



PRESS STATEMENT

(For Immediate Release)

INCREASE OF WATER ALLOCATION FOR POWER GENERATION AT KARIBA

Lusaka, 25th June 2021 – The Zambezi River Authority (*the Authority*) hereby announces an increase in water allocation for power generation at Kariba by 12 Billion Cubic Meters (BCM).

The allocated amount is to be shared equally between the two power utilities, ZESCO Limited (ZESCO) and the Zimbabwe Power Company (ZPC), for their respective power generation operations at Kariba North Bank Power Station (KNBPS) and Kariba South Bank Power Station (KSBPS) for the remainder of 2021. This 12 BCM increase in water allocation, attributable to the normal to above normal rainfall performance, implies that the 2021 water allocation has been revised upwards from 30BCM to 42 BCM to be shared equally between the two power Utilities for their respective power generation operations at Kariba for the year 2021.

The Authority has made this revision in the water allocation in line with its mandate which includes undertaking quarterly hydrological reviews to inform reservoir operations at Kariba. These reviews take into consideration, among other factors, the seasonal rainfall performance. The Authority will continue to undertake these quarterly hydrological reviews and accordingly inform its stakeholders and members of the general public.

The Zambezi River Authority is a Bi-National organization mandated to contribute to the economic, industrial and social development of the Republics of Zambia and Zimbabwe by obtaining the greatest possible benefits from the natural advantages offered by the waters of the Zambezi River (between Zambia and Zimbabwe) through the most economical and effective means of providing water for generation of electricity and for other purposes which the Contracting States may decide upon.

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