

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

FOR

THE OMATAKO-VON BACH SCHEME



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

CoC Code of Conduct

DEA Directorate of Environmental Affairs
EMA Environmental Management Act
EMP Environmental Management Plan
HIV Human Immunodeficiency Virus
I&AP Interested and Affected Parties

MEFT Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism

NEM NamWater Environmental Manager

MSDS Material Safety Data Sheet

NWQGNamibian Water Quality GuidelinesNamibian Water Quality StandardsSTI'sSexually Transmitted Infections

WTW Water Treatment Works

1. PURPOSE OF THE EMP

This Environmental Management Plan (EMP) has been compiled for the management of potential environmental impacts during the operation, and decommissioning phases of the proposed Omatako-Von Bach Water Supply Scheme. Best practice is proposed for the generic issues of construction management and supervision as well as the on-going management and operation of the pipeline.

In terms of the Environmental Assessment Policy of 1994 and the Environmental Management Act (Act No 7 of 2007) (EMA), the activities required for the construction of the proposed project requires authorization from the Directorate of Environmental Affairs at the Ministry of Environmental, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT: DEA).

An Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) was originally issued in July 2020 and this EMP serves as an application for the renewal of the ECC.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Omatako dam to Von Bach Scheme is located in the Otjozondjupa region. The Omatako dam is situated approximately 100 km from both Okahandja to the south and Otjiwarongo to the north. The outlet for the pipeline scheme is upstream from the Von Bach dam, which is situated 6 km southeast of Okahandja.

The main purpose of the Omatako dam to Von Bach pipeline scheme is to convey raw-water from Omatako Dam to Von Bach Dam

The scheme consists of 3 components: Omatako dam

The Omatako dam was designed to serve as a flood catchment dam on the Omuramba Omatako. In addition to the flood catchment, the dam also acts as a balancing dam for the water transported via the Eastern National Western Carrier (ENWC).

The operation of the scheme was modified in 1995 to allow water from the ENWC canal to be transported directly to the Omatako base pump station. The provision of an independent pump set to the outlet tower also afforded the opportunity to pump the dead storage of the dam to Von Bach dam.

Water abstracted through the outlet tower is piped through the dam wall to Omatako base pump station, located below the dam wall.

Omatako – Otukarru – Pump Mains Section

The Omatako – Otukarru pumping main consist of the Omatako base pump station, Omatako Booster pump station, the connecting pipeline between the pump stations, the reservoir at Omatako booster pump station and the Otukarru pressure break reservoir.

At Omatako base pump station the water can be abstracted from either the Omatako dam outlet tower or directly from the canal and pumped to Omatako booster pump station, approximately 35 km south the Omatako dam. From Omatako booster pump station the water is pumped another 35 km south to the Otukarru pressure break reservoir.

Otukarru - Von Bach Gravity Mains

From the Otukarru pressure break reservoir, water is transported to Von Bach dam via a 25 km long gravity main. The gravity pipeline ends in a tributary of the Swakop River, 6 km northeast of the Von Bach dam wall and 8 km west of Okahandja.

The location of Omatako Dam-Von Bach Pipeline Scheme is depicted in **Figure 1**. The EMP is for an existing scheme and it is therefore only for the operation and maintenance of the scheme.

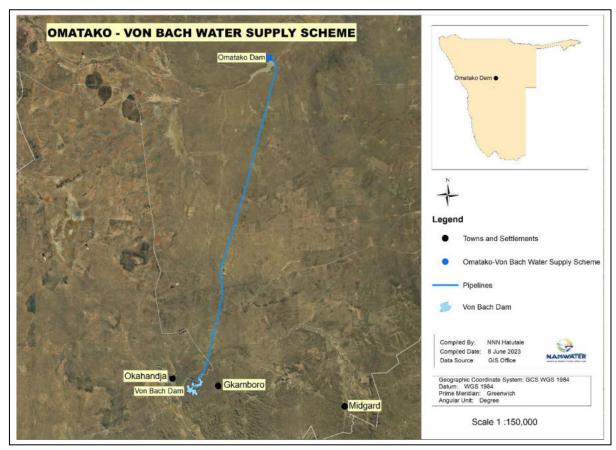


Figure 1: Omatako-Von Bach Scheme Location Map

3. OMATAKO-VON BACH INFRASTRUCTURE

3.1 Water Source

The Omatako dam is the main water source and is fed primarily from the Omuramba Omatako and Ehamano River basins with a catchment area of roughly 5 320 km².

In addition to the flood catchment, the dam also acts as a balancing dam for the water transported via the ENWC canal that terminates on the northern side of the Omatako dam wall.

At Omatako dam there are 12 staff housing units which are supplied with water from a borehole via an elevated water tank. Some of the houses are occupied by NamWater personnel, while the remaining houses are rented by private individuals or government.

Water for utility use at Omatako base pump station is from a salty borehole close to the pump station. The water is pumped into the elevated plastic tank next to the borehole.

Water for the caretaker's house at the Omatako booster pump station is also fed from a borehole and pumped into an elevated water tank at the house.

A schematic layout of the existing infrastructure is indicated in **Figure 2** below.

3.2 Disinfection

Since the Omatako-Von Bach system is a raw water supply scheme, no chlorination is applied. Water is pumped from the Omatako dam into the Swakop River upstream of the Von Bach dam, with a number of open reservoirs along the way.

As for the staff housing, water from the borehole is chlorinated using floating chlorine dispensers inside the elevated tanks.

3.3 Dams

The Omatako Dam is situated approximately 100 km north of Okahandja and some 160 km north of Windhoek. It is located on the Omatako River. The dam has a fairly high surface area/volume ratio and hence is subject to high evaporation losses. Water is therefore transferred to the Von Bach Dam (located on the Swakop River) as quickly as possible from where it supplies Windhoek

The outlet works consist of a wet-well type outlet tower with three variable level sluice gated (spindle/hand wheel operated) openings which lead to a 1000 mm diam. concrete pipe beneath the embankment. The openings are protected with a trash screen on the outside. Upstream and downstream control on the pipe is by means of a 1000 mm diam. gate valve. The upstream control valve is located in a control room adjacent to the outlet tower.

