

SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROJECTS



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM
DIRECTORATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

The completion of this questionnaire is a requirement under section 20 (1) of the Environmental Management Act

PURPOSE OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

The information you provide in this questionnaire will provide the Government to gain a clear understanding of your proposed project.

Projects that are likely to have a significant impact on the environment may not go ahead unless an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been done first, and only if EA can demonstrate that it is possible and feasible to keep impacts to acceptable levels.

Nearly all projects have some impact, but some projects are so small and impacts so low, that it may not be necessary to do a full EA. On the other hand, some projects could have serious environmental impacts, and it is essential that we identify these before the projects are implemented. If an EA is not done, we may only discover the impacts after the project implementation. By then, it is usually too late to avoid the impacts. If this happens the developer might have to spend a lot of money fixing the problem or even abandon the project altogether.

The information you provide in this questionnaire can help us to make the right decision of whether an EA should be done or not, the level of detail of the EA, the main issues which should be investigated, and so on. This guides all of us in our future planning and could save money and time in the long run.

The developer must complete this questionnaire accurately, honestly and comprehensively. The Environmental Commissioner and the relevant ministry will jointly decide on whether the EA is necessary or not. Their decision based on whether the project is likely to have significant effect on the environment by virtue of its nature, size or location.

Your cooperation is essential

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the proposed project

Agricultural & Tourism Activities

Location of the proposed project

Aasvoelness, Tsumkwe West

Name of the Proponent/ Developer

Ministry of Agriculture, WATER & LAND REFORM.

Contact Person

Bruce Siyambango (PCLD - Programme Manager)

Address of the Proponent/ Developer

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NB: As stated on page 2 above, the information to be provided in this questionnaire will assist the Ministry to determine whether an EA is required or not. Therefore, such information must be as truthful and reliable as possible. It must be noted here that the proponent is accountable for any wrong and misleading information that may be provided in this questionnaire. From this perspective, any person who completes this questionnaire **must read and sign the declaratory statement provided on page 14** of this questionnaire.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Briefly describe the nature and purpose of the project. Provide key information on the projects main activities, industrial processes, raw materials, infrastructure, lifespan and closure. If available, attach a map, ground plan and a copy of pre-feasibility or feasibility reports

See attached official Executive Director letter

The Project aims to uplift the Asovoelness Community Development Trust by developing:

1. Community Garden (1 Ha)
2. Livestock farm Project
3. Tourism & Craft Centre (Camping site with 10 sites with 1000sqm Craft Centre)

Guideline for completing the questionnaire

The following questions are designed to aid the screening processes. Questions are arranged in two sections with a series of sub headings.

Project information

Page No.

(Construction, operation & decommissioning)

- General -----
- Atmospheric environment -----
- Aquatic environment-----
- Waste Generation -----
- Hazards -----
- Social -----

The questions must be answered with a simple yes, or no? (if you do not know the answer). A space for any additional comments is also provided.

The person completing the questionnaire should base his/her answers on existing information. If the answers to some questions are not available or uncertain, please state this in the details/ comments space.

Environmental information

- Legislative protection -----
- General characteristics -----
- Aquatic features -----
- Landscape & visual characteristics -----
- Atmospheric conditions -----
- Historic and cultural features -----
- Stability -----
- Ecology -----
- Land Use -----
- Declaration -----

Project Information

General		Details/ Comments
• Is a license/ permit required for the activity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
• Is the project an extension of an existing activity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
• Will the project involve land disturbance, site clearance, earthmoving, or underground workings?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
• Will the project involve re-zoning?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
• Will the project involve the transport, storage, handling, production or use of toxic or hazardous substances?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
• Will the project require the construction of facilities to bring power or water to the project?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
• Will new roads be constructed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
• Will construction or operation of the project generate large volumes of traffic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

**Aquatic and Marine Environment
(continued)**

Will the project require channel dredging or straightening or crossing of streams

- Yes
- No
- ?

Will the project require the construction of piers or seawalls?

- Yes
- No
- ?

Will the project require the construction of offshore structures?

- Yes
- No
- ?

Waste Generation

Will the project generate overburden or mine process wastes?

- Yes
- No
- ?

Will the project generate domestic or industrial wastes?

- Yes
- No
- ?

Could the project contaminate soil or groundwater?

- Yes
- No
- ?

Noise

Will the project cause noise, vibration, light, heat or other radiation into the environment?

- Yes
- No
- ?

- Yes
- No
- ?

Details/ Comments

Hazards

Will the project involve regular use of substances for pest or weed control?

