

●●● Fallout from US bank concerns

SA shares lose R1 trillion in seven days

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A global slump in stocks dragged South Africa's benchmark equity index lower for a seventh day on Wednesday, the longest losing streak for the market since October 2018.

The FTSE/JSE Africa All Share Index fell as much as 3.2%, its sharpest intraday decline in more than eight months. The South African benchmark index's slump has wiped about R1 trillion off the value of stocks during

its seven-day slide. The gauge has also erased the last remaining gains it had posted for this year.

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Locally, traders have had to digest a steady stream of updates from companies like MTN Group setting out the blow to their operations and earn-

ings from South Africa's crippling power crisis.

Global luxury retailer Richemont was the biggest single drag on the South African market Wednesday, dropping 4.1%, while miner Anglo American Plc fell 5.5%. An index of local banking stocks sank as much as 3.6%, sliding for a fourth day to its lowest level in almost five months.

"The fallout in the US bank sector has led to concerns around potential contagion, and on



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this basis — as well as due to the economic environment, South African banking shares have been

under pressure," Unum Capital analyst Lester Davids said in emailed comments.

The main South African index was 3.1% lower by 2:51 p.m. in Johannesburg.

"We have seen the impact of the persistent load shedding in South Africa on various economic indicators," said Abdul Davids, head of research at Camissa Asset Management, using a local term for rolling blackouts.

"Also, recent statements by executives of corporates like MTN have quantified the impact of the energy crisis on corporate profits and the realisation that the energy woes will persist for some time. All of the above is taking a toll on risk appetite for South African stocks."

— Fin24/Bloomberg

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DETAILS ON THE INFORMATION SHARING MEETING: Public Meeting - Saturday, 25 March 2023 at the Divundu Village Council Office (Ndongo Village), Time: 10h00.

Murorua: 'Align with government initiatives'

STAFF REPORTER

All players within the Namibia economy should align their efforts with government initiatives for reviving the economy.

This was the message of the managing director of Nedbank Namibia, Martha Murorua, at an economic discussion in Swakopmund on Wednesday which centred around finance minister Iipumbu Shiimi's recent budget statement.

"As we are all players in the Namibian economic environment, it is integral for us to familiarise ourselves with what our government, through the



From the left are Indileni Nanghonga (senior research and product development officer of Agribank Namibia), Salomo Hei (managing director of High Economic Intelligence), Martha Murorua (managing director of Nedbank Namibia), Alpheus Benjamin (CEO of Swakopmund Municipality), Elizabeth Manasse (Sequoia Tax and Legal Advisory), and Tjivingurura Mbuende (CIB executive at Nedbank Namibia). PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

ministry of finance, is financially prioritising, so that we also understand

what role we can play in that one thing that is common for all of us: to see

the people of our country prosper," Murorua said.

She continued: "Our purpose at Nedbank Namibia of being money experts who do good, correlates really well to the theme of the national budget, and we fully support government's commitment to reducing poverty and inequality.

"Our purpose also highlights that we intentionally do not only see ourselves as the money experts working in a financial institution, but our quest is only complete when we take our expertise and use them for the betterment of our society."

Panel

Also speaking at the event, the managing director of High Economic Intelligence (HEI), Salomo Hei, gave a presentation on the global, regional and domestic economic outlook focusing on key indicators including, global GDP growth, inflation, revenues from the Southern African Customs Union (Sacu) and debt.

The panel discussion was moderated by Nedbank Namibia's executive for corporate and investment banking, Tjivingurura Mbuende. The panel included the senior research and product development officer of Agribank Namibia, Indileni Nanghonga, a representative of Sequoia Tax and Legal Advisory, Elizabeth Manasse, as well as Hei.

The event, which coincided with the bank's annual employee roadshow, was organised for the purpose of bringing together leading voices in the coastal business community to discuss the current economic state of the country. A number of business players from different industries were in attendance at the event, including the CEO of the Swakopmund Municipality, Alpheus Benjamin.



