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WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WARMA)

PRESS STATEMENT

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WARMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ISSUE 294 WATER PERMITS

The Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA) Board of Directors convened on 31st March 2022 to consider and grant Water Permits to applicants for commercial water use across the country. This is in accordance with the Water Resources Management Act No. 21 of 2011, section 76, which mandates the Authority to grant water permits to eligible applicants.

The Authority wishes to inform the public that out of **297** applications considered, a total of **294** water permits were granted out of which **246 were surface water permits and 48 groundwater permits** were approved and granted. The permits granted were for use of water for various economic activities which include Agriculture, Industrial, Recreation, Municipal, Dewatering, and Aquaculture.

The **294** water permits that have been granted will facilitate the operationalization of various economic sectors of the country with a project value of approximately **USD 221.0 Million**. The largest investment is in Agriculture with USD 220.6 Million, while Aquaculture is the least with USD 22 000.

The WARMA Board of Directors wishes to thank the general public and business houses that have supported the Authority in its quest to ensure equitable access to water resources by all and further wishes to appeal to any interested party to come forward and apply for water permits for commercial use of water to safeguard their interests in accordance with the law. Further, the Board reiterates its commitment to ensuring that the country's water resources are shared equitably, managed efficiently, used sustainably, and preserved for future generations.

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