# CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AT RISK Girls shunned after fires



UP IN FLAMES: Two families at Epandulo and Oniihandi lost everything after mysterious fires engulfed their homesteads. PHOTO: ILENI NANDJATO

Two northern families believe that the teenagers were being "followed" by house fires wherever they moved.

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ILENI NANDJATO **ONDANGWA** 

The saga of the mysterious fires that engulfed the homes of two families in the north has taken a new twist.

The unrelated families now claim that the fires stopped after they sent away two girls, whose education is now at risk.

With schools expected to resume fully soon, the families are adamant that the girls can no longer return and attend the schools they used to be educated at.

After the families, one hailing from Epandulo village near Eheke in the Oshana Region and the other from the Oniihandi village at Oniipa in Oshikoto, lost all their belongings and suffered damage to their properties, they started investigating.

Both families came to the conclusion that two girls, aged 11 and 16, were being "followed" by the mysterious fires.

#### **Epandulo**

After the family of 71-year-old Fla-

that started last November, they then decided to send the 16-yearold girl away, and the fire apparently followed her to her new home. Marina Shoopala said they had

via Erastus lost everything in fires

to send the girl away.

"The girl is my brother's child and we have been staying with her since she was two years [old]. When the fire started, it first burnt down my mother's sleeping room, which was a traditional hut and that is where they were all sleep-

#### **Burnt down again**

"It burnt down completely, but people who were in the house managed to rescue some of my belongings. Nobody knew where the fire came from.

"This room was then replaced with a corrugated iron room, which again mysteriously burnt down," Shoopala said.

'We later learnt that everywhere we put her belongings burnt down, which made us suspect that the fire was following her. We later sent her to her mother's family and the fire followed her again."

Shoopala said after sending the girl to her mother's family in the Onkumbula area of Oshikoto, they didn't experience a fire again.

'Unfortunately, we are receiving calls from that family that their house is burning. We decided that the girl is not coming back," she said.

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"Let the girl just stay at her mother's family because we do not want to see her again. My mother is going through difficult time and she needs counselling. We do not want her to see that child or get near her any longer," Shoopala added.

#### Oniihandi

The Oniihandi fire started when children from the late Eliaser Kotried's homestead went to visit their uncle Jailus France Shikale's house on 30 December in the same village and a storeroom burnt down.

The following day, another fire burnt down four sleeping rooms at Kotried's homestead.

A day later, another fire burnt down four more sleeping rooms.

"In January, different rooms burnt for six consecutive days and in March the fire went back to Uncle Shikale's home when the girl

went for a visit again. "From there, we realised the fire was following her. We decided to send her to her mother's house at Onayena. The following day we were informed that the fire started there and it destroyed the whole house," a family member said, who

"Now we have decided that she must just stay there, because we have already suffered enough."

spoke on condition of anonymity.

# Suspended Okahandja CEO to return to work

JANA-MARI SMITH AND OGONE TLHAGE WINDHOEK

Okahandja municipal CEO Martha Mutilifa, who has been on suspension with pay for six months, is set to return to office this month.

This following a decision to lift her suspension while investigations into allegations of misconduct continue.

On Monday afternoon, Mutilifa confirmed she had been informed of the decision, but had not yet received the official letter.

Linus //Garoeb confirmed the development this week, saying he could not confirm a date, but said she "will be reinstated anytime

#### **Council dissolved**

//Garoeb has been tasked with implementing urban and rural development ministry directives following former minister Peya Mushelenga's decision to dissolve and suspend the entire Okahandja municipal council.

At the time, the minister cited gross mismanagement, lack of accountability and poor service delivery for his decision. He also accused the council of insubordi-

The ousted councillors are mayor Johannes 'Congo' Hindjou, deputy mayor Hileni Iita, management committee chairperson Gideon Uwu-Khaeb and management committee members Helmi Maruru and Sophia Upithe (all from Swapo), as well as opposition councillors Frederick Shimanda and Sylvia Karuombe.

#### Delaying reinstatement

Meanwhile, the suspended councillors have accused government lawyers of delaying their reinstatement. Lawyer Silas Kishi-Shakumu, who represents them, said in a letter to Uutoni - dated 11 April - that they will lodge an urgent application at the High Court if government attorneys did not respond to an answering affidavit before 13:00 on Tuesday.

#### Suspended without pay

Kishi-Shakumu said the councillors should be reinstated unconditionally and with immediate

"Our clients were suspended without remuneration and benefits as early as 16 March. Despite various attempts to have the matter resolved amicably, your clients were not forthcoming and had no regard for our clients' po-

He further said the attorneys were using delaying tactics. The government attorneys had informed Kishi-Shakumu in writing that they had been unable to file an answering affidavit, and requested to postpone the filing to 30 June.

This was, however, shot down. Mutilifa was suspended in January over allegations of abuse of funds, fraud, corruption and insubordination that involves dubious land sales.

The allegations included a 30 000-square-metre piece of land, worth millions, being sold for a mere N\$90 000, it was reported. //Garoeb this week said Mutilifa had not yet been charged and that "if you don't charge a person within a reasonable time, you have to reinstate that person". He clarified that the lifting of the suspension does not signal the conclusion of the investigation.

#### **Contract extension**

A statement issued by the Okahandja Residents Damage Control Committee (ORDCC) in late May alleged that plans were afoot to extend Mutilifa's contract for another five years, starting this September.

Attempts to obtain confirmation from the ministry have been unsuccessful.

The ORDCC noted that such an action would be "shocking beyond belief for a variety of rea-

## **CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND BILL GATHERS DUST**

KENYA KAMBOWE RUNDU

It has been six years since the Constituency Development Fund Bill was tabled in parliament, yet the bill is still awaiting a cabinet decision.

The bill, which is an initiative of the National Council and was tabled on 18 February 2014, aims to fast-track developmental activities at constituency level and address the issue of some constituencies being marginalised in terms of project funding.

The bill was prompted by the constant criticism that regional constituency offices are not spearheading development.

However, constituency offices have limited budgets and the funding for capital projects comes from the central government when resources allow.

Communities often complain about a lack of clean water and electricity, to which constituency councillors respond that they have made proposals to central government and are waiting for feedback.

That is why the constituency councillors who make up the National Council saw the need for such a fund to be created.

Regional consultations were held

response was positive.

**Cabinet decision** Last Friday, Margret Mensah-Williams, the former chairperson of the National Council and now Swapo Party member of the National Assembly. asked about the status of the Constituency Development Fund Bill during the budget vote for the urban and rural development ministry.

prior to the tabling of the bill and the

Urban and rural development minister Erastus Uutoni replied that the cabinet had discussed the matter last year and that the cabinet treasury committee was dealing with it.

Uutoni said that the matter was also discussed in March this year and progress was being made but it was still unclear when the bill would be passed.

The National Council initiative in the form of a Constituency Development Fund Bill is receiving our attention," Uutoni said.

"The ministry of urban and rural development and the treasury committee, together with the National Council, are in consultation and again in March this year a discussion was there and I hope very soon we will inform you with what is going on with Constituency Development Fund," Uutoni said.

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# Nandi-Ndaitwah likens Fishrot to fishing quotas

Deputy Prime Minister Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah has likened the Fishrot scandal to fishing quotas, which, according to her, have benefited Namibians across the political divide.

The seasoned politician lashed out at opposition parties for criticising Swapo for gross corruption in the fishing sector, saying members of their formations have also benefited through fishing quotas. She was responding to queries on the Fishrot scandal, which has robbed

the Namibian economy of at least N\$3 billion.

For some time now, the ruling party's silence on the Fishrot scandal in which senior party members, politically connected business personalities and youth leaders are implicated, has been deafening, and with its leaders claiming the matter is sub judice.

However, on Tuesday, while addressing the National Assembly, Nandi-Ndaitwah broke her silence, postulating that all Namibians have benefited from



'Incorruptible'... Deputy Prime Minister Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah. Photo: Nampa

the country's vast resources.

"Fishrot has been spoken about [countless times]. Are you telling me that your [political parties'] members don't have

fishing quotas?" she asked as the opposition bench chanted "Fishrot has nothing to do with fishing quotas."