NEW PARTNER ANNOUNCEMENT

We are happy to announce the appointment of Velinda Alves as a new partner at PKF FCS from 1 March 2023.

Velinda obtained her B.Comm Financial Accounting degree in 2009 at the University of Stellenbosch and started her career in 2010.

Since then, she had been involved in the public sector, attending to taxation, accounting, bookkeeping and statutory requirements and compliance for various industries. She completed her articles in 2013.

Velinda joined the PKF Namibia team in 2014 as Accounting Manager.

She is also a member of the Namibia Institute of Professional Accountants (NIPA).



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VACANCY

Seeking Applications for a Senior MIS Advisor
for USAID-funded Project

Chemonics International, an international development consulting firm, seeks a position for the USAID-funded Global Health Supply Chain - Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) project in Windhoek, Namibia. The project provides direct procurement and supply chain management support to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), a USG-funded global health activity. GHSC-PSM in Namibia will develop and manage a wide array of services for health commodity procurement and related systems strengthening technical assistance encompassing different elements of a comprehensive supply chain.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services has been using several electronic ARV dispensing and logistics management information systems. GHSC-PSM and MOHSS heavily rely on these tools, especially the Electronic Dispensing Tool (EDT), the Facility Electronic Stock Card (FESC) and the web-based Pharmaceutical Information Dashboard to monitor stock levels antiretroviral medicines, patient uptake and regimen trends, which inform forecasting and supply planning. As such, GHSC-PSM is seeking a full-time **Senior MIS Advisor** to provide support for maintaining optimal functionality of the ARV dispensing and logistics management information systems.

Preference will be given to Namibian citizens or permanent residents.

Please visit <https://bit.ly/3ynFoZl> for more information on the position.

Application Instructions: send resumes/CVs to psmnamibia@gmail.com by March 17, 2023 with the position title in the subject line. No telephone inquiries. Only finalists will be contacted for practical and oral interview.



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NASRIA Ltd
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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

PROCUREMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN OF A WEATHER INDEX-BASED LIVESTOCK INSURANCE PRODUCT FOR THE NAMIBIA AGRICULTURE INSURANCE SCHEME

DESCRIPTION:

NASRIA is mandated to carry-on short-term insurance business relating to Special Risk Covers as well as to promote the development and participation of the Namibian people in the insurance industry in Namibia.

NASRIA is expanding its Special Risks Insurance services and embarking on exploring the Agriculture Climate Change Solutions through its Namibia Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS). The NAIS is going to be a Specialized Insurance product based on the (pure rainfall) Weather Index Methodology aimed at mitigating challenges faced by Namibian Farmers/Communities due to the impacts of climate change risks primarily because of drought and excessive rainfall/floods.

NASRIA is now inviting interested and experienced Actuarial Consultants/Experts/Firms to apply for the development and design of a (pure rainfall) Weather index-based Livestock Insurance product.

MINIMUM COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS:

- At least a B-degree in Actuarial Science, Statistics, Agricultural Economics or Agribusiness.
- Minimum of 5 years of professional work experience in Agriculture Insurance products design, and Risk Management.
- Have legal capacity to enter into a contractual agreement.
- Not have been insolvent, bankrupt, receivership or wound up.
- Experience in Agriculture Weather Index-based Insurance products/schemes developments.
- Experience in providing premium rating/calculations consultancy services and capacity development.
- References and expertise in agriculture insurance developments, design, and implementations in Africa.
- In-depth understanding of reinsurance markets, donor agencies, grant solicitation and other financial support mechanism.
- Extensive experience in insurance policy wording, planning and management of public and private institutions and NGOs.
- Strong client support and results orientated.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Interested individuals/organizations should collect the full Terms of Reference from NASRIA Head Office, Administration & Procurement Department at 333 Independence Avenue, NAMLEX Chambers 3rd floor, Windhoek, Namibia, or request for the Terms of Reference to be emailed.

