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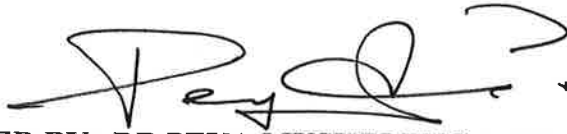
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### **PRESS STATEMENT ON THE APPLICATION OF THE REGULATIONS ON COVID-19**

1. The public is hereby informed that the *Regulations on the state of emergency - COVID-19* No.9 of 28 March 2020 by His Excellency Dr Hage G. Geingob are applicable to the State of Emergency that exists in the entire Namibian territory.
2. The regulations became effective at 14:00 on 28 March 2020. The date and time on which the lockdown lapses will remain the same unless provided otherwise.
3. It is important to make a distinction between restricted areas and the rest of the country and how the regulations apply.
4. For now, the regulations apply to the entire country except for regulation 6 which only applies to the restricted areas of Erongo and Khomas regions, including the areas of Rehoboth and Okahandja. In other words people are not allowed to travel from and into these regions.
5. Regulation 18 specifically provides that the provisions in the Regulations are applicable to all areas in Namibia.
6. Members of the public in the whole of Namibia are therefore required to abide by regulations 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the Regulations.
7. This means the restrictions on (1) public gatherings, (2) movement of persons, (3) prohibition on the sale of alcohol, (4) closure of all open markets, informal trading activities, shebeens, bars, pubs and nightclubs, (5) confinement to homes, limitations on how restaurants, cafes, coffee shops should operate, (7) restricted entry into Namibia and (8) directives as may be issued by the Chief Justice regarding judicial proceedings, apply countrywide.
8. The Honourable Minister of Health, Dr Kalumbi Shangula, is the authorised person to disseminate information regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and

the public should refrain from creating and distributing fake news on the pandemic.

9. We urge all Namibians to cooperate with law enforcement and other authorised personnel. Remember that we have a collective responsibility to contain the virus and, therefore, please do your part and comply with the regulations and all associated directives once issued.



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