A floating pump system was installed after completion of the dam itself, to allow abstraction of the dead storage volume in the dam.

The upstream slope protection of the dam embankment comprises of rip-rap rock. Monitoring of the dam's safety over the years included dam crest settlement surveys and measurement of seepage through the foundation in manholes at the downstream toe and at v-notches.

3.4 Pipe Work

The 70 km long pipeline from the Omatako base pump station to Otukaru pressure break reservoir is a 1 200 mm diam. pre-stressed concrete pipe (Class 220A - 60A). Air release valves are mostly 200 mm diam. double orifice air release valves spaced at 600 m intervals and the scour valves are 250 mm diam. The design capacity of the pipe is indicated as 7 200 m 3 /h.

From Otukaru pressure break reservoir the pipeline is a pre-stressed 1 050 mm diam. concrete pipe for 13 km, reduces to a 940 mm diam. for the next 9 km and for the last 2 km the pipe is 900 mm diam. asbestos cement. The design capacity of the pipeline is 8 000 m³/h. The last 12 km of the pipeline is located mainly above ground due to the nature of the terrain, with short sections below ground in rivers and road crossings. The pipe is supported above ground on concrete pedestals. The outlet is a square concrete box in the river bed from where the water flows to the Swakop River and into the dam.

3.5 Reservoirs

The storage facilities consist of the reservoir at Omatako booster pump station and the Otukaru pressure break reservoir.

The reservoir at Omatako booster pump station is situated close to the D2116 on the farm Okamaja. It consists of a round concrete reservoir without a roof. The reservoir has a full service capacity of 4 747 m³, a draw down capacity of 2 706 m³ and the capacity at the emergency stop level is 2 040 m³.

3.6 Power Supply and Control System

Pump control at the pump stations is by telemetry and operation is controlled from the Von Bach NamWater station.

The Kirloskar pumps have variable speed drives which allow for accurate control during start and stopping of the individual pumps to reduce pipeline surge effects.

The power supply for the Omatako Base Pump Station is a NamPower 10 MVA 66/11 kV substation located adjacent to the pump station yard. The maximum demand authorised for the pump station is 3000 kVA (2400 kW).

3.7 Scheme Processes/Operation

There is a fulltime NamWater scheme operator, who does checks on a daily basis whether all the systems are functional. The scheme has been electrified and automated with timer switches.

3.8 Maintenance

Maintenance is done by a permanent NamWater team.

3.8.1 Pumps

All motors bearings should be lubricated with a high-temperature lithium-based grease after 3000 hours.

If a pump/s were out of operation for six months, lubrication is required before service commence on all motor bearings.

3.8.2 Air Valves

The valves must be opened monthly to be descaled and cleaned to ensure effective operation. The service intervals will depend on the severity of the conditions.

3.8.3 Pressure Gauges and Transducers

The gauge cocks must be turned monthly to bleed-off air and ensure accurate readings. Turning prevents scale accumulation which prevents the gauge cock from functioning. The operational or service intervals will depend on the severity of the conditions.

3.8.4 Reservoirs

The reservoirs should be checked for leaks and other damages on a monthly basis. If leaks are detected, it should be fixed immediately.

3.8.5 Pipe Breaks/leaks

Monthly monitor of pipes should be done to avoid wastage of water in an event a major pipe break. The pipeline corridor for maintenance work is 10 m by 5 m.

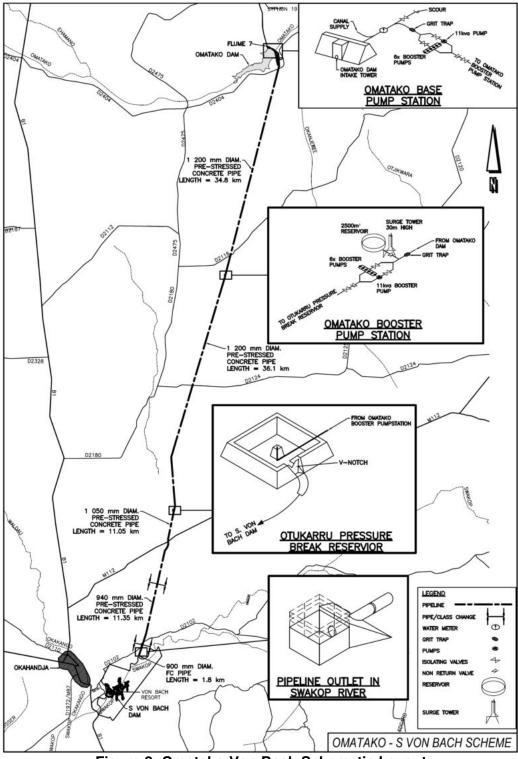


Figure 2: Omatako-Von Bach Schematic Layout

4. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

The baseline description provided below focuses on the receiving environment:

4.1 Climate

The climate varies from semi-arid to sub-humid and is particularly dominated by the dry Sub-tropical High Pressure Zone. The area is influenced by the Botswana Anticyclone during summer and the South Atlantic Anticyclone in winter. During the winter months, the South Atlantic Anticyclone is regularly replaced by Temperature Zone cold fronts from the south, resulting in spells of low temperatures. During the summer months, the Botswana Anticyclone is occasionally replaced by the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone from the North-east, resulting in thunder showers (Enviro Dynamic, 2010).

4.1.1 Precipitation

The highest rainfall per month received usually occurs in February and there is about 40 days of rain per year. The annual rainfall for Okahandja is approximately 350 mm. The rainfall frequency is irregular and can vary by 40% per annum (Enviro Dynamic, 2010).

