

## APPENDIX B - NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY



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DEVELOPMENT OF DRIEFONTEIN SAFARI LODGE

PREPARED FOR DRIEFONTEIN SAFARI LODGE (PTY) LTD



APRIL 2020

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### DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRIEFONTEIN SAFARI LODGE IN THE TORRA CONSERVANCY, KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA

#### 1 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this Non-Technical Summary (NTS) is to provide Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) a background to the proposed project and to invite I&APs to register as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. For the proposed development of the Driefontein Safari Lodge in the Torra Conservancy, I&APs are hereby invited to register as part of the EIA process. Through registering, all I&APs will be kept informed throughout the EIA process, and a platform for participation will be provided to submit comments/recommendations pertaining to the project.

This NTS includes the following information on:

- The proposed project and location
- The necessity of the project, benefits or adverse impacts anticipated
- The alternatives to the project have been considered and assessed
- How the EIA process works
- The public participation process and how to become involved, and
- Next steps and the way forward.

#### 2 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

##### 2.1 BRIEF INTRODUCTION

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) has been engaged by the proponent (Driefontein Safari Lodge (Pty) Ltd) to undertake an EIA and an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) in terms of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 and its regulations. An environmental clearance application will be submitted to the relevant competent authorities; the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT).

##### 2.2 LOCATION

The proposed project is located within the Torra Conservancy in Damaraland, Kunene Region (Figure 1).

##### 2.3 WHAT IS PROPOSED

The proponent, Nuvella Managerial and Marketing Services is a developer of numerous prestigious projects in Namibia, have worked on a number of hospitality projects and have developed and delivered multiple award winning facilities. Nuvella will continue to manage the project up to date of completion when the operation will be taken over and managed by Namibia Collection Management and Marketing (Pty) Ltd.

The function of the proposed lodge will be to attract visitors to the area by providing a high standard of accommodation and excellent service.

The proposed operational activities for this site are:

- Nature drives into the Torra Conservancy
- Cultural experience and star gazing

##### 2.4 OPERATION PHASE

The proposed construction activities are low-impact and non-intrusive. The following are envisaged during the proposed project:

- Potential creation of access tracks, where existing tracks cannot be utilised
- Possible construction of drainage infrastructure, power and water supply infrastructure, sewerage treatment facility and associated connections

- Construction of a 30 room luxury lodge, inclusive of a lounge area for relaxing, reading and enjoying the beautiful nature views
- Construction of a high standard restaurant, serving a la carte lunches, buffet dinners and breakfasts
- Development of a rim flow pool with sunbathing deck, open air seating and pool bar

## 2.5 WHY IS THE PROJECT NEEDED

The development of Driefontein Safari Lodge will aid development in the region whilst offering tourists a higher-valued service, which will cater for middle to upper market tourists seeking a reasonably priced lodge. The new development will expose tourists to a cultural experience in the Torra Concervancy, Namibia. This area has large tourism potential and will generate income for the indigenous community.



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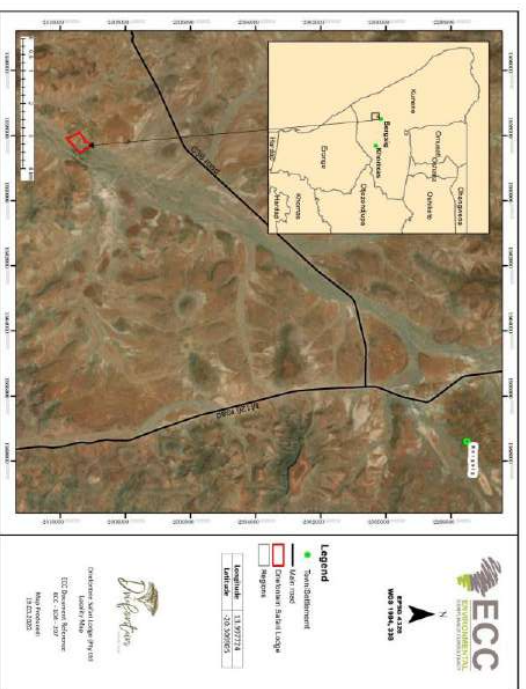


FIGURE 1 – LOCATION MAP OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

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## 2.6 POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT

### 2.6.1 SOCIO-ECONOMIC

The potential social impacts are anticipated to be of low significance, and those that may transpire shall be confined within the proposed project sites; these potential impacts may include the following:

- Potential to unearth, damage or destroy undiscovered heritage remains
- Some jobs will be created as a result of the project, and
- Potential economic benefits due to increased income in the Namibian tourism sector.

### 2.6.2 ENVIRONMENTAL

The potential environmental impacts are anticipated to be of minor significance, and those that may occur shall be contained within the site, these potential impacts may include the following:

- Potential use of resources, including surface and groundwater, and
- Potential creation of noise and dust due to construction activities.

