

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ZAMBEZI REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED UP-EARTHING OF THE EMBANKMENT ON MUZII COMBINED SCHOOL PLATFORM, LOCATED IN THE EASTERN FLOODPLAINS OF ZAMBEZI REGION, NAMIBIA.

1. INTRODUCTION

Zambezi Regional Council (hereinafter referred to as ZRC), intends on obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for up-earthing of the embankment on the Muzii Combined School Platform, in order to allow learners and their parents to relocate to such a higher ground during flood times as a permanent solution to the flooding problem. Furthermore, raising the embankment aims to raise the platform of the school in order to increase the carrying capacity and prevent damage and disruptions of classrooms due to flooding.

The embankment project is proposed to be located approximately 120 km east of Katima Mulilo town on approximately 70 km earth road during dry season and 120 km river transport on the Zambezi River.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document has been prepared to inform you:

- about the proposed activities;
- about the EIA process to be followed;
- of possible environmental impacts;
- how you can have input into the EIA process

3. YOUR ROLE

Public involvement is an essential part of the EIA process.

You have been identified as an interested and affected party (IAP) who may want to know about the proposed activities and have input into the EIA process.

All comments will be recorded and addressed in the EIA process.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL

Prior to the commencement of the proposed operation activities, an application for environmental clearance will be submitted in terms of the Environmental Management Act, 7 of 2007 and Regulations 19 and 21 of the EIA Regulations (January 2012) to the MEFT - Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). MEFT - DEA will review the application and relevant reports for a final decision. An EIA process will be conducted in terms of the above-mentioned Act and Regulations.

I.N.K Enviro Consultants cc (I.N.K), is an independent firm of environmental consultants and has been appointed to manage the EIA process for the above-mentioned activities.

4. HOW TO RESPOND

Responses to this document can be submitted by means of the attached comments sheet or through communication with the contact person listed below.

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6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The information in this section is referenced from the Earthworks Investigation Report, conducted in 2014 by Bona Consultants.

6.1 Introduction

The buildings at Muzii Combined School are built with cement and brick, on an elevated piece of land, 200m x 70m next to a stream western side and very low natural ground level on the eastern side. The stream on the western side looks to be quite large. At this school, the aprons has also started to collapse and intervention is needed.

6.2 Fill Area

The area where the school is constructed is quite firm but it started to dilapidate and require attention. Considering the service this school provides to the surrounding community, it was decided by the Regional Council to extend the embankment to 200m x 200m.

6.3 Fill Quantity

There is sufficient space available for elevation of the site to the eastern side of the school. This targeted area is very low and in some places the height of the elevated bank will be 3m. It is thus recommended to elevate the entire area 40000m2 as indicated, to 600mm above the highest recent recorded flood level.

A calculated volume compacted fill of 126880m3 will be needed to accomplish this task.

6.4 Source Material

The source where the material will be obtained from is approximately 900m east south east from the school at bearing 115 degrees. It is directly accessible without over haul.

6.5 Timing

The construction will commence as soon as all relevant certificates and permits are in place.

7. POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Potential environmental issues associated with the construction of the up-earthing of Muzii Combined School Platform include:

- Gurface water quantity can be affected through inappropriate up-earthing techniques used. These aspects could cause potential impacts on surface water flow and direction and could potentially cause the flooding situation to be worse if not properly managed.
- Communities near the construction site could potentially be impacted as a result of air pollution posing as a socioeconomic and air quality issue.
- Noise from the construction activities could disturb people and animals in the immediate surroundings of the activities.
- Machinery and equipment used on site and refuelling of generators poses an environmental risk due to potential hydrocarbon spills. Hydrocarbon spillages could potentially contaminate the soil and groundwater.
- Waste generated on site has the potential to pollute the environment and cause environmental degradation, if not properly managed.

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8. STEPS IN THE EIA PROCESS

PHASE I - Internal Screening

- EIA project initiation.
- Notify MEFT: DEA..
- Site visit and identify environmental issues.
- Identify key stakeholders.

PHASE II – Combined Scoping & Assessment Phase and Environmental Management Plan (EMP)

- Submit Application form to MET
- Notify other regulatory authorities and IAPs of the proposed project (via newspaper advertisements, this document, emails, site notices).
- Conduct public meeting (see details provided) and key stakeholder (focus group) meetings.
- Assess impacts of proposed projects and compile Scoping (including assessment) report and EMP.
- Comment period: Reports will be made available for review and comment by regulatory authorities and registered IAPs.
- Compile final reports (including Issues and Response Report).
- Submit the final reports to MET for their review and decision-making.

