

PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATION PROCESS

Objective of Undertaking Consultation Process

The overall objective of undertaking the public and stakeholder consultation process was to inform all the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about the proposed project activities, disclose the Terms of Reference, the assessment and management reports and allow for inputs, comments or objections of the proposed 2D/3D seismic survey operations.

Environmental Consultant and Proponent Roles and Responsibilities

Risk-Based Solutions (RBS) had the overall responsibilities for implementing the public and stakeholder consultation activities as part of the Scoping, EIA and EMP processes as required by the regulations as well as Searcher Geodata UK Ltd corporate requirements.

The RBS Consultant Ms. Emerita Ashipala, Mr. Samson Mulonga, Ms. Ilta Asser, Christine Links and Ms. Meriam Kauyama were responsible for the implementation of the consultation process including organising and conducting consultation events.

Direct contact and engagement of other marine users such as fisheries, fishing and other marine users in Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, Lüderitz, and Henties Bay were undertaken by Mr Percival Anthony Rinqest who is a qualified and experienced Marine Mammal Observer (MMO) and Fisheries Liaison Officers (FLO) based on Walvis Bay.

Stakeholder communications as well as the review and quality control of all technical reports, document and letters were managed by Dr Sindila Mwiya and Dr Vita Stankevica, the Project Directors and Quality Control Manager respectively. Searcher Geodata UK Ltd provided all the applicable proposed project specific information such as the survey coordinates, boundary, maps, survey vessels/s to be used, timing and 2D / 3D seismic survey technical specifications.

Consultation Approach and Implementation

In accordance with provisions of the national regulations and corporate requirements of the Proponent, the identification and assessment of stakeholders and issues of importance to them, was key step of the EIA Process for the proposed activities. In line with the provisions of the EIA Regulations, 2012, the public consultation process was undertaken during the month March 2023. A Stakeholder Registered was opened on 23rd March 2023 as required by the Environmental Management Act, 2007, (Act No. 7 of 2007) and EIA Regulations, 2012. During the month March 2023, public notices were published in the following local newspapers as required by the Environmental Management Act, 2007, (Act No. 7 of 2007) and EIA Regulations, 2012 (Figs. 1 - 4):

- (i) New Era Daily English Newspaper dated Thursday, 23rd March 2023.
- (ii) Market Watch Insert in Allgemeine Zeitung (Namibian German) Daily Newspaper dated Friday, 31st March 2023.
- (iii) Market Watch Insert in Namibian Sun (Namibian English) Daily Newspaper dated Friday, 31st March 2023, and.
- (iv) Market Watch Insert in Republikein (Afrikaans Newspaper) Daily Newspaper dated Friday, 31st March 2023.

The deadline for registration and submission of inputs, comments or objection was Friday, 14th April 2023 (Figs. 1-4). Public notices were also placed at the following key multiple strategic locations in the towns of Henties Bay, Swakopmund, Walvis Bay and Lüderitz (Plates 1-3).

- (i) Henties Bay Public Notices placed at the Henties Bay Municipality Public Notice Board and the University of Namibia, Dr Sam Nujoma Campus Public Notice Board (Plate 1).

- (ii) Swakopmund Public Notices placed at the Erongo Regional Council Offices, Swakopmund Municipality public notice board, Woermann Brock Mondesa Shopping Complex Notice Board and Woermann Brock Town Centre Shopping Complex Notice Board (Plate 2), and.
- (iii) Walvis Bay Public Notices placed at Walvis Bay Municipality Main Building Entrance, Walvis Bay Municipality Library, TotalEnergies Services Station Notice Board, and Woermann Brock Town Centre Shopping Complex Notice Board (Plate 3).

A public meeting was planned in Swakopmund during the month of March 2023 but no public interest / number of registered stakeholders expressed the interest to attend.

Table 1 provides detailed information on the timing and type of activities that have been undertaken as part of the environmental assessment process during the months of March and April 2023.

