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**AT THE STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS ON
THE DEVELOPMENT OF LICENCE CONDITIONS FOR SMALL
EMBEDDED GENERATORS AND PILOT PROJECTS**

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

Good morning to all.

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the stakeholder consultation workshop on the Development of Licence Conditions for Small Embedded Generators and Pilot Projects. Your presence here reflects the growing importance of embedded generation in Namibia's evolving electricity supply industry and our shared commitment to regulatory clarity, compliance, and sustainable sector development.

At the outset, I wish to emphasise that, in terms of the Electricity Act, 2007, the licensing of electricity activities is a legal requirement, and no person may generate, trade, transmit, supply, distribute, import or export

electricity in Namibia unless duly authorised through a licence or exemption under the Act.

As the ECB, our mandate is not only to regulate, but also to enable orderly growth while safeguarding system reliability, consumer interests, and fair market participation. An important aspect hereof is to identify barriers to facilitate entry to, and the growth of, the Namibian ESI. In this regard, over-regulation can be seen and experienced as an entry barrier. For this reason, the ECB lodged this project to investigate the categorization of generation projects which could qualify for a simplified regulatory licensing process. The simplified licence process we will discuss today are designed to provide a clear, consistent, and transparent regulatory framework that supports project development while ensuring accountability and compliance throughout the lifecycle of embedded generation facilities and pilot projects.

This workshop provides an important platform for engagement, learning, and alignment. We encourage open dialogue, practical questions, and constructive input as we walk through the proposed simplified licence conditions and forms, their intent, and the responsibilities they place on licensees. Our objective is to ensure that all stakeholders leave this session with a clear understanding of what the objectives of a simplified generation licensing process are, what categories of generation projects will qualify for this process and how it will facilitate removing barriers and facilitate the growth of the ESI for the overall benefit of licensees, customers and the industry.

I wish you a productive and insightful workshop and look forward to the discussions ahead.

Thank you.

