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#### PROOF OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION - NEWSPAPER ADVERT



#### NOTICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED KOROKOKO INVESTMENT CC IRRIGATION SCHEME AT KOROKOKO VILLAGE, KAVANGO EAST REGION.

Notice is hereby given to all Interested & Affected parties (I&APs) that a community and stakeholders' meeting will be conducted at Korokoko village on 31 August 2019 for public consultation inputs. Thereafter an application will be made to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and its Regulations of 2012 for the following:

Project Name: KOROKOKO IRRIGATION PROJECT.

Project Location: KOROKOKO VILLAGE, KAVANGO EAST REGION.

Proponent: KOROKOKO INVESTMENT CC

Project Description: ETABLISHMENT OF AN IRRIGATION SCHEME.

KOROKOKO INVESTMENT CC has appointed ISN-NAMIBIA CONSULTANT CC to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan

A public consultation meeting is scheduled to take place on 31 August 2019 at Korokoko Headman gathering place. All interested & Affected Parties (I & APs) are encouraged to register and attend the meeting, and/or raise concerns or provide comments and opinions. Background Information Document (BID) will be provided upon indication as I&AP:

Should you wish to register as an I & AP, please contact ISN NAMIBIA CONSULTANT CC at + 264 812360999. Email: isn-namibia@gmail. com. Deadline for comments is 14 September 2019.

#### PROOF OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION (Minutes of the first meeting)



## MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) OF THE PROPOSED KOROKOKO IRRIGATION SCHEME.

### I'T MEETING WITH KOROKOKO COMMUNITY MEMBERS, HEADMAN AND VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES

Date: 31 August 2019 Time: 14h30 -17h00

Venue: Korokoko Headman Gathering tree

Compiled by : Kuniberth Shamathe

#### I. Welcoming and opening

The meeting started with a prayer by Korokoko community member. Korokoko headman Mr Faustinus Ngunda Mungomba welcomed the participants to the meeting which composed Korokoko community members, Korokoko Investment CC member and ISN-Namibia consultant. Mr Mungomba welcomed everyone to the consultative meeting and requested for all present to participate freely in the meeting. He however expressed concern that the meeting was not well represented, and the message was not delivered well on time to community including himself. He requested the consultants and project owners to provide all required information for the community members to make informed decisions since he was not well aware about the proposed project and the aspect of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). An attendance register was circulated to all participants to write on their names, contact details, affiliation and then sign (See Source of Verification Annex I).



Figure 1: Participants during the meeting.

#### 2. Purpose of the meeting and background of the project

Mr. Gabriel Kupembona, a member of the Korokoko Investment CC introduced the consultant and gave background information regarding the proposed irrigation project by Korokoko Investment CC. He explained that their project indented to establish medium scale irrigation project. That, their project will focus on cereal, horticultural and citrus i.e. Maize, wheat, cabbages, tomatoes and orange. He further explained that the members of the project are all from Kavango East and West region. Mr Kupembona indicated that the project is constituted and composed of four (4) members

who are all local people. Moreover, Mr Kupembona alluded to the possible benefits of the project which included job creation, availability of food and infrastructure development. He concluded by indicating the proposed location and land of the project in question, which he explained that the larger part of the land belonged to one of their group member (Ms Erwina Karupu), while the remaining land belonged to some of the community members hence his team requesting the community members of Korokoko to avail the land. He then indicated that the consultant will explain in-depth the purpose of the meeting and how EIA works.

Mr Kuniberth Shamathe from ISN-Namibia, an independent entity which has been appointed to conduct an EIA for Korokoko Investment CC briefed the participants on the purpose of the meeting. He explained the purpose of the meeting was for the consultant to engage and consult with the community if they are aware of the project and their opinions and position regarding the proposed Korokoko Irrigation project. This is in line with the legal frameworks of the government regulatory policies. Mr Shamathe clarified that he had no relationship or association with the owners of the proposed project. He emphasized that the purpose of the community meeting was to consult for communities' opinions and opinion on the proposed project. He further clarified that the meeting should not be seen as an opportunity to cause conflict among themselves or against the project owners but rather to act in good faith to provide their opinions and position towards the proposed project in terms of benefits, clarity required, concerns, and possible acceptance and rejection. Possible mitigations will be discussed for raised concerns.

