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CABINET DECISIONS ISSUED AT THE 12th (2024) DECISION MAKING MEETING

Attached hereto, kindly find Cabinet Decisions of the 12th (2024) Decision-Making meeting, held on 23 July 2024.

Yours Sincerely,


EMMA THEOFELUS, MP
MINISTER



1. REQUIRED GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO EXPEDITE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BINATIONAL BAYNES HYDRO POWER PROJECT: (Submitted by the Minister Mines and Energy)

1. Cabinet took note of the latest developments on the bi-national Baynes Hydro Power Project and the cost-benefit analysis undertaken for the co-existence of the Baynes Project and the Kudu Gas-to-Power Project;
2. Cabinet approved, in principle, the signing of the Baynes Implementation Agreement and mandate the Minister of Mines and Energy to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Namibian Government, subject to submission of the agreement to Cabinet for endorsement;
3. Cabinet endorsed the transformation of the Baynes Project Office into the Baynes Binational Implementation Unit to operate in collaboration with the Permanent Joint Technical Commission on the Cunene Basin (PJTC);
4. Cabinet approved the establishment of the Joint Project Office to be situated either in Windhoek or Luanda;
5. Cabinet approved the selection of the Public Funding Model as the preferred implementation model for the bi-national Baynes Hydro Power Project, including the Baynes Regulating Dam;
6. Cabinet further approved to expedite the commencement of the construction of the Baynes road access by not later than September 2024; and
7. Cabinet directed the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises to commence with the mobilisation for funding of Namibia's obligation for the construction of the Baynes regulating dam and Baynes main dam, including sourcing additional funding for the construction of the road access to the Baynes Project site.

2. PROHIBITION ON THE EXPORT OF CERTAIN CRITICAL MINERALS: (Submitted by the Minister of Mines and Energy)

1. Cabinet took note of the progress achieved to date towards the implementation of Cabinet Decision No. 8th/06.06.23/007 which mandated the prohibition of the export of certain critical minerals such as, unprocessed crushed lithium ore; cobalt; manganese; graphite and rare earth elements;
2. Cabinet considered and endorsed a maximum export quantity of one-thousand kilograms (1,000kg) for mineral analyses per annum per exporter/producer; and

3. Cabinet further considered and endorsed a maximum of up to twenty-thousand (20,000) Tonnes for the purpose of plant design parameters.

3. PROJECT CHARTER FOR THE FULL OPERATIONALISATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (IP) OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION (NCE) (Submitted by the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture)

Cabinet took note and approved the Project Charter as an Important Framework for the full operationalisation of the Implementation Plan of the Recommendations of the National Conference on Education (NCE).

4. 2023: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT'S AND AUDITORS BOARD (PAAB) (Submitted by the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises)

Cabinet took note of the Annual Report of the Public Accountants and Auditors Board (PAAB) for the year ended 31st December 2023, and authorised the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises to table the Annual Report in the National Assembly.

5. 2019/2020; 2020/2021; 2021/2022; 2022/2023: ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE (Submitted by the Minister of Justice)

Cabinet took note of the Annual Reports of the Ministry of Justice, and authorised the Minister of Justice to table the said Annual Reports in the National Assembly.

6. 2022/2023: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROCUREMENT POLICY UNIT (PPU) (Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises)

Cabinet took note of the Annual Report of the Procurement Policy Unit (PPU) for the year ended 31st March 2023, and authorised the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises to table the afore-mentioned Annual Report in the National Assembly.

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