Interested and Affected Party Disclosures / Requirements

All the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) requesting for registration were asked to disclose their interest as provided for in the EIA Regulations, 2012, Regulation 23 (1), (b) which states as follows:

- (1) A registered interested or affected party is entitled to comment in writing, on all written submissions made to the Environmental Commissioner by the applicant responsible for the application, and to bring to the attention of the Environmental Commissioner any issues which that party, believes may be of significance to the consideration of the application, as long as:
 - (a) *the interested and affected party discloses any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of the application.*

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Consultations Outcomes and Recommendations

No written objections to the proposed 2D / 3D seismic survey operations in Lüderitz and Walvis Basins, offshore Namibia have been received during the consultation process undertaken during the months March and April 2023 and details of all the public and stakeholder consultations and communications sent out and received.

It is important that all the registered stakeholders and especially all the other marine users including all the key fishing companies and associations, petroleum operators / PEL holders, Debmarine and Namdeb Diamond Exploration and Mining company, other marine minerals exploration companies and key marine Government regulators (Ministry of Mines and Energy, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources and Ministry of Works and Transport) are notified before the implementation of each of the proposed 2D / 3D seismic survey event operations by Searcher.

Table 1: Detailed activities and timing of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) consultation process.

BID, SCOPING, EIA AND EMP PROJECT CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES					SCOPING STAGE INFORMATION TO DISCLOSED	STAKEHOLDER TARGET GROUP	RESPONSIBILITY
ACTIVITIES	2023						
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN			
1. Project screening					1. Background Information Document (BID) summarising the proposed project 2. Draft EIA and EMP inclusive of specialist studies to be undertaken 3. Final EIA and EMP Reports	1. Namibia central government ministries. 2. Namibia regional government. 3. Namibia local government. 4. Other key government organs of State, and. 5. Namibia state owned enterprises 6. Fisheries / marine related associations / bodies. 7. Business (Private sector) organisation associations / bodies. 8. Project contractors and business partners 9. National Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Community Based Organisations (CBOs). 10. Regional/ local bodies / initiatives (such as Benguela Current Commission (BCC)) 11. Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) / Public	❖ Risk-Based Solutions (RBS) will undertake the activities on behalf of Searcher ❖ Searcher will provide all the applicable proposed project survey coordinates, boundary, maps, survey vessels/s to be used, and the proposed 2D/3D seismic surveys technical specifications
2. Prepared Summarised Background Information Document (BID) and Scoping							
3. Prepared Public Advert							
4. Opened a Stakeholder Register and updated continuously							
5. Directly contact and engage the key Interested and Affected Parties especially other marine users such as fisheries and fishing companies							
6. Registered the project with the Environmental Commissioner in the Ministry of Environment Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) via Ministry of Mines and Energy							
7. Twenty (21) days of public and stakeholder consultations from the date of 1 st publication. Public notices published in the New Era Daily (English) Newspaper, Market Watch of the Namibian Sun (English), Republikein (Afrikaans Newspaper) and Allgemeine Zeitung (Namibian German Newspaper) during the month of March 2023 . Public notices place at the following strategic places: (i) Henties Bay Public Notices placed at the Henties Bay Municipality Public Notice Board and the University of Namibia, Dr Sam Nujoma Campus Public Notice Board. (ii) Swakopmund Public Notices placed at the Erongo Regional Council Offices entrance doors, Swakopmund Municipality public notice board, Woermann Brock Mondesa Shopping Complex Notice Board and Woermann Brock Town Centre Shopping Complex Notice Board, and. (iii) Walvis Bay Public Notices placed at Walvis Bay Municipality Main Building Entrance, Walvis Bay Municipality Library, TotalEnergies Services Station Notice Board, and Woermann Brock Town Centre Shopping Complex Notice Board. Public meeting planned in Swakopmund during the month of March 2023 but no public interest / number of registered stakeholders willing to attend.							
8. Prepared Final Scoping / BID, Draft EIA and EMP Report							
9. Conducted additional stakeholder consultation activities with respect to the disclosure of the prepared reports to be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner in MEFT							
10. Updated the Draft EIA and EMP Reports as may be applicable based on the inputs and comments obtained during the public and stakeholder consultation process							
11. Submitted the Application for ECC to the Environmental Commissioner supported by the final EIA and EMP Reports							

