero Protasisus Kudumo – Mukwe Constituency
5. Richard Hoaeb- Walvisbay Rural Constituency
6. Shepherd Malabali Nyambe- Katima Urban Constituency
7. Sidney Taapopi Halupe- Swakopmund Constituency
8. Sophia Swarts- Karasburg East Constituency

The required rectification in respect of **1 association**:

1. Rehoboth Rate Payers Association

The required rectifications relate to a total of 68 nominations, broken down in 35 nominations in respect of the Regional Council Elections and 33 nominations in respect of the Local Authority Elections.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR RECTIFICATION

The authority for the Returning Officer(s) to grant an opportunity for correction is expressly provided for under the Electoral Act, 2014 (Act No. 5 of 2014). Specifically, Section 82(7)(b) empowers the Returning Officer for a constituency, upon rejecting a nomination, to:

“...afford the registered political party or the persons by whom the nomination were submitted an opportunity, at any time before the close of the sitting, to rectify the nomination or to duly nominate any other qualified person as candidate for the constituency”.

This statutory provision grants the necessary legal framework for the Returning Officer(s) to afford a final opportunity to effect rectifications.

REASONS NECESSITATING EXTENSION TO ATTEND TO RECTIFICATION

The nominations referred back were premised on various non-compliance issues identified during the scrutiny process. The summary of reasons requiring urgent rectification include:

- Absence of an attachment of a certificate of registration.
- Non-affixation of the party or organisation seal.
- Unsigned nominations.
- Failure to meet the gender representation threshold in respect of local authority nominations (depending on the number of seats for the council concerned).

FINAL EXTENSION AND STRICT DEADLINE

The Commission through the Chief Electoral and Referenda Officer (CEO), on behalf of the Returning Officer(s), addressed correspondence to the respective political parties,

associations and prospective candidates to urgently address the outstanding issues, with a communication granting a final opportunity to effect corrections with the deadline for all rectifications via the PPCM portal being extended to Friday, 17 October 2025, at 15h00.

The PPCM portal has been made accessible specifically to enable these requisite corrections to be effected from 08h00 until 15h00 on 17 October 2025. This stringent timeframe is necessary to ensure the finality and integrity of the overall electoral process.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

We wish to emphasize that failure to submit the required amendments or to rectify the outstanding issues by the strict deadline will result in immediate action by the Returning Officer(s), in that the relevant nominations will be duly rejected in accordance with the *Electoral Act, 2014 (Act No. 5 of 2014)* in terms of Section 82 in respect of the Regional Council nominations and Section 86 for the Local Authority Council list submissions.

The Commission urges all affected political parties, independent candidates, and the association concerned to utilize this final opportunity to ensure their candidate nominations are attended to with the requisite due diligence.

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