#### 3. Questions, comments and concerns

After discussion on the purpose of the meeting and background of the project, Mr Shamathe requested participants for questions, comments and inputs.

In the document, the following abbreviations depict: A: Answer, C: Comment, Co: Concern, Re: Remark, Q: Question.

**Q:** Who is the owner of the project? It was not clear who are the four people, and where they come from.

**A:** The four members are as follows:

- Ms Erwina Karupu who is local person from Korokoko village
- Mr Gabriel Kupembona from Ndonga Linena
- Ms Pauline Mavanze Kandjimi and

#### • Mr Augustinus Haupindi

Q: From which village is Ms Pauline Mavanze Kandjimi and Mr Augustinus Haupindi?

**A:** Ms Karupu would know since she brought them on board, and they are good friend to her. But they are from Kavango region.

**Q:** The benefits of the irrigation is not clear. Can you clearly summarize about the benefits of the project? How will the community benefit from the project?

**A:** Benefits include possible job creation at various stages of the project, availability of food to buy from nearby and infrastructure development. Infrastructures may include roads and boreholes. The structure is not finalized but community could benefit in many ways.

**Q:** Where exactly is the irrigation project will be located? How big the area will be? and which specific villages are included in the area of the project?

**A:** The proposed site is down on the northern side of where we are sitting. It covers the site where Ms Karupu's parent was living. The size of the area is not determined yet, it is the intention to determine the boundaries and the size of the area after consensus in this meeting. The community members, project owners and consultant will have to conduct site visit to determine the demarcation.

**Q:** Was the owners of the crop fields at the site consulted? Will there be enough space for cattle grazing areas ones the project established?

**A:** It was indicated that Ms Karupu who was absent during the meeting had conducted preliminary consultation with the people having crop fields at the site but not sure if all of them were consulted. However, the intent of this meeting is to consult the community members and discuss whether the project is accepted.

**Q:** Where are the other project members? No satisfactory answers to most of the questions asked. **A:** Other members were willing to participate but are engaged in equally important tasks hence they only delegated one member to represent them.

**Co:** The meeting is underrepresented, while the project requires community members endorsement. Secondly, most of the questions are not given satisfactory answers. Why is Ms Karupu not here since she is from this area to clarify to the community members?

#### 4. Way forward

After these questions or concerns, it was discussed and agreed that another meeting to be convened. The invitation to be done on time. The Village Development Committee (VDC) to be informed on time so they will inform all community members to be present in the next meeting. It was also agreed that Ms Karupu should be part of the project owners' representative in the next meeting so she can answer questions that were not answered properly.

#### 5. Closure.

The headman closed meeting at 17h00 emphasizing the importance of development but also highlighting the need to follow right procedures when introducing a project. He advised that the project owners should liaison with him and VDC regarding the date of the next meeting to avoid improper coordination. He thanked everybody for their time and active participation.