9. EIA PROCESS

The EIA process provides information on the proposed project and the environment in which it may be situated; it identifies, in consultation with IAPs, the potential negative and positive environmental aspects and associated impacts of the proposed project; and reports on management measures required to mitigate such impacts to acceptable levels. The likely process steps and timeframes are provided below.

A draft Scoping Report (including an assessment of impacts) and an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project will be made available for a 14-day public comment period.

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Full Name				
Organisation				
Postal Address				
Date				
Telephone Number				
Email				
Please Identify Your Interest in the Project:				
Please write your Comments and Questions here:				
Signature:				



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UPEARTHING OF MUZII COMBINED SCHOOL PLATFORM

PUBLIC MEETING - 23 JUNE 2020

VENUE: MUZII COMBINED SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

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Financial Literacy Initiative

Invitation to bid for the re-development of the FLI website

The Financial Literacy Initiative (FLI) is a national platform to enhance financial education for individuals and micro-, small- and medium sized

The FLI is looking for a company to re-develop its current website into an interactive, intuitive and user-friendly yet comprehensive website with graphic layout that embodies timely and accurate dissemination of information about the FLI, its initiatives, events and activities to its stakeholders;

Interested companies can request for more information and detailed terms of reference by emailing antonia@fil-namabia.org

Deadline for Submissions 20 February 2020



- To provide internal Audit Services to the BLL To provide External Audit Services to the BCC

Entries must be submitted before 16:00 p.m., and 21 February 2020, local time in Namibia.



GOVERNMENT AUCTION - DAY 1

MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT MINISTRY OF WORKS WILL HELD A PUBLIC AUCTION LOOSE (TEMS

GOVERNMENT AUCTION - DAY 2



VACANCY

The Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority ("NAMFISA; the Authority") is an independent institution established by virtue of Act No. 3 of 2001 to effectively regulate and supervise financial institutions in Namibia, and to give sound advice to the Minister of Finance.

NAMFISA is an equal opportunity employer and invites competent and suitably qualified candidates to apply for the following position:

ECONOMIST

Interested candidates are invited to visit the NAMFISA website for more information. www.namfisa.com.na

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted and no documents will be returned. No faxed applications will be accepted.

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, 19 JUNE 2020



TENDER

TENDER NO: DBMNE0385

SAP CONSULTING SERVICES - MATERIALS MANAGEMENT MODULE

Debmarine Namibia invites experienced and suitably qualified service providers to provide SAP Consulting Services for the Materials Management Module on SAP system. The primary role for the service provider is to ensure integrity, reliability and development of Materials Management section of the SAP R3 and the related Supply Chain processes.

SCOPE OF WORK:

The service provider must perform the following services:

- Identify trends and user needs
- Conduct training and compile training material
- Conduct stakeholder's education and awareness plan
- 4. Recommend SAP standard solutions
- 5. Identify areas of business process improvements
- 6. Identify and introduce enhanced functionalities
- 7. Knowledge of all other modules in SAP
- Project Management

CLOSING DATE FOR COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTATION:

Registered companies interested in providing such Services are requested to to obtain a tender document with Reference Number DBMNE0385 by 19 June 2020 at 12h00 noon.

ENQUIRIES:

The Procurement Officer

Tel: +264 61 297 8481

Email: DBMNtenders@debeersgroup.com

Specify the Reference Number DBMNE0385: SAP Consulting Services - MM Module

DISCLAIMER:

Debmarine Namibia shall not be responsible for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a response to this tender and furthermore reserves the right not to extend this tender into any future tenders, negotiations and/or engagements.

Debmarine Namibia shall not accept submissions rendered after the closing date and time.



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June 2020 at Nankuntwe Combined School, Time: 12h00 and Muzii Combined School, Time:15h00.

Vacancies

Letshego Bank Namibia invites suitable qualified candidates to apply for the following positions:

- Chief Financial Officer
- Management Accountant
- Customer Care Consultant (Rundu)

Suitable candidates are invited to email a cover letter and CV with certified copies of qualifications to na.recruitment@letshego.com

Closing Date: Friday, 19 June 2020

For more information regarding the positions, please visit our website, http://www.letshego.com/careers

People in designated groups are encouraged to apply.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The United States Embassy in Windhoek has the following vacancy as detailed below. Please note that applications must be submitted electronically via the Electronic Recruitment Application (ERA) system, by June 15, 2020 to be considered.

Interested applicants should visit the U.S. Embassy website at https://na.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/ to apply for this vacancy.

