

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING (AS PRESENTED IN THE SCOPING REPORT UNDER SECTION 6.3.2)

6.3.2 Public meeting

After a wide coverage of the public invitations to the public participation meeting as indicated above, a successful meeting was held at the SARI-DAO Mini Market in Spitzkoppe village on the 13th May 2023 (see **Figure 18** and **Appendix C** for attendance register).



Figure 1: Public participation meeting.

A background information document for the proposed project was produced and disseminated to the IAPs and stakeholders as well as the line ministry. The background information was presented at the public consultation meeting where 41 IAPs and stakeholders participated in the PPP and all raised questions, comments and concerns as well as responses by the consultants were captured under **sections 6.3.2.1** and **6.3.2.2** respectively.

6.3.2.1 Raised Questions, Comments and Concerns by the Interested and Affected Parties (I&Aps)

The proponent opened the meeting and introduced the consulting team. Thereafter, the proponent excused himself to allow participants to freely express and raise their inputs. Translation from English to Damara was done by Mr. Abraham M. Noabeb. The number in blanket correspond to the number of the participant on the attendance register (**Appendix C**):

1. How long does it take MEFT to make a decision on the environmental clearance certificate (ECC) application? (participant 1);
2. How many people will be employed when the project is approved? (participant 21);
3. What will be the operational hours of the facility? (participant 21);
4. The project is good and supported but there should be 24 hours security guards (participant 29);
5. Will the MEFT issue the licence to operate the fuel retail facility and if another authority is responsible, will it require another public meeting? (participant 41);
6. Is the site suitable for the service station? (participant 41);
7. MME/NAMCOR unfair distribution of fuel (participant 17);
8. Concern on the location of the proposed facility being closer to houses that use gas bottles for domestic use (i.e. cooking) (participant 18);
9. What is the possibility of relocating owners of the houses in the proximity to the proposed site? (participant 1);
10. Will prices of fuel be cheaper compared other fuel facility elsewhere in Namibia? Concern of price affordability due to economic status of Spitzkoppe community members (participant 21);
11. How is the fuel going to be transported to Spitzkoppe? (participant 21);
12. Project is supported especially that it is being implemented by a local person (member of the Spitzkoppe community), thus no objection (participant 4);
13. No objection as the project have a potential of boosting tourism and business opportunities in Spitzkoppe (participant 27);
14. The ECC should be granted for the project because fuel retail services in the entire Daures constituency is only offered in Uis which is about 94 km from Spitzkoppe (participant 41).

6.3.2.2 Responses to the raised Questions, Comments and Concerns by the Interested and Affected Parties (I&Aps).

1. The timeframe for decision making process on the ECC application varies and depend on the authority's (MEFT) urgency and it can take up to three to four months.

2. The employment question was reserved for the proponent and the consultant later found out from the proponent that it is difficult to preempt the number of employment that will be created by the project. However, the proponent indicated that a fair number will be about 10-15 people during the construction phase and two to four people during the operation phase.
3. The proponent indicated (after the meeting) that Spitzkoppe is a small village and therefore, the plan is to start with 07h00 AM to 18h00 PM operational hours. However, this can change depending on customer's demand.
4. Security guarding of the facility will be the responsibility of the proponent but very necessary especially after normal operating hours.
5. The license to operate a fuel retail facility is issued by the Ministry of Mines and Energy and no other public consultation meeting will be required in that regard.
6. The proposed site is appropriate as it is next to the proponent's mini-market. However, environmental impact assessment (EIA) will be conducted to determine the potential positive and negative impacts of the project. Since the EIA includes public participations which taking place, the consultant advised the participants that if there is any concern with regard to the proposed site, these concerns should be raised so that they can be included in the assessment.
7. The alleged unfair distribution of fuel cannot be quantified and do not falls under the terms of reference of the present EIA.
8. The proponent has the responsibility to construct the facility as per the safety requirements and procedures. However, accidents do occur and proponent will need to get consent from neighbors.
9. Fuel retail facilities to exist in residential areas as well as in the industrial areas next to businesses. If the construction of the facility is done up to standard there will be no need for relocating people in the area. The proponent also needs to engage the affected parties and get consent. It also appeared that the owners of the houses next to the proposed plots were present at the meeting and indicated that they are in support of the proposed project as it has a potential of bringing development to the village.

10. Prices of fuel is regulated by the responsible authority (Ministry of Mines and Energy) and will be the same as in other part of the country.
11. Transportation of fuel requires high safety standards and these standards are expected to be implemented by the proponent.
12. It was noted that a number of participants publicly indicated their support towards the project.


APPENDIX B: Newspaper adverts.

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Resources Ownership Conundrum: State-Ownership or Incentivised Local Ownership

...as the call to de-risk the country's over-reliance gets louder




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The Namibian constitution states that natural resources below and above the surface of the land and in the continental shelf shall belong to the state if they are not otherwise lawfully owned.

However, this has not been the case as foreign ownership dominates the mining sector, from Canadian, Chinese, and others. Moreover, the country's biggest private game reserve is offered, if not already sold to Mexico.


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Higher Interest Rates

"Whereas corporate debt declined by 0.6% y/y in January 2023 compared to 3.5% y/y in December 2022," Simonis Storm said.

The firm report showed that household debt now stands at N\$85.1 billion which is about 36% of GDP, corporate debt is at N\$45.5 billion and non-resident debt is at N\$7.5 billion.

Simonis Storm said other loans and advances were the main drivers of household debt in January 2023, while corporates were net re-payers on all debt instruments except instalment and leasing credit and other loans and advances.

"Annual overdraft growth in January 2023 was the weakest since 2016 for households and 2012 for corporates. Indeed, corporates have been net repayers on overdrafts since November 2021 and households have been repaying their overdrafts since March 2022."

