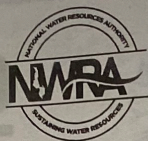


**Notice to Bidders/Tenderers**  
**Tender Notice 1**

Bidders are kindly requested to note the public notice published on The Nation newspaper dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Extract of the public notice is attached, and all bidders should comply with the public notice.





## PUBLIC NOTICE

### REQUIREMENTS FOR DRILLING OF BOREHOLES IN MALAWI

WATER RESOURCES ACT (CAP. 72:03)

The National Water Resources Authority which, under the Water Resources Act (Cap. 72:03), is charged with the mandate to administer and manage all water resources in Malawi would like to notify and inform the general public that no person shall drill, construct, enlarge or otherwise alter a borehole or engage in borehole drilling programme for the purpose of exploring for groundwater except in accordance with the Water Resources Act.

The general public is, therefore, informed that the following statutory procedures should be strictly followed and adhered to by all persons who plan to drill or to engage in borehole drilling programmes across the country:

- (1) Before any borehole is sited, drilled, constructed, enlarged or otherwise altered or before anyone engages in borehole drilling programme, an application for a permit to drill a borehole or to engage in a borehole drilling programme must be lodged with the National Water Resources Authority.
- (2) Once an authorisation or permit has been granted by the National Water Resources Authority, the applicant or owner must conduct geophysical surveys using professional and experienced hydrogeologists or registered water professionals.
- (3) All geophysical survey results including the location of the boreholes (village, farm, district, GPS coordinates, longitudes and latitudes) must be properly documented and sent to the National Water Resources Authority.
- (4) The drilling of boreholes must be done by qualified contractors licensed by the National Water Resources Authority in terms of section 84 of the Water Resources Act and registered by the National Construction Industry Council. The drilling process shall be done with strict adherence to the national drilling standards, specifications and procedures and shall be closely monitored by qualified technical personnel.
- (5) All data from drilling logs should be documented and a copy should be sent to the National Water Resources Authority for records.

The National Water Resources Authority is also aware that some residents and institutions are drilling boreholes in cities and other urban areas that are serviced by the Water Boards without any lawful authority granted to them. The general public is hereby notified that in terms of section 68 of the Water Resources Act, it is illegal to drill boreholes anywhere across the country including in areas serviced by the Water Boards except with lawful authority granted by the National Water Resources Authority.

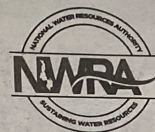
The National Water Resources Authority is therefore warning the general public including Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), District Councils and other stakeholders involved in the development of groundwater resources that it is illegal to drill, develop or construct a borehole without a permit or to drill, develop or construct a borehole using unlicensed drillers or constructors.

Therefore, anyone who will be found drilling boreholes or engaging in borehole drilling programmes in total contravention of these statutory requirements shall be dealt with in accordance with the Water Resources Act.

For further information, the public is requested to contact the following officers:  
**Oswald Mwamsamali** on 0999 110 437 or **Peter Banda** on 0 999 333 069.

Or alternatively, write to:

The Acting Executive Director  
National Water Resources Authority  
Lingadzi Road  
Plot No. Bwaila 47/3/123  
Private Bag 363  
Capital City  
LILONGWE 3.



## PRESS RELEASE

### LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF BOREHOLE DRILLERS AND BOREHOLE CONSTRUCTORS WITH THE NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

WATER RESOURCES ACT (CAP. 72:03)

The National Water Resources Authority, herein referred to as the Authority, is established under the Water Resources Act, No. 2 of 2013, with the mandate to provide for the management, conservation, use and control of water resources; for the acquisition and regulation of rights to use water; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

In terms of section 84 of the Water Resources Act and section 66 of the Water Resources Regulations (2018), no person shall engage in the trade of drilling or construction of boreholes unless the person is licensed as a borehole driller or a borehole constructor.

In this regard, the Authority organized two workshops in October and September 2020 in Blantyre and Lilongwe, respectively; to update and sensitize borehole drillers and borehole constructors on the requirements of the Water Resources Act and its subsidiary legislations.

The Authority, therefore, wishes to inform all borehole drillers and borehole constructors that it is illegal for any borehole driller or borehole constructor to operate as a borehole driller or a borehole constructor without a license from the Authority. The Authority further wishes to call upon all borehole drillers and borehole constructors to come forward and apply for registration and licensing of their trades in compliance with the Water Resources Act.

It should be emphasized that all drillers and constructors who will continue to operate contrary to the provisions of the Water Resources Act and its subsidiary legislations shall be penalized accordingly.

Oswald Mwamsamali  
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY