



Date: 09 October 2023

The Environmental Commissioner  
The Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry  
Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism  
Private Bag 13306  
Windhoek, Namibia

Attention: Mr. T. Mufeti

Dear Sir

**Re: Pending Letter from the Kaoko-Otavi Conservancy Management with regards to Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 8770 near Opuwo in the Kunene Region, Namibia - ECC Application No. APP-01698**

As per requirements to obtain Consent or Proof of Consultation from Conservancy Management for EIA Studies, during the consultation process for EPL-8770 EIA Study, Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants enquired with the local leadership (Kaoko-Otavi Headman) and community members in the consultation meeting on the 05<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 about the existence of Kaoko-Otavi Conservancy and its Management contact details. However, the community indicated that there is indeed a plan for a new Conservancy, but it is still in progress (registration is not yet finalized). We have also noticed that the Conservancy GIS data/shapefiles is not yet available for mapping as it is with other existing Conservancies. Serja Consultants were given the contact details of Mr. John Kasaona who would direct us to the prospective Conservancy Management contact person for the required EIA letter, but upon numerous attempts to get this information, it did not bear any fruits - please refer to the email communication effort below. **Given the fact that we have lost so much time between the time of the consultation meeting and report compilation to date, we are hereby submitting this letter of justification for the absence of the Conservancy letter.**

**From:** Fredrika Shagama - Serja HGE Consultants [mailto:fredrika@serjaconsultants.com]

**Sent:** Monday, September 4, 2023 9:30 AM

**To:** 'Ombahe Tours'

**Subject:** RE: Enquiry on the Kaoko-Otavi Conservancy for EPL-8770 near Opuwo - Draft EIA Report and EMP

Dear Mr. Kasaona,

I hope you have been doing well.

I sent you a WhatsApp message requested the contact details for the Kaoko-Otavi Conservancy contact person, however, it seems, you are not available there.

Can you kindly share the contact details here? We really need to get hold of them because we need to submit the EIA reports to the Environmental Commissioner.

Thank you and best regards,

Fredrika

**From:** Fredrika Shagama - Serja HGE Consultants [mailto:fredrika@serjaconsultants.com]

**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2023 9:20 AM

**To:** 'Ombahe Tours'

**Subject:** RE: Enquiry on the Kaoko-Otavi Conservancy for EPL-8770 near Opuwo - Draft EIA Report and EMP.

Dear Mr. Kasaona, Good morning  
Thank you for your prompt response and explanation.  
I will contact you on WhatsApp today for the contact person  
Attached files are **the Draft EIA (Scoping Assessment) Report and EMP** for EPL-8770.

I hope that you enjoy the rest of your stay in Europe.  
Kind regards,  
Fredrika  
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**From:** Ombahe Tours [<mailto:info@ombahewildtours.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 24, 2023 8:03 PM  
**To:** Fredrika Shagama - Serja HGE Consultants  
**Subject:** RE: Enquiry on the Kaoko-Otavi Conservancy for EPL-8770 near Opuwo

Dear Fredrika

Thanks for the information, Kaoko Otavi does not have a conservancy as yet however they are in the process of forming a conservancy./ I will get the contact number of the point person in that conservancy.

Sorry that you couldn't reach out to me. I am currently in Europe been here since the 17<sup>th</sup> of August and will be back by the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. Should you want to reach me contact me through WhatsApp on the same number.

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**From:** [Fredrika Shagama - Serja HGE Consultants](mailto:info@ombahewildtours.com)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 24 August 2023 2:00 pm  
**To:** [info@ombahewildtours.com](mailto:info@ombahewildtours.com)  
**Subject:** Enquiry on the Kaoko-Otavi Conservancy for EPL-8770 near Opuwo  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Kasaona,

At the same time we were conducting the EIA Consultation meetings for the two EPLs northwest of Sesfontein on the 4th of August, we also had a consultation meeting in Kaoko-Otavi for an EPL that side. However, when we registered the EIA for that EPL (8770) on the Portal of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism (MEFT), we are required to also upload a Consent Letter or proof of consultation with the Conservancy. Since, the current shapefiles of conservancies had no data on the Kaoko-Otavi Conservancy (probably because the registration of the Conservancy is not yet finalized?), we had asked in the consultation about the existence of the Conservancy and who were the contact person in the management. This is where we learned that you are the Manager, thus, I

shared the Minutes of that EPL's Meeting two weeks ago. [I am resharing the Meeting Minutes for your reference and the BID \(attached files\).](#)

I have been trying to contact you on this number +264 81 727 1668 and the number you provided in the Sesfontein meeting (+264 81 122 8382) on 4 August but I am not getting through

I am sharing the Draft EIA/ESA Report and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for your reference and review.

Kind regards,

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Should you or your office require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

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