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NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AGENCY ACT NO. 5 OF 2017
RE: ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

1. TAKE NOTICE that Pursuant to section 2 of the National Water Resources Management Agency Act No. 5 of 2017, the National Water Resources Management Agency was established and became operational in 2019.
2. Pursuant to section 3 (1) of the Act, it is thus stated:
“The property in and control of all water resources is vested in the Government and people of Sierra Leone.
 - a. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act or any other enactment, no person shall:
 - i. divert, dam, store, dredge, abstract or use water resources; or
 - ii. construct or maintain any works for the use of water resources, except in accordance with the provisions of this Act.”
3. Regulations in four key areas of water resources management have been developed: Water Use and Catchment Protection, Groundwater Development and Protection, Dam Safety, and Pollution Control Regulations. All these Regulations support the effective management of the water resources in order to maintain a balance in the water table and provide water resources free of pollutants.
4. The Regulations demand the obtainment of permit/license from the Agency for the development of water works and the use of raw water resources, for which offences are created for failure to comply and penalties clearly stated.
5. The Agency wishes to urge all raw water users in Sierra Leone including but not limited to mining companies, water transportation companies, agricultural

companies, borehole drilling companies, domestic water well users etc. to register their raw water use thereby preventing confrontation with the law.

6. This notice remains valid for two (2) weeks, starting on the 1st day of November 2022 and expiring on the 14th day of November 2022.
7. After the expiration date, the Agency shall enforce the laws mentioned herein within the remit of the provisions for enforcement therein.
8. This Notice is signed on the 31st day of October, 2022



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