The humidity of the area ranges from 10-20% during September and 70-80% during March. The variance in humidity during the day is high with an up to 40% difference in one day.

The average annual evaporation is about 2100 mm which results in an average annual water deficit of up to 1900 mm (Enviro Dynamic, 2010).

4.1.2 Temperature

The average annual temperature in the Omatako-Von Bach area is 19.47 °C. The coldest month is July with average minimum temperatures of 4°C, with December being the hottest month with average maximum temperatures of up to 34°C. The area receives between 10 to 20 days of frost annually. Extreme daily and seasonal variations are the norm for the central part of the country.

4.2 Topography and Geology

The landscape is classified as being in the Khomas Hochland Plateau region, which is rolling hills in the west with many summit heights equivalent reflecting older land surfaces. The topography falls off to the east as the Kalahari is approached.

The geology in the area consists of alluvial soil surface cover and the subsurface geology consisting of fractured mica schist, minor quartzite, graphitic schist and marble of the Kuiseb Formation in the Swakop Group. Groundwater flows in a westerly direction, along fractures and faults.

4.3 Flora

The study area falls on the edge of a narrow band of Thorn-bush Shrub-land wedging into predominant Highland Shrub-land. The area is categorised as having a good grazing and browse availability. Dominant tree species are *Acacia erioloba* (Camel Thorn), *Acacia erubescens* (Yellow-bark Acacia), *Acacia karroo* (Sweet-thorn) and *Acacia mellifera* (Black-Thorn). There is some limited bush encroachment by *Acacia mellifera*. (Goldblatt et al., 1998).

4.4 Fauna

The study area does fall within the Acacia Tree-and-shrub Savanna sub-biome, which caters for the occurrence of the following faunal species: Kudu (*Tragelaphus strepsiceros*), Eland (*Taurotragus oryx*), Oryx (*Oryx gazelle*), Impala (*Aepyceros melampus*), Waterbuck (*Kobus*

ellipsiprymnus) and the Mountain Zebra (*Equus zebra*). The diversity of the bird species is high with up to 230 species recorded within the area (Enviro Dynamic, 2010).

5. THE LEGAL ENVIRONMENT

A legal review was done, and the key laws of concern include those which protect the ecological integrity of the Omatako-Von Bach ecosystem and its water resource, including the Water Act of 1954 and the Water Resources Management Act of 2004, and applicable international treaties such as the Convention on Biological Diversity. These laws and conventions place Namibia under an obligation to conserve the ecological integrity of the Omatako-Von Bach ecosystem for the sustainable use by Namibians.

5.1 The Constitution of the Republic of Namibia

There are two clauses contained in the Namibian Constitution that are of particular relevance to sound environmental management practice, viz. articles 91(c) and 95(l). In giving effect to articles 91(c) and 95(l) of the Constitution of Namibia, general principles for sound management of the environment and natural resources in an integrated manner have been formulated. The formulation of these general principles resulted in the Namibia's Environmental Assessment Policy of 1994. To give statutory effect to this Policy, the Environmental Management Act was approved in 2007, and gazetted as the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007) (herein referred to as the EMA. As the organ of state responsible for management and protection of its natural resources, MEFT: DEA is committed to pursuing the 13 principles of environmental management that is set out by Part 2 of the Act.

To summarise, Articles 91(c) and 95(l) refer to:

- Guarding against over –utilisation of biological natural resources;
- Limiting over-exploitation of non-renewable resources;
- Ensuring ecosystem functionality
- Protecting Namibia's sense of place and character;
- Maintaining biological diversity and
- Pursuing sustainable natural resource use.

5.2 Environmental Assessment Policy (1995)

Cabinet endorsed Namibia's Environmental Assessment Policy in 1995 as the first formal effort in Namibia to regulate the application of environmental impact assessments and environmental management. Amongst others, the Policy provides a procedure for conducting EIA's which sets out to:

- Better inform decision makers and to promote accountability of decisions taken;
- Strive for a high degree of public participation and involvement of all sectors of the Namibian community during the execution of the EIA;
- Take into account the environmental costs and benefits of projects and programmes;
- Promote sustainable development in Namibia;
- Ensure that anticipated adverse impacts are minimized and that positive impacts are maximized.

5.3 Environmental Management Act (No 7 of 2007) (EMA)

The Environmental Management Act (EMA) was promulgated in 2007 by Parliament and gives effect to the Environmental Assessment Policy. The Act specifies the environmental assessment procedures to be followed as well as the listed activities (activities that require an EIA).

Of relevance to this project are the following listed activities, as provided in Section 27 of this Act, which include:

- Water use and disposal;
- Transportation

5.4 EIA Regulations Government Notice No. 30, promulgated on 6 February 2012

The regulations, promulgated in terms of the EMA, were promulgated on 6 February 2012 and indicated certain activities that require an Environmental Clearance from MEFT: DEA prior to commencing.

5.5 Water Act 54 of 1956 and Water Resources Management Act 11 of 2013

The Water Resources Management Act 11 of 2013 is presently without regulations; therefore the Water Act 54 is still in force. The Act provides for the management and protection of surface and groundwater resources in terms of utilisation and pollution.

6. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

NamWater's Environmental Manager is primarily responsible for the implementation of the EMP during the operational and maintenance phases.

6.1 NamWater

NamWater, as the implementing agency, is responsible for:

- Ensuring that the objects of the EMP are being obtained;
- Ensuring that all environmental impacts are managed according to the environmental principles of avoiding, minimizing, mitigating and rehabilitation. This will be achieved by successful implementation of the EMP:
- Ensuring that appropriate monitoring and compliance auditing are executed;
- Ensuring that the environment is rehabilitated to its natural state as far as possible.

NamWater shall ensure that all employees attend an Environmental Awareness Training Course. This course shall be structured to ensure that attendees:

- Become familiar with the environmental controls contained in the EMP;
- Are made aware of the need to conserve water and minimise waste;
- Are made aware of NamWater's Code of Conduct;
- Are aware that a copy of the EMP is readily available at the plant and that all staff are aware of the location and have access to the document;
- Are informed that employee information posters, outlining the environmental "do's" and "don'ts" (as per the environmental awareness training course) will be placed at prominent locations throughout the site.