Second annual Ride the Ridges MTB event set for this weekend

■ Staff Reporter

With just a couple of days before 202 riders embark on the second annual Ride the Ridges, proudly co-sponsored by PSG and Capricorn Group, excitement is growing for this epic mountain bike adventure on the beautiful scenic ridges surrounding Windhoek, which is lush green after the blessing of rain.

The vision of PSG and Capricorn Group is to offer a world-class MTB trail event, offering a unique experience for riders around the capital city. The inaugural event in 2022 set the bar very high on every level, and organisers are pulling out all the stops for the 2023 rendition.

The three-day journey will comprise three stages, starting and ending at Heja Lodge, with the first stage offering an easy introduction to the weekend. Riders will depart

at 15h00 on Friday when they will be enjoying breathtaking scenery from some of the highest mountains surrounding Windhoek. A very special sundowner spot at 2100m above sea level is the day's highlight, where riders will be rewarded with ice-cold beer on tap or gin and tonic.

On Saturday, riders will be enjoying the second stage, which will take them on one of the highest ridge lines in Namibia on a flowing jeep track, spread out over three privately-owned farms and restricted access land.

The last stage will commence on Sunday when riders take a shorter route through the scenic Las Vegas Namibia camp. After each day of riding, all the mountain bikes will be cared for by the Cycletec technicians in the Tech Zone and stored safely for the next day while riders enjoy complimentary food and drinks, live music, and good



Anticipation... The second annual Ride the Ridges competition will take place this weekend. Photo: Contributed

There will be water points on all three stages and a Rider Village at Heja Lodge that will bring out the deeper essence of the event with

some great surprises waiting for the riders. The Rider Village will host a Gin bar, beer on tap, good food and rider massages. Heja Game Lodge has excellent outdoor space

for riders, their family, friends, and the public.

Ride the Ridges is unlike anything riders have ever ridden in Namibia. The demand for 2023 was so significant that entries were extended by 33%, yet the event was sold out. Ride the Ridges is a walk away from this unforgettable experience richer and hunt to discover when the next event will be hosted. The scenery and hospitality are unlike anything for Namibian mountain bikers.

"Capricorn Group is proud of its partnership with PSG hosting this unique three-stage race. Our vision is to grow the Ride the Ridges event annually offering even more riders an opportunity to access and explore the beautiful scenery around the ridges of Windhoek," said Mar Horn, Group Executive: Brand Corporate Affairs at Capricorn Group.

"PSG Namibia is so excited to be involved again this year in the Ride the Ridges event. As a financial services group, we understand the importance of physical health - the value it brings to a balanced life. The event takes place in a beautiful scenery of Namibia, and we believe that being in nature, participating in outdoor activities is a great way to stay healthy and maintain a positive mindset. We are honoured to support events that align with our values," said Brian van Rensburg

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In the process of searching (exploring) for oil and gas, seismic survey data sets are used to reduce the risk of drilling multiple dry wells, improve the chances for commercial discovery and reduce the environmental impacts of drilling multiple unsuccessful wells. Marine seismic survey involves a vessel towing an airgun (energy source) which releases compressed air to generate seismic acoustic signals / waves at regular intervals. The controlled generated acoustic waves travel through the water column deep into the subsurface rock layers where acoustic waves get reflected by various rock formations at different depth below the seafloor. When the reflected acoustic waves return to the surface, they are recorded and measured by receiving devices called hydrophones. The recorded wavefield contains all kinds of useful information about the structure and composition of the subsurface rocks. Geophysicists, geologists, and petroleum engineers use sophisticated software to process the seismic data sets and create subsurface images (maps showing potential drill-ready subsurface geological structures called reservoirs that may contain potential commercial hydrocarbons resources). 2D seismic survey is a regional mapping / imaging methodology aimed at de-risking a large exploration project area by establishing a validated Sedimentary Basin Scale Model of an exploration Area of Interest. 3D Seismic survey on the other hand, is a detailed local mapping / imaging methodology aimed at de-risking an exploration project area by establishing a validated Prospect or Lead's Scale Models of an exploration Area of Interest within a Sedimentary Basin. 2D and 3D seismic surveys are acquired on dense and widely spaced grids, respectively. Overall, seismic survey process involves: Seismic source, wave propagation, recording, data processing and interpretation.