#### **AGENDA**

Date: 31 August 2019 Time: 14h30 -17h00

Venue: Korokoko Headman Gathering tree

Welcoming and opening
 Headman Mr Faustinus N Mungomba

2. Attendance registration - Mr Kupembona (member of the project)

3. Background of the project – Mr. Kumbona

4. Purpose of the community meeting – Mr. Shamathe (consultant)

5. Questions and comments - Participants

6. Way Forward - Facilitated by Mr. Shamathe (consultant).

7. Closure - Headman Mr Faustinus N Mungomba

#### PROOF OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION (Minutes of the second meeting)



# MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) OF THE PROPOSED KOROKOKO IRRIGATION SCHEME.

### SECOND MEETING WITH KOROKOKO COMMUNITY MEMBERS, HEADMAN AND VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES

Date: 26 October 2019

Time: 14h30 -16h50

Venue: Korokoko Headman Gathering tree

Compiled by : Kuniberth Shamathe

#### 6. Welcoming and opening

The Village Development Committee (VDC) chairperson of Korokoko Village Mr Stanislaus Kashindereki requested a volunteer to open the meeting with a prayer. After a prayer, Korokoko headman Mr Faustinus Ngunda Mungomba welcomed the participants to the meeting which composed Korokoko community members, Korokoko Investment CC member and ISN-Namibia consultant. Mr Mungomba welcomed everyone to the consultative meeting and requested all present to participate freely in the meeting. He indicated that he would not dwell much on the purpose of the meeting or what is to be discussed since the project owners and consultants will explain that. He indicated that he was happy with the number of representatives in the meeting compare to the previous one.

VDC chairperson Mr Kashindereki informed and reminded the participants that the meeting was a continuation of previous meeting that was conducted at the same place on 31 August 2020. That the matter under discussion could not be concluded because there was underrepresentation from the community members and the meeting was not properly organized. He informed that effort was made from both owners of the project, headman and VDC to inform the larger community for this meeting. He encouraged active participation and wished for fruitful discussion.



Figure 1: VDC chairperson addressing participants during the opening of the meeting.

#### 7. Purpose of the meeting and background of the project

Ms. Erwina Mushinga Karupu, a member of the Korokoko Investment CC gave background information regarding the proposed irrigation project by Korokoko Investment CC. She explained that their project intended to establish medium scale irrigation project focusing on cereal, horticultural and citrus i.e. Maize, wheat, cabbages, tomatoes and orange. She further explained that

all the 4 members of the project are all from Kavango East and West region. Moreover, she explained that the project would have multiple benefits for the community members including job creation, availability of food to reduce transport cost and infrastructure such as transformer where community members can abstract electricity nearby. Ones the irrigation scheme established and progressing well, the community members will benefit from trainings. It is also planned that a shareholding will be considered for the community if the project succeeds. Ms Karupu indicated that she will not go into depth but rather she would give an opportunity to a consultant to explain the purpose of an EIA.



Figure 2: Ms Karupu providing the background of the project.

Mr Kuniberth Shamathe from the ISN-Namibia explained the purpose of the meeting was for the consultant to engage and consult with the community if they are aware of the project and their opinions and position regarding the proposed Korokoko Irrigation project. This is in line with the legal frameworks of the government regulatory policies. Mr Shamathe clarified that he had no relationship or association with the owner of the proposed project. He emphasized that the purpose of the community meeting was to consult communities' opinions and opinion on the proposed project. This include whether the project will affect the community negatively including interference on cultural and heritage aspects. He further clarified that the meeting should not be seen as an opportunity for conflict but rather to act in good faith and discuss in term of community opinions and position towards the proposed project in terms of benefits, clarity required, concerns, and possible acceptance and rejection. Possible mitigations will be discussed for raised concerns. Mr Shamathe cemented the headman and VDC chairperson indication that the meeting was a continuation of the previous meeting.

#### 8. Questions, comments and concerns

After discussion on the purpose of the meeting and background of the project, Mr Shamathe requested participants for questions, comments and inputs.

In the document, the following abbreviations depict: A: Answer, C: Comment, Co: Concern, Re: Remark, Q: Question.

The start of the discussion was directed more to the questions that were not addressed in previous meetings as follows:

**Q:** Who is the owner of the project? It was not clear who are the four people, and where they come from.

A: The four members are as follows:

- Ms Erwina Karupu who is local person from Korokoko village
- Mr Gabriel Kupembona from Ndonga Linena
- Ms Pauline Mavanze Kandjimi from Kaisosi
- Mr Augustinus Haupindi from Kasote

Ms Karupu indicated that she has known these people for many years. She has done projects and some other business with them and she can testify they are reliable people.