6.2 Contractor

The Contractor is responsible for:

- Appointing a qualified independent ECO.
- Ensuring that the objectives of the EMP are given effect by including it in all contract documentation.
- Ensuring that all environmental impacts are managed in accordance with the EMP.
- Ensuring that all monitoring and compliance auditing occurs in line with the EMP.
- Ensuring that the environment is rehabilitated as far as practical to its natural state or existing land use practices.
- Any environmental damage, pollution, pumping and treatment of extraneous water or ecological degradation as a result of activities both in and outside the site boundaries.
- Drafting and submission of a monthly environmental monitoring report.

With regard to the above, the Contractor shall conduct his/her activities so as to cause the least possible disturbance to the existing amenities, whether natural or man-made, in accordance with all the current statutory requirements. Special care shall be taken by the Contractor to prevent irreversible damage to the environment. The Contractor shall take adequate steps to educate all members of his/her workforce as well as his/her supervisory staff on the relevant environmental laws and protection requirements. The Contractor shall supplement these steps with prominently displayed notices and signs in strategic locations to remind personnel of environmental obligations.

The Contractor shall construct and/ or implement all the necessary environmental protection measures in each area before any construction work may proceed. The Engineer/ ECO may suspend the Works at any time should the Contractor, in the Engineer/ Eco's opinion, fail to implement, operate or maintain any of the environmental protection measures adequately. The costs of such suspension shall be to the Contractor's account.

6.3 ECO

A suitably qualified independent ECO shall be appointed by the Contractor to undertake the following tasks:

- Liaison with Contractor, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs); and Engineer regarding environmental matters.
- Monitoring of all of the Contractor's activities for compliance with the various environmental requirements at regular intervals.
- Routine environmental auditing and reporting of the Contractor's performance against the EMP.
- Reporting of environmental incidents and routine reporting of environmental issues associated with construction activities to NamWater, the Contractor and any relevant environmental authority.
- Identifying environmental non-conformances and initiating measures to remedy such issues, including the institution of fines against the Contractor.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

An Environmental Management Plans (EMP) is an important tool focusing on the management actions that are required to ensure environmental compliance of a particular project.

EMP implementation is a cyclical process that converts mitigation measures into actions and through cyclical monitoring, auditing, review and corrective action, ensures conformance with stated EMP aims and objectives. Monitoring and auditing, feedback for continual improvement ensures that environmental performance has been provided and corrective action is taken for an effective EMP.

The main aim of this EMP is to ensure that the project complies with the goals of the Namibian Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007); and, more specifically, to provide a framework for implementing the management actions as described in the EMP for the operational and maintenance phases of the scheme. Best practice is proposed for the operation of the scheme.

There are some environmental impacts that cannot be avoided. These environmental impacts require mitigation, and in order to mitigate against these impacts an EMP is required. The EMP aims to ensure best practises are implemented and environmental degradation is avoided through appropriate environmental protection, adherence to legal requirements and maintaining good community relationships.

MEFT indicated that EMP's for existing operations are sufficient.

The project activities are grouped according to the different operational processes and stages. Most of the impacts can be reduced through good housekeeping.

8. MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

8.1 Operation and Maintenance phase of the Omatako-Von Bach Water Supply Scheme

8.1.1 Introduction

The Operational Phase Section relates to the management and mitigation measures required to ensure that the continuation of the bulk water supply network and the maintenance of the infrastructure is operated in a manner that demonstrates responsible, precautionary environmental management.

The EMP will address specific areas of concern in terms of the long-term environmental management of the affected environment and is intended to serve as a guide to the on-going management of the water supply scheme site as well as the affected environment. The EMP will therefore aim to provide NamWater with the necessary tools to ensure that the potential impacts on the natural environment of the site during the operation of the water supply scheme are minimised. Moreover, it will aim to ensure that the infrastructure is operated and maintained according to Best Practice, in an environmentally sensitive and sustainable manner, and that the operation of the infrastructure does not result in reasonably avoidable environmental impacts.

8.1.2 Maintenance Procedures

The optimal operation and effective maintenance of all the scheme components is important in protecting the environment and ensuring that resources are not wasted and environmental incidents arising out of equipment or infrastructure failures, are avoided. Operation and Maintenance Manuals are available at the Omatako Dam. The manuals provide a detailed guidance on the operation of all machinery and associated systems as well as related maintenance procedures, including maintenance schedules. Implementation of this manuals by NamWater will facilitate the proactive management of potential risks and thus result in impacts on the receiving environment being averted.

The maintenance procedures set out in the manuals, provides specific guidance in terms of the monitoring and maintenance of the scheme components. These procedures will specify the equipment item and specific component of each piece of equipment requiring checking, the scope and nature of the check that is to be carried out including detailed instructions related to the specific check, and the programme for conducting each check.

Table 1: Operation and Maintenance Phase Management Table

Ok	ojectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
a.	Minimize the loss of rare/endangered fauna and flora species.	Loss of rare / endangered fauna or flora species.	Avoid small mammal / reptile and bird nesting where possible. Do not hurt, kill or unnecessarily disturb birds or animals.	Ensure scheme operations and maintenance is limited to the area next to the pipeline and reservoir corridors.
				Visual checks to ensure that no disturbance occur outside the pipeline corridor.
				Frequency: Monthly.
				Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
b.	Prevent unnecessary removal of trees/plants of importance.	Unnecessary removal of trees/plants of importance.	 Do not remove any vegetation unless it is absolutely necessary. Make sure that operation and maintenance team is well informed. Do not disturb, deface, destroy or remove plants or natural features, whether fenced or not. 	Visual inspection/checks to prevent, as well as to ensure the unnecessary removal of trees/plants. Frequency: Monthly. Responsible Person: Scheme
				Supervisor.
ra fa	Minimize the loss of rare/endangered fauna and flora species.	endangered endangered fauna or flora species.	langered endangered fauna or flora species. possible. Do not hurt, kill or unnecessarily disturb birds or animals.	Ensure scheme operations and maintenance is limited to the area next to the pipeline and reservoir corridors.
				Visual checks to ensure that no unnecessary disturbance occur outside the pipeline and reservoir corridors.

