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OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

Dear Madam  
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Namibia

**SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROPOSED NEW FUEL RETAIL FACILITY AT TSES, //KHARAS REGION**

The Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan submitted is sufficient as it makes an adequate provision of the environmental management for the above mentioned project. From this perspective, regular monitoring and evaluation on environmental performance should be conducted. Targets for improvements should be established and monitored from time to time.

This Ministry reserves the right to attach further legislative and regulatory conditions during the operational phase of the project.

On the basis of the above, this letter serves as an environmental clearance certificate for the project to commence. However, this clearance letter does not in any way hold the Ministry of Environment and Tourism accountable for misleading information, nor any adverse effects that may arise from this project's activities. Instead, full accountability rests with Milika Mungunda and her Consultants.

This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, from the date of issue unless withdrawn by this office.



Yours sincerely,  
*[Signature]*  
Teofilus Nghitila  
Office of the  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

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EIA FOR THE PROPOSED TSES SERVICE STATION, //KHARAS REGION

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**Minutes of Public Participation Meeting held at  
Tses Community Hall**



## Minutes of Meeting

**Venue: Tses Community Hall**

**Date: 23 May 2018**

**Time: 11h00-13h00**

### **1. Introduction and Welcoming**

An public meeting was held at the Tses Community Hall for all the Affected and Interested Parties. Mr. Chris Ailonga from Matrix Consulting Services (MCS) opened the meeting and welcomed all the stakeholders. The purpose of the meeting was to enlighten the attendees on the proposed development and encouraged them to comment and raise their concerns, in order to improve the project relevance to stakeholder's needs and expectations. Participants were asked to complete the attendance register (see appendix E).

### **2. Overview of the Meeting**

Mr. Chris Ailonga from MCS gave an overview of the projected development. He encouraged proactive participation throughout the open day meeting as it was the right platform to provide information, recommendation and to receive feedback from the project developers and consultants.

Key aspects during the introductory remarks:

- Meetings agenda
- Meetings rules
- Described the project's team and its roles and responsibilities
- Summarised the project activities
- Explained the project progress
- Explained the impacts expected

The participants were given the opportunity to comment on the agenda and to ask clarification questions.

### **3. Project Overview**

Mr. Ailonga from MCS and the rest of his team placed Informative Posters on the tripod stand for the public to read and acquaint themselves with the information presented to them regarding the project. A presentation was given to the I &APs. The presentation addressed the following:

- Background on the project and the key project implementers
- Overview of the project programme
- Overview of the technical details of the project.
- Potential impacts

(Find the attached public meeting presentation)



#### 4. Open Forum

The participants were given the opportunity to comment on the project and to ask clarification questions.

Participant	Comments/Questions	Responses
Mr. B. Jahrs	Is the proposed site within Tses Village Council jurisdiction?	Chris Ailonga: Yes.
Mr. B. Jahrs	We are urging that the contractors employ locals for unskilled labour.	Chris Ailonga: Noted , it will be communicated to the developer.
Mr. M. April	Contractors make empty promises most of the times, how should we deal with it.	Chris Ailonga: The contractor is employed by the developer, and the issues of emplyng local labour should be addressed to the developer who can then enforce it on the contractor.
Mr. S. Awaseb	Is the contractor appointed already?	Chris Ailonga: Not yet
Mr. S. Awaseb	When will the project commence?	Chris Ailonga: 12-18 Months
Mr. S. Awaseb	Will the Service Station cater for big trucks	Chris Ailonga: Yes
Mr. C. Nel	How many people will be employed?	Chris Ailonga: 50 -60 in the construction phase, 10-12 in the operational phase
Mr. M. April	We hope the project will be labour intensive instead of usage of machinery.	Chris Ailonga: The developer guides the contractor, and it is dependent on the project timeline and schedule.

#### 5. Conclusion

The Proposed Tses Service Station do not pose serious long-term negative environmental impacts. Most of the identified impacts could be mitigated through good environmental management practices.

