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General Notice

GEOSCIENCE COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA

No. 431

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NOTICE OF ELECTION OF THE NOMINATED CANDIDATES OF GEOSCIENCE COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA: REGULATIONS RELATING TO NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF THE GEOSCIENCE PROFESSIONS ACT, 2012

In terms of regulation 6 of the Regulations relating to nomination of candidates and election of members of Council, published under Government Notice No. 358 of 20 November 2019 -

- 1) If the number of candidates for an election exceeds the number of vacancies on the Council on the nomination day, the registrar must issue a notice in the *Gazette* that an election will be held.
- 2) The notice, as prescribed in sub-regulation (1), shall contain the following details:
 - a) The issuance of this notice shall take place within 30 days of the nomination day;
 - b) specify the number of vacancies on the Council – (The number of vacancies available on the Geoscience Council of Namibia is 4)

- c) specify the polling day – (The date designated as the polling day for the election is 16 August 2023 at 15h00); and
- d) the information for each candidate include the following:
 - (i) full names;
 - (ii) residential addresses;
 - (iii) election manifesto not exceeding 200 words;
 - (iv) academic qualifications;
 - (v) career record;
 - (vi) special interest;
 - (vii) public and professional service; and
 - (viii) a mission statement.

The total number of nominated candidates for the election is 7. The details for 2(d) follows below. All candidates and stakeholders are urged to abide by the regulations set forth in the Geoscience Professions Act, 2012, during the election process.

M. HAILONGA
SECRETARY AND REGISTRAR
GEOSCIENCE COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA

Windhoek, 24 July 2023

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- (i) **Full Names:** Ndawedapo Shaanika
 - (ii) **Residential Address:** 24 Steinbock Street, Suiderhof, Windhoek
 - (iii) **Election Manifesto:** Leaning on Mr. Martin Luther's I Have A Dream speech, I too have a dream that I will see more qualified local Geostatisticians in Namibia who apply this science not just in the mining space but in all relevant and applicable professions. Entwined in this dream is fulfilling my purpose of mentorship, providing guidance for young geoscientist in navigating the mineral industry.
 - (iv) **Academic Qualification:** Advanced Diploma (Géostatistique) from the Paris School of Mines, Fontainebleau, France, M. Eng. (Mining Engineering), from Witwatersrand, South Africa, Geo.(Honours). (General Geology with focus on metamorphic geology) from University of Cape Town, Certificate in Project Management.
 - (v) **Career Record:** Ndawedapo Shaanika is a qualified Geostatistician employed as a Senior Project Geologist at DebMarine Namibia. Prior to joining DebMarine, as a Namdeb geologists she worked in exploring for land based diamonds and also Rare Earth Minerals. She has 17 years of experience in the mining sector specifically in the metal extractive industry and her strengths are rooted in using geostatistical methods in mineral resource quantification, mineral exploration, planning and execution of drilling programs including resource delineation and quantification. Starting her career at Rossing Uranium Namibia, Ltd , she garnered extensive knowledge in exploration and exploitation of uranium resources in hard rock open pit mining systems. Further development of her geology and management

skills occurred at Rosh Pinah Zinc Mine as the head of the resource evaluation section. Six years at Rosh Pinah saw her becoming an experienced underground geologist. A gap year from active mining saw her working as an independent geological consultant, providing geological and exploration project management services to junior exploration companies. She was further part of the team at that saw the start of mining at B2Gold Namibia.

- (vi) **Special Interest:** The use of Geostatistics in all professions where data is collected. There is room to marry Geostatistics and drawing meanings from Big Data and this is of special interest. Mentoring of upcoming geoscientists on navigating the mining industry.
 - (vii) **Public and Professional Service:** Member of SACNASP, Member of Geoscience Council of Namibia, Public Service include being a Director of Women for Bees Namibia which plays a supportive role for the BeeKeeping Association of Namibia.
 - (viii) **Mission Statement:** In all we are and in all we do is Geology.
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- (i) **Full Names:** Kombada Mhopjeni
 - (ii) **Residential Address:** 3578 Apostel Street, Luxury Hill, Katutura, Windhoek
 - (iii) **Election Manifesto (not exceeding 200 words):** Promote opportunities for geoscientists.
 - (iv) **Academic Qualifications:** MSc.
 - (v) **Career Record:** Variety of geoscientist positions at GSN from March 2004 to Jan 2023.
 - (vi) **Special Interest:** Advocacy of Geosciences
 - (vii) **Public and Professional Service:** Geological Society of Namibia, YES Network Namibia, Geoscience Council of Namibia, IUGS, etc.
 - (viii) **Mission Statement:** Geosciences are key to sustainable development.
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- (i) **Full Names:** Dr. Gabi Schneider
- (ii) **Residential Address:** 7 Baver Street, Windhoek
- (iii) **Election Manifesto (not exceeding 200 words):** As a highly experienced geoscientist, I am committed to promoting the sustainable development of the geoscience profession in Namibia. If elected to the Geoscience Council, I will utilize my expertise and leadership to drive innovation, foster collaboration, and ensure the effective regulation of the geoscience sector. My goal is to support the professional growth and advancement of geoscientists in Namibia while promoting responsible and ethical practices that contribute to the socio-economic development of our country.
- (iv) **Academic Qualifications:** MSc and PhD degrees in Economic Geology from Frankfurt University, Germany.
- (v) **Career Record:** Director of the Namibian Geological Survey (1996 to 2016) and currently Executive Director of the Namibian Uranium Institute.
- (vi) **Special Interest:** Economic, Exploration and Environmental geology, as well as Management.