Premier Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila interjected: "Fishrot has nothing to do with Swapo too".

Perplexed, Popular Democratic Movement's Vipuakuje Muharukua wanted to know if Nandi-Ndaitwah was implying that the government had reserved quotas "for thieves" or why the comparison was being made.

To this, the Swapo vice president retorted: "Fishrot is a case of serious allegations. Let the law take its course. [Those implicated] are Swapo members and members of this country. We are not defending anybody. They are in prison," she stressed.

Implying that Swapo is a corrupt movement that robs ordinary Namibians of a dignified life, Muharukua said: "It is not right for Swapo to steal 80% of the country's wealth and give us only 20%", to which Doreen Sioka, the Minister of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare shouted: "Why should it

The heated debate was around the national policy on reconciliation, which was moved by Swanu's Tangeni Iijambo.

Iijambo also refused to withdraw a remark that "Swapo was corrupt in exile and is corrupt now", which did not sit well with labour minister Utoni Nujoma, who seemingly argued that Swapo is incorruptible. - Nampa

# Looking beyond the begging bowl

# ... Ipinge reflects on first 150 days in office

# Kora court case postponed to September

#### Maria Amakali

The battle to recover over N\$23 million paid to organisers of the Kora All-Africa Music Awards by the Namibian Tourism Board (NTB) will be heard in September in the Windhoek High Court.

The parties in the matter have agreed for it to be set down on the fixed roll for 21 to 25 September after it was removed from the action fixed roll in the Windhoek High Court.

TheNTBfiledalawsuitagainst Mundial Telecom in 2016 in an attempt to recover money that was to be spent on hosting the Kora All-Africa Music Awards during 2016 in Namibia, which never materialised.

The parties allegedly failed to settle out of court; thus, NTB wants the court to compel Ernest Adjovi and Mundial Telecom, which is based in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, to pay back over N\$23 million in public funds.

The funds were allegedly swindled out of the tourism body at the end of 2015.

Court documents state at the time that NTB paid the money to Mundial Telecom at the end of 2015, the agreement was that



Ernest Adjovi

the company would provide a tourism promotion package to the NTB connected to the Kora All-Africa Music Awards ceremony, which was supposed to be held in Namibia in March 2016.

The ceremony, however, took place as scheduled, while Adjovi's company failed to pay back the money to the NTB.

The agreement was signed on the Namibian side by the NTB in the interest of tourism promotion and development, and it was cleared by the Office of the Attorney General.

Mundial Telecom blamed the government for not pulling their weight as per the agreement entered by the parties.

The organisation has stated that government was supposed to help with the raising of funds but failed to do so.

Mundial Telecom allegedly needed an amount between US\$7 to US\$10 million to host

However, only an amount of N\$23 million was raised, resulting in the event being cancelled two weeks before the date it was scheduled to take place. - mamakali@nepc.com.na

#### Eveline de Klerk

ALVIS BAY - Poverty and inequality persist and the goal of securing a better life for all people, including the majority of young people in Walvis Bay, remains elusive. This is according to the youthful Walvis Bay Urban constituency councillor, Knowledge Ipinge, who, this week, reflected on his first 150 days in office. Ipinge on Tuesday shared his experience as councillor, saying the town needs a holistic approach instead of relying on handouts, as it is not empowering nor promoting self-reliance among residents.

He claimed politicians across Walvis Bay have been focused on handouts and not on the empowerment of residents to capacitate them in freeing



Poverty drive... Walvis Bay Urban constituency councillor Knowledge Ipinge.

themselves and families from poverty.

"Hence, our poverty alleviation drive, therefore, requires a holistic approach and should not be looked at from the begging bowl mentality. One of the most important strategies with untapped potential to alleviate poverty amongst our residents is the identification and development of one's natural gift and talent," he explained.

Ipinige further said delivering results as the urban constituency councillor is the hardest part of the job.

"As elected leaders, we have authority to direct what government does at regional level

but we sit on top of a large and complicated bureaucracy - and it is not immediately evident how to work through it to get things done. At the same time, me being revolutionary, I must, of course, manage politics, especially the inevitable day-to-day distractions of events that I must deal with. The challenge feels intractable," he said.

