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Enq: Ms. Naemi Shoopala
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To: Ms. Sandra Owoses
Director
//Kharas Regional Directorate

Dear Ms. Owoses,

RE: PREPARATIONS AND READINESS FOR OPENING OF ORANJEMUND BORDER POST

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security invited the Ministry of Health and Social Service to a meeting on 04.02.2022 to discuss plans for opening the Oranjemund border post. The Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation (MIRCO), the South African High Commission in Namibia and the Border Management Team in RSA also attended the meeting. The opening of the borders became necessary due to difficulties experienced by the community around the vicinity, especially with the recent floods and associated disruption on the movement of people and goods.

The RSA has started with assessment and engagement of the community in the vicinity of the border to educate them to comply with the regulations and to understand their needs. Namibia will also need to conduct an assessment and readiness visit to the border in preparation for the opening.

A joint border **assessment and readiness visit is planned for 15-16 February 2022**. The Ministry is expected to participate in the visit. However, the Region must start with a readiness assessment and arrangements for opening the border prior to the joint visit.

The border is scheduled to open on **01 March 2022**.

Therefore, this letter serves to requests your usual leadership to ensure that the Ministry of Health and Social Services - //Kharas Health Directorate is ready to operate at the border as per the COVID-19 Regulations by 01 March 2022. In addition, please engage the Regional Council and Oranjemund Municipality and other stakeholders as appropriate.

Sincerely,


BEN NANGOMBE,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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