THE CLOSING DATE 11 APRIL 2023 at 15h00.

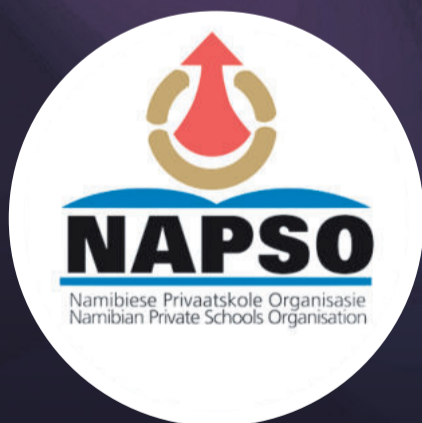
Please note that all applications submitted later than this date will not be considered by NASRIA. The applications along with supporting documents must be submitted at NASRIA in hard copies.

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application.

CONTACTS: For additional information, please contact Ms. Anna Green/ Nancy Perestrelo at Telephone: 061-229207, Mobile - 081 145 5747, email: anna@nasria.com.na or Nancy at Telephone: 061-229207, Mobile - 081 140 3224, or at nancy@nasria.com.na



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EIA FOR NAMIBIA BERRIES' PROPOSED IRRIGATION ACTIVITIES, LOCATED IN DIVUNDU VILLAGE, KAVANGO EAST REGION

INFORMATION SHARING MEETINGS

Meeting 1 - Key Stakeholder Meeting

Date:	24 March 2023
Location:	Proposed Blueberries Irrigation Activities
Time:	14h00 - 16h00
Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process being followed. • Explain the motivation and overview of the proposed Project. • Allow interested & affect parties (IAPs) to provide input into the EIA process and Scoping Report.
Attendees (Key Stakeholders)	Community members within the boundary of the site. See full attendance register in Appendix A.
Facilitator:	Mr. Immanuel Katali (IK)
Client Representative:	Ms. Selma Nasheya (SN)
Translator	Mr. Hungamo Kamburi (HK)

1 PRESENTATION

HK, the translator welcomed all to the meeting and introduced IK, the Independent Environmental Consultant and SN from Blue Berries Namibia (Pty) Ltd. IK then took the floor for his presentation.

IK presented the project background/motivation as well as the description and location of the proposed project and various project components.

IK also presented the EIA process being followed and explained the potential key social and environmental issues that were identified as part of the initial stages of the EIA process. He ended the presentation by discussing the way forward regarding the EIA process.

2 DISCUSSION

Any issues and concerns raised during the meeting have been recorded in Table 1. Where a response was provided, the relevant response has also been included in Table 1.

Issue raised/ comment	Response
What effect does the chemical they are going to use have on people and animals?	The are measures that will be developed as part of the Environmental Management Plan on the acceptable and proper ways to handle the chemicals such as following the “Good Agriculture practice”, which contains measures and procedures to handle chemicals during operations.
Will the flooding of water not brig harm to people living near or close to the river?	The EMP will also contain measures that mitigate potential pollution impacts on the environment and the surface water. A hydrogeology specialist has been appointed for this project to assess impacts such as pollution.
People living alongside the fence, the chemical that will be used to spray in the field will it not affect them? Or will it not bring danger to their life?	<p>The are measures that will be developed as part of the Environmental Management Plan on the acceptable and proper ways to handle the chemicals such as following the “Good Agriculture practice”, which contains measures and procedures to handle chemicals during operations.</p> <p>Also, there will be net structures, meaning that automatically creates a barrier. There are also measures stating that there can only be specific times for spraying such as not spraying during windy periods.</p>
Is there anything you will be using to stop the rain?	No. Rain will be important for the project. The project needs rain.
Will the chemical not contaminate the river?	The EMP will also contain measures that mitigate potential pollution impacts on the environment and the surface water. A hydrogeology specialist has been appointed for this project to assess impacts such as pollution.
Will this blueberries projects not bring misunderstandings/rejections amongst the people living in the area?	This is the reason why we are here. To listen to the issues and concerns that the community has in order to consider those issues and assess them in the EIA process and develop mitigation measures to minimize the potential impact.
Why has this specific site been selected and why can you not go further south?	The site is selected due to its proximity to the river. It is an irrigation project and water is required, hence this location where it is very close to the river. Otherwise the project will not be feasible if the location has to be far from the river.

