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*Attention: All Accounting Officers  
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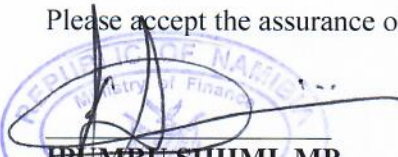
**SUBJECT: DIRECTIVE TO ALL PUBLIC ENTITIES TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL GOOD STANDING CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NAMIBIA COUNCIL FOR ARCHITECTS AND QUANTITY SURVEYORS AS AN ADDITIONAL MANDATORY REQUIREMENT TO SECTION 50(2) OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT, 2015**

1. It has come to my attention that certain public entities disqualify Architects and Quantity Surveyors' firms as not eligible bidders on the basis that they are not registered as companies or close corporations with the Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA).
2. Having consulted with the Procurement Policy Unit and the Namibian Council for Architects and Quantity Surveyors, I hereby, in terms of section 73 of the Public Procurement Act, 2015 (Act No. 15 of 2015), issue this directive for the following reasons:
  - 2.1 Architects and Quantity Surveyors may also practice as sole proprietors or partnerships in terms of the Architects' and Quantity Surveyors' Act, 1979 (Act No. 13 of 1979). When Architects and Quantity Surveyors practice as sole proprietors or partnerships, there is no obligation to register with BIPA, for the reason that BIPA does not have the mandate over sole proprietors or partnerships.

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- 2.2 Moreover, the Namibian Council for Architects and Quantity Surveyors as a statutory body authorised in terms of the Architects' and Quantity Surveyors' Act, 1979, issues Good Standing Certificates to all its registered members who meet the requirements to practice as professional architects and quantity surveyors in Namibia, on an annual basis.
3. Pursuant to the above, public entities are hereby directed to, in addition to the mandatory requirements in terms of section 50(2) of the Public Procurement Act, 2015, accept the Good Standing Certificate as sufficient proof of the registration and incorporation of the architects or quantity surveyors in Namibia.
  4. The Good Standing Certificate should be of the same form and content of the Annual Good Standing Certificate Template attached to this Directive and marked as Annexure A, which Template has been approved by the Procurement Policy Unit.
  5. Kindly take note that this Directive becomes effective on the date of issue, hereof.

Please accept the assurance of my highest regard.



**HPUMBU SHIIMI, MP**  
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