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
			Frequency: Monthly.
			Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
d. Prevent the	Poaching of fauna and	Employees who poach fauna and/or flora will be handed to	Visual inspection.
poaching of flora and fauna.	flora.	the authorities for prosecution.	Frequency: Weekly visual
G. 13 133.7G.		Regular checks of the surrounding environment must be undertaken to ensure no transport environment must be	checks.
		undertaken to ensure no traps or snares have been set. Any snares or traps found on or adjacent to the site must be disposed of.	Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor
e. Minimise the	and use of outside existing roads.	Use existing roads.	Visual checks to ensure that
creation and use of tracks outside		Traffic shall be controlled to ensure minimal disruption to other road users.	no off-road driving exists.
existing roads.			Frequency: Weekly.
		Do not construct new roads when the quality of existing roads deteriorates. Where possible, repair or upgrade existing roads.	Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
		Ensure that adequate vehicle turning areas are allowed for.	
		Enforce speed limits at all times. Unless otherwise specified, the speed limit on access roads is 50km/h.	
		Runoff from roads must be managed to avoid erosion and pollution problems.	
		Roads not required for further use shall be rehabilitated immediately.	
		Use 3-point turns and not U-turns. Confine turning to the road.	

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
		Prevent shortcuts between roads.	
f. Minimise the damage and destruction of important palaeontological and archaeological sites.	Disturbance to sites of palaeontological and archaeological importance.	 Do not disrupt any archaeological or palaeontological sites. Inform NEM (J Kamburona at cell no 081 144 1528) who will take the necessary action. All workers will be educated about the importance of preserving archaeological sites. Educate specific workers about tell-tale signs of archaeological sites and the action to be taken if one is identified 	Monitoring can and should involve field induction of key scheme personnel so that they will be able to recognize the important palaeontological and archaeological sites themselves. Frequency: Monthly. Person Responsible: Scheme Supervisor.
g. Minimise the number of heavy vehicles on the road.	Increased number of heavy vehicles on the road.	Heavy vehicles should be limited to numbers necessary.	Checks to ensure that there is minimal heavy vehicle on the road. Frequency: Weekly. Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
h. Minimise and if possible prevent the activities that accelerate erosion during operation or maintenance.	Erosion.	 Runoff on steep inclines should be diverted to prevent the formation of erosion gullies. Vegetative cover is the most efficient and economical means of controlling soil erosion. Berms should be constructed at selected intervals on long sloping areas to prevent erosion. Diversion berms should be reshaped as necessary to divert runoff. 	Visual inspection to ensure that activities that accelerate soil erosion are minimised and if possible prevented at all cost. Frequency: Weekly.

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
		Berms should be constructed with compacted soil, have a minimum top width of 60 cm and a minimum height of 30 cm, and should allow for 10% settlement. It should have side slopes with a gradient of at least 2:1.	Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
		 Runoff should be guided to a point where it will not cause damage. Scour by the discharge of runoff should be prevented. 	
i. Minimise and if possible prevent the collection and	Collection of firewood.	 No vegetative matter may be removed for firewood. The collection and removal of firewood is not allowed. 	Checks to ensure that there's no removal and collection of firewood by the employees.
removal of firewood during operation			Frequency: Weekly.
and maintenance.			Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
j. Noise	Generation of noise	 Install and maintain silencers on trucks and machinery. Repair faulty brakes. Operators should not use hooters for the purposes of general communication. 	Visual inspection to ensure that activities that generate noise are minimised and if possible prevented. Frequency: Daily. Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
k. Driving	Increased risk for accidents	 No operator will operate any equipment when he is under the influence of alcohol. Adhere to safety rules. Always keep your headlights on. 	Visual inspection to ensure that activities that generate noise are minimised and if possible prevented. Frequency: Weekly.

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
		Drivers must have the correct licence for the vehicle they are driving.	Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
I. To avoid potential chemical /hazardous substance pollution	Pollution	Designated areas for the storage of potentially hazardous material will be lined with concrete and secured. The bunded area will be of adequate capacity to contain 1.5 times the volume of the hazardous material to be stored in the bunded area.	Visual checks to ensure chemical/hazardous substances are stored appropriately. Frequency: Monthly. Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
m. To ensure correct procedures are in place to avoid environmental impacts associated with maintenance	Environmental Degradation	Establish regular reporting procedures on maintenance Undertake regular inspection and maintenance of all infrastructure to ensure in working order and to assess damaged / deficient equipment, as per the Operations and Maintenance Manual.	A review of the Operations and Maintenance Manual. Frequency: Bi-annual
activities as well as proactive intervention to avoid, and if required, to respond to emergencies		 Review, and if necessary, revise maintenance manual. Establish emergency procedures guidelines for the blockage/failure, flooding, contaminant removal and disinfection, power failure and fire of the scheme. Implement the response procedures when emergency incident occurs. 	Responsible Person: NamWater Maintenance Team
		 Complete the incident report checklist in the case of emergency and keep with monitoring records for submission. Undertake annual education course for all operational staff. 	

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
		Review, and if necessary revise emergency manual.	

