

28 March 2023

PUBLIC & STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A TRUCKPORT AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES ON FARM OTJIWARONGO TOWNLANDS SOUTH NO. 308 IN THE OTJOZONDJUPA REGION

PROJECT PROPONENT: ASTERISK INVESTMENTS CC

Date: Tuesday, 28 March 2023

Time: 11h00 to 11h30

Venue: Orwetoveni Community Hall in Otjiwarongo

CONSULTATION MEETING ATTENDANCE

The Consultation Meeting was attended by three people (two Interested & affected parties (I&APs) and one Environmental Consultant from Excel Dynamic Solutions (EDS)). Two other I&APs were engaged individually after the meeting (onsite at 15h30 and in Otjiwarongo at 16h00). Please refer to the Consultation Meeting and engagement register [attached hereto](#).

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

The meeting was opened and welcoming was done by Ms. Fredrika Shagama (EDS Consultant).

Ms. Shagama circulated the attendance register for the attendees to write down their names, contact details to be added to the list of I&APs and receive further information on the EIA process. Printed copies of the Background Information Document (BID) were provided to the attendees for self-reading.

MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

- **Explanation of what an EIA is, its Process and the Public Role in the Process:** With reference to the Public Consultation, Ms. Shagama explained the purpose of the meeting and that the proposed activities are some of the listed activities in the 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 that cannot be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT). She indicated that the ECC is considered by the Environmental upon submission and evaluation of an EIA Report and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) that are produced from the EIA process (which includes public consultation).
- **Brief Description of the Project:** Ms. Shagama presented a summary of the proposed activities and emphasized that the activities will not start pending the EIA Study, evaluation and approval of the EIA Report and Draft EMP, and subsequent issuance of the ECC.
- **Presentation of Potential Project Impacts:** The pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts associated with the proposed project activities are listed in the BID copies. However, Ms. Shagama informed the attendees that they are welcome to raise any other issues or submit comments during and after the meeting.
- **Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session):** The meeting attendees were provided an opportunity to raise their concerns/issues and or comments for consideration in the EIA Report and EMP. The issues and comments recorded are presented in Table 1 below. The questions and comments that could be addressed in the meeting were addressed by Ms. Shagama (for Environmental related queries). For technical queries and issues pertaining to certain technical matters of the project, these were noted for the attention of Asterisk Investment (the Proponent), and answers have been provided in Table 1 for consideration and addressing in the EIA Report and EMP.

Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the Consultation Meeting on the 28th of March 2023 in Otjiwarongo.

No.	Comment / Issue / Question or Concern	Name of Responder & Response:
1.	<p>Mr. Dieter Noelle (Northgate Properties):</p> <p>(a) In the BID under the project description, it is indicated that there will be two fuel tanks. Why is Asterisk Investment considering another sort of fuel station to the already saturated market in Otjiwarongo? This will be detrimental to the existing market. Besides, there is a Moratorium from the Ministry of Mines & Energy (MME) as appeared in the New Era newspaper, dated 06 March 2023 that no new fuel retail license would be issued. What does this mean for Asterisk?</p>	<p>(a) Ms. Fredrika Shagama (EDS Consultant): The main focus of the project is a Truckport, an ultra city. The fuel tanks referred to in the BID as part of the project are for the Truckport clients/customers/travelers, and will not be operating like a typical fuel service station. Therefore, the Proponent (Asterisk) will not be applying for a Fuel Retail License (for a typical fuel service station), which is temporarily suspended in the MME Moratorium. However, they would probably only apply for a Consumer Installation Certificate/Permit instead.</p> <p>(a) Ms. Ndapewa Hangula (Asterisk Investments): Just to add on the above, we are not building a fuel station but rather an ultra city, also referred to as a Truckport. There is a difference between a truckport and a fuel station and what we are looking at, is a truckport. Therefore, it is a different matter to a fuel station. Additionally, we have carried out a market study that supports our business proposition to setup a truckport versus a fuel station.</p>
	<p>(b) The Truckport seems to conflict with the zoning of that Farmland, because I do not think the zoning makes provision for fuel services.</p>	<p>a) Ms. Fredrika Shagama (EDS Consultant): According to the Municipality Zonation of the project site (Remainder of Portion 20), the site zoned as "Undetermined", hence, there is no conflict on the land use, such as the Truckport. Furthermore, given the similar land use on the neighboring Otjibamba Lodge (mainly the accommodation, although for truckers and other roadside</p>

