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Medical Aid Scheme

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29th May 2020

NAMDEB MEDICAL AID SCHEME – COMMUNIQUE NO 4 TO MEMBERS

POSTPONEMENT OF 2020 AGM OF 25th JUNE 2020 & TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

As you aware the Namdeb Medical Aid Scheme host their annual general meeting (AGM) in June each year. Or at least this was the custom over the past 19 years of the Scheme and as provided for in the rules of the Scheme.

We all know that the world has changed over the past few months and faced the impact of the Corona pandemic all aspects of our daily routine and our lives. Namibia is blessed in many ways and escape the severe devastation that our parts of the world face as a result and the impact of the spreading of the disease.

The Registrar of Medical Aid Funds in Namibia, Namfisa also foresaw the possible impact on the day-to-day management of medical aid funds during the lock-down and during the various stages of the pandemic. Namfisa issued a notice, MAF/01/2020, with heading Covid-19 Notice to all Medical Aid Funds and that allow medical aids to postpone the hosting of their AGMs from June this year to a date within 30-days of the termination of the State of Emergency in the country.

At a Board of Trustee meeting on 26th May 2020 the board considered feedback from a sub work group that investigated all options available to host the AGM in June and or any alternatives. The Board resolved that in the best interest of the Scheme and its members to postpone the AGM to 30th September 2020. This was primarily due to the uncertainty around the organization of the AGM to ensure that it can be safely hosted for its members. As a mutual and solidarity fund it is the sole objective of the Board of Trustees to allow members their right to attend, to be informed, to review the business of the Scheme over the last 12 months and to elect their representatives for the term ahead. This was not a certainty under the current Corona pandemic to host an AGM as the attendance may be affected and members may opt for safety reasons not to attend. Whilst all preparations for the AGM was in an advance stage and the financial statements are completed and approved by the Board of Trustees for submission to members at the AGM and the annual report is also completed.

With the postponement of the AGM the election of the new trustees will also be postponed to the AGM on 30th September 2020. The Board of Trustees at the meeting earlier the week also resolved to extend the current term of office of all Trustees to the next AGM. All nominations of members to stand for election as submitted in term of the earlier notice by the deadline of 28th May 2020 will now be reviewed to ensure it meets the regulatory requirements and provisions in terms of the rules. Those nominations that qualify will stand over to the elections to be hosted at the next AGM.

We ensure members and all stakeholders that we continuously monitor the developments to ensure that we can host a well-attended AGM and should we be forced to change the date of 30th September 2020 or any other date that it will be circulated to all members within the 21-day requirement of the rules of the Scheme.

To clarify any aspect and or should you require more information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or enquire from any of the Client Service offices of the administrator.

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