



## **CONTROLLER'S NOTIFICATION NO. 1/2026**

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF TWO-TIER EIA REPORT EVALUATION FRAMEWORK**

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#### **1.0 PURPOSE**

This Notification serves to inform all registered Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Consultants and Project Proponents on the implementation of the Two-Tier EIA Report Evaluation Framework, aimed at enhancing the consistency, transparency, and technical robustness of the EIA evaluation process.

#### **2.0 OVERVIEW OF THE TWO-TIER EVALUATION FRAMEWORK**

The revised framework introduces a structured two-tier evaluation process for all EIA reports submitted to the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB), comprising:

- (i) First-Level Evaluation: Internal EIA Technical Evaluation Committee (EIATEC)
- (ii) Second-Level Evaluation: Review Panel Meeting (RPM)

#### **3.0 FIRST-LEVEL EVALUATION: INTERNAL EIA TECHNICAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE (EIATEC)**

##### **3.1 Objective**

The EIATEC serves as the first stage of evaluation to assess the technical adequacy and compliance of the EIA report prior to further consideration.

### **3.2 Scope of Evaluation**

The assessment will focus on:

- Compliance with the approved Terms of Reference (TOR)
- Compliance with the Format of Report
- Adherence to relevant environmental laws, policies, and guidelines
- Completeness in the identification, prediction, and evaluation of potential environmental impacts, as well as the accuracy and adequacy of data, analysis, and proposed mitigation measures.
- Overall quality of the EIA report

## **4.0 SECOND-LEVEL EVALUATION: REVIEW PANEL MEETING (RPM)**

### **4.1 Objective**

The RPM constitutes the second and final stage of evaluation, focusing on regulatory policy compliance, stakeholder input, and overall acceptability of the proposed project.

### **4.2 Composition**

The RPM is chaired by the Controller of Environmental Quality (or Deputy Controller) and includes NREB officers, relevant Government agencies, and subject-matter experts where necessary.

### **4.3 Key Functions**

- Reviewing the findings and recommendations of the EIA report
- Ensuring that all environmental concerns and stakeholder inputs are adequately addressed
- Determining the overall acceptability of environmental impacts and mitigation measures

## **5.0 PRESENTATION REQUIREMENT DURING THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL EVALUATION**

- Project Proponent: Introduction of company background, present project concept, components and activities
- Environmental Consultant: Present EIA findings and mitigation measures

## **6.0 EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY**

This revised EIA Report Evaluation Framework shall apply to all EIA reports with Terms of Reference (TOR) received on or after **2 January 2026**, and to any other EIA reports as determined by the NREB.

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