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PROPOSED 24 MONTH EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR EAP REGISTRATION TO 08 FEBRUARY 2022

EAPASA would like to inform all registered and not yet registered Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) that the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries has published in Government Notice No. 40, Gazette Number 42967 on 24 January 2020, a 30 day period of consultation on the intention to amend the Section 24H Registration Authority Regulations to defer the date for the compulsory registration of EAPs from 08 February 2020 to 08 February 2022 (see attached Gazette).

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments or inputs to the Minister, within 30 days of publication of this notice in the Gazette.

The EAPASA online registration system went live on 15 December 2018, and registrations have been proceeding apace. To date, EAPASA has received 400 applications, 121 of which have been approved as Registered EAPs and 17 approved as Candidate EAPs while others have been deemed incomplete and returned to applicants. The Association currently has 1 207 draft applications on the online registration system which have not yet been submitted and has trained 100 assessors to assess these applications as they are received.

Although the deadline for registration will most likely be extended, we would like to encourage all practising EAPs with primary responsibility for preparing and reviewing Environmental Impact Assessments to submit their applications as soon as possible to ensure they are registered by the new deadline.

EAPASA assures all involved stakeholders that it is committed to its mandate of registering practising EAPs in order to improve the quality of environmental assessment in South Africa.

WELCOME 2020!

New beginnings, fresh starts and promises for a brighter future come to mind as we ring in the New Year. May you discover new strength and garner faith within.

EAPASA wishes you a peaceful, successful and joyous New Year!

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NOTICE TO MOVE THE GENERAL MEETING FORWARD TO 14 MAY 2020

This is to inform all registered EAPs and interested parties about the new date for the first General Meeting (GM) of the Association. To ensure good governance and high standards of compliance with our Constitution, EAPASA has been advised to reschedule the original proposed date of 07 February 2020. The Biennial Report for 2018 and 2019 to be tabled at the GM must include the audited Annual Financial Statements for the February 2019 and February 2020 financial years. Given that EAPASA's financial year ends on 29 February, the 2020 audited Annual Financial Statements will be obtained by the end of March. EAPASA looks forward to seeing you – in person or proxy – at its first General Meeting as a recognised Professional Body on **14 May 2020**.

FURTHER CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

EXTENDED CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO SERVE ON THE EAPASA BOARD TO BE SUBMITTED BY NO LATER THAN 08 APRIL 2020

Given the postponement of the General Meeting, the Board of EAPASA has reopened the process for nominations for seven (7) persons to be considered for appointment to the EAPASA Board. Existing nominations submitted by 20 January 2020 will be retained. Nominations can be submitted by any interested person, voluntary association, institution or organisation. No person/organisation may nominate more than one candidate. The election of Board members will take place at the first General Meeting of the Association scheduled for **14 May 2020**.

The 'Call for Nominations' and 'Nomination Form' can be found at www.eapasa.org
Please include a CV of the person nominated, and certified copies of the nominee's highest qualification and identity document (the certification must not be older than six months).

Kindly return the nomination form with signed acceptance of nomination and the requested documentation via e-mail to secretariat@eapasa.org as soon as possible but not later than **08 April 2020** with "Board Nominations" as the subject line.



Useful Documents

Download the Applicant Guideline Manual:

<https://eapasa.org/index.php/documents>

'EAP Register' is available on:

<https://registration.eapasa.org/register-eap-practitioners>

CPD information is available on

<https://eapasa.org/index.php/cpd>

International Environmental Calendar for 2020

World Wetlands Day:
02 February 2020

World Water Day:
22 March 2020

Earth Day:
22 April 2020

International Day for Biological Diversity:
22 May 2020

World Environment Day:
05 June 2020

World Oceans Day:
08 June 2020

**International Day for the Preservation of
the Ozone Layer:**
16 September 2020

World Rivers Day:
27 September 2020

**International Day for Natural Disaster
Reduction:**
13 October 2020

APPRECIATION OF THE OUTGOING BOARD OF 2019-20

EAPASA would like to extend its gratitude to the outgoing Board who served the organisation with distinction. The organisation's Constitution stipulates that there must be at least thirteen (13) members of the Board, representative of the public and private sectors. Board representation must also contribute towards the transformation charter of EAPASA relating to gender and race. Meet the 2019 Board members:



Snowy Makhudu
Board Chairperson



Khangwelo D. Musetsho
Vice Chairperson



Jacqui Hex
Chair PR Committee



Danie Neumann
Chair Professional Dev. Comm.



Ntsako Baloyi
Board Member



Zama Dlamini
Board Member



Siyabonga Gqalangile
Board Member



Sibusisiwe Hlela
Board Member



Malcolm Moses
Board Member



Phumudzo Nethwadzi
Board Member



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Board Member

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