The councillor added that it is clear the capacity to deliver at his office has been hindered by the absence of the discipline of delivery, which entails understanding the need, planning for delivery and making the delivery culture of the Erongo regional council system.

According to Ipinge, there is a need for a delivery unit that will ensure strategies and promises made to the citizenry are the main focus and kept on track for his office to have effective short-term and long-term specific targets realised.

This delivery unit should be  $able \, to \, meet \, fortnightly \, to \, assess \, the \,$ implementation targets and iron out hurdles and come up with new strategies for new problems that may arise. The most important task of me as a councillor is to advocate for participatory democracy and bringing government closer to the people. It is with the above in mind that I urge the residents of my constituency to become more involved in affairs of our office and the Erongo regional council at large." – edeklerk@nepc.com.na

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#### 2 000 TO UNDERGO COVID-19 TESTS

# Testing accelerated in Walvis Bay

The identification and isolation of cases as well as the identification, categorisation and quarantining of contacts will also take place.

ADOLF KAURE **SWAKOPMUND** 

¶rongo governor Neville Andre has confirmed that over **⊿**2 000 Walvis Bay residents will be tested for Covid-19 during a targeted campaign at the harbour

The data collected will be used to plan response activities at the town, which has become the epicentre of the pandemic in Namibia.

A testing centre was established at the Kuisebmond community hall on 20 June, where over 400 people have already been tested.

The campaign will span from 24



HIGH-RISK: Kuisebmond in Walvis Bay has become a hotbed of Covid-19 cases. PHOTO: ADOLF KAURE

to 28 June, Andre added.

#### **Sharp increase**

The initiative comes after a sharp increase in Covid-19 cases in Namibia, rising from 32 to 71 in just one week.

Most of the latest cases are from Walvis Bay, where 17 cases were registered in a week.

'We need to have hope, faith and belief that if we stand together as a region, we will minimise the further spread of the virus.

"We have shown our resilience in the past and I am confident that we can pull through," Andre said.

#### Kuisebmond cases

He said a surveillance team has embarked on a plan to identify more cases in Kuisebmond.

'We are expanding our testing strategy to ensure that no possible case is missed," Andre said.

Several activities, such as community mobilisation and sensitisation, will be carried out during the campaign.

The identification and isolation of cases as well as the identification, categorisation and quarantining of contacts will also take place.

"Upon receipt of test results, participants will be informed of their results, while positive cases will be identified and isolated.

"Contacts will also be identified, and based on their risk categorisation, they will be quarantined," the governor said.

#### **High populations targeted**

He added they will target locations with high populations as well as vulnerable persons who interact with many people from the community as they conduct their daily jobs and offer essential services.

The number of people targeted to be tested per site was determined based on the current population size in different areas and the current location of cases and contacts.

#### The testing sites and dates are as follows:

- Sea Point 24 and 25 June
- Namport 24 and 25 June
- Tutaleni 24 and 25 June
- Twaloloka 24 and 25 June
- Kabeljou 26 and 27 June
- Kuisebmond Centre 26 and 27
- Narraville 26 and 27 June
- Port and town 26 and 27 June
- Prison 23 and 27 June
- Utuseb 27 June

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#### **GOVT TO FORK OUT N\$62.4M FOR LOCKDOWN WATER** ILENI NANDJATO **OMUTHIYA** The ministry of urban and rural development has established that the costs incurred by regional councils, local authorities and NamWater to supply water to vul-

nerable and reconnected households during the 19 March to 31 May lockdown period so far totals N\$62.4 million.

The amount is expected to increase as many regional councils and local authorities have yet to submit reports. This is according to a draft report compiled by the ministry and NamWater, which will be submitted to the ministry executive

On 19 March, minister Erastus Utoni issued a directive instructing regional councils and local authorities to provide water to identified vulnerable groups, as well as re-establish water supply that was previously disconnected due to unpaid bills.

