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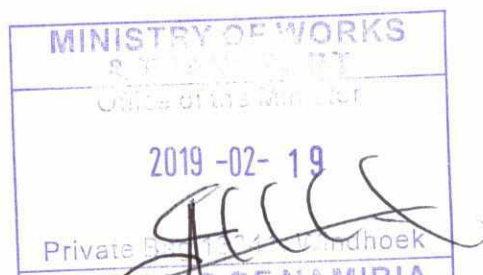
MEDIA STATEMENT

**RESCINDING OF A PRESS RELEASE DATED, TUESDAY THE 15TH
OCTOBER 2013**

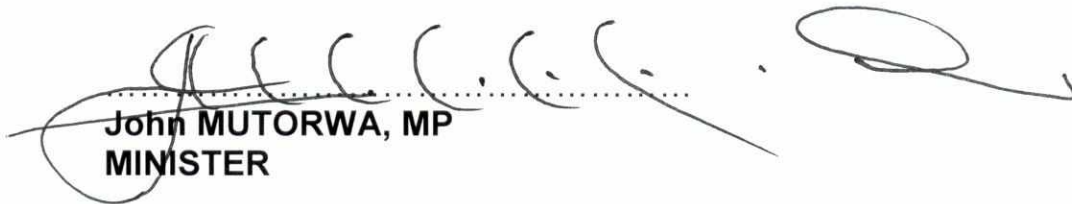
1. The Ministry of Works and Transport has on Tuesday, the 15th October 2013 issued a Press Release titled "URGENT PRESS RELEASE" in terms of which it urged all the Village Councils, Town Councils, City Councils, Municipalities and other relevant Authorities, to engage the Namibia Bus and Taxi Association (NaBTA) and ensure that: the land for loading terminals, taxi ranks and other public transport related services are being provided to NaBTA, as the only recognized (legally mandated) Association dealing and regulating the Public Transport Sector in Namibia.



2. After due and diligent consideration and also having regard to the provisions of Article 21 of the Namibian Constitution, the Labour Act, Act 11 of 2007 and the Local Authorities Act, Act 23 of 1992, the Ministry is hereby rescinding the said press release dated, Tuesday the 15th October 2013. The decision is grounded and premised on the following facts;
- (a) Article 21(1) (e) of the Namibia Constitution provides for the rights of freedom of association to which shall include freedom to form and join associations or unions, including trade unions and political parties.
 - (b) To this end, there are currently three (3) registered Bus and Taxi Associations and a trade union, registered in accordance with the provisions of Section 57 of the Labour Act, Act 11 of 2007, in the Country.
 - (c) The Ministry of Works and Transport is the Government institution, that is mandated to oversee the issues pertaining to all transportation in Namibia. Public Transport is regulated by the Ministry, by means of powers derived from the Road Transportation Act, Act 74 of 1977. Inter alia this include the appointment of the Road Transportation Board, that has a legal mandate to issue public carrier permits, with which one would need to carry out public transport operation in Namibia.
 - (d) Section 30 (1) (h), read with Section 56 of the Local Authorities Act, Act 23 of 1992, vests the power to deal with Public Transport into the Local Authorities of Namibia.



- Public Transport Services within the boundaries of the local authorities is thus the responsibility of the Local Authorities concerned; as it relates to regulation of the operation of public transport, provision and management of loading terminals, taxi ranks and other public transport services.



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