#### 6. Meeting Closure

Mr. Chris Ailonga thanked every participant individually who visited us at the open day meeting, for showing interest in the proposed developments, and for being conversant throughout.



Interested parties were invited to send any comments relating to the proposed projects via letters or email:

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P O Box 25824, Windhoek, or via  
[chris@matrixconsultingcc.com](mailto:chris@matrixconsultingcc.com)



## Governors to discuss Omakange land dispute

KUNENE governor Marius Sheya and his Omusati counterpart Eginus Endjala will meet in the coming weeks to try and find a permanent solution to the long-standing land dispute at Omakange.

In an interview with Nampa recently, Sheya confirmed that he would be meeting Endjala and traditional leaders from the affected area in a bid to resolve the issue.

He will take the matter up from where his predecessor – the late Angelika Mharukua – left it.

dispute aside, and allow for political intervention. We will look for avenues where we can meet and map the way forward," said Endjala.


late last year, 91 traditional leaders from Kunene petitioned President Hage Geingob, demanding for his intervention in the dispute.

However, this petition did not yield any response from the President, and the group reportedly resorted to mobilising and threatening to take matters into

their own hands.

Traditional leaders from Kunene have expressed anger over the way the Uukwaluudhi Traditional Authority, under chief Shikongo Taapopi, has allegedly fenced off vast tracts of grazing areas which are part of the Kunene region.

The Uukwaluudhi Traditional Authority has, however, refuted these allegations, saying the purported land dispute is politically motivated. – Nampa



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**Environmental Consultant:** Matrix Consulting Services

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**Contact:** Mr. C. ALLONGA, Tel: (+264-61) 224 197, Fax: (+264-61) 212 100; E-mails: c.allonga@matrixconsulting.com

**DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS:** 19.30 MAY 2018.

# Namibia should be a Christian state – CDV Party

• PLACIDO HILUKILWA

A POLITICAL party representing mostly members of pentecostal and charismatic churches is demanding that Namibia be declared a Christian state.

The secretary general of the Christian Democratic Voice (CDV) party, bishop Festus Thomas, said his party acknowledges that Namibia is a secular state, but they are also aware that an overwhelming majority of Namibians are Christians.

"Therefore, we demand that Namibia be declared a Christian state," he said.

Speaking to *The Namibian* moments after posting a draft petition on a WhatsApp group on Monday, Thomas said the draft petition is a response to recent pronouncements by CCN acting general secretary Ludwig Beukes that government should intervene to regulate and control the proliferation of Christian sects, some of which are accused of exploiting desperate members of Namibian society.

"We reject such a proposal," Thomas stated.

He said the petition will be the main item on the agenda of a meeting of pentecostal and charismatic preachers that will take place at Ondangwa on 19 May. After approval, the petition will be handed over to CCN's branch office at Ongwediva.

Lately, there has been a stream of complaints about the mushrooming of Christian sects, which exploit and abuse their followers' gullibility by promising shortcuts to prosperity, and by identifying alleged witches in communities.

Thomas said any preacher who commits crimes under the pretext of being a "man of God" must be dealt with and face the wrath of the law as an individual, and not as a representative of the Christian faith.

He admitted the existence of problems among pentecostal churches, but insisted that they be given time to regulate themselves.

"Give us time to investigate allegations of abuse

and exploitation and, depending on the outcome, to ban or discipline the implicated clergy. We must be allowed to come up with an appropriate response to current problems. We will regulate ourselves, and simultaneously ensure accountability by all pentecostal institutions," he continued.

Thomas, who claimed that the CDV Party represents the concerns of many pentecostal pastors, apostles and prophets, said pentecostals will come up with a proper plan on how to address their problems, and provide assistance to foreign preachers entering the country, in collaboration with the relevant government ministries.



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## Solve Namibia aims to tackle Water Evaporation as an Additional Measure to Water Supply Security in Namibia

**We cover our pools, so why don't we cover our dams?**

Namibian brothers Demetrio and Devano Mōwos of Solve Namibia are exploring a new method to try to beat the water crisis in Namibia and Africa: **Shade Balls**.