Public Health Administrative Management Specialist: Associate **Deputy for Management and Operations (WINDHOEK-2020-002)** Re-advertisement

Job holder (JH) oversees the day-to-day management, administrative, financial, and program coordination functions in support of a broad range of agency-funded HIV/AIDS, public health program activities and services of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Namibia office that are implemented by specific program offices, branches or programmatic teams. This is done through direct supervision and management oversight of a team of three staff. The work portfolio includes finance, budget, human resources, procurement, legal, policy, information management, property management and logistics. The job holder also functions on behalf of the Deputy Director for Management & Operations (DDMO) in his/ her absence. The Deputy Director for Management and Operations directly supervises the position.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: The complete position description listing all of the duties and responsibilities may be obtained on our website at https://na.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.



ZAMBEZE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED UPEARTHING OF THE SCHOOL PLATFORM - MUZII

EIA Public Meeting - Muzii

Meeting date | 23 June 2020 | 15:00 Hrs | Meeting location: Muzii Combined School

Project: ZAMBEZI REGIONAL COUNCIL'S Attendees: See attendance register PROPOSED UPEARTHING OF THE

MUZII COMBINED SCHOOL.

Purpose:

• Present the Environmental Impact
Assessment (EIA) process being

followed.

Explain the motivation and overview of the proposed Project.

 Allow interested & affect parties (IAPs) to provide input into the EIA process and Scoping Report.

Facilitator: Mr. Immanuel Katali (IK) the independent Environmental Practitioner

Client: Mr. Castro Mafwila (CM) – Zambezi Regional Council

Minutes

Presenter: Mr. Immanuel Katali (IK)

Presentation:

IK the independent Environmental Practitioner conducting the EIA process welcomed all to the meeting and introduced CM – Zambezi Regional Council, then took the floor for his presentation.

IK presented the project background/motivation as well as the description and location of the proposed project and various project components.

IK also presented the EIA process being followed and explained the potential key social and environmental issues that were identified as part of the initial stages of the EIA process. He ended the presentation by discussing the way forward regarding the EIA process.

Discussion:

Any issues and concerns raised during the meeting have been recorded in Table 1. Where a response was provided the relevant response has also been included in Table 1. Responses were provided by IK and CM.

TABLE 1: RECORD OF ISSUES RAISED AND RESPONSES GIVEN

Issue raised/ comment Response



Where will the school learners be accommodated during construction?	There will be temporary structures put up to accommodate the school learners and teachers.
When will you begin the construction?	Currently we are only busy with the EIA. Once and if the EIA Application is approved then a tender will go out to invite various companies for the construction and a suitable one will be selected. At this point we can't be certain as we are not sure when the ECC will be issued.
Will the villages be included in the upliftment?	The uplifment only aims at the Muzii school. However, should any other buildings or structure fall within the radius, then automatically it will be upearthed too.
Thank you for this. Our children have ong suffered due to this bad flooding. I urge you to speed up this process so that this project can be successfully completed.	Noted.

Close:

IK thanked everyone for attending, encouraged those with more questions to ask them after the meeting or forward them to I.N.K. Enviro Consultants. He closed the meeting.

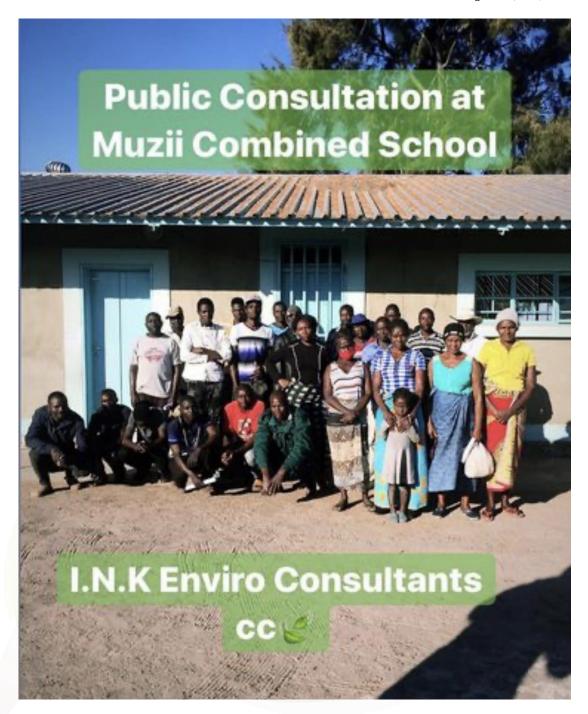


Appendix 1: Attendance Register





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