



OFFICIAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEAT CORPORATION OF NAMIBIA'S (MEATCO) BOARD OF DIRECTORS: STATEMENT BY JOHN MUTORWA, MP AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND FORESTRY (MAWF), 21 FEBRUARY 2017, 11H00, WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA.

1. The MAWF and I, extend cordial words of welcome to you all. We thank you, for having responded favourably and positively to our invitation, to attend today's PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. The main objectives of today's PRESS CONFERENCE are: to officially and publicly announce the names of persons, who have been appointed as Members of the Board of Directors of the MEAT CORPORATION OF NAMIBIA, commonly and popularly known as MEATCO; as well as to enable the said Members of the Board, to:" elect from amongst their number, a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson of the Board," (Section 9 (2) of the MEATCO ACT, 2001).

3. Issues related to:
 - (a) "Board of Directors;
 - (b) Persons disqualified from being Directors;
 - (c) Tenure and vacation of Office of Directors;
 - (d) Allowances of Directors of Board and of Members of

Committees;

- (e) Meetings of Board and disclosure of interest;
- (f) Submission of Matters by Board to Minister and;
- (g) Committees of Board," are clearly, succinctly, unambiguously and comprehensively articulated, defined and explained in SECTIONS (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) and (11) of the MEAT CORPORATION OF NAMIBIA ACT, 2001 (ACT NUMBER 1 OF 2001).

4. Furthermore, SCHEDULE I (34) of the STATE OWNED ENTERPRISES GOVERNANCE ACT, 2006 (ACT NUMBER 2 OF 2006), lists the MEATCO as a STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES. In the same vein, SCHEDULE 2: LAWS AMENDED, pages 53-55, deal with pertinent, important and relevant issues, applicable to MEATCO.

5. I urge all Board Members of MeatCo; the Management of MeatCo; MeatCo's Staff; MeatCo's Members; the various interest Groups; as highlighted in SECTION 5 (1), (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the Act; as well as all Livestock Farmers, in general, to, at all times, be well acquainted and up to date, with the letter and spirit (content and context) of the MEATCO ACT, 2001; so as to avoid misunderstandings and misinterpretations that are, in most cases; injurious to the Company and NOT conducive to harmonious cooperative working relationships, among and between persons, who work for and in the Company; as were demonstrated by recent events and incidences; whose ugly and undesirably Chapter, we are, hopefully and finally, Legally closing today!

6. Article 1(1) and (2) of the NAMIBIAN CONSTITUTION, amongst others, remind us that: “the Republic of Namibia is hereby established as a sovereign, secular, democratic and unitary State, founded upon the principles of DEMOCRACY, THE RULE OF LAW and JUSTICE for all. All power shall vest in the people of Namibia, who shall exercise their sovereignty, through the democratic institutions of the State.” (my own underlining for emphasis).
7. On the basis of sound Legal advice, that was proffered to the MAWF and to me, as the Line Minister, I have decided to appoint the following persons, as Members of the Board of Directors for and of the MEAT CORPORATION OF NAMIBIA (MEATCO):
- (a) Dr Martha NAMUNDJEBO-TILAHUN;
 - (b) Mr Ronald KUBAS;
 - (c) Mr Israel ITAMUNUA NGANGANE;
 - (d) Ms Sophia N. KASHEETA;
 - (e) Mr Stephanus (Fanie) OOSTHUIZEN;
 - (f) Mr Mushokobanji MWILIMA.

The appointment of the above mentioned persons, as Board Members of MEATCO, was done, by virtue of the powers, vested in me, as the Line Minister, by the provisions of SECTION 5 (4) of the MEAT CORPORATION OF NAMIBIA ACT, 2001. The said appointment is on the normal terms, as stipulated in the MEATCO ACT 2001, more particularly in the relevant provisions of SECTION 7, thereof.

8. Towards the end of my Statement, I want to make the following very clear: the powers and duties of the MEATCO's Board of Directors and that of its Chief Executive Officers are NOT the same. In this regard, let me simply, for illustrative purposes, quote SECTION 5 (6) of the ACT: "the Board shall be the governing body of the Corporation, with authority to, in the name of the Corporation, perform the functions, conferred on the Corporation by this Act." Remember too, that: SECTIONS (3) and (4) of the Act, amongst others, articulate the "Objects of the Corporation" and the "Powers of the Corporation."
9. On the other hand, SECTION 12 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) and (10) are exclusively devoted to issues that are applicable and relevant to the Company's "Chief Executive Officer;" who, according to Section 12 (1) is appointed by the Board and thus an employee of the Board; and therefore accountable to the same Board. The Board, in turn, is accountable to the Line Minister, who (Minister) is accountable to the President, Cabinet and Parliament (the people of Namibia).
10. On behalf of the Government (Cabinet), MeatCo's employees and the livestock producers, I congratulate you, on your deserved appointments.
11. Thank you all, individually and collectively.