The proposed 2D/3D seismic survey will be conducted using a MARPOL / Namibian Maritimes Laws compliant vessels and will adopt international best practices such as seasonality and survey implementation timing, establishment of buffer zones, use of Marine Mammal Observers (MMOs) and Fisheries Liaison Officers (FLOs), use of Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) technology, soft starts and 'pre-firing' observations, termination of firing in the 500m exclusion zone and use of turtle friendly tail buoys. The proposed 2D/3D seismic survey activities cannot be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) as required by the Environmental Management Act, 2007, (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 30 of 2012. In fulfillment of the environmental requirements, the Proponent has appointed Risk-Based Solutions (RBS) CC as the environmental / permitting de-risking Consultant, led by Dr Sindila Mwiya and supported by Ms Emerita Ashipala and Mr Samison Mulonga as the Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) to prepare EIA and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) Reports to support the application for ECC. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to register and submit written inputs / objections with respect to the proposed 2D/3D seismic surveys covering portions of the Lüderitz and Walvis Basins, offshore Namibia. A Background Information Document (BID) and Project Reports are available for comments upon registration as a stakeholder / Interested and / Affected Party (I&AP). Note, that, in terms of the provisions of the EIA Regulation 23 (1), an interested and / or affected party is required to disclose any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of the ECC application.

Register By Sending an Email with your Names, Organisation, Contact Details and Declaration / Disclosure of Interest to:

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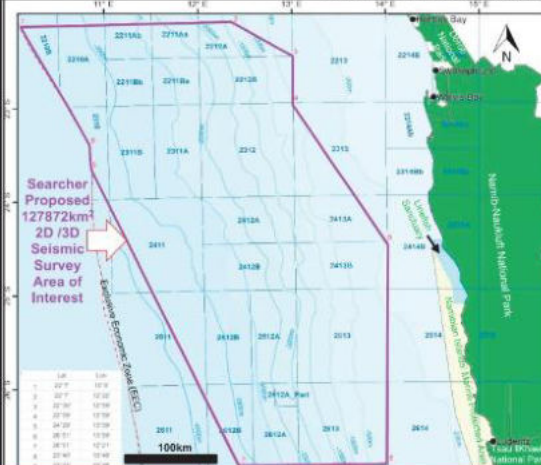
Figure 1: Copy of the Public Notice Advert No. 1 published in the New Era Daily English Newspaper dated Thursday, 23rd March 2023

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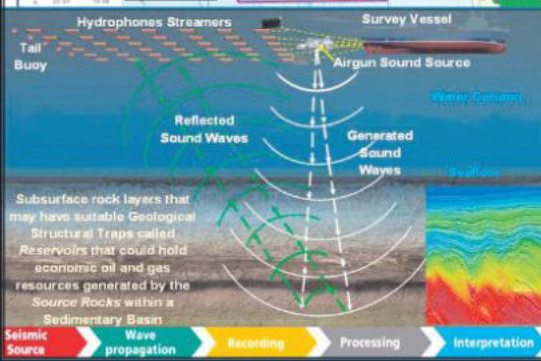
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IT'S TIME FOR THE



TUNE IN THIS WEEKEND FOR FUN AND GAMES:

FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2023

SATURDAY 01 APRIL 2023

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RUGBY
LIVE 12:25 MY ZONE REPUBLIKEIN
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Figure 3: Copy of the Public Notice Advert No. 2 published in the Market Watch Insert in Namibian Sun (Namibian English) Daily Newspaper dated Friday 31st March 2023.

FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2023 Market Watch Republikein Sun Allgemeine Zeitung 8

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The proposed 2D/3D seismic survey will be conducted using a MARPOL / Namibian Maritime Laws compliant vessels and will adopt international best practices such as seasonality and survey implementation timing, establishment of buffer zones, use of Marine Mammal Observers (MMOs) and Fisheries Liaison Officers (FLOs), use of Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) technology, soft starts and 'pre-firing' observations, termination of firing in the 500m exclusion zone and use of turtle friendly tail buoys. The proposed 2D/3D seismic survey activities cannot be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) as required by the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 30 of 2012. In fulfillment of the environmental requirements, the Proponent has appointed Risk-Based Solutions (RBS) CC as the environmental / permitting de-risking Consultant, led by Dr Sindila Mweya and supported by Ms Emerita Ashipala and Mr Samison Mulonga as the Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) to prepare EIA and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) Reports to support the application for ECC. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to register and submit written inputs / objections with respect to the proposed 2D/3D seismic surveys covering portions of the Lüderitz and Walvis Basins, offshore Namibia. A Background Information Document (BID) and Project Reports are available for comments upon registration as a stakeholder / Interested and / Affected Party (I&AP). Note that, in terms of the provisions of the EIA Regulation 23 (1), an interested and / or affected party is required to disclose any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which that party may have in the approval / refusal of the ECC application.

Register By Sending an Email with your Names, Organisation, Contact Details and Declaration / Disclosure of Interest to:
 Ms Emerita Ashipala (EAP/ Risk-Based Solutions Independent Senior Technical Consultant), Email: emerita.ashipala@gmail.com
 Mr Samison Mulonga (EAP/ Risk-Based Solutions Independent Senior Technical Consultant), Email: mulongas@gmail.com

For specific technical clarifications on marine seismic survey, oil and gas exploration and the environment please contact:
 Dr Sindila Mweya EAP / Technical Permitting Advisor / International Resources Consultant, Email: frontdesk@rbs.com.na

Public meetings will be organised in either in Lüderitz, Walvis Bay or Swakopmund during the months of March / April 2023 depending on the public interest / number of registered stakeholders wanting to attend the public meeting / open day session

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Subsurface rock layers that may have suitable Geological Structure Traps called Reservoirs that could hold economic oil and gas resources generated by the Source Rocks within a Sedimentary Basin

Seismic Source → Wave propagation → Recording → Processing → Interpretation

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HOCKEY	LIVE 10:00	MY ZONE
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SATURDAY 01 APRIL 2023

RUGBY	LIVE 08:50	MY ZONE	REPUBLIKEIN NTV
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NETBALL	LIVE 08:50	MY ZONE	SPORT WRAP
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HOCKEY	LIVE 09:00	MY ZONE
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Figure 4: Copy of the Public Notice Advert No. 2 published in the Market Watch Insert in Namibian Sun (Namibian English) Daily Newspaper dated Friday 31st March 2023.



Plate 1: Henties Bay Public Notices placed at the Henties Bay Municipality Public Notice Board (top image), and University of Namibia, Dr Sam Nujoma Campus Public Notice Board (bottom right image).

