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**COMMENCEMENT OF WASTE CHARACTERIZATION SURVEY ACTIVITIES UNDER THE MALAWI WATER SANITATION PROJECT- 1**

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The Government of Malawi (GoM), with financial support from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank (WB), is implementing the Malawi Water and Sanitation Project-1 (MWSP-1). The project is being implemented by Blantyre Water Board (BWB), Blantyre City Council (BCC) and the Ministry of Water and Sanitation (MoWS). The main objective of the project is to improve access to water supply and sanitation services in the Blantyre Metropolitan Area.

One of the key components of the project is solid waste management, which involves enhancing waste sorting practices, integrating the private sector into the waste management system, and constructing a recycling plant and engineered landfill in Chigumula. These efforts aim to improve waste management and reduce environmental impacts in the city.

To support these objectives, Blantyre Water Board has engaged LibanConsult AGM, I.Frantzis & Associates, and Pamodzi Consulting Ltd. to conduct a scientific survey on waste management needs. The survey will gather data from households and businesses to assess waste generation patterns, including types and quantities of waste. The findings will be instrumental in developing an improved waste collection and treatment system to enhance the city's overall waste management framework.

The survey will commence on **17 March 2025** and shall run for **28** days. The Survey teams will carry official identification cards, and all collected information will be treated with strict confidentiality.

Blantyre Water Board and Blantyre City Council therefore kindly request the cooperation of all residents and businesses in Blantyre and surrounding areas in this important exercise. Your participation will contribute significantly to creating a cleaner and healthier environment for all.

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