## 3 CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Best practice environmental assessment methodology calls for consideration and assessment of alternatives to a proposed project.

In a project such as this one, it is difficult to identify alternatives to satisfy the need of the proposed project; the activities shall be specific to the sites.

During the assessment, alternatives will take the form of a consideration of optimisation and efficiency to reduce potential effects.

## 4 THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

This EIA, conducted by ECC, is undertaken in terms of the Environmental Management Act,

2007 and its regulations. The process followed in this EIA is set out in the flowchart in

FIGURE 2.

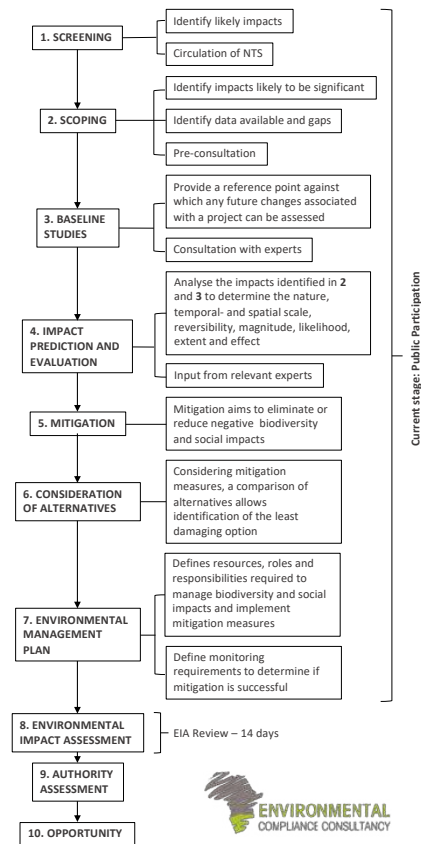


FIGURE 2 - FLOWCHART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

#### 4.1 SCREENING

A review of the proposed project screening findings against the listed activities was conducted; the findings of which are summarised below:

##### **ENERGY GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND STORAGE ACTIVITIES**

1. The construction of facilities for -  
(b) The transmission and supply of electricity

##### **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

6. The construction of resorts, lodges, hotels or other tourism and hospitality facilities

##### **WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENTS**

- 8.1 The abstraction of groundwater and surface water industrial or commercial purposes
- 8.6 Construction of industrial and domestic wastewater treatment plants and related pipeline system

##### **WASTE MANAGEMENT, TREATMENT, HANDLING, AND DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES**

- 2.1 The construction of waste sites, treatment of waste and disposal of waste
- 2.3 The import, processing, use and recycling, temporary storage, transit or export of waste

The potential environmental and social effects are anticipated to be of minor significance, and those that may occur shall be contained on the proposed lodge sites.

#### 4.2 SCOPING

Due to the nature of the proposed project, and the implementation of industry best practice mitigation measures during the development phase of the project, the effects on the environment and society are expected to be minimal and localised.

#### 4.3 BASELINE STUDIES

For the proposed project, baseline information was obtained through a desk-based study and

site verification processes through focusing on the environmental receptors that could be affected by the proposed project. ECC will also engage with stakeholders, I&APs and the proponents to seek input into the assessment.

#### 4.4 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Impacts will be assessed using the ECC EIA methodology. The EIA will be conducted in terms of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 and its regulations. ECC's methodology for impact assessments was developed using IFC standards in particular Performance Standard 1 'Assessment and management of environmental and social risks and impacts' (IFC 2012, 2017) and Namibian Draft Procedures and Guidance for EIA and EMP (GRN, 2008) including international and national best practice with over 25 years of combined EIA experience.

#### 4.5 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

An EMP shall be developed for the proposed project setting out auditable management actions for the Driefontein Safari Lodge to ensure careful and sustainable management measures are implemented for their activities in respect of the surrounding environment and community.

#### 4.6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND

##### **ADVERTISING**

Public participation is an important part of the EIA process; it allows the public and other stakeholders to raise concerns or provide valuable local environmental knowledge that can benefit the assessment, in addition it can aid the design process. This project is currently at the scoping phase and public participation phase.

At this phase ECC will perform the following:

- Identify key stakeholders, authorities, municipalities, environmental groups and interested or affected members of the public, hereafter referred to as I&APs
- Distribute the NTS for the proposed project (this document)

- Advertise the environmental application in two national newspapers
- Place notices on-site at or near the boundary
- If required host a public meeting to encourage stakeholder participation and engagement, and provide details of issues identified by the environmental practitioner, stakeholders and I&APs
- Record all comments of I&APs and present such comments, as well as responses provided by ECC, in the comments and responses report, which will be included in the scoping report that shall be submitted with the application, and
- Circulate I&AP comments to the project team for consideration of project design.

