

Environmental Impact Assessment for establishing a charcoal, wood, furniture and fencing poles project at Farm Voorwaarts No. 1029 in Otjozondjupa Region

Minutes of Public Consultation Meeting
26 June 2020, 14h30
Mururani Gate & Farm Voorwaarts No. 1029

1. Present

Please see the attendance register. A total of 25 members of the Mururani community mainly at Mururani Gate employees and residents of Farm Voorwaarts No. 1029 were consulted, informed about the proposed charcoal, wood, furniture and fencing poles project to be established at Farm Voorwaarts No. 1029 which is located about 10km west of Mururani Gate. Due to a low turn-out at the venue of the meeting, the consultant visited most of the business and individuals houses as well as Government offices i.e. the Namibian Police, Clinic and the officials from the Forest Department of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism who were all given the Background Information Document (BID) with information about the proposed projects at Farm Voorwaarts No. 1029.

2. Welcome Remarks

At the venue of the meeting, the Consultant welcomed all present at the meeting and informed them that due to COVID-19 regulations, the consultant would keep the meeting short and walk house to house and business to business to distribute the Background Information Documents to ensure that majority of the Mururani community are aware of the proposed project.

The consultant further explains that the purpose of the meeting was for the environmental team to conduct the environmental and social assessment of the proposed charcoal, wood, fencing poles and furniture production project, consult the relevant stakeholders and to apply for the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.

3. Introduction

The Environmental Consultant, from KPM Environmental Consulting thanked everyone present for attending the meeting. He made a brief introduction on the purpose of the meeting that is to provide information about the proposed charcoal, wood, fencing poles and furniture production project to be established at Farm Voorwaarts No. 1029 at a site opposite the farm and at a site where the Proponent would be constructing the agricultural university. The meeting was informed that the construction of the agricultural university is underway and the proponent has decided to use the plant/trees materials (timber products) that will be coming from clearing the land to turn them into useful products such as:

- 1) Firewood
- 2) Furniture products
- 3) Fencing poles and

4) Charcoal production

The consultant informed the public that the project will only use materials coming from clearing the site where the agricultural university will be constructed and not all trees will be cut down but only those that need to make way for new buildings.

The meeting was further informed that before the trees are cut down, the proponent will obtain a permit from the Department of Forestry at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism who will advise which plant species can be cut down and also the mitigation measures to be taken i.e. to relocate the tree elsewhere or plant another small ones in place of the one being cut down.

After the clearing has been done and all plant products used up, the proponent would assess whether there is a need to keep the project or cease depends on whether it is viable to continue and get suppliers from other farms or not.

Public Participation:

The meeting was informed that the Environmental Management Act No. 07 of 2007 gives rights to members of the community to be informed about any development project that takes place in their community and at the same time, community have the rights either to accept and support the proposed project or reject it. The purpose of this consultation meeting was thus to give information to the public and for the public to decide whether to support the proposed project or not.

Secondly, the environmental consultant also indicated that community members can still express their comments/inputs or objection if there is any on the proposed projects.

The consultant made presentation to the participants covering a description of the project, an overview of the need for an environmental assessment and the method for the EIA, and the key findings of the EIA in terms of potential positive and negative impacts and mitigation measures to be taken. Thereafter, members of the public were allowed to ask questions on the proposed project and also to find out if they have any concerns, objections or if they support the initiative.

4. Questions from the Community at the meeting and also those met during door to door distribution of BID:

4.1. Will there be any opportunities such as employment for local people?

Answer: The meeting was informed that there will be lots of employment opportunities ranging from temporary to permanent employment especially during the operational stage. There will be temporally employment opportunities during the site clearing, fencing, construction and installations of agricultural infrastructures. The meeting was also informed that during the operational stage, there will also be long-term employment opportunities and those will be announced and opportunities availed to all qualified and experienced residents.

4.2. One of the community members wanted to know whether the Proponent has already secured the place for the proposed plant?

Answer: The meeting was informed that the Proponent have earmarked a section of his farm to be used for the construction of an agricultural university. Preparations i.e. surveying the area, environmental and social assessment have already been done for the university and thus preparations are under way to start with the construction of the university. Therefore, there will be no need to secure alternative land for the proposed project. Also, an important point to note is that, the materials needed for the project will all be coming from the clearing of the site and no other materials from elsewhere will be needed.

4.3. How many people will be employed at proposed charcoal, wood, furniture and fencing poles project?

Answer: The exact number of people to be employed at each project will be determined by the size and type of product that will be produced. The numbers have not been established but will be made available once the projects commence.

During the site preparation, there will be lots of temporary jobs and the opportunities will be availed through the Constituency office once the projects commence.

4.4. Will you be hiring people in the local community or outsiders? One of the community members indicated that they do have skills in the area and would prefer that the Proponent award the tender for clearing of land to a local contractor.

Answer: the meeting was informed that most work that will be done such as clearing of site will be labour based and local people will be considered for employment. However, it should be noted that jobs that would like technical skills would be advertised to attract qualified people regardless of their geographical location.

4.5. What kind of products will be produced at the proposed charcoal, wood, furniture and fencing poles project?

Answer: the meeting was informed that the initial idea is to turn the wood products into useful materials such as making charcoal for commercial purpose and also to be used locally, making wood production, producing furniture for own use at the proposed agricultural institution and also poles for fencing of which some could be used at the university but also surplus for sale.

5. Other concerns raised by the community members:

5.1. One of the residents implore the proponent to continue with the proposed charcoal, wood, furniture and fencing poles project as it will create much needed employment opportunities for local people. It was also mentioned by one of the residents that even if when the plant products are finished at the projects,

individual who may have excess trees might want to sell some to the projects in order to sustain the project.

6. Time of adjournment:

- 6.1. After the meeting, the environmental team together with the Proponent toured the proposed site to look at the area that will be cleared. The field visit adjourned at 16:30.

F. Kapembe
for KPM Environmental Consulting

ANNEXURE 1: ATTENDANCE REGISTER

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Compiled by: Mrs. Augustine Mupupa

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARCOAL, WOOD, FENCING POLES AND FURNITURE PRODUCTION FOR WHTC AT MURURANI CAMPUS IN OTJOZONDJUPA REGION

Notification is given in terms of Regulations published in Government Notice No. 29, Section 27 under the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007), related to the EIA for the establishment of a charcoal, wood, fencing poles and furniture production for WHTC at Mururani Campus in Otjozondjupa Region.

WHTC has appointed KPM Environmental Consulting as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner to carry out the environmental assessment. Notice is hereby given of the commencement of the Public Consultation Process.

A Public Participation Process is currently open until Friday, 14th July 2020. Should you wish to be kept informed about the EIA process, please contact us at the below-mentioned details.

Mobile: 081 219 6969
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Applicant: Stubenrauch Planning Consultants
 PO Box 41404
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 Our Ref.: W20042

floor, office No. 515) and SPC Office, 45 Feld Street, Windhoek.

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