<p>How are you going to relocate people living within the area?</p>	<p>There will be measures in the EMP which the proponent will have to adhere to. This measures will include the procedures that the proponent will have to follow for resettlement, such as following guidelines and standards stipulated by the Ministry of Urban and Rural development, as well as the IFC Performance Standard on Involuntary Resettlement. The proponent will follow the legal way and utilizing legal procedures.</p>
<p>Where are they going to put the pipelines?</p>	<p>There will be a network of pipelines that will run from the river to the various locations on the site and connected to irrigation systems.</p>
<p>What type of fence are they going to use?</p>	<p>Due to the presence of livestock and wildlife in the surrounding areas, the irrigation fields need to be effectively fenced off. A stock-proof fence surrounding the perimeter will be required to prevent entry of livestock and wildlife as well as unauthorised people into the project site. This fence should be comprised of a 2.4m high fence with electrical offsets and a 1m high jackal proof lower section.</p>

3 DEADLINE

Initial comments must reach I.N.K by 12 April 2023.

4 CLOSE

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Appendix A
Meeting Photos





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EIA FOR NAMIBIA BERRIES' PROPOSED IRRIGATION ACTIVITIES, LOCATED IN DIVUNDU VILLAGE, KAVANGO EAST REGION

INFORMATION SHARING MEETINGS

Meeting 2 - General Public Meeting

Date:	25 March 2023
Location:	Proposed Blueberries Irrigation Activities
Time:	09h00 - 11h00
Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process being followed. • Explain the motivation and overview of the proposed Project. • Allow interested & affect parties (IAPs) to provide input into the EIA process and Scoping Report.
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2 DISCUSSION

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Issue raised/ comment	Response
Where are they going to store empty chemical containers after use/when expired?	The are currently only two hazardous storage facilities in Namibia - in Windhoek and in Walvis Bay. Hazardous waste will be temporary stored ion site separate from the general waste before it is transported to a licensed hazardous facility.
Where will you put the used chemical water?	The are currently only two hazardous storage facilities in Namibia - in Windhoek and in Walvis Bay. Hazardous waste will be temporary stored ion site separate from the general waste before it is transported to a licensed hazardous facility.
Which team will be using the stadium, since there are two teams in Ndongo village?	As part of the resettlement programme, Blue Berries will be constructing an up to standard soccer field to compensate for the loss of the current one, it is also part of their social responsibility. The field will be shared by both teams, since it's a field for the community teams.
Where is the boundary?	Please refer to the project site map in the BID.
Who determines the price to be paid to people that are relocating?	There will be measures in the EMP which the proponent will have to adhere to. This measures will include the procedures that the proponent will have to follow for resettlement, such as following guidelines and standards stipulated by the Ministry of Urban and Rural development, as well as the IFC Performance Standard on Involuntary Resettlement. The proponent will follow the legal way and utilizing legal procedures.
Will the left out graveyards be inside or outside?	It is confirmed that there are no graveyards within the boundary of the site.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Blue Berries Namibia (Pty) Ltd (hereinafter referred to as "Namibia Berries") intends to apply for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for their proposed irrigation activities, located on a piece of land measuring ±253.9 hectares (ha), along the south eastern banks of the Okavango River, in Divundu Settlement. The proposed project aims to produce blue berries (large-scale production) and avocado (small-scale production) over four (4) phases.