Comments must be submitted in writing and can be emailed using the details in the contact us section below.

#### CONTACT US

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRIEFONTEIN SAFARI LODGE IN THE KLUNING REGION & THE OSHANA REGION  
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**Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP):** Environmental Compliance Consultancy

**Project:** Proposed development of the Driefontein Safari Lodge in the Karoo Region and the Okavango Lodge in the Oshana Region, Namibia.

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## Africa Day: Proud Of Who We Are

• RINELDA MOUTON

AFRICA Day was celebrated yesterday, and although public events are still not permitted due to Covid-19, the occasion was widely honoured on social media.

Several artists took to social media sharing powerful messages on what it means to be African.

Leading songbird and prolific songwriter Erna Chimu said Africans must be thankful for this day, because it acknowledges the continent's many achievements and reflects on the myriad challenges still negatively impacting its development.

"In the past many Africans only knew about the existence of artists such as Salif Keita, but the growth of social media has made it easier for other artists to be identified, and this is wonderful. It however breaks my heart to see many Africans being fed with more Western music than African by television and radio," Chimu said.

She said Africa is a beautiful continent and many areas still have to be discovered.

"Let's be proud of our culture and who we are," she said.

Multiple award-winning musician Elemotho yesterday shared screen time with well-known African artists such as Salif Keita, Angélique Kidjo, Ismael Lo, Yousou Ndour, Jimmy Cliff and Naomi Campbell on a show hosted by Worldwide Afro Network (WAN).

The show '#IAMWAN' was aimed at creating awareness and fostering solidarity in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic in order to promote initiatives from Africa and its diaspora.

"This is an amazing online event and I am honoured to be involved as a Namibian artist. This is an initiative by Africans, for Africans, and I am super proud to be part of



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Elemotho

it," Elemotho said.

He urged Africans to realise their value.

"I hope as Africans we grow to understand our worth, or else we will forever be slaves to other's perceptions and influence. This is the motherland of all popular musical styles. Imagine what we could do if we knew we came from a strong culture of music and art? The sad thing is everyone knows it but us."

Maria Immanuel, popularly known as 'ML', yesterday released a new live recording called 'Alulange' (Bring Me Back) on YouTube, dedicated to Africa Day. The session was recorded at

Nautilus Studio at Swakopmund.

"The song is about helping someone do what is right," she said.

ML chose to release the song on Africa Day, because "I am passionate about pan-Africanism", she said.

"A-list African artists are often not keen on working with other Africans. They are more willing to team up with artists from other countries such as America. I love seeing how upcoming artists in Africa are working together. If we work together, we will make our continent more beautiful and special. I hope every African enjoyed our special day," ML said.

## 'At Home' with Mel Mwevi

• JAMES JAMU

THE Goethe-Institut Namibia's latest 'At Home' series featured performer and artist Mel Mwevi, who led an ensemble featuring nostalgic melodies and hearty poetry.

The show was live-streamed on the Goethe-Institut Namibia's Facebook page and YouTube on Friday evening.

It featured instrumentalist Raymond Mup, also known as 'Sir Ray' on bass guitar, Mutsa Lairdman on keys, and Emmanuel Ndiifon on drums.

The show kicked off with a song entitled 'Shedding', which begins with a cover intro from Beyoncé's popular 2000s hit 'Me Myself & I'.

Mwevi says the song was written to allow herself and her listeners to let go of the ups and downs of daily life.

She opened up about falling in love and stumbling on the journey of life.

The Covid-19 pandemic erased the luxury of being present at live performances in public spaces like the Goethe-Institut, which previously also housed exhibitions and film screenings.

The 'At Home' series has allowed mu-

sic lovers to connect with artists in an intimate setting despite the changes the world is currently experiencing.

The future of art and music is a pertinent subject many artists are pondering.

"I was nervous the entire day, because I am used to performing in front of people. I had to get used to not seeing a face. I learned a lot and had a fairly great experience. I had loved ones from all over the world watching my concert. My 98-year-old grandmother sat comfortably in her living room and adored it," she said.

"Virtual live concerts are the way forward. As artists we have to tap into the senses of our audience members and reach out to them. I asked people to drink tea with me and also send selfies of them watching the show so I could visualise them."



Photo: Contributed

Mel Mwevi

## From The Twittersphere



AND that's it. The fourth and final Namibian public holiday (Africa Day) for the month of May is now a thing of the past. Twaps juice up, liquor down, and court their socks...

**#YouKnowYourAfricanWhen...**

@*the\_363*: Your parents want grandchildren but don't want you to have sex.  
@*Danku23*: You get beaten for fighting for losing a fight, and for winning a fight.

@*Nvasiku\_*: Theekderstake the best meat first.

@*imiretinzy\_*: You have a pair of black genes.

@*am\_kardome*: Music isn't music till the volume is high.