Table 2: Waste Management Table

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
a. To prevent the		Enforce a waste management programme.	Visual check to ensure wastes is managed according to the waste management plan
improper disposal of waste		All waste will be removed to an appropriate waste dump.	
		No waste should be buried.	Frequency: Weekly.
		 General Waste: Includes waste paper, plastic, cardboard, harmless organic (e.g. vegetables) and domestic waste. 	Person Responsible: Scheme Supervisor.
		 Hazardous Substances include: sewerage, fuels, lubrication oils, hydraulic and brake fluid, solvents, paints, anticorrosives, insecticides and pesticides, chemicals, acids etc. It should be disposed of at designated hazardous disposal sites. 	
		Contaminated soil should be stored in drums and taken to the nearest appropriate waste dumpsite.	
		Do not change oil on uncovered ground. Drip trays will be used to catch oil when vehicles are repaired in the field.	
		Used oil and hydraulic fluids will not be discarded on the soil or buried. It will be removed from site and taken back to an appropriate dump.	
		In the event of an hazardous spill:	
		 Immediately implement actions to stop or reduce the spill. 	
		Contain the spill.	
		 Arrange implementation of the necessary clean-up procedures. 	

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
		 Collect contaminated soil, water and other materials and dispose it at an appropriate waste dumpsite. 	
		Used solvents and grease should be stored in drums or other suitable containers. It should be sealed and recycled or disposed at an appropriate disposal site.	
		Hazardous waste should not be burnt.	
		Bunding, concrete slabs and/or other protective measures should be installed where hazardous materials are handled.	
		Ensure that the staff are informed and have information pertaining to the management of spills or ingestion.	
b. Prevent diesel and	,	Clean up concrete, fuel and oil spills immediately.	Checks to prevent and
oil spills during operation and maintenance and	spills and inadequate clean up.	Clean small oil or fuel spills with an approved/appropriate absorbent material.	minimise oil and diesel spills and to ensure adequate clean up should spills occur.
ensure adequate clean up.		Contain oil or fuel spills in water using an approved oil absorbent fibre.	Frequency: Daily throughout the operation period.
		In cases where oil spills cannot be cleaned up immediately, monitor seepage into deeper soils and groundwater.	Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
		Do not bury polluted soil, but rather dispose it at an appropriate dump site.	·
		Provide bunding at fuel storage and transfer sites. The bunding should be big enough to contain 110% of the volume of the tank. Where a bund wall encloses a group of tanks, the bund wall must be able to contain 110% of the volume of the largest tank in the group. Tanks must stand	

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
		on a concrete slab, or otherwise have a sealed, base in order to prevent the leakage of contaminants into the soil.	
c. Waste Management	Littering (Litter such as paper, plastic etc. can be blown away into the surrounding environment).	 No littering will be allowed. The operation and maintenance areas will be kept free of waste at all times. All maintenance sites will be cleaned on a daily basis before leaving the site. Provide sufficient waste bins at worksites. Make sure that all waste is removed from the worksites. Bins should be placed in pairs to ensure that one is always present while the other is being emptied. Areas likely to generate higher quantities of waste shall be equipped with additional bins. Refuse bins must be stable, i.e. cannot be tipped by animals, and have scavenger and baboon proof lids. Make sure that the bins are covered so that plastic bags, paper etc. are not blown away. Make sure that the bins are regularly emptied and the waste taken to an appropriate waste dumpsite. The central waste storage vessel shall be emptied weekly or as necessary. 	Checks to ensure that litter is disposed of correctly in bins provided. Frequency: Daily, at the end of the work day. Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.

Table 3: Workshops, Vehicle and Equipment Management Table

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
a. Appropriate storage of machinery, vehicles and materials.	Inappropriate storage of machinery, vehicles and materials may result in the possible damage/disturbance of nearby undisturbed environments.	 Store machinery, vehicles and materials only in demarcated areas; Do not leave machinery and equipment standing around if not in use; Do not store machinery, vehicles or materials in undisturbed or rehabilitating areas 	Regular inspection to ensure that machinery, vehicles and equipment are stored in designated areas. Frequency: Daily. Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
b. Minimize the leakage of fuels and lubricants from vehicles and equipment.	The use of vehicles and equipment that may leak fuel and lubricants.	 Only service machinery and vehicles in designated areas. Regularly check your vehicle for fuel and oil leaks. Maintain vehicles and equipment in good conditions through regular and thorough servicing. Inform the Foreman of leaking vehicles and machinery so that he can schedule repairs. Only refuel on the bund created for that purpose. Immediately clean any accidental fuel and oil spills – do not hose spills into the natural environment. Dispose of contaminated soil as hazardous waste in the correct location on site. If a mobile fuel bowser is used, then all refuelling shall occur with appropriate measures in place to prevent spillages (drip trays, funnels, non-dripping dispensing nozzles etc.) 	Visual inspection to ensure that vehicles and equipment are in excellent condition and also to ensure that there is no leakage of fuels and lubricants. Frequency: Daily. Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
		All mobile fuel browsers shall carry a spill kit that is adequately sized to contain at least a 200 litre spill.	
		Train staff in the correct procedure/technique to transfer fuels.	
		Make sure all vehicles are roadworthy. Repair faulty brakes, exhausts etc. immediately.	
		Fire extinguishers shall be present whenever undertaking any form of hot work, i.e. welding, gas cutting, angle grinding, etc.	

Table 4: Health and Safety Management Table

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
a. Minimise the risk of HIV infection and the increase of STI's.	Risk of HIV infection.	Provide an AIDS awareness programme to all the staff.	Verify that an awareness and education programme on the risks of HIV/AIDS and recommended preventative measures has been conducted. Frequency: Monthly Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
b. Minimise the occurrence of injuries.	Injuries.	 Make sure that all staff are equipped and know how to use safety and protective gear. This includes hard hats, goggles, hearing protectors, dusk masks, steel-toed shoes etc. Keep a comprehensive first aid kit at the scheme offices and at maintenance sites. 	Checks to ensure that correct procedures are followed and that protective clothing are worn at all times during scheme operations and maintenance.
		 Establish an emergency rescue system for evacuation of serious injured people. 	Frequency: Check weekly.
		Emergency procedures for accidents should be communicated to all employees.	Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
		Dangerous areas must be clearly marked and access to these areas controlled or restricted.	
		Good driving and adherence to safety rules will result in a minimum number of road and workplace accidents.	