The project objectives include the following:

- ◆ Green scheme agricultural production focusing on expanding market access for Namibia & promoting responsible sourcing.
- ◆ Implementation of sustainable practices, including habitat conservation & protection of natural resources.
- ◆ Local employment opportunities focusing on gender equality and reducing migration of women.
- ◆ Significant impact investment in the project area.
- ◆ Training, development and research opportunities for Namibia.
- ◆ Local community partnership.

This proposed project follows the footsteps of the Government of Namibia's aims and objectives to ensure agriculture productivity and food security as envisaged in NDP III and Vision 2030 strategy.

The challenge facing the project proponent is its contribution towards achieving these goals while at the same time preventing and/or mitigating potential negative social and environmental impacts.

2. PURPOSE OF THE BID

This BID has been prepared to provide general information relating to the following:

- ◆ The proposed activities.
- ◆ ESIA process.
- ◆ Early identification of the potential environmental impacts/issues.
- ◆ How you can have input into the ESIA process.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public involvement is an essential part of the ESIA process.

You have been identified as an interested and affected party (IAP) who may want to know about the proposed activities and have input into the ESIA process.

All comments (see attached comment sheet) will be recorded and addressed in the EIA process.

4. INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

I.N.K Enviro Consultants cc (I.N.K), is an independent firm of environmental consultants, that has been appointed by Blue Berries Namibia (Pty) Ltd to manage the EIA process for the above-mentioned activities.

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5. ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL

Prior to the commencement of the proposed activities, an application for environmental clearance will be submitted in terms of the Environmental Management Act, 7 of 2007 and Regulations 19 and 21 of the EIA Regulations (January 2012) to the MEFT - Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). MET - DEA will review the application and relevant reports for a final decision. An EIA process will be conducted in terms of the above-mentioned Act and Regulations.

In addition, the ESIA process will be aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards.

6. ESIA PROCESS

The ESIA process provides information on the proposed project and the environment in which it may be situated; it identifies, in consultation with IAPs, the potential negative and positive environmental aspects and associated impacts of the proposed project; and reports on management measures required to mitigate such impacts to acceptable levels.

A draft Scoping Report (including an assessment of impacts) and an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) for the proposed project will be made available for a 14-day public comment period. Registered IAPs will be notified via e-mail of the review period and the availability of the draft Scoping (including assessment) Report.

7. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This Chapter provides a brief description of the proposed irrigation activities.

Introduction

As mentioned in section 1 above, the proposed project aims to produce blueberries (large-scale production) and avocado (small-scale production) over four (4) phases.

Water Supply

The irrigation project aims to abstract water from the Kavango River. An application for a water abstraction permit will be submitted to the Department of Water Affairs (DWA).

Irrigation water to the project will be supplied as per the following:

- ◆ Pipeline to be flexible High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) type pipe from pontoon to booster station.
- ◆ Pipeline floating on water and above ground up to river bank.
- ◆ Pipework from booster to irrigation be sub-surface as permitted by soil conditions.

Power Supply

A combination of Generators (Diesel and Petrol), Solar System with inverters and batteries, and connection from Nored grid are available options for power supply during both construction and operations phases of the irrigation project.

Employment

The construction phase (over 4 years) will employ between 30-65 persons. The production phase will employ, on average, 22 persons, per 50 ha production area. This will accumulate to approximately 100 persons before the end of year 4. Seasonal workforce is expected to peak at 1500 persons at full production on 200 ha.

Additional/Associated Infrastructure

Net structures will be constructed covering an area of approximately 220 ha. In addition, the following additional/associated infrastructure, will be located on a piece of land, each covering 3.0 ha:

- ◆ Packhouse
- ◆ Greenhouse: Avocado
- ◆ Grow-on: Avocado
- ◆ Tissue Culture Lab covering 2400 m²

Other infrastructure will include, temporary construction lay-down areas and new access roads.