(vii) **Public and Professional Service:**

- a) Board of Directors: Namibian Uranium Association
- b) UNESCO's Global Geoparks Council
- c) Board of Trustees: Namibian Institute of Mining and Technology
- d) Industry Advisory Board: Mining and Process Engineering Department, Namibia University of Science and Technology
- e) Commission for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Namibia - Technical Subcommittee Chair
- f) Board of the Scientific Society Swakopmund
- g) Chairperson of the Geology Advisory Board: University of Namibia
- h) Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee: Geological Society of Namibia

(viii) **Mission Statement:** To advance the geoscience profession in Namibia through collaboration, innovation, and responsible practices, contributing to the sustainable development of our country and the professional growth of geoscientists.

(i) **Full Names:** Anna Karren Ndahalamo Nguno

(ii) **Residential Address:** Erf 107, Bateleur Street, Windhoek

(iii) **Election Manifesto (not exceeding 200 words):**

I am honoured to present my election manifesto for the position of councillor in the Geoscience Council of Namibia. I am a passionate and dedicated geoscientist with a strong commitment to the growth and development of the geoscience sector in our country.

If elected, I will strive to achieve the following goals:

- Enhance professional standards by promoting continuous professional development, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing, and ensuring adherence to ethical guidelines.
- Engage stakeholders by actively seeking input from government agencies, academic institutions, industry professionals, and local communities to address common challenges and advance the geoscience agenda in Namibia.
- Build capacity by advocating for initiatives that promote education and training opportunities, scholarships, and mentorship programs to enhance skills and expertise in the field.

I am confident that I have the skills, experience, and passion to be an effective councillor for the Geoscience Council of Namibia. I am committed to working with all stakeholders to advance the interests of our geoscience community and contribute to the growth and prosperity of the geoscience sector in our country.

(iv) **Academic Qualifications:** Master's degree in science (Geology and mineralogy), University of Helsinki / Finland, 1998.

(v) **Career Record:**

I am a skilled and experienced geologist with over 2 decades of experience in the field. Throughout my career, I have held various positions at the Geological Survey of Namibia (GSN) where I have contributed to the advancement of geological knowledge and the effective management of geological resources. I have also published research papers and contributed to the scientific community by sharing valuable insights and findings.

(vi) **Public and Professional Service:**

I have been actively involved in public and professional service throughout my career. In my role, I have been engaged in public service by providing geological expertise and guidance to government agencies, policymakers, and decision-makers. This includes offering technical advice on matters related to geology.

Furthermore, I have been involved in professional service through active membership and participation in professional organizations, such as the Geological Society of Africa, Geological Society of Namibia, Geoscience Council of Namibia, Southern African Society for Quaternary Research (SASQUA) and international geoscience associations (Sub-commission for Africa Maps, Commission for the Geological Map of the World, the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), African Association of Women in Geosciences (AAGW), Geoscience Information Consortium (GIC), Organisation of African Geological Surveys (OAGS), and Africa Union Commission (AUC) - African Mineral and Energy Resources Classification and Management System (AMREC / UNFC- AMREC) Technical Working Group. Moreover, I have participated in public outreach programs aimed at raising awareness about the importance of geosciences and the role they play in society. In summary, my dedication to public and professional service as a geoscientist and Deputy Director is evident through my engagement with government agencies, participation in professional organizations, and contribution to public outreach activities.

(vii) **Special Interest:**

Promoting public understanding of geoscience issues as there are many important geoscience issues facing society today, such as climate change, natural hazards, and resource management. I continue to be passionate about research and innovation (support research and innovation in geoscience by encouraging collaboration between academia, industry, and research institutions) as well as capacity building (importance of nurturing and empowering the next generation of geoscientists).

(viii) **Mission Statement:**

To serve as an advocate for the geoscience community, promote collaboration and knowledge exchange, and enhance the professional standards of geoscientists in Namibia.

(i) **Full Names:** Asteria Lea Mwetulundila

(ii) **Residential Address:** Kleine Kuppe, Windhoek

(iii) **Election Manifesto (not exceeding 200 words):** I am a geoscientist by profession, trained as a geologist and specialized as a geohydrologist. I am thrilled to be a candidate for the GCN election, as I am deeply passionate to see the Geoscience Council of Namibia reaching its highest potential as a regulatory body for all geoscientists in Namibia. By electing me, I

will advocate for the registration of all geoscientists across various subfields of geoscience, by promoting the significance of the Geoscience Council of Namibia to its members, the public and private stakeholders. I will further serve to promote and advocate the GCN to become a statutory body for the registrations of competent persons in geoscience in Namibia, which will create an opportunity for them to be recognized both locally and internationally. I will also strive to foster and create a platform to enable geoscientists to cooperate in research and journal publications; and to conduct presentations to enhance professional knowledge acquisition and skill transfer among the geoscience community. By electing me to serve on the GCN Committee, you are choosing a dedicated professional, hardworking and focused advocate for progress and positive change, who will work tirelessly to unlock the immense potential of the Geoscience Council of Namibia for the benefit of its current and future members.