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
		Fire extinguishers must be available at all refuelling sites. Staff should be trained to handle such equipment.	
		Nobody is allowed to dispose a burning or smouldering object in an area where it may cause the ignition of a fire.	
		Hazardous substances must be kept in adequately protected areas to avoid soil, air or water pollution.	
		Work areas, such as these for the maintenance of equipment, must be on concrete slabs.	
		Explosives should be stored according to the prescribed regulations.	

9. SITE CLOSURE AND REHABILITATION

Rehabilitation is the process of returning the land in a given area that has been disturbed by operation and maintenance to its original state, or an otherwise determined state. Many projects, if not all, will result in the land becoming degraded to some extent. However, with proper rehabilitation most impacts associated with the operation and maintenance of the scheme and pipelines, could be mitigated and restored to an acceptable level. Poorly rehabilitated areas provide a difficult legacy issue for governments, communities and companies, and ultimately tarnish the reputation of companies as a whole.

Objectives of proper site closure and rehabilitation include the following:

- ➤ Reduction or elimination of the need for a long-term management program to control and minimise the long-term environmental impacts;
- ➤ Clean-up, treatment or restoration of contaminated areas (e.g. soils contaminated by oil or fuel spills, concrete spills, etc.). Excavation of contaminated material and disposal thereof in an acceptable manner.

Rehabilitation measures to implement:

- a. A site inspection will be held quarterly by the scheme supervisor after every maintenance work during operation of the scheme. Rehabilitation will be done to the satisfaction of the ENV section and MEFT.
- b. Frequent inspections of the scheme and effective follow-up procedures, to prevent minor defects from becoming major repair jobs.
- c. Make sure all soil polluted during maintenance work is properly stored in drums and removed to an appropriate waste dump.
- d. Make sure all windblown litter is removed once maintenance has seized.
- e. Make sure that all potential hazards (i.e. the sewerage pit) are properly closed and left in a safe and neat position.

Rehabilitation will be completed when the above have be achieved.

10. NAMWATER ENVIRONMENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT

What is an Environmental Code of Conduct?

It is a set of rules that everybody has to follow in order to minimise damage to the environment.

What is the ENVIRONMENT?

The ENVIRONMENT means the surroundings within which people live. The ENVIRONMENT is made up of the **soil**, **water**, **plants**, and **animals** and those characteristics of the soil, water, air, and plant and animal life that influence **human health and well-being**. **People** and **all human activities** are also part of the environment and have to be considered during the operation of the Scheme.

Do these ENVIRONMENTAL RULES apply to me?

YES, The Environmental Rules apply to EVERYBODY. This includes all permanent, contract, or temporary workers as well as any other person who visits the Scheme. Every person will be required to adhere to the Environmental Code of Conduct.

ALL PERSONNEL must study and keep to the Environmental Code of Conduct

The SCHEME SUPERVISOR will issue warnings and will discipline ANY PERSON who breaks any of the Environmental Rules. Repeated and continued breaking of the Rules will result in a disciplinary enquiry and which may result in that person being asked to leave the Scheme permanently.

What if I do not understand the ENVIRONMENTAL RULES?

ASK FOR ADVICE, if any member of the WORKFORCE does not understand, or does not know how to keep any of the Environmental Rules, that person must seek advice from the SCHEME SUPERVISOR. The PERSON that does not understand must keep asking until he/she is able to keep to all the Environmental Rules.

Safety and Security

- 1. Only enter and exit roadways and maintenance areas at demarcated entrances.
- 2. Wear protective clothing and equipment as per signboards at the Scheme and according to instructions from your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
- 3. Report to your SCHEME SUPERVISOR if you see a stranger or unauthorised person in the maintenance area.
- 4. Never enter any area that is out of bounds or that is demarcated as dangerous without permission of your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
- 5. Never climb over any fence or enter private property without permission of the landowner or your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
- 6. Do not remove any vehicle, machinery, equipment, or any other object from the maintenance site without the permission of your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
- 7. Keep clear of blasting sites. Follow the instructions of your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
- 8. Never enter or work in the Scheme while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances.
- 9. All staff should know the emergency procedures in case of accidents.

Waste Disposal

- 10. Learn the difference between different types of waste, namely:
 - general waste, and

- hazardous waste.

Containers will be provided for different types of wastes.

<u>General Waste</u> includes waste paper, plastic, cardboard, harmless organic (e.g. Vegetables) and domestic waste

<u>Hazardous Waste</u> includes objects, liquids or gases that are potentially dangerous or harmful to any person or the environment. Sewage, fuel, tyres, diesel, oils, hydraulic and brake fluid, paints, solvents, acids, soaps and detergents, resins, old batteries, etc. are all potentially hazardous.

- 11. Learn how to identify the containers for the different types of wastes. Only throw general waste into containers, bins or drums provided for general waste.
- 12. Recycle drums, pallets and other containers.
- 13. Never bury or burn any waste on site, all waste is to be disposed in allocated refuse disposal containers, bins or bags.
- 14. Never overfill any waste container. Inform your SCHEME SUPERVISOR if you notice a container that is nearly full.
- 15. Do not litter.
- 16. Do not bury litter or rubbish in the backfill trench.

Plants and Animals

- 17. **Do not ever pick any plants, or catch any animal.** People caught with plants or animals in their possession will be handed to the authorities for prosecution.
- 18. Never feed, tease, play with, or set devices to trap any animal or livestock. Wild animals are not to be domesticated.
- 19. Keep off the rock outcrops unless given specific permission by the SCHEME SUPERVISOR to be there.
- 20. Never cut down any tree or branches for firewood.
- 21. Never leave rubbish or food scraps or bones where it will attract animals, birds, or insects.
- 22. Rubbish must be thrown into allocated waste disposal bins/bags.
- 23. Always close the gates behind you.

