



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

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## MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY HONOURABLE PENDA YA NDAKOLO, MINISTER OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PERMANENT SECRETARY TO THE LEADERSHIP AND STAFF OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, HELD ON MONDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2017, AT THE DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS, WINDHOEK**

**Honourable Billy W. Mwaningange, Deputy Minister of Defence**

**Lieutenant General John Mutwa, Chief of the Defence Force, represented by Air Force Commander, Martin Kambulu Pinehas**

**Mr Abraham Ilonga, Deputy Permanent Secretary**

**General Officers**

**Directors**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

**Good Morning!**

The reason for our gathering here this morning is to officially welcome and introduce the new Permanent Secretary who is taking up duty following the retirement of our long-serving Permanent Secretary, Mr Petrus Shivute.

The new Permanent Secretary of Defence is from within the Defence System, and is thus, no stranger to the system and to many of you. However, I suspect that he might bring to the office of the Permanent Secretary a personal perspective and different leadership and management styles that would most likely result in more efficiency and improvement to the functioning and operations of the Ministry of Defence.

Without further ado, your new Permanent Secretary is none other than **Rear Admiral Peter Hafeni VILHO**, who has been our Navy Commander for the past ten (10) years. **So, let us welcome him with a big round of applause and congratulate him, as a team, for the new appointment! Rear Admiral Vilho!**

I want to emphasise to you Permanent Secretary, and of course, to all of us as employees of the Ministry of Defence, that of paramount importance to the defence leadership and management systems are the values of teamwork and fairness in dealing with our colleagues and customers.

Meaning that we all need to work together to make sure that strategic and operational defence objectives are achieved in the most cost-effective and efficient manner.

As the political leader of this institution, I want to give assurance to the new Permanent Secretary that my office will give him the necessary support and cooperation. At the same time, I am calling

upon all Command and Management structures as well as Staff of the Ministry of Defence to render the new Permanent Secretary all necessary support that he needs to implement his personal vision for the Ministry.

**I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION!**