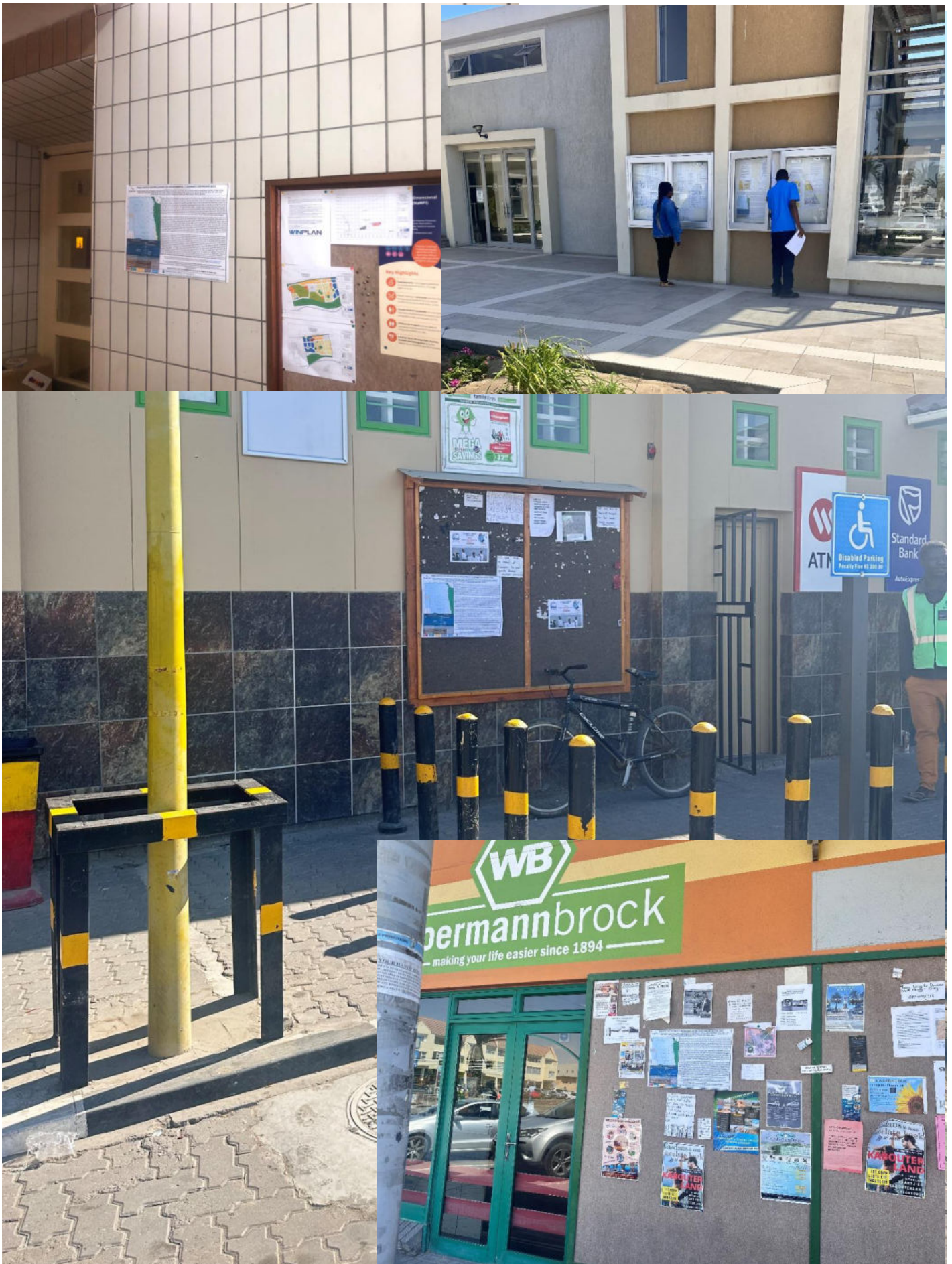


Plate 2: Swakopmund Public Notices placed at the Erongo Regional Council Offices (top left image), Swakopmund Municipality public notice board (top right image), Woermann Brock Mondesa Shopping Complex Notice Board (bottom left image) and Woermann Brock Town Centre Shopping Complex Notice Board (bottom left image insert).



Plate 3: Walvis Bay Public Notices placed at Walvis Bay Municipality Main Building Entrance (bottom left image), Walvis Municipality Library (top right image), Woermann Brock Town Centre Shopping Complex (bottom left image) and TotalEnergies Service Station (bottom right image).