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Dear EAPAN Member,

A Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on the Review of the Environmental Management Act (EMA) 7 of 2007 and its Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations took place in Windhoek on 14 and 15 July 2016. This workshop was arranged and facilitated by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism's (MET's) Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) and their appointed consultants after the draft documents (which include an EIA and SEA guideline document and a sample of the proposed revised version of an Environmental Clearance Certificate see attached) were distributed by MET. The Environmental Commissioner (Mr Teofilus Nghitila), among others, participated in the workshop.

EAPAN, as represented by members of the Executive Committee (EXCO), as well as other stakeholder groups (Chamber of Mines and the Ministry of Fisheries among others) requested more time to review and comment on the documents. The EAPAN EXCO also requested that the DEA workshop these documents together with EAPAN before finalising them. The EAPAN EXCO will send you an update on this matter once a formal response has been received from the DEA. Minutes of the workshop proceedings are in the process of being compiled and the EAPAN EXCO will upload these proceedings to the EAPAN website as soon as they become available.

The DEA has provided 14 days, from the date of the workshop, within which all comments on these documents should be sent to them for consideration (i.e. **Friday, 29 July 2016**).

As a member of EAPAN, you are hereby invited and encouraged to submit comments on the documents to the EAPAN EXCO using the attached template (this will allow the EAPAN EXCO to present these to the DEA in a structured and coherent manner). Please provide recommendations (solutions) as part of your comments, as far as possible, along with reasons for your recommendations.

Please submit your comments to info@eapan.org before the close of business on **Wednesday, 27 July 2016**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Husselmann'.

Mr Sheldon Husselmann
EAPAN President

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