

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID) FOR

## THE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT OF A PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, AND THE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT OF A STREET; THROUGH THE CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION OF VARIOUS ERVEN IN NOMSTOUB EXTENSION 1, TSUMEB WITHIN THE OSHIKOTO REGION.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Urban Dynamics Africa Pty (Ltd). has been appointed by the Tsumeb Municipality, the owner of Erven 2278 and 2284, Nomtsoub Extension 1, to obtain Environmental Clearance on their behalf for the closure and realignment of Erf 2278 (Public Open Space) and Erf 2284 (Street) in Nomtsoub Extension 1, Tsumeb.

To obtain statutory approval, part of the closure and realignment of a street and public open space is to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.

This Background Information Document (BID) was prepared to provide interested and affected stakeholders with the proposed project's background information and basic detail. It is further aimed at enabling the participation of all stakeholders who may feel that they have an interest or a stake in the impacts of the proposed intervention and explaining how such involvement can be achieved.

### 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

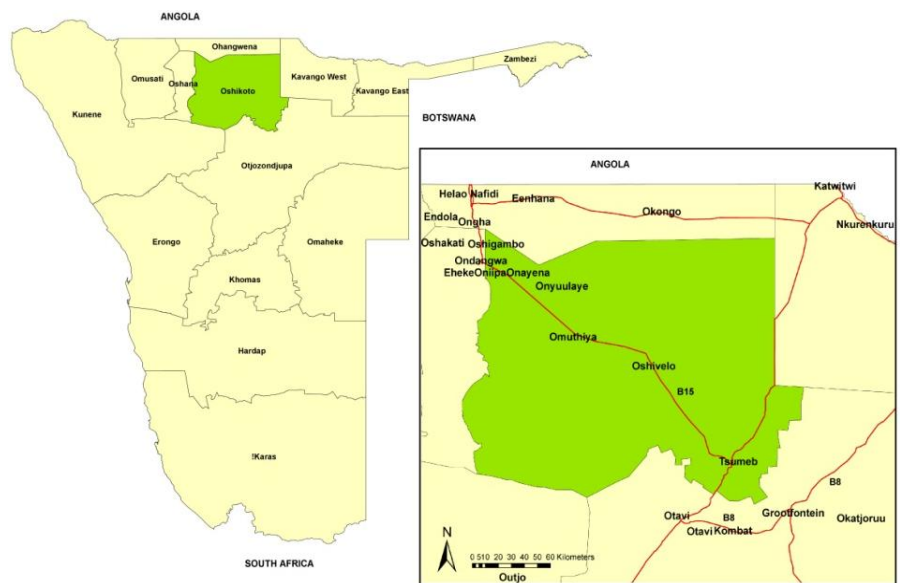
#### PROJECT RATIONALE

The project site is in the Municipality of Tsumeb in the Oshikoto Region.

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**Figure 1: Locality of Tsumeb**



**Development Intension:**

- ❖ Amend the cadastral boundaries of various erven in Extension 1 and
- ❖ Align the new boundaries with the situation on the ground.

**DEVELOPMENT INTENSION**

Tsumeb Municipality intends amendment of the cadastral boundaries for various erven in Extension 1, Tsumeb to align the boundaries with the situation on the ground.

The client to the closer and realignment of a public open space, and the closure and realignment of a street; through the consolidation and subdivision of various erven

**CURRENT LAND USE**

Erven 2279 and 2284 are situated in Ext. 1 at -19.241434 S, 17.701618 E . The project is accessed through Rand Street.

Tsumeb Municipality is the registered owner of Erven 2279 and 2284 Extension 1.