- (iv) **Academic Qualifications:** PhD candidate with University of the Free State, Master of Science in Geohydrology (University of the Free State); Bachelor of Science in Geology (University of Namibia)
- (v) **Career Record:** I have worked in the water sector as a hydrologist for more than 6 years both in the private and public domain.
- (vi) **Special Interest:** numerical modelling of groundwater and contamination flow
- (vii) **Public and Professional Service:** I serve as a water expert, specializing in both groundwater and surface water resource management, and hydrogeological data analysis and interpretation
- (viii) **Mission Statement:** To ensure the Geoscience Council of Namibia is largely recognized and accepted as a professional body among the geoscientists

(i) **Full Names:** Tulinayo Kanime

(ii) **Residential Address:** 184 Susa Street, Auasblick, Windhoek

(iii) I am a geotechnical and environmental assessment practitioner in active practice. I am standing to be elected as the geotechnical representative of the Geoscience Council of Namibia because I would like to ensure that the Namibian geotechnical industry moves to a state of solid self-regulation which is aligned with regional and international industry best practice. As your representative on the council I would aim to ensure that:

1. Integration between geotechnics/ engineering geology and other engineering practices including land use planning is embraced and achieved.
2. Decisions made by the council are to the benefit of all who are involved in engineering geology from students, academics to practicing personnel.
3. In order to deliver upon these aims I will use my previous experience and industry network. Additionally, I will endeavour to give you opportunities to inform me of what I can do to improve the current situation whereby key aspects such as geotechnical investigations are at times perceived as tick box exercises and to ensure that we gradually integrate tertiary education curriculum with industry requirements to ensure alignment between the two.

In light of the above I would be honoured to represent you during the coming years and to be given the opportunity to make a positive impact on the council.

- (iv) **Academic Qualifications:** BSc (Geological and Environmental Sciences); BSc (Geology); MEng (Geotechnical and Geo-environmental Engineering)
- (v) **Career Record:**
- a. 2017 to Present - Active/ consulting geotechnical practitioner
 - b. 2012 to 2013 - Exploration Project Geologist (NAMDEB)
 - c. 2013 to end 2016 - Exploration Project Geologist (Debmarine Namibia)
- (vi) **Special Interest:**
- a. **TECHNICALLY:** best industry practice in geotechnical investigations, environmental management; development and fostering of local technical standards; mine remediation and rehabilitation, mine closure, management of geotechnical/ mining/ exploration/ EIA projects, Management of Mine residue (tailings)
 - b. **NON-TECHNICAL:** community liaison; training of young professionals; community awareness raising of local standards; constructive engagements
- (vii) **Professional Services:**
- geotechnical site investigations
 - construction material investigations
 - mine residue characterisation and management
 - construction material testing
 - Environmental impact assessment and environmental management
 - Management of Tailings Storage Facilities
 - mine closure planning
 - technical permitting for water abstraction, mineral exploration and mining
 - land use planning advisory services.
- (viii) **Mission Statement:** to uplift and uphold the Council's standards to be on par with regional and international best practice standards
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- (i) **Full Names:** Michelle Hailonga
- (ii) **Residential Address:** 5 Hoba Street, Kleine Kuppe
- (iii) **Election Manifesto (not exceeding 200 words):**

I am a dedicated environmental geologist from Namibia, committed to contributing to the sustainable development and risk management of our nation's geoscience sector. At the Geological Survey of Namibia, I conduct essential geo-environmental surveys and risk assessments for active and abandoned mines. As a co-opted member of the Geoscience Council of Namibia and serving as the Secretary General and Registrar, I actively participate in promoting the role of geoscientists.

My focus is on the intersection of geoscience and sustainability, specifically addressing climate change impacts and mitigation measures. I strongly believe that geoscientists play a crucial role in raising awareness about climate change risks and empowering society to effectively utilize geoscience services. If elected to the Geoscience Council of Namibia, I will continue advocating for the significance of geoscience in addressing environmental challenges, promoting sustainable practices, and fostering collaboration with stakeholders.

- (iv) **Academic Qualifications:** Master of Science degree in Applied Environmental Geology from Cardiff University (Wales, UK).
- (v) **Career Record:**
- Senior Geoscientist at the Geological Survey of Namibia
 - Secretary General and Registrar
- (vi) **Special Interest:** The role of geoscientists in sustainability and climate change impacts and mitigation measures.
- (vii) **Public and Professional Service:** Co-opted member of the Geoscience Council of Namibia, Secretary General, and Registrar. Volunteer at the Ministry of Mines and Energy of Namibia.
- (viii) **Mission Statement:** To advance the role of geoscientists in addressing environmental challenges, promoting sustainability, and raising awareness about climate change impacts, in order to contribute to the well-being and sustainable development of Namibia.
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