



INVITATION

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

RENTAL OF ROOFTOP SOLAR PV EQUIPMENT FOR OWN GENERATION

The Electricity Control Board hereby invites interested stakeholders to attend a workshop that will be held on **1 July 2022 at NIPAM, Paul Nash Street, Windhoek from 08:30 -13:00.**

The purpose of the workshop is to clarify the existing regulatory framework with regards to the installation of solar rooftop installation and the agreements thereof, and investigate workable solutions to ensure a viable industry.

The ECB has been approached by various service providers that offer equipment rental/lease agreements for solar PV rooftop systems to their customers subject to the payment of a fixed rental amount per month for the duration of the lease agreement. The rental agreement could be either a pure rental agreement or a rent-to-own agreement.

The ECB previously approved such agreements on the following conditions:

1. That the rental is not linked to the sale of electricity (which requires a generation licence)
2. The rental amount must be based on the capital and financing costs of the plant
3. The rental amount could incorporate a return for the lessor of the equipment.

Previous approval granted by the ECB allowed for the rental to be adjusted in accordance with performance of the plant (i.e. adjusting rental amount by the ratio by which the plant had under-performed vis-à-vis the forecasted production).

However, upon further consideration the ECB concluded that such adjustment of the rental amount based on the performance of the plant, links the rental amount to the sale of electricity, which is not allowed without a generation licence, and equipment rental on this basis should therefore not be permitted for unlicensed participants.

All interested stakeholders are invited to provide written submissions on the preliminary opinion and/or to indicate their intention to make oral presentations at the workshop to the ECB by or before **27 June 2022**. Oral submissions must not exceed 10 minutes. Interested parties must indicate the representative who will make the presentation at the workshop as well as the number of representatives that will attend the meeting.

The following document can be obtained from the ECB:

- The ECB document that includes the background, summary of discussions to date and the ECB opinion.

Queries and further clarifications must be directed:


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