The firm added that credit extended to the private sector from microlenders has outpaced credit uptake from commercial banks for most of the post-pandemic period.

"Microlending credit extension averaged 4.6% for the first three quarters of 2022 reaching a high of 8.0% y/y in 1Q2022, whereas credit growth from commercial banks averaged 3.5% during the same time," the firm said.

Simonis Storm noted that clients were net re-payers on their microloans during the pandemic.

At the same time that microlending credit uptake has been growing at a faster pace, the number of clients at microlenders has been declining, Simonis Storm said.

"The average loan amount per client increased from N\$26,091 in 1Q2019 to N\$31,336 per client in 3Q2022. Since 3Q2021, the number of term lenders (i.e. longer-term loans) has decreased whereas the number of payday lenders increased," the firm said.

Moreover, the report said of the N\$89 billion government bond debt, commercial banks hold about N\$7 billion.

"One argument might be that yields on short-term bonds are higher than interest rates and so this encourages investments into short-term bonds rather than advancing loans," said Simonis Storm, adding that this is because banks typically invest in shorter-term bonds and not long-term bonds.



Sari-dao Mini Market & Fuel Centre

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/SCOPING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A FUEL RETAIL FACILITY, SPITZKOPPE, ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA

SARI-DAO Mini Market & Fuel Centre (Or the Proponent) intends to construct and operate a Fuel Retail Facility on communal land located in Spitzkoppe Village, Daures Constituency, Erongo Region, Namibia. The appointed Consultants would like to notify the public in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and its Regulations of 2012 that application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be launched with the Environmental Commissioner/Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.

APPOINTED CONSULTANT: The Proponent has appointed ENVIRODU CONSULTING & TRAINING CC to facilitate public consultations and prepare Reports required to support an application for the ECC at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE: Interested & Affected Parties (I & APs) are notified to register in order to participate in the public participation process. Only registered I & APs will be involved in the public consultation process.

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Nampower Localised Preferential Procurement Increased By N\$87 Million



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Nampower has procured more from local entrepreneurs, especially those that are owned by previously disadvantaged Namibians, during the 2022 financial year.

According to the power utility's annual report, the company has increased its localised preferential procurement by N\$87 million, compared to an increase of N\$1.3 million in 2021.

As a result, the company channelled N\$139 million on localised preferential procurement.

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Rundu Town Council Dismantles Pensioner's Income-Generating Garden



■ **Annakleta Halkers**

60-year old pensioner Dumingos Kativa, living at Kalsosi 1 settlement in Rundu, on Tuesday was filled with dismay after officials of the Town Council allegedly demolished his garden from which he earns a living to pay for his children and grandchildren's school fees.

Kativa's garden crop, which is next to the Kalsosi sewage ponds, had vegetables like maize, pumpkins, tomatoes and cabbages planted.

The senior citizen said he was not around when the Rundu Town Council crew arrived with a bulldozer to destroy the garden.

"I went to plough with my wife and when we returned home, my children told me all my crops in my garden were destroyed by a truck.

I could not save my crops because I was absent when they destroyed the garden. I was then informed that among the people that came to destroy my crops is my neighbour who works for the Special Reserve Force," he told The Villager.

According to the sexagenarian, he is not the only one doing gardening near the town's pond.

"There are six people there. The same thing happened last year and I was told they will refund what they have destroyed but it never happened. This is the third time my crops have been destroyed. I had my garden fenced in two years ago and officials from the same Council came to remove my fence."

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NOTICE

This notice that **HANDBOOK TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANTS CC**, Town and Regional Planners, on behalf of the owner of the respective set, intends to apply to the Namibian Town Council and the Urban and Regional Planning Board for the:

- Registration of Bot Ho, Rehoboth A 281 and Rehoboth A 289 for the Rehoboth A 281 and Rehoboth A 289
- Redefining of Rehoboth A 281 "General Redevelopment" with a density of 1:100 and Rehoboth A 289 "General Redevelopment" with a density of 1:100.

Rehoboth A 281 comprises a 4.33ha plot and Rehoboth A 289 comprises a 4.33ha plot with a density of 1:100. The owner intends to subdivide ERF No. 281 and Rehoboth A 289 into lots and to apply for the necessary approvals and the Redevelopment of Rehoboth A 281 and Rehoboth A 289. The proposed zoning of Rehoboth A 281 and Rehoboth A 289 will involve the rezoning of the respective plots to "General Redevelopment" with a density of 1:100 will involve the rezoning to develop a

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 - d) Electrical General Level 1 to 3, xt post

Requirements

1. At least a Diploma Level 8 in the Trade Area
2. TVET Certificate or Diploma in Education or BET or Any teaching qualification
3. At least 2 years of teaching experience in TVET on the ODET Curriculum



Sar-f-dao Mini Market & Fuel Centre

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A FUEL RETAIL FACILITY, SMITZOGPPE, ERROMO REGION, NAWUNA

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OF ERY 2448 AND RESERVATION OF SEVEN PORTALS FROM "PUBLIC OPEN SPACE" TO "SINGLE RESIDENTIAL" CHUKUAD EXTENSION 4, OYUKUASI REGION.

Notice is hereby given to all interested and affected Parties (I&APs) that applications for Environmental Clearance Certificate will be submitted to the Environmental Commission in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) for the following activities.

Project title: Subdivision of Ery 2448 and Reserving of the seven (7) resulting portions from "Public Open Space" to "Single Residential"

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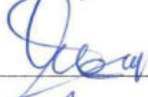














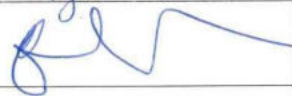




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APPENDIX C: Attendance register for public consultation meeting.

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