@*shwanePindus*: The neighbour buys a new vehicle and you either say it's not the latest or say they should have painted their house first.

@*Neo\_Yagge*: Visitors come to your home and juice comes out of nowhere...

@*Melchiseke*: Adults never fart or tell lies.

**#JustSaying**

@*renthepull*: An end to Taurus season means we have to hand over the rest of the year to all of these other procrastinators. It'll still be 2020 next year once we give to the Virgos. At. Imma dip.  
@*DaveMbezi*: Not having left the house in a year, I haven't given much thought to the contents of my sock drawer. I opened it this morning and smiled. Socks are nice.

**#YouAreAKnowItAllWhen**

@*Green\_Greenly*: You cut a burger with a fork and knife. Yes, I'm judging you...  
@*NywanakoSosha*: You speak English in a taxi.

@*Chanyisipholya*: You think you can sell a N\$10 bottle of alcohol for N\$600. Jesus, who are you?  
@*awake\_artisan*: You always remind the teacher about homework.

@*Basivive\_22*: You post something and say "Only Legends Will Understand"...



@*KwisiSinatra*: #YouKnowYourAfricanWhen your parent tells you not to change the channel because they're still watching...

**Overheard**

@*Datgphask*: I want you but I don't need you <<< RT @*Shange\_A*: Daar alchhol...

@*ZwoPrudence*: So, SA government wants to open liquor stores before opening the church? We are doomed <<< RT @*benzywellz*: Church gatherings globally have contributed to the spread of the virus, in some instances resulting in thousands of infections from a single service. We still pay tithes and offerings and can attend online. Liquor store workers are suffering from loss of income. It's a no brainer.

**Passing Shots**

@*BravoLinosi*: Proverbs: 19 vs 4. Wealth makes many friends; poverty drives them all away.

@*Wanybeline*: Cape Town should change its name to Retang Junction because its about to be closed for most of the year.

— Compiled by *Jean Sutherland* from [@followmeat](https://twitter.com/followmeat) and [@JeanNamibian](https://twitter.com/JeanNamibian)

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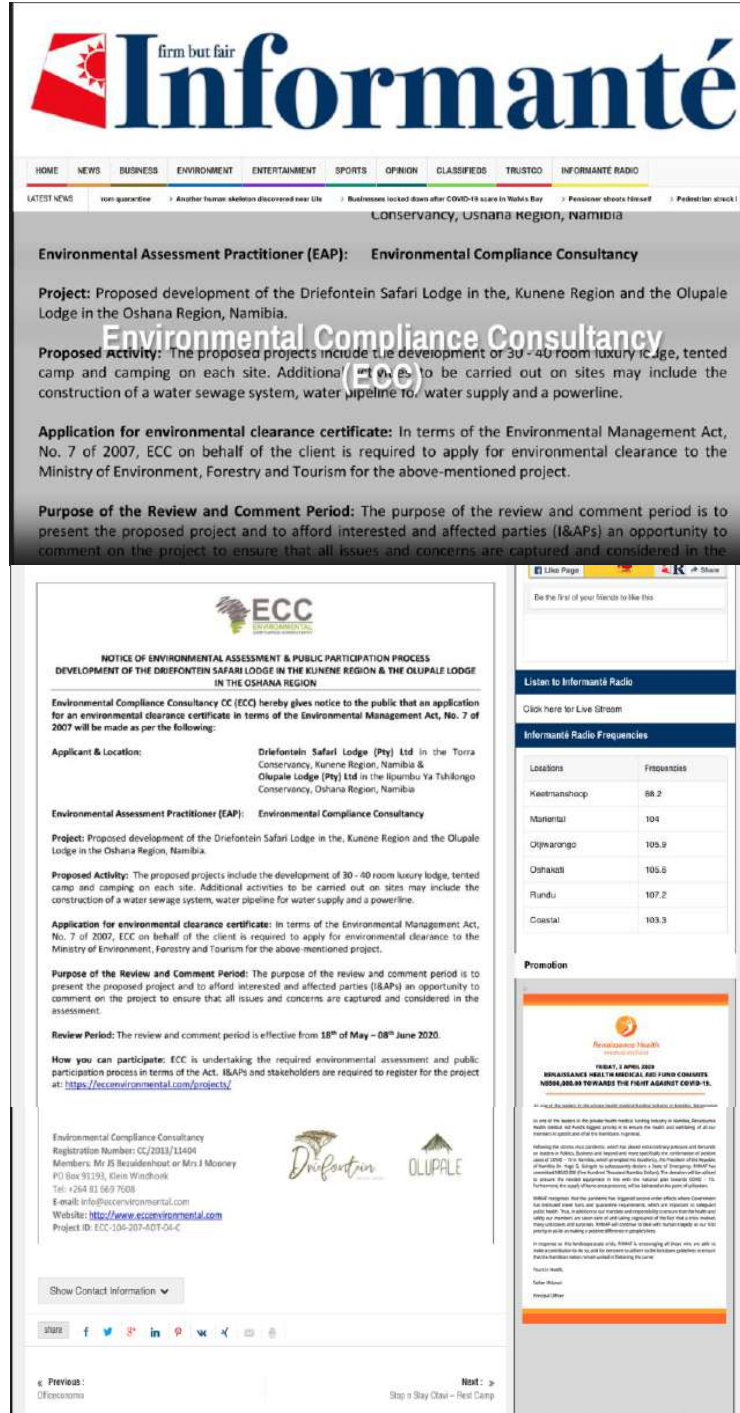
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**Purpose of the Review and Comment Period:** The purpose of the review and comment period is to present the proposed project and to afford interested and affected parties (I&APs) an opportunity to comment on the project to ensure that all issues and concerns are captured and considered in the assessment.