#### Cost breakdown

"Costs incurred in reconnecting suspended water supply to defaulting ratepayers or customers as well

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CONSUMPTION: A total of N\$62.4 million worth of water was used by vulnerable and reconnected households between 19 March and 31 May. PHOTO: ILENI NANDJATO

as the provision of potable water in informal settlements with special focus on poor and unemployed individuals, households or families were requested to be accurately recorded and ringfenced," the state-

"The total amount of N\$ 62 478 178 is the actual cost incurred and

**POTATOES** 

needs to be approved before reimbursed to regional councils, local authorities as well as NamWater."

Of this amount, Khomas account-

ed for the highest water usage, totalling N\$45 million (N\$12.4 million for Windhoek municipality, N\$26.6 million for NamWater, N\$5.8 mil-

lion for Windhoek Rural and over N\$130 000 for the Khomas regional

Khomas is followed by Otjozondjupa (N\$4.4 million), Ohangwena (N\$2.1 million), Zambezi (N\$1.9 million), Kunene (N\$1.6 million) and //Karas (N\$1.3 million).

#### **Not submitted**

According to the report, seven regional councils and 14 local authorities have yet to submit their infor-

"A proposal for the continuation of supplying water by local authorities and regional councils to needy and destitute families, especially



Used by vulnerable and reconnected households.

in informal settlements, should be communicated to the ministerial task team for consideration, while the option to pay NamWater directly for costs should be considered," the statement added.

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# 2 000 Walvis residents to be tested



<mark>Leading the way...</mark> Governor of Erongo Neville Andre being tested for Covid-19 by the chief medical officer, Dr Amir Shaker.

#### Eveline de Klerk

THE health ministry is working in synch with the UN health agency the World Health Organisation and other stakeholders to test 2 000 people for possible Covid-19 at Walvis Bay.

Testing commenced yesterday at the coastal town and will last until Sunday. Walvis Bay is currently experiencing a surge in Covid-19 cases with 36 cases recorded at the town.

Some of the infections were local transmissions.

Erongo governor Neville Andre told journalists on Tuesday that the coastal region faces a mammoth task in its quest to contain the respiratory virus.

"This necessitates targeted public health interventions, to contain the spread of the virus in Walvis Bay. The surveillance

team has embarked on a plan to identify more undetected cases, based on the new cases, especially in Kuisebmond," Andre said.

He further explained that as part of the health strategy, his office with the Erongo Regional Council, the ministry of health and the security cluster and the Walvis Bay municipality expanded the testing strategy to ensure that no Covid-19 cases are missed.

He added that they would also be able to establish to what extent the virus has so far spread in Walvis Bay and use that data to plan for response activities.

"The testing will target locations with high populations, vulnerable persons who interact with many persons from the community as they conduct their daily jobs and offer essential services. These will include: healthcare workers, pharmacies, tellers, receptionists, security guards, cleaners, shops,

supermarkets, banks, barbershops and salons, car wash, vendors, drivers among others," the regional governor further expounded.

Residents of Sea Point, Namport, Tutaleni, Twaloloka, Kabeljou, Kuisebmond will be among those that have been earmarked for testing. About 300 people from the correctional facility, including both officers and offenders, will also be tested and at least 60 people from Utuseb situated outside Walvis Bay will also be tested.

The test results will be available within two days after the test. Meanwhile, over 400 people were tested at the testing centre that was established last week on

Saturday at the Kuisebmond Community Hall. Namibia has 76 cases at the moment, with 21 recoveries and

55 active cases. - edeklerk@nepc.com.na

# MPs welcome continental medicine body

#### Kuzeeko Tjitemisa

A number of parliamentarians this week supported the establishment of the African Medicine Agency (AMA), which will serve as the continental regulatory body of medicines and medical products.

Health minister Dr Kalumbi Shangula this week introduced to parliament the AMA treaty while asking parliamentarians to support the ratification aimed at assisting the African Union (AU) member states to improve their capacities to regulate medicines and medical products.

Adopted in February 2019 by the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government, AMA will be established as a specialised agency of the AU to strengthen and harmonise efforts by the African Union Commission (AUC), Regional Economic

Communities (RECs), Regional Health Organisations (RHOs) and member states, while providing them with regulatory guidance among others.