Social

Will project involve employment of large numbers of workers?

Will the project provide housing and other facilities for the workforce?

Any Other project information

- Yes
- No
- ?

- Yes
- No
- ?

- Yes
- No
- ?

- Yes
- No
- ?

- Yes
- No
- ?

- Yes
- No
- ?

- Yes
- No
- ?

Details/ Comments

Aquatic Features

Will the project adversely affect the quality, flow or volume of surface or groundwater?

- Yes
- No
- ?

Visual Characteristics

Will the project be visible to the public?

- Yes
- No
- ?

Erosion

Is the project likely to cause soil erosion?

- Yes
- No
- ?

Ecology

Will the project result in loss or disturbance of valuable habitats or ecosystems?

- Yes
- No
- ?

Will the project disturb wildlife migration, feeding or breeding?

- Yes
- No
- ?

Will the project cause the introduction of alien (exotic) plants or animals (excluding livestock)?

- Yes
- No
- ?

Will the project significantly increase the risk of veldfires?

- Yes
- No
- ?

Details/ Comments

Land Use		Details/ Comments
Will the project be located in a densely populated area or in the vicinity of residential property or other sensitive land uses (e.g. schools, hospitals, community facilities)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	----- -----
Will the project be located on land of high agricultural value?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	----- -----
Will the project be located in an area of recreational/ tourist importance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	----- -----
Land & Property		
Will the project require any people to be moved or resettled?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	----- -----
Will the project require any people to be removed or resettled?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	----- -----
Will the project attract a large number of people into the area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	----- -----
Will the project result in demolition of structures or occupation of homes, gardens, businesses?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	----- -----
Will the existing population be physically divided as a result of a project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> ?	----- -----

Wider Consideration

- Has there been public concern about the project?
- Will the project have an impact on the neighbouring country?
- Has the public been consulted yet about the project?

Other Environmental information

- -----
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Yes
 No
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Yes
 No
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Yes
 No
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Yes
 No
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Yes
 No
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Yes
 No
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Yes
 No
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Yes
 No
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Details/ Comments

Declaration

I Bruce Masule Sugembango.....(name in full) understands that the information that I have provided in this questionnaire will be used by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism to decide whether my project requires an EA or not. I also understand that any wrong information provided in this questionnaire will mislead the decision of the Ministry on my project. Should this be the case, I am well aware that the Ministry will hold me accountable for my wrong and misleading information. Therefore, I honestly declare that the information that I have provided in this questionnaire is to the best of my ability true and reliable.

Signature:  Date: 05/09/2023





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Dear Mr. Mufeti

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL AND TOURISM ACTIVITIES IN AASVOELNES, TSUMKWE WEST OF OTJOZONDJUPA REGION

1. This letter serves to kindly request the Office of the Environmental Commissioner to consider, under the enabling legislations, an environmental clearance of a portion of land situated in Tsumkwe West of Otjozondjupa region for livestock, crop and tourism activities. The total area for the three projects measures 19, 624 Hectares in size.
2. The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, through its Programme for Communal Land Development (PCLD) in 2016 to 2018 conducted Local Level Participatory Planning (LLPP) in Tsumkwe West for development of agricultural Infrastructure to uplift the living standard of the local communities through food security. The final product for the LLPP was an Investment Plan, in which the San communities proposed infrastructure development for three (3) types of projects: a **livestock farm project**, an **existing community garden** as well as a **tourism and craft centre**. The above projects were adopted for infrastructure investments under the PCLD.
3. The San communities has formed and registered a Trust called Aasvoelnes Community Development Trust (ACDT) for the management and administration of the projects.

REQUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL AND TOURISM ACTIVITIES IN AASVOELNES, TSUMKWE WEST OF OTJOZONDJUPA REGION