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		customers), the project would still be within the allowed activities onsite.
	(c) Why does Asterisk want to duplicate activities such as the accommodation referred to in the background document when there is Otjibamba Lodge already?	Ms. Ndapewa Hangula (Asterisk Investments): The accommodation provided by the Truckport Motel is quite different from the lodge at Otjibamba. The planned Motel is a low cost, roadside type of accommodation facility for Truck drivers or other customers for short stays of 1 night or even day rooms. This is quite different from a Tourism based lodge such as Otjibamba. In addition, Otjibamba Lodge is on a different property and not where Asterisk Truckport would be operating on.
2.	<p>Mrs. Hilma Emvula (Directorate of Forestry (DoF): MEFT Otjiwarongo):</p> <p>The proposed site area has a high density of vegetation, of which are the protected species of the camelthorn trees and others. When the Proponent gets the environmental clearance, they will need to approach the DoF office in Otjiwarongo to apply for a Permit to remove the vegetation that will need to be cleared. This should be done before site establishment/clearing.</p>	Ms. Fredrika Shagama (EDS Consultant): These have been well noted for incorporation into the EMP. And yes, they will need to apply for the Permit to do so as it will be indicated in the EMP under the required authorizations and licensing for the project.
FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING		
<p><u>Conclusion and Closing Remarks by the Environmental Consultant (EDS):</u> Ms. Shagama thanked the attendees for their crucial input through comments and raising their concerns. She indicated to the attendees that all their comments, concerns and inputs had been noted down for consideration and addressing in the EIA Report and EMP. Furthermore, Ms. Shagama informed the attendees that the deadline for submitting further comments to the EIA is Tuesday, 11 April 2023 so that they can be incorporated into the Report and EMP, and that the</p>		

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<p>Meeting Minutes will be prepared and appended to the draft EIA Report for review (to be shared on the provided email addresses). The EIA documents will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the DEAF for consideration of the ECC.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11h40.</p>		
<p>Individual Engagements after the Consultation Meeting</p>		
<p>3.</p>	<p>Mr. Danie van der Westhuizen (Kyani Anti-Poaching and Security Group) via an engagement onsite: At Kyani, we deal with anti-poaching that already exists in the area. We have three anti-poaching guards that live here (in this house) and we have experienced a lot of incidences of the farm fences cut numerous times linked to poaching. Some of the wildlife from Otjibamba Lodge side usually jump the fence between Portion A (Otjibamba) and Remainder of Portion 20 to look for water at the site borehole.</p> <p>-Among the known wildlife that is encountered by Kyani Group on the project site area, there are about twenty-eight (28) ostriches, three impalas, twelve (12) nyala as well as oryx, and kudus.</p>	<p>Ms. Fredrika Shagama (EDS Consultant): This has been and will be incorporate into the EIA Report and EMP (under mitigation of the (cumulative) impact of illegal hunting/poaching of wildlife on and around the Farm/project site.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Mr. Allen Pearson (Farm Pinnacles/Private Farm outside the Townlands) via an engagement in Otjiwarongo: I do not have any objections to the project, but in terms of assessment of project location alternatives and if an issue arise on the current site (since it falls within Townlands), I would lease out or sell 10 hectares of my land which is just opposite the current Asterisk proposed site.</p>	<p>Ms. Fredrika Shagama (EDS Consultant): This has been noted and we will present the proposal to Asterisk for consideration, if need be.</p>

Public / Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting Attendance Register





Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the Proposed Establishment and Operation of a Truckport and Associated Facilities on Farm Otjiwarongo Townlands South No. 308 in the Otjozondjupa Region

Proponent: Asterisk Investments CC

Date: Tuesday, 28 March 2023

Time: 11 hUB

Venue: Otjiwarongo Municipality... Otjozondjupa Community Hall

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