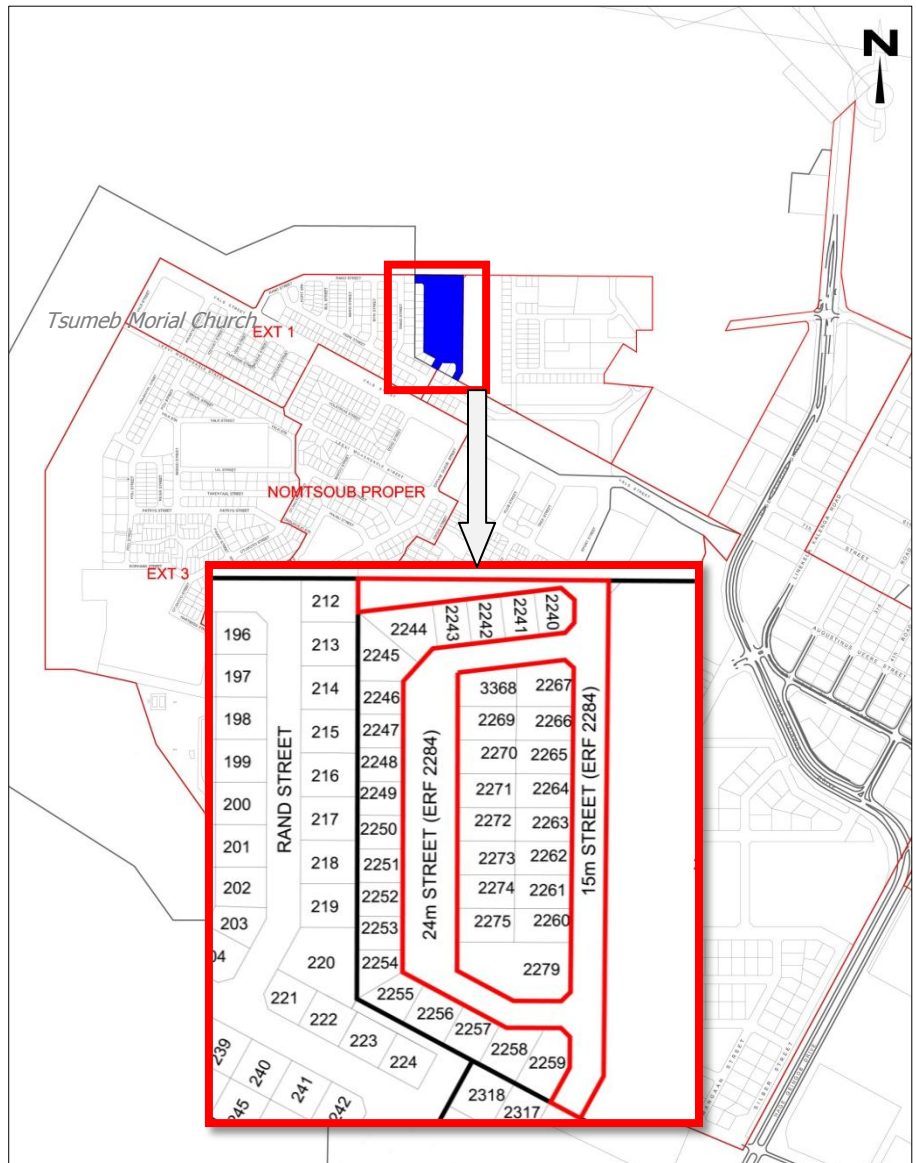
Erf 2279 measures 398 sqm and is currently zoned Public Open Space. Erf 2284 (street) measures 9272 sqm.

**3. THE EIA PROCESS**

In terms of the provision of the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007) of Namibia, the environmental practitioner must manage the assessment of the potential social and environmental impacts, conclude the application process and ensure that the general public and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are afforded the opportunity to comment on the proposed activities.

In order to fulfil these requirements, this EIA process includes the preparation of a database of possible I&APs, keeping an issue and response register, and circulating all draft and final documents to registered stakeholders.

**Figure 2:** Locality of Erven 2279 and 2284 Nomtsoub Extension 1



Through this document, we aim to start engaging with stakeholders about the project and provide the opportunity to I&APs to share their comments, issues and concerns with the EIA team.

This BID is also an invitation to all potential I&AP's to register as stakeholders. You will also be able to share comments, issues, and concerns about the assessment.

### YOUR ROLE

Public involvement is an essential part of the EIA process:

You have been identified as an I&AP who may want to know about the proposed project and provide input into the EIA process.

#### 4. ANTICIPATED BENEFITS AND IMPACTS

Some of the most important benefits of the project are the following:

- Ⓜ **A functional layout in line with the developments on the ground;**
- Ⓜ **Providing formal erven to the households and businesses;**
- Ⓜ **Stimulation of economic development and creation of new development opportunities; and**
- Ⓜ **Employment creation during both the construction and operation phases of the project.**

Environmental and social impacts can also occur and should be considered and evaluated.

#### These include:

- Ⓜ **Impact on traffic flow during construction;**
- Ⓜ **Impact of potential construction dust;**
- Ⓜ **Impact of construction noise on the surrounding communities;**
- Ⓜ **Impact on the health and safety of workers;**
- Ⓜ **Potential removal of protected trees; and**
- Ⓜ **Potential solid waste pollution in the area during the construction and operations phases.**

#### 5. HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED

Should you have any comments, please contact Allison Anderson or Heidri Nel at Urban Dynamics Africa (Pty) Ltd.

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EIA FOR THE STATUTORY TOWN PLANNING PROCEDURES AT TSUMEB**

Urban Dynamics Africa (PTY) Ltd. welcomes any comments and correspondence about this project. To enable access to this communication process, interested and affected parties need to register as a stakeholder and/or submit their comments in writing.



DATE:

**PARTICULARS OF THE INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY**

NAME:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

CELL PHONE:

E-MAIL:

P.O. BOX ADDRESS:

**Please identify your interest in the proposed project:**


**Please write your comments and questions here:**


Please return the completed form by 12 September 2023:

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