

## **5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It is a norm that public consultation is required by legislation (EMA No. 7 of 2007) to be included in an EIA process, it is a major element of the EIA. By incorporating Interested and Affected Parties, public consultation ensures sound decision-making. As a result, the Public Participation Process has been constructed to give I&APs the opportunity to learn more about the proposed project, provide input through document/report reviews, and raise any issues of concern during the public consultation process.

Notification of the proposed activities were advertised in two local newspapers to consult the public as presented in Appendix, to identify and contact as many potential I&APs as possible. In addition, notices were also prepared to be displayed at the proposed project site. This allowed the community to participate in the process by submitting comments and expressing their worries about the project's operations as well as any environmental issues that the project may cause. No registered Interested and Affected Parties recorded and thus no comments or concerns were raised.



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Nam Sources Pork Meat

This is in line with the Pork Steering Committee resolution of 18 February 2020 as a risk mitigation strategy.

According to Meat Board, the higher of the calculated ceiling price and the fixed level N\$ 51.03/kg will be maintained until a new proposed pork ceiling price is implemented. The domestic pig sector is comparatively small, but an alternative income source in Namibia particularly for SMEs.

The Board explained that the introduction of the existing price incentive scheme in 2012, the resultant ceiling prices, have helped sustain the existence of the local industry, by keeping many businesses from collapsing under the pressure of increasing production costs and competition from low-cost imports.

Hence, the pig sector grew firmly between 2013 and 2022.

The Namibia Agricultural Union found that local pigs marketed increased by 14% from 39,149 pigs in 2013 to an average of 44,615 pigs.

Growth in value terms was 111.6% from N\$79,1 million in 2013 to N\$167,4 million in 2022.

Although average pork ceiling prices improved between 2013 and 2022, from N\$26.7/kg in 2013 to N\$38.94/kg, the average prices for key inputs such as yellow maize and soybeans also went up, negatively impacting profit margins.

Namibia's total pork consumption averaged 11,571 tonnes annually between 2021 and 2022.

Local production supplied 38% (4 344 tonnes) while the rest was imported.

Leading the imports (2022) were offals (57%), processed and canned products (19.4%), cuts (12.2%) and carcasses (9.7%). South Africa has for years been Namibia's main source of pork imports. For example, in 2021, Namibia sourced 68% from there, 12.2% from Spain, Germany (5%), and the Netherlands (3%).

However, in the second half of 2022, the country had to scramble for pork meat and products, as imports from South Africa divided by 47.3% owing to the suspension of pork imports into Namibia from South Africa and Botswana because of the FMD outbreaks in those countries in August 2022.

As a result, imports from more costly alternatives spiked exponentially: for example, Belgium (by 1,011%), Ireland (by 757%), Portugal (by 252%), Germany (by 210%), USA and China by 100% each, pushing pork prices up.

This event points to the need to recognise the local pig sector as strategic, requiring accelerated further investments to boost the industry's competitiveness and bring about a comfortable degree of self-reliance said NAU.

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**Proponent:** Maryana properties cc

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Weaner Exports

This trend in marketing has resulted in A-class abattoirs gaining an additional 1% market share during the quarter under review.

The country's shift from more value addition to the supply of raw material is observed as the quarterly increase in marketed animals from the three years of herd-rebuilding is being exported live.

"The growth observed in the sector is attributed to increased volumes of cattle exported on hoof to neighboring regional markets," the analysis read.

Despite the country's intent and aspiration to add more value, and maintain its lucrative external beef markets- going as far as China and becoming the first African country to export beef to USA.

According to Meat Board observation, there has generally been a sustained decrease in South African and local weaner prices throughout the first quarter of 2023.

South African weaner prices continued to drop following an increased supply of beef due to export restrictions occasioned by FMD in that country.

The South African weaner price declined from N\$40.47/kg in the first quarter of 2022 to N\$35.50/kg in the first quarter this year.

The Namibian weaner price followed a similar pattern averaging at N\$ 30.02/kg relative to N\$ 41.59/kg recorded during the first quarter of 2022, a decline of 22.9%.

Although there has been an increase in the B2 cattle producer prices offered by export-approved abattoirs during the first quarter of the year, the all-grade carcass prices dropped by 0.7% and averaged N\$ 59.93/kg during the first quarter of 2023 relative to N\$60.34/kg recorded in 2022.

The cattle sector production was estimated at N\$2,7 billion by the end of last year, increasing from N\$2,5 billion estimated production value in 2021.

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## CONCLUSION

The EIA procedure for the proposed construction of coal storage warehouse and handling development was carried out in accordance with the EIA Regulations published in Government Notice No. 30, in accordance with Section 56 of the Namibia Environmental Management Act, 2007. (Act No. 7 of 2007).

As a result, the public consultation process has been fair, with every attempt taken to include individuals from all stakeholders. Additionally, the proposed project plan includes mitigating measures to ensure that all applicable laws and regulations are followed. Businesses are regarded advantageous and vital in relation to the proposed mitigation measures that will be implemented throughout the construction phase, the development's contribution to society, and the fact that the project is economically and environmentally sound.

The use of PPE When it comes to coal handling, they are the safest. The EMP adequately addresses the issues of coal spills, fire risk, tank leakage, and land/water pollution. With the adoption of this EMP, the proposed coal warehouse functioning will no longer constitute an environmental danger. In addition, the detected possible negative consequences linked with the proposed project and related activities were deemed to be of medium magnitude. This findings suggest that the project be permitted and an environmental clearance certificate be granted to the approving authority.