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EMERGENCY SITUATION ON MR 118 - ROSH PINAH TO ORANJEMUND

The Orange River, which forms a boundary between South Africa and Namibia, is expected to experience serious flooding, in the next few days, due to the current high rainfall in South Africa.

A section on MR 118 (Rosh Pinah to Oranjemund) between kilometer 26 and kilometer 32 measured from Rosh Pinah, east of the Sendelingdrift Mine, is currently slightly above the water levels flowing from the Orange River.

According to hydrology reports, the highest level of water should be expected from the weekend of 29/30 January 2022 up until 5/6 February 2022. Thus, if the water levels rise higher than the road level, the Roads Authority (RA) will have to close the road (MR118) immediately, for the safety of road users.

It is against the above background that the RA hereby wishes to appeal to all road users to exercise extreme caution when travelling on MR 118 (Rosh Pinah to Oranjemund). Road users are requested to first ascertain the status of this route before making any travelling arrangements.

Due to the anticipated flooding of the Orange River, the road could be closed at any time.

The RA will continue to monitor the situation and the public will be updated about the status of MR 118 on all the relevant media platforms. As a precautionary measure, the RA is currently in discussions with relevant stakeholders to build a temporary bypass with assistance from Namdeb.

All road users are hereby, once again, requested to report potholes/road damages at their nearest RA Office, via email to pr@ra.org.na or via the RA Facebook page—Roads Authority Namibia.

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