"Critically, Africa faces a major problem with substandard and falsified medical products. With porous borders, this is a  $continental \, problem \, that \, cannot \, be \, addressed$ by individual countries," Shangula told MPs in the National Assembly on Tuesday. He said a 2017 World Health Organisation global prevalence estimate for substandard and falsified medical products was 10% for all products, while a 2013 systematic review reported a median prevalence of 28.5% based on 15 studies from low and middle-income

Shangula said AMA would collaborate with RECs and the National Medicines Regulatory Authorities in the identification of substandard and falsified medical products and facilitate information sharing across

"It is envisaged that the African Medicine Agency will provide a better environment for legitimate manufacturers to flourish and improve local manufacturing of quality products," he added. He said the financial and technical sustainability of regional initiatives remains uncertain.



Long overdue... Health minister Dr Kalumbi Shangula. Photo: Emmency Nuukala

"AMA offers an opportunity to catalyse support from countries and undertake certain activities more efficiently, while at the same time consolidating the RECs initiatives," Shangula said.

Popular Democratic Movement (PDM) shadow minister of health Winnie Moongo hailed the establishment of AMA as progressive and a step in the right direction. "It is quite a shame and embarrassment that there is mistrust even within African countries about the effectiveness and legitimateness of the coronavirus remedy that was rolled out by Madagascar recently," she contributed. According to Moongo, this is because all African medicine has to be approved according to western standards and practices and anything contrary to that is deemed not acceptable and unsafe.

This agency, she said, would enable Africa to ensure that the continent control illicit trade of medicine within the envisioned African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA).

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#### PROJECT DETAILS:

- Permanent Closure of Erf A/980 Keetmanshoop as a Street: Rezoning of Erf A/980, Keetmanshoop from Street to Business; Subdivision of Erf 2459, Keetmanshoop into Erf B and Remainder;
- Permanent Closure of Erf B/2459 Keetmanshoop as a Public Open
- Rezoning of Erf B/2459, Keetmanshoop from Public Open Space to
- Consolidation of Erf A/980 and B/2459 into Consolidated Erf X.

The proponent intends to create two new erven by subdividing Erven 980 and 2459 respectively. This will enable the proponent to permanently close Erf A/980 as street and permanently close Erf B/2459 as a Public Open Space. Erven A/980 and B/2459 will then be rezoned to Business and consolidated into one Erf X.

The Proponent: Keetmanshoop Municipality

Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): Stubenrauch Planning

#### REGISTRATION OF I&APS AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS:

In line with Namibia's Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and EIA regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012), all I&APs are hereby invited to register and submit their comments, concerns or questions in writing via Email: bronwynn@spc.com.na; Fax: 061 25 11 89 or

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#### PROJECT DETAILS:

- Cadastral rectification for Aimablaagte Community Hall and
- Municipal Flats, Aimablaagte;
- Cadastral rectification for Public Open Spaces, Aimablaagte; Cadastral rectification for Church, Aimablaagte Mariental.

The proponent intends to undertake several cadastral rectifications and re-planning on the ground in Aimablaagte, Mariental

The Proponent: Mariental Municipality

Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): Stubenrauch Planning Consultants (SPC)

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#### INVITATION TO A PUBLIC MEETING ON THE PROPOSED

The Nkurenkuru Town Council intends to develop two new Township Extensions to the north-west of the existing Kahenge urban area, to be known as Kahenge Extension 5 and Kahenge Extension 6. The proposed residential extensions will comprise of mainly residential, general residential erven as well as of institutional, recreational, business and other land uses normally in support of residential areas.

Stubenrauch Planning Consultants cc (SPC) has been appointed by the Nkurenkuru Town Council to prepare the layout designs and to formalize the new township extensions in Kahenge. The layout designs as proposed for the new extensions have now been completed and will be presented to interested parties for discussion and information purposes prior to the Town Council expressing support to the plan.