Q: What are the benefits of the project to the community of Korokoko village?

**A:** Benefits include job creation at various stages of the project, availability of food to buy from nearby and infrastructure development as indicated. Infrastructures may include roads, transformer and boreholes. The group intent to give a share to community if the project succeeds well. Agricultural trainings will be offered to selected community members.

**C:** Many project owners always promise to assist communities or given priorities to local community members when they are looking for the land, but they do not honour the promise afterwards.

**Q:** Where exactly is the irrigation project will be located? How big the area will be, and which specific villages are included in the area of the project?

**A:** The proposed site is down on the other side of where we are sitting. It covers the site where Ms Karupu's parent was living and some parts of community members crop fields.

It was discussed and agreed that the participants will go visit the area after the meeting so that the consultant can collect data according to the demarcation agreed by the communities and project owners.

Two community members with crop fields at the site indicated they were not in agreement to avail their crop fields for the benefits of the communities or project owners. They indicated their share for the project must be clear otherwise their fields must be excluded.

The project owner indicated that they will have separate discussion with these two people in order to agree the way forward.

Q: Will there be enough space for cattle grazing areas ones the project established?

**A:** Yes, the area project will not extend to the grazing areas. It will only cover the smaller area. However, we will determine that when we conduct the site visit.

#### 9. Way forward

After long discussion, the community members approved land for the project with the following conditions:

- The participants will have to go together with the consultant to show him the boundary of the approved land per the agreement in the meeting.
- The project owners to talk to two people with crop fields at the site to have an agreement. The project owners and these two people should give feedback to the headman and VDC after they agree. The consultant was given go ahead with compiling EIA report and submit but the project owner should give feedback to the consultant that they have resolved with the two people.
- It was agreed that the project owners together with headman and VDC should go to the Traditional Authority to request a consent letter. The consent letter be given to consultant to be included as part of the application.

The consensus for approving the request was reached by community members raising hand to indicate their acceptance or objection of the proposed project. Except only one individual, 42 out of 43 (98%) present indicated supporting the project (see figure 3). The VDC Chairperson expressed dissatisfaction with some community members who always show up late to community structures to complain that they have not been consulted when decisions are taken. He requested community members to participate in consultations that

#### affect them.



Figure 3: Show of hand by Korokoko community members as sign of accepting a project.

#### 10. Closure

The headman closed the meeting at 16h30 thanking everybody for their active participation. He requested all present to participate on the site visit to be conducted soon after adjourning from the meeting. The meeting ended with a prayer.

#### II. Site visit

After the meeting, the participants together with the consultant visited the area for the proposed project. The participants went around covering the whole area that was agreed in a meeting to be allocated to the project. The community members confirmed that this was the area they availed in the meeting. The community members pointed out there was two graves within the area. The consultant requested to be shown the location of the graves. He asked what is the position of the community with regard to the graves? The community members indicated they had no problem provided the graves must be fenced so no cultivation to be conducted at the specific areas of the graves. They indicated cultivation and grazing was already going in the area hence cultivation should start 5 meters away from them. The consultant took GPS coordinates for the area including the position of the graveyards, two crop fields that require finale agreement and the riverside were water would be abstracted.



Figure 4: One of the crop field with reservation before finale agreement.



Figure 5: The riverside where water would be abstracted for irrigation.



#### **AGENDA**

Date: 26 October 2019

Time: 14h30 -16h50

Venue: Korokoko Headman Gathering tree

8. Welcoming and opening – Headman Mr Faustinus N Mungomba

9. Attendance registration - Mr. Shamathe (consultant)

10. Background of the project – Ms. Erwina Kerupu

11. Purpose of the community meeting – Mr. Shamathe (consultant)

12. Questions and comments - Participants

13. Way Forward Facilitated by Mr. Shamathe.

14. Closure - Headman Mr Faustinus N Mungomba