**Review Period:** The review and comment period is effective from **18<sup>th</sup> of May - 08<sup>th</sup> June 2020**.

**How you can participate:** ECC is undertaking the required environmental assessment and public participation process in terms of the Act. I&APs and stakeholders are required to register for the project at: <https://eccenvironmental.com/projects/>

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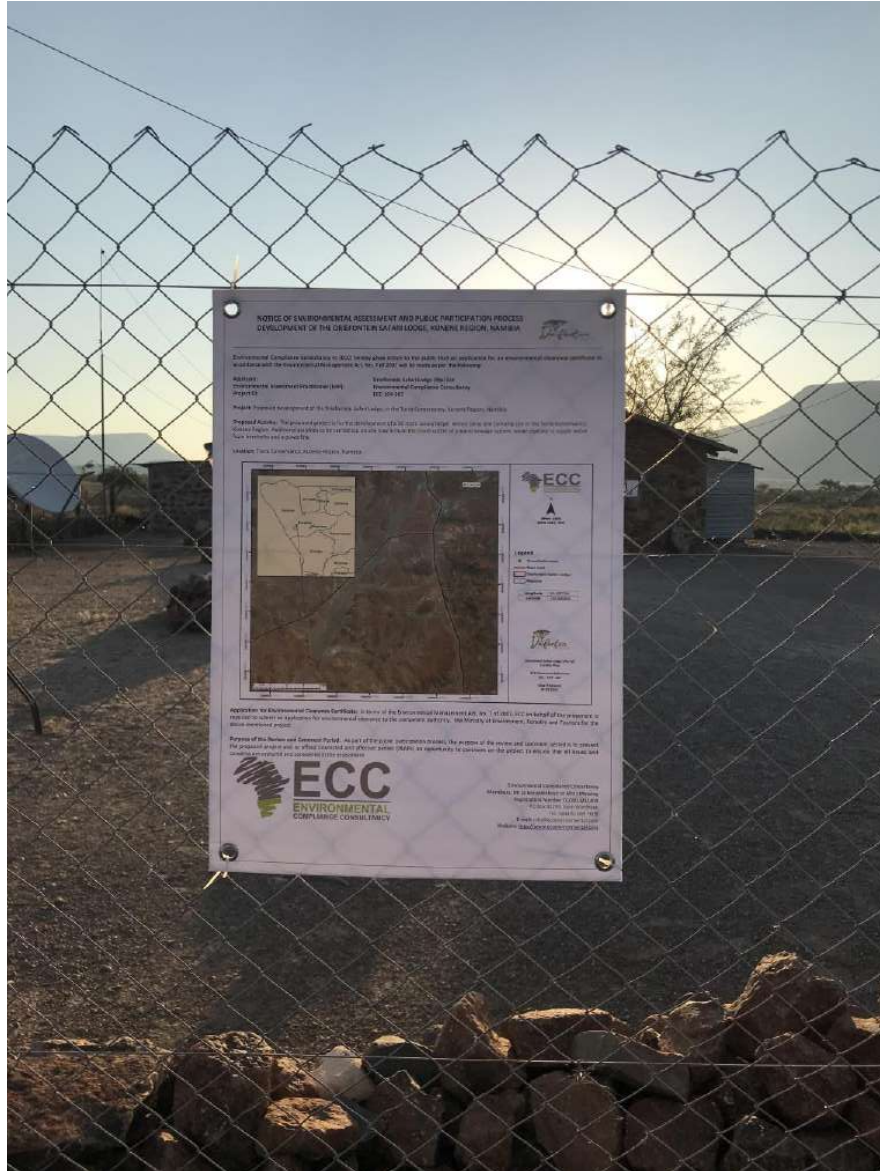
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18 APRIL 2020  
**RESILIENCE HEALTH MEDIA: AID FOR COMMUNITIES VULNERABLE TO THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19**

As part of the health and safety measures implemented in Namibia, Government Health officials are urging people to ensure the health and wellbeing of all our citizens and visitors to the country.