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8. SOCIAL BASELINE ENVIRONMENT FOR RELOCATION ACTIVITIES

This Chapter provides a brief description of the proposed relocation activities.

Introduction

As mentioned in section 1 above, the proposed project aims to produce blueberries (large-scale production) and avocado (small-scale production) over four (4) phases.

There are homesteads located within the project boundary that will have to undergo a resettlement process. Below is a short baseline description for these activities, with further information available in the Social Impact Assessment report that is proposed to be conducted.

Number of Homesteads Proposed For Resettlement

A projection of less than 25 homesteads are proposed to be resettled. However, this information will be validated in the SIA Report.

Type of Infrastructure and Key Assets found in the Homesteads

Predominantly traditional huts and some conventional structures.

Primary uses of the land within the project boundaries

The land is mainly used for agricultural purposes such as cultivation and grazing.

Proposed Mechanism to be used for the Resettlement Process

A compensation framework will be followed, including a resettlement action plan. The approach will include engagement and contractual agreements with all key stakeholders to comply to the National Guidelines Compensation Policy adopted by Cabinet in 2009. Furthermore, the IFC Performance Standard 5 will apply for this SIA.

Motivation/Rationale for Selected Site

The location is selected based on the following:

- ◆ Location is less inhabited.
- ◆ Minimizing the disruption of livelihood.
- ◆ Close proximity to the river is advantageous to project needs.
- ◆ The project will support sustainable economic development efforts and alleviate unemployment.

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9. POTENTIAL IMPACTS

- ◆ **Biodiversity:** Physical destruction and general disturbance of fauna and flora as a result of the construction activities.
- ◆ **Noise:** Noise from the construction activities could disturb people and animals in the immediate surroundings of the activities.
- ◆ **Hydrocarbon Spillages:** Machinery and equipment used on site, i.e refueling of generators poses an environmental risk due to potential hydrocarbon spills. Hydrocarbon spillages could potentially contaminate the soil and groundwater. Impacts on the river quality due to contaminated surface water runoff and discharge. Groundwater quality deterioration due to infiltration of contaminated water.
- ◆ **Waste Management:** Waste generated on site has the potential to pollute the environment and cause environmental degradation, if not properly managed.
- ◆ **Air Quality:** Some dust will be generated from the activities which can pose an environmental impact and health impact on the surrounding community.
- ◆ **Health and Safety:** Risks and hazards associated with the handling of chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers).
- ◆ **Socio-economic:** Positive impacts such as Employment Opportunities, training and transfer of skills. Negative impacts such as in-migration causing pressure on local services and social ills. Positive and Negative Impacts on land-use change and Negative Social Impacts such as the relocation of homesteads.
- ◆ **Heritage and Archaeology:** Potential destruction of sites of heritage and archaeological concern during construction.

10. STEPS IN THE EIA PROCESS

Phase I - Internal Screening (Month 1)

- ◆ EIA project initiation.
- ◆ Notify MEFT: DEA.
- ◆ Early identification of potential environmental issues.
- ◆ Submit Application form to MEFT
- ◆ Identify key stakeholders.

PHASE II – Combined Scoping & Assessment Phase and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) (Months 1-2)

- ◆ Notify other regulatory authorities and IAPs of the proposed project (via newspaper advertisements, this document, emails, site notices).
- ◆ Site visit.
- ◆ Conduct public meeting and key stakeholder (focus group) meetings.
- ◆ Assess impacts of proposed projects and compile Scoping (including assessment) report and EMP.
- ◆ Comment period: Reports will be made available for review and comment by regulatory authorities and registered IAPs.
- ◆ Compile final reports (including Issues and Response Report).
- ◆ Submit the final reports to MEFT for its review and decision-making.

It takes approximately 2 months to complete the ESEIA process before submission of reports to MEFT. Furthermore, it will take an additional 3 months before MEFT can make a decision on the ECC Application.

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