The general public as well as any interested parties is hereby invited to attend a public meeting during which the draft layout design prepared for the new township extension will be presented for comments and inputs to the public. The meeting is scheduled to take place as follows:

Thursday, 9th July 2020

Kahenge Traditional Authority Centre

Further information regarding the above may be obtained from:

Mr P Sindimba, The Chief Executive Office Nkurenkuru Town Council, Tel: 066 - 258089

Tel: 061 - 251189, Email: gunther@spc.com.na

Mr G Stubenrauch, Stubenrauch Planning Consultants cc



#### **Stephanie Strauss**

From: Bronwynn Basson <br/> bronwynn@spc.com.na>

Sent: Thursday, 18 June 2020 8:00 AM

**Subject:** Environmental Impact Assessment: Subdivision, Permanent Closure, Consolidation

and Rezoning of Erf 980 and Erf 2459, Keetmanshoop

**Attachments:** BID Keetmanshoop.pdf

#### Dear Potential Interested and Affected Party

Stubenrauch Planning Consultants (SPC) hereby give notice to all potentially Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that an application will be made to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012) for the following:

- Subdivision of Erf 980, Keetmanshoop into Erf A and Remainder;
- Permanent Closure of Erf A/980 Keetmanshoop as a Street;
- Rezoning of Erf A/980, Keetmanshoop from Street to Business;
- Subdivision of Erf 2459, Keetmanshoop into Erf B and Remainder;
- Permanent Closure of Erf B/2459 Keetmanshoop as a Public Open Space;
- Rezoning of Erf B/2459, Keetmanshoop from Public Open Space to Business;
- Consolidation of Erf A/980 and B/2459 into Consolidated Erf X.

The rezoning of land from use for nature conservation or zoned open space to any other land use; the construction of Public roads and the route determination of roads and design of associated physical infrastructure where – it is a public road are listed activities as per the List of Activities requiring Environmental Clearance (Government Notice 29 of 6 February 2012) and accordingly require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to be conducted.

In line with Regulation 21(2) of the mentioned EIA Regulations, a Background Information Document (BID) is distributed to preidentified Interested and Affected Parties as part of the public consultation process for this EIA.

An Environmental Assessment will be undertaken to determine the potential impact of the development on the environment and to determine all environmental, safety, health and social impacts associated with the proposed development activities. A background information document is attached detailing the activity and the intended environmental assessment process.

In line with Namibia's Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and EIA regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012), all I&APs are hereby invited to register and submit their comments, concerns or questions in writing via Email: <a href="mailto:bronwynn@spc.com.na">bronwynn@spc.com.na</a>; Fax: 061 25 11 89 or Tel: 061 25 21 57 on or before **9 July 2020.** 

#### Kind regards

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#### **Stephanie Strauss**

From: Bronwynn Basson <br/> bronwynn@spc.com.na>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 July 2020 10:22 AM

**Subject:** AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR COMMENT:

Subdivision, Permanent Closure, Consolidation and Rezoning of Erf 980 and Erf

2459, Keetmanshoop

**Attachments:** 20-0470 Executive Summary Keetmanshoop.pdf

Dear Potential Interested and Affected Party

Stubenrauch Planning Consultants cc (SPC) hereby give notice to all Registered I&APs that the Draft Environmental Scoping Report (DESR) is now available for the above proposed project for public comment from the 14 July 2020 until 28 July 2020 at the following venues:

Stubenrauch Planning

**Consultants Municipality** 

Keetmanshoop

45 Feld

Street Plichta Avenue Hampie

Windhoek

Keetmanshoop

An electronic copy of the report is available for download for your review at the below Dropbox link: <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/vr3cnr6k7rqj7p1/20-0470%20DESR%20Keetmanshoop">https://www.dropbox.com/s/vr3cnr6k7rqj7p1/20-0470%20DESR%20Keetmanshoop</a> for%20public%20review.pdf?dl=0

Should you wish to comment on the proposed project, kindly do so in writing on or before **28 July 2020** by one of the following means:

Addressed to: Stubenrauch Planning Consultants (SPC)

Address: PO Box 41404, Windhoek

Email: Bronwynn@spc.com.na

Fax no.: +264 61 25 11 89

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The DESR will be finalised in light of feedback from I&APs and Stakeholders and will then be submitted to MET: DEA for consideration and decision making. If MET: DEA approves or requests additional information/ studies, all registered I&APs and Stakeholders will be kept informed of progress throughout the assessment process.

Please feel free to contact our office should you need any additional information.

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