Following the closure of schools and the strict necessary protocols and measures in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the health and safety of our citizens and visitors is the top priority. Resilience Health is a project of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, which is aimed at providing health and safety information to our citizens and visitors. Resilience Health is a project of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, which is aimed at providing health and safety information to our citizens and visitors. Resilience Health is a project of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, which is aimed at providing health and safety information to our citizens and visitors.

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## PUBLIC MEETING (AGENDA AND MINUTES OF MEETING)



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**Project Title:** The Driefontein safari & Olupale Lodges  
**Scheduled date:** 18 -22 May 2020

Nuvella Managerial and Marketing Services is a developer of numerous prestigious hospitality entities in Namibia, among which count Epacha Game Lodge and Spa, Eagle Tented Lodge and Intu Afrika Kalahari Reserve including Zebra Kalahari Lodge, Suricate Tented Lodge and Camelthorn Lodge, Le Mirage Desert Lodge and Spa, Divava Okavango Lodge and Spa, Villa Verdi Guest House and Gochaganas Game lodge.

The company plans to develop the Driefontein Nature Lodge near Bergsig in the Torra Conservancy in the Kunene Region as well as the Olupale Lodge in the Ipumbu Ya Tshilongo Conservancy north of the Etosha National Park in the Omusati Region.

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) was appointed to assess the potential impacts of these two developments, as required by the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 and its regulations. Potential impacts of the proposed developments are assessed and documented and will be submitted to the Directorate of Environmental Affairs (DEA) at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) for review as part of the applications for environmental clearance certificate.

Public participation and consultation are key requirements in terms of Section 21 of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 and its regulations for a project that requires an environmental clearance certificate. Consultation is a compulsory and critical component in the impact assessment process, aimed at achieving transparent decision-making, provide many benefits and is a key step to inform stakeholders.

**Public meetings with stakeholders of the proposed developments at Driefontein and Olupale are planned during the week 18 – 22 May 2020. The proposed agenda for these meetings are:**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Meeting formalities and purpose of the meeting
3. Presentation of information:
  - a. Background and overview of the development
  - b. Processes and progress
4. General discussions, comments and questions
5. The way forward
6. Closure

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**Meeting minutes**

**Meeting subject:** Public participation meeting for the Driefontein Safari Lodge in Torra Conservancy  
**ECC Reference:** ECC-104-207-MOM-10-A

Date: Tuesday, 19.05.2020	Time: 10:00AM
Venue: De Riet and Driefontein	

**1. Introductions and Attendance:**

Name:	Company:	Present	Absent
1. Lovisa Amwele (LA)	ECC	x	
2. Pierre Smit (PS)	ECC	x	
3. Christopher Van de Vijver (CVV)	NUVELLA	x	
4. Robert Coetzee (RC)	Traditional Authority (TA)	x	
5. Tomi Adams (TA)	Resident	x	
6. Chief J Mangani (JM)	TA	x	
7. Regi Roman (RR)	TORRA	x	
8. Community members (CM)	IYC	x	

**2. Opening**

- Welcoming, emphasise and explain the importance of tourism in Namibia.
- Welcoming from the Torra conservancy, De Riet and Driefontein community members.
- Brief introduction of Nuvela company and their footprint in the Namibian tourism industry.

**3. Processes**

- The contract was approved 2 years ago with the Traditional Authority / Torra Conservancy and is according to MET guidelines.
- Agreement is valid for 25 years
- Development in close vicinity of a fountain – is that allowed? What does legislation stipulate?
- The lodge will be located <2km from the closest homestead. Is that allowed?
- What does the zonation of the conservancy stipulate? Does the proposed location of the lodge fit into the right land use zone?
- Involvement of MET and SRT
- Possibility of a hydroponics project was mentioned
- Movement of wild animals – how will it be managed? Will there be compensation when domesticated animals are killed and properties are damaged?
- Will domestic animals of the direct neighbours be allowed to graze in the Springbok River, close to the lodge?
- Benefits to community: Investment of 30 – 40 million; community to receive 1 million per year

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- Needs for transport and a clinic

### 3. The way forward

- All concerns must be documented and must reach the conservancy office within one week after the meeting.
- All communication needs to be directed through the conservancy management committee.