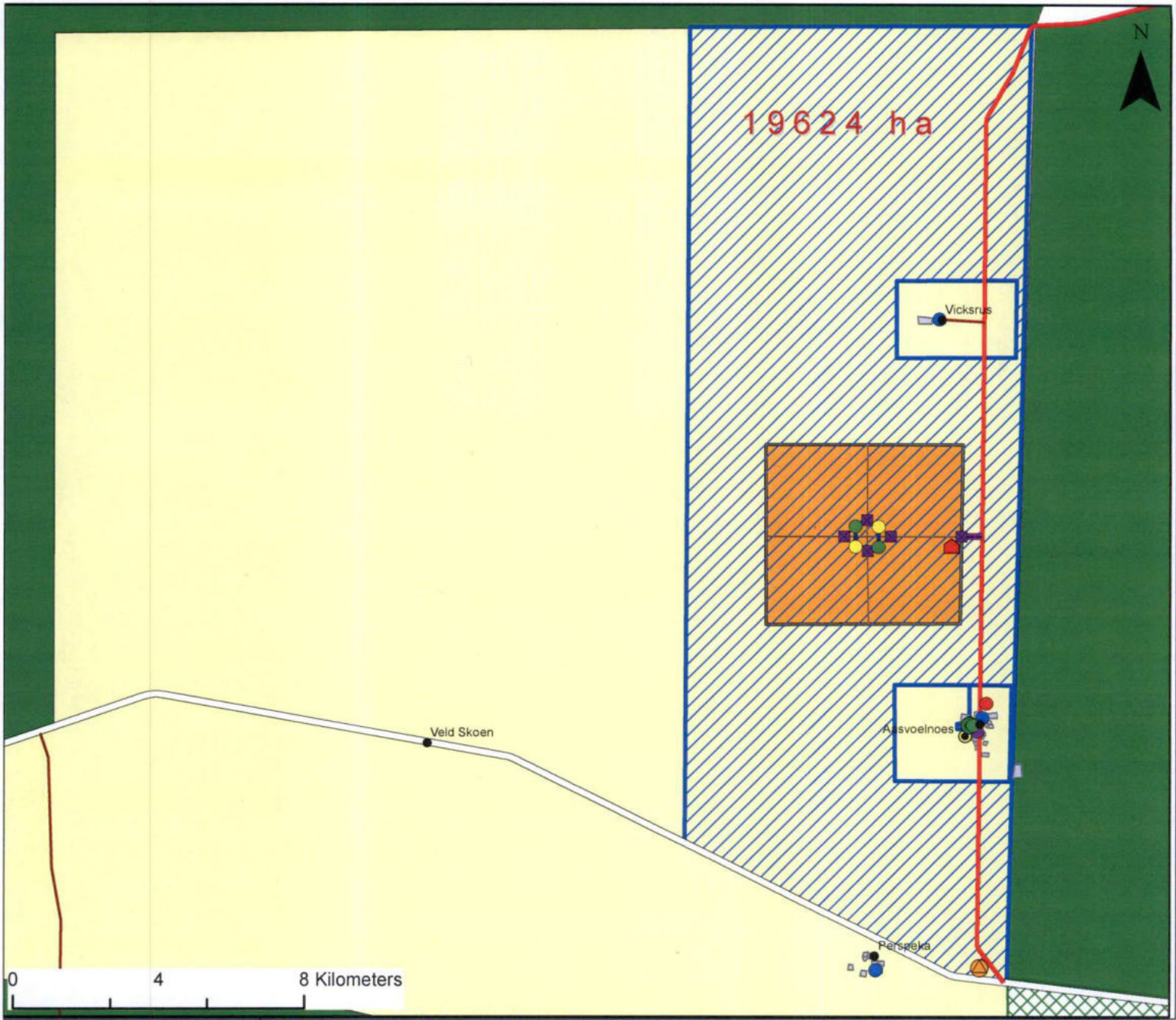
4. The Trust intend to apply for a right of leasehold over the area to the Otjozondjupa Communal Land Board under the provisions of the Communal Land Act, Act No. 5 of 2002.
5. In compliance to environmental considerations, we hereby request the Office of the Environmental Commissioner on behalf of the Trust, an environmental clearance for the mentioned project activities.
6. Should you require further detailed clarifications or documentations, do not hesitate to contact, Mr. Bruce Siyambango, PCLD Programme Manager at the above stated contact details.
7. Your consideration of our request, guided by the provisions of the enabling legislations shall be highly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely



Ndiyakupi Nghituwamata (MS)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





Aasvoëlne PCLD Development Plan: Tsumkwe West, Otjozondjupa Region

June 2023

Legend

- Village
- PCLD Planned borehole (drill new)
- Planned community garden
- CLDP existing community garden
- Planned craft & tourism centre
- Planned gate
- Kindergarden
- Planned training facility
- Planned waterpoint
- Existing functional borehole
- Existing non-functional borehole
- Proposed road development
- Planned water pipeline
- Track
- District road
- Main road
- Mapped Land Rights
- Internal camps (model farm)
- New Proposed Focal Area
- Model small scale farm
- Existing community garden
- Community forest (registered)
- Mixed Farming
- Wildlife Zone



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Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform

Programme for Communal Land Development