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MORATORIUM ON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

This is to inform the general public within the Haa Throm boundary that the Dzongkhag Administration, in collaboration with Paro Regional Office of Infrastructure Development is currently undergoing a comprehensive review and revision of the Haa Local Area Plan (LAP) and the Haa Development Control Regulations (HDCR).

The primary objective of this review is to update urban masterplans, reconfigure plot alignments, and align infrastructure standards with national guidelines while strictly preserving the unique traditional architecture and heritage of the town.

Therefore, to prevent ad-hoc growth and ensure compliance with the forthcoming updated masterplan, the Dzongkhag Administration hereby issues a temporary Moratorium on Construction with immediate effect.

Kindly note the following directives during this interim period:

1. Suspension of Proposals: The Dzongkhag Engineering Sector shall not entertain or accept any new proposals, drawings, or applications for:
 - o New Building Constructions
 - o Major Renovations or Structural Alterations
 - o Building Extensions
 - o Land Sub-divisions or Plot Reconfigurations
2. Existing Approvals: Ongoing constructions that have already received formal approval prior to this notification may proceed, subject to strict adherence to their existing approved drawings and periodic inspection.
3. Duration: This freeze shall remain in force until the review, stakeholder consultations, and final endorsement of the revised HDCR and LAP are completed by the competent authority.

The Dzongkhag Administration solicits the kind cooperation of the public in fostering a well-planned, sustainable, and culturally vibrant urban center. Any non-compliance or unauthorized construction activity undertaken during this moratorium period shall be liable for penalty.

For any urgent clarifications, please contact Municipal Engineer Mrs. Tshering Dolma (17307169) or mail at tdolma@haa.gov.bt or visit engineering sector.


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1. PA to Secretary, Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (MoIT), Thimphu, for kind information.
2. The Director, Department of Human Settlement, MoIT, Thimphu, for kind information.
3. Chief Engineer, Regional Office of Infrastructure Development, Paro, for kind information.
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