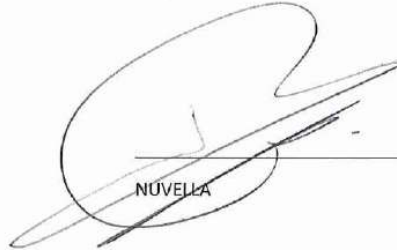
### 4. Conclusion

- PS & RC thanked all attendees for their time.
- Meeting closed at 2:50pm

Minutes approved on behalf of:



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Meeting Attendance Register

Meeting subject: Driefontein Safari Lodge public meeting

Date: 19 May 2020

Venue: De Riet

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Date: 19 May 2020

Meeting Attendance Register  
Meeting Subject: Driefontein Safari Lodge public meeting  
Venue: Driefontein

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26 May 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

**PROJECT TITLE ID ECC-104-207-ADT-04-C: DRIEFONTEIN SAFARI LODGE (Pty)Ltd IN THE TORRA CONSERVANCY  
KUNENE REGION NAMIBIA**

**RE: COMMUNITY OBJECTION - DRIEFONTEIN LODGE PROJECT AT DRIEFONTEIN FARM - TORRA**

On behalf of 20 (Twenty) disgruntled households and families of Driefontein Farm, we would like to take this opportunity to register a complaint with the Office of the Environmental Commissioner. The matter relates to the events that occurred in the Torra Conservancy dating back to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019, to date.

The complaint and objection derives from a lodge development project that the Torra Conservancy Committee approved to occupy part of Driefontein Farm by investors without the consent of the immediate and affected families and their households, hence referred to in this letter as "Concern Group". This concerns came as a shock and dismay during a Special Annual General Meeting that was held at Bergsig on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020, whereby a representative of the investors to the said project was introduced to the community and he narrated that all relevant processes and land applications to the Land Board were at final stage, and that the project was due to start soon. This prompted us to seek intervention from the Kunene Communal Land Board in the matter. Here below is the chronological background:

1. Torra Conservancy Committee visited and held a meeting at Driefontein Farm on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019. At this meeting the Torra Committee briefed the Driefontein Farm community about investors intending to set up a lodge with a room capacity of 33 to 35. (In the EIA Notice by the Environmental Consultant dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 in the Namibian Newspaper indicate 30 to 40 room capacity). The community wanted more questions answered by the Torra Committee and subsequently requested to meet the investors. The concerns raised were regarding the targeted portion of land upon the investors envisaged to build the lodge. The argument was that the land was registered and accorded to the inhabitants of Driefontein Farm to occupy by the Ministry of Lands and Resettlement of which one is about 600m from the proposed lodge site. Furthermore, given the severe draughts over the past years in this area, this area proved over years to be the only source of water and grazing for livestock. It was however evident during the first meeting that the Torra Committee was facilitating and pushing for construction with no intention of consulting with the affected community of Driefontein Farm. The Torra Committee did not entertain the later

and the meeting ended without the parties reaching any consensus on that day.

2. Fearing that this would be a repeat of how a hunting camp was set up in the area without any consultation nor permission from the inhabitants of the farm, the community mobilized, and organized its members by forming a concern group that eventually wrote a letter to the Kunene Land Board dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The letter was hand delivered to the #Aodaman Traditional Authority who in return advised the Concern Group to forward the letter to the Kunene Land Board. The letter was subsequently emailed to both the Kunene Land Board and Torra Conservancy on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.
3. Several requests and attempts were made by the Concern Group after the failed meeting with Torra Conservancy Committee in order to facilitate a meeting with the investors to discuss the envisaged lodge development project at Driefontein Farm to no avail. Such numerous meeting request were made as follow:
  - a) 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – No show from Torra Conservancy
  - b) Concern Group made new meeting request via email on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 after the 13<sup>th</sup> April meeting did not take place.
  - c) Another meeting request was made to Torra Conservancy via email on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Torra Conservancy replied on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 scheduling a meeting at Driefontein Farm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019. This meeting never materialized, as Torra Conservancy Committee was a no show.
  - d) A meeting was again rescheduled to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Yet gain was this meeting called-off verbally by the Chairman and no other date was ever communicated to the Concern Group again.
4. To our own shock and dismay, at a Special Annual General Meeting that took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 at Bergsig, Mr. Robert Coetzee, investor representing Driefontein Safari Lodge (under the flagship of Maldiv Island Investment Pty), gave and outlined a progress report that all due processes and applications to start the lodge were finalized. Mr. Coetzee further stated that all rooms at the envisaged lodge were already pre-booked for the next five (5) years.
5. At the very same Special Annual General Meeting, we again enquired and raised our concerns to both the out-going and in-coming Torra Conservancy Committee members to address our plea of meeting with us and to listen to our concerns as dated back to the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019 that never cleared the air on the envisaged project proposal that was brought to Driefontein Farm.
6. We therefore object to the allocation of the right, if any, as we have not given consent to the lodge development. Furthermore, we remained defiant to this matter till a presentation in connection with the application is made, and to afford the inhabitants an audience to concerns that rose.
7. For the attention of the Environmental Commission in respect to the granting of EIA, we list the following issues of concern:
  - a. No recognized Traditional Authority gave approval to such project proposal;

