



TRINITY ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS

## DEVELOPMENT OF ELEPHANT RIDGE CAMP

### Public Meeting Agenda

12 March 2020, Thursday (10:00 AM - 13:00 PM)

1. 10:00 - 10:30  
Welcoming and Opening  
**Otjimboyo Conservancy and Community Leaders**  
**Don Muroua (Chair/Facilitator from Trinity Environmental Solutions)**
2. 10:30 - 10:45  
Purpose of the Meeting and Overview of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process  
**D. Muroua**
3. 10:45 - 11:45  
Proposed Projects' Background and Description  
**Otjimboyo Conservancy and Wild Tented Accommodation Africa**
4. 11:45 - 12:00  
Proposed Projects' Impacts (Bio-physical and socio-economic)  
**D. Muroua**
5. 12:00 - 12:45  
Discussions, questions and answers  
**Otjimboyo Conservancy and Wild Tented Accommodation Africa**  
**Mr. Don Muroua**
6. 12:45 - 12:50  
Next Steps  
**Mr. D. Muroua**
7. 12:50 - 13:00  
Closing Remarks  
**Otjimboyo Conservancy and Community Leaders**



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EIA Study for the Construction of Elephant Ridge Camp

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## **Minutes of the Public Participation Meeting held in Omihana, Otjimboyo Conservancy**

(12 March 2020)





## **PROPOSED ELEPHANT RIDGE CAMP**

### **Public Meeting Minutes**

**Venue:** Omihana  
**Date:** 12 March 2020  
**Time:** 10h05 to 11h45

#### **1. Opening and Welcoming**

After a prayer by a community member, Headman Mr. F.K. Tjiveze from Zeraeua Traditional Authority took the floor and welcomed everyone on behalf of the community.

Headman Mr. F.K. Tjiveze welcomed the participants and officially opened the meeting and emphasised the current dire situation the community finds itself in; highlighting the devastating drought and the lack of employment opportunities in the Conservancy, and in general in the Daures Constituency. He went further and requested the community to be one as the time was now ripe and to ensure that the Investor feels confident in investing in the community.

The Headman further stated that he believed that the proposed project will surely contribute to the growth of the community in the Conservancy and that this project positive impact can be felt throughout the community if well managed. The Headman requested the community to cooperate and share good ideas during this meeting.

#### **2. Overview of the Meeting**

Don Muroa from Trinity Environmental Solutions (TES) explained that the public meeting was going to discuss and address issues related to the proposed development of a Tented Camp to be known as Elephant Ridge Camp. Don and the Investors representative Mr. Gunter von Hundelshausen gave an overview of the proposed developments.

Don emphasised the need for a proactive participation during the meeting as it was the right platform to ask questions, give suggestions, provide information, recommendation and to receive feedback from the project Investor and Conservancy Management Committee.

The meeting was attended by over 65 conservancy members, Investor and Traditional Authority.



### 3. Project background and description, overview of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) process and its role

Don Muroua from TES, Chairperson of the Conservancy and the Investor gave presentations on the projects background, the EIA processes and its role. Their presentation highlighted the following:

- Background of the project
- Project Rationale and need for the development
- EIA process and compliance with national laws, guidelines and policies
- Proposed project description and possible impacts
- Project technical details

*Find attached the Background Information Document.*

After a long and detailed presentation, an opportunity was given for comments, recommendations, suggestions and clarification questions. Comments, questions and responses are presented in the table below.

**Table 1: Meeting Comments, Questions and Responses**

SOURCE/COMMENTATOR	COMMENTS/QUESTIONS	RESPONSES
Herman Kasaona Elephant Guide and volunteer from EHRA	Mr. Kasaona gave his view on the proposed development in relation to possible impacts of the development. He was of the opinion that this proposed development will not have negative impact on the movement of the livestock and wildlife.  He highlighted the fact that, this Camp will be the first opportunity for development and job creation in the conservancy since its gazettement over 16 years ago.	It was the mood of the community that this Public Meeting was a waste of time since there were several meetings held already that discussed the proposed development.  They also indicated that they have already agreed and signed a MOU with the Investor and are fully behind the proposed Camp.  Don explained again the purpose of the EIA process and that every Namibian with interest into the proposed development need to be given an opportunity to give their inputs in order to ensure that such development is



		sustainable both environmentally and socially.
Ronny Tjivinde Secretary of the Conservancy	He highlighted that all the community members are in support of the proposed development, especially those nearest to the location of the proposed Camp such as Eitavere and Okaepe settlements.	Comments were noted.
Erastus Kavari Conservancy member	He took the floor and shouted "I support the project and willing to work together with the Investor and Conservancy"	All the participants from the community resonated these sentiments.
Rabbie Tjivinde Traditional Authority	He wanted to know how many people will be employed as starting staff.	Gunter von Hundelshausen highlighted that, they plan to initially employ 10-15 staff members and these number will increase as the beds occupancy rate increases overtime. He further explained that senior staff members will be sourced from their already operating facilities to ensure that service delivery is on par with their other establishments.
Herman Kasaona Elephant Guide and volunteer from EHRA	He was of the opinion that the people in the community are mostly uneducated and will require training. Thus, he wanted to know if training will be provided.	Gunter von Hundelshausen replied and assured that all staff members will be trained on the job and will be supervised by very experienced colleagues. He also informed the meeting that they usually rotate staff members within their facilities to further contribute to staff training and

<p>Christof Tjuma Conservancy member</p>	<p>He wanted reassurance that local community members will be employed if such skills are available locally.</p>	<p>development.</p> <p>Gunter von Hundelshausen assured the meeting that, all unskilled staff will be from the Conservancy, while skilled staff will be temporarily be brought in from outside.</p> <p>He also told the meeting that they will work with the Conservancy and Traditional Authority in terms of identifying local skills and how recruitment will take place.</p> <p>Gunther added and cautioned that the Covid-19 pandemic will negatively impact of the global tourism industry for some time. He reiterated that, they want to be ready when the situation changes and hence they plan to continue with the development of Elephant Ridge Camp.</p>
<p>Delange Tjivinde Conservancy member</p>	<p>He wanted to know when construction will start.</p>	<p>Don explained to the participants the next EIA process steps and indicated that most likely the construction could start not earlier than August 2020 due to various legal processes required.</p>



#### **4. Way forward and Conclusion**

Mr. D. Muroua gave a word of appreciation to those who made time to come to the meeting. He encouraged those present to share the information they received and to contact him anytime if more information is required. Interested and Affected Parties were invited to register and/or to send any responses on the proposed project via post-mail or fax or e-mail. All the contact details were made available at the meeting.

#### **5. Meeting Closure**

Traditional Authority Councilor Mr. Rabbie Tjivindet thanked everyone for coming and making time to attend the meeting. He also thanked Gunther and his team for their trust in the Otjimboyo Conservancy. He also assured the meeting that such development will take place in a transparent manner and through a consultative process.

He also encouraged people to be proactive and to come to him, the Conservancy or to the Traditional Authority to get more information.

The meeting was adjourned after a prayer.

This minutes are true reflection of the public meeting that took place in Omihana on the 12 March 2020.

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