Preventing Pollution

- 24. Only work with hazardous materials in bunded areas.
- 25. Never discard any hazardous substances such as fuel, oil, paint, solvent, etc. into stream channels or onto the ground. Never allow any hazardous substances to soak into the soil.
- 26. Clean up spills immediately.
- 27. Immediately report to your SCHEME SUPERVISOR when you spill, or notice any hazardous substance overflow, leak or drip or spill on site, into the streambeds or along the road.
- 28. Immediately report to your SCHEME SUPERVISOR when you notice any container, which holds hazardous substances overflow, leak or drip. Spillage must be prevented.
- 29. Only wash vehicles, equipment and machinery, containers and other surfaces at work site areas designated by your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
- 30. Do not change oil on uncovered surfaces.
- 31. If you are not sure how to transport, store, use, or get rid of any hazardous substances ask your SCHEME SUPERVISOR for advice.

Health

- 32. Drink lots of clean water every day.
- 33. Use toilets that have been provided.
- 34. Take the necessary precautions to avoid contracting HIV / AIDS. Condoms are available at most Clinics.
- 35. Inform your SCHEME SUPERVISOR when you are sick.
- 36. Do not work with any machinery when you are sick.
- 37. If you are working in malaria areas, you must take the necessary precautions.

Dust Control

- 38. Do not make any new roads or clear any vegetation unless instructed to do so by your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
- 39. Keep to established tracks and pathways.
- 40. Keep within demarcated work areas.

Saving Water

- 41. Always use as little water as possible. Reduce, re-use and recycle water.
- 42. Never leave taps or hose pipes running. Close all taps after use.
- 43. Report any dripping or leaking taps and pipes to your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.

Working Hours

44. You may only work on weekends and after hours with the consent of the SCHEME SUPERVISOR.

Archaeological and Cultural Objects

- 45. If you find any archaeological, cultural, historical or pre-historical object on the maintenance site you must immediately notify your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
- 46. Never remove, destroy, or disturb any cultural, historical, or pre- historical object on site.

<u>Cultural and Historical</u> Objects include old buildings, graves or burial sites, milestones, old coins, beads, pottery and military objects.

<u>Pre-Historical objects</u> include fossils and old bones, old human skeletal remains, pieces of pottery and old tools and implements.

Sensible Driving

- 47. Tracks and roads should be kept to a minimum. Where possible follow existing roads.
- 48. No off-road driving is allowed.
- 49. Never drive any vehicle without a valid licence for that vehicle class and do not drive any vehicle that is not road-worthy.
- 50. Never drive any vehicle when under the influence of alcohol.
- 51. **Always** keep your headlights on when driving on dusty roads.
- 52. Keep to the roads as specified by your SCHEME SUPERVISOR. Vehicles may only be driven on demarcated roads. Drivers should always use three-point turns, "u-turns" are not allowed. Do not cut corners.
- 53. Do not drive on rocky outcrops.

Noise

- 54. Keep noise levels as low as possible.
- 55. Do not operate noisy equipment outside normal working hours.

Fire Control

- 56. Do not make open fires, use a drum or tin and do not collect any vegetation to burn.
- 57. Do not smoke or make fires near refuelling depots or any other area where fuel, oil, solvents, or paints are used or stored. Fireplaces should be at a safe distance from fuel and explosive storage sites as well as vehicle parking sites.
- 58. Cigarette butts should always be thrown in allocated refuse bins. Make sure that the cigarette butt is out before throwing it into the bin.
- 59. Immediately notify your SCHEME SUPERVISOR if you see an unsupervised fire at the campsite or maintenance site.

Dealing with Environmental Complaints

- 60. If you have any complaint about dangerous working conditions or potential pollution to the environment, talk to your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
- 61. If any person complains to you about noise, lights, littering, pollution, or any harmful or dangerous condition, immediately report this to your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.

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GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

All grievances should be submitted through the completion of the grievance registration form as presented below and submitted to the Scheme Supervisor during the construction phase and to the Scheme Superintended during the operation and maintenance phase.

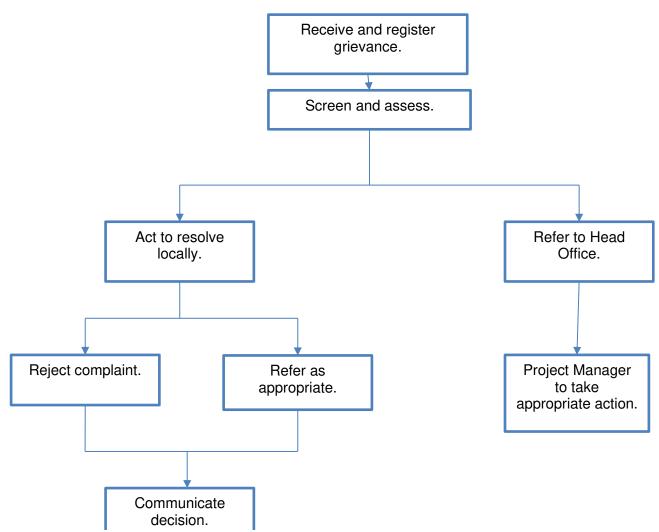


Figure 1: Grievance response procedure

Upon receipt of the registered grievance forms, the Scheme Supervisor shall screen and asses to either act to solve the grievance locally or refer it to head office. If the grievance is referred to the head office, the line manager should decide. If the grievance is to be solved locally, it should either be rejected or handled appropriately of which the decision should be communicated to the aggrieved person.

GRIEVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

Grievance Registration				
Case No:	Date:			
Name of complainant:	Cell no:			
	Email address:			
Details of grievance: (Date, location, persons in ensuing situation, etc)	nvolved, frequency of occurrence, effects of			
Name of person recording grievance:	Cell number:			
Proposed date of response:				
Signature of recording person:	Signature of complainant:			
Date of redress:				