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WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WARMA)

PRESS STATEMENT

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WARMA WELCOMES THE 2022 NATIONAL BUDGET

The Water Resources Management Authority would like to congratulate his Excellency the President of the Republic of Zambia, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, and his Government for a successful all-inclusive budget preparation and subsequent presentation for the year 2022. The budget presented by Minister of Finance Dr Situmbeko Musokotwane to the nation, clearly indicates Government's commitment to embarking on a steady trajectory of economic recovery. The theme 'Growth, Jobs and Taking Development Closer to the People,' gives hope to the agenda of transforming our economy and placing people at the centre of national development.

As we welcome the 2022 National Budget, WARMA is obligated to supporting Government's efforts of improved access to clean and safe drinking water and sanitation services, through dedicated implementation of our key functions as stipulated in the Water Resources Management Act No. 21 of 2011.

In the same vein, the Authority embraces the decision taken to realign the borehole application and registration fees for domestic users as a gesture of goodwill to the Zambian people. This however means that all domestic water users wishing to drill boreholes, must continue applying and registering with WARMA for sustainable management and regulation of water resources.

WARMA further wants to applaud the upward adjustment in the 2022 budgetary allocation to the Water & Sanitation Sector. This is yet another indication of Government's devotion to supporting the country's socio-economic growth for the benefit of all Zambians. The budgetary allocation which we describe as significant in actualising our mandate, comes at the right time when WARMA is in the process of formulating its 2022 to 2026 Strategic Plan. The upward adjusted budgetary allocation to the sector, will aid the Authority in accelerating the attainment of the National Vision 2030, and targeted Sustainable Development Goals. This to us will re-energise our long-term commitment of promoting a dynamic, integrated, participatory and multisectoral approach to water resources management and development.

WARMA will soon begin to engage and sensitize the public particularly our domestic users, on government's pronouncement, interpretation, and expectations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Nalwendo', is written over a faint circular stamp.

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