- b. Proposed project site is spring water point for both livestock and wild animals;
- c. Lodge proposed site is 600m – 800m from closest inhabitants' erven;
- d. Grazing area for livestock and will interfere with farming activities;
- e. Roaming area of protected and endangered rhinos;
- f. Chairman of Torra Conservancy is dishonest or misleading community with supposedly agreement signed with the investors. Community members are in position of a draft agreement, while investors are in position of a final agreement signed 2 years ago (Agreement not available in Torra Conservancy office for inspection).
- g. Chairman of Torra Conservancy misleading community about actual contract payment fees of N\$15,000.00 to the conservancy by the investor. The investor claiming making several payments of N\$15,000.00 to the conservancy for several months.
- h. Information gathered is that both MEFT and Save the Rhino Trust were never consulted as custodians of such project developments.
- i. The Chairperson Mr Tommie Adams informed us 15 May 2020 about the meeting that will take place on 19 May 2020 at Farm Driefontein with the investors coming to do feasibility studies and to hear the concerns of the Inhabitants.
- j. We requested for a meeting with Torra Conservancy Committee to discussed the above mentioned concerns since we did never had meetings although it was requested before. We scheduled a meeting on 17 May 2020 which took place, all the concerns were discussed and agreed that the Investors and Torra Conservancy Committee should informed the stakeholders MEFT and SRT to attend the meeting Scheduled on 19 May 2020 to give their input or a possible other side to construct proposed Driefontein Lodge and to listen to the concerns raised. According to the Chairman Tommie Adams the meeting of 19 May 2020 will only for listening to the Concerns of the Community of Driefontein and to Identify an Other side for construction of the lodge. On Tuesday 19 May 2020 the meeting starts at the Propossed lodge side whereby the Consultants started with the feasibility studies and taking pictures. The Investor Christopher Van de Vijver said he was never informed about any Concerns raised before, therefore we plea for no displaying of our Photographs in the Media cause the meeting did not went according to the agreement. Notice of the Environmental Assessment and Public Participation Process was already advertised on 18 May 2020 we never had any meeting with the Investors whilst meeting was scheduled on 19 May 2020.

Given the above concerns, the Driefontein Farm Concern Group wish to reiterate that the community welcomes all developmental projects in the area as part of employment creation. We embrace investors but we are of the opinion that a suitable alternative site given the above concerns can be found amicably. We therefore pleading to your good office, and filling objections as we are of the opinion that our Rights to land are being infringed by what is demonstrated to us by both the Conservancy and the investor not listening to our call.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us either by phone: 081 or by e-mail: [farmdriefontein@gmail.com](mailto:farmdriefontein@gmail.com)

Yours Faithfully,

**FROM: Driefontein Farm Concern Group**



Lovisa Nangula &lt;lovisa@eccenvironmental.com&gt;

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**Fwd: Letter of Acknowledgement**

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Thu, Jun 18, 2020 at 4:15 PM

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From: **Pierre Smit** <pierre@eccenvironmental.com>  
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Subject: Letter of Acknowledgement  
To: <farmdriefontein@gmail.com>

Dear Driefontein Farm members,

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) would like to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of concern.

Your concerns are valued and we have registered you as an Interested and or Affected Party (I&AP) for the proposed Driefontein Safari Lodge in the Kunene Region.

ECC, has undertaken Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) for the proposed development in terms of the requirements of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation, 2007 (No. 30 of 2012) gazetted under the Environmental Management Act, 2007.

As a registered I&AP you will be provided with a copy of the EIA scoping report draft once it is available for review by the public.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Kind regards,

Pierré

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Kind regards,

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## Proposed Driefontein Safari Lodge in the Torra Conservancy

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Cc: Stephan Bezuidenhout <stephan@eccenvironmental.com>, Pierre Smit <pierre@eccenvironmental.com>, Lovisa Nangula <lovisa@eccenvironmental.com>

Dear Registered Stakeholders,

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC), has conducted an environmental assessment for the proposed (Driefontein Safari Lodge), as part of the environmental clearance certificate.

As a registered stakeholder, we are providing you with copies of the Environmental Scoping Report and Environmental Management Plan. Kindly find herein attached and provide comments.

The review period will be concluded in 7 days from the (30 June - 7 July 2020), as stipulated in the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its regulations of 2012, Section 2(1) documents, as per legislation.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

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Kind regards,

Laina Wilhelm

### Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)

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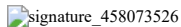
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Tue, Jun 30, 2020 at 5:44 PM

Good day,

Thank you for the documents.

Best regards,  
Kenneth

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Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 11:11 AM

Dear Laina

Well received and attending to it.

Regards

Evaristo

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**From:** Laina Wilhelm <laina@eccenvironmental.com>  
**Sent:** 30 June 2020 03:53 PM  
**Cc:** Stephan Bezuidenhout; Pierre Smit; Lovisa Nangula  
**Subject:** Proposed Driefontein Safari Lodge in the Torra Conservancy

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