From January 2018 to April 2018, a total of 203.42 million m<sup>3</sup> of water has evaporated, from five of the main Namibian reservoirs, specifically the Van Bach, Hardap, Naute, Omatako and Swakoppoort Dams. This is equivalent to 81,370 Olympic swimming pools, taking into consideration one Olympic swimming pool holds 2.5 million litres water.



Patented by the American company XavierC, LLC, shade balls are 10cm in diameter and made of a high density polyethylene (HDPE) plastic. These balls are spread over dams to form a dynamic cover. The patent holder and Solve Namibia state that Shade Balls combat evaporation, algae growth, and odours in dams, as well improve overall water quality. Solve Namibia has mentioned that the balls will not be imported from America, but will be manufactured locally in Namibia.

The HDPE plastic from which the balls are made is certified safe against NSF/ANSI 61 (National Sanitation Foundation/American National Standards Institute) as well as SANS 1160:2011 (South African National Standards), and can be safely used on reservoirs storing potable drinking water. After the 25 year lifespan of the balls, the plastic is safely recycled.

Shade Balls have been utilised in various municipalities in drought-prone areas, notably Los Angeles. The Shade Balls save L.A. about 1.13 billion litres of water from evaporation annually.

The implementation of Shade Balls in Namibia is aligned with the following National and International objectives:

- Namibia Vision 2030
- Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP)
  - HPP12.1; HPP12.2
- National Development Plan 5 (NDP5)
  - DESIRED OUTCOME 5.3 (DOS.3)
- Growth at Home Strategy
- National Programme for Research, Science, Technology and Innovation (NPRSTI)
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
  - Goal 6, 8 & 17



For those interested in learning more about shade balls, please contact Demetrio Mōwos of Solve Namibia at 081 164 8829, www.xavierc.net/ or follow Solve Namibia on Facebook for more information

# Boy lives on nine years after doctors gave up hope

**Mathews Hamutenya**  
 KEETMANSHOOP – ‘Your child has only two years to live,’ were the words doctors conveyed to the parents of Maxton Kinold Coetie in 2009 after he was diagnosed with neurological disorders.

Today Coetie, or Maxton as he is affectionately known, is alive and about to celebrate his ninth birthday.

The boy has since birth been bedridden, and needed a tracheostomy, by which an opening was made in the neck in order to place a tube into his windpipe to allow air to enter the lungs in order for him to breathe. He is on a feeding tube to eat as he cannot

eat through the mouth by himself. But for Chery Coetie, Maxton’s grandmother and legal guardian, the past nine years have been abetting to the family, even though Maxton depends on medical machines to survive.

She acknowledges the challenges, such as Maxton’s breathing problems, structural brain malformation, severe dehydration, development delay and epileptic seizures from time to time, but she says his survival has been nothing but the work of God.

“We got him when he was eight months, and as two years approached we were just waiting, thinking, when will it happen? But

nothing happened,” she said. Maxton has been in and out of hospital, with the family needing to take him to the Red Cross War Memorial Children’s Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa, for medical attention from time to time. Coetie says although doctors have been helpful, they too said he is only alive by the grace of God, and that anything could happen anytime.

“He is a survivor, a fighter, but we live day by day knowing it can happen anytime – it can happen even now as we speak, but I am glad he is part of our lives, and he has touched so many lives,” she said.

Coetie usually relies on the Keetmanshoop State Hospital for

oxygen supply, but on Tuesday, Marco Fishing Charity Trust donated an oxygen concentrator valued at over R\$11,000, and his grateful grandmother said this will be of great help for him and improve the quality of his life.

Coetie said her family cannot thank the company enough for making things possible for their boy and called on others in such situations to knock on the doors of companies, saying there are people who are prepared to help.

She further urged people not to give up on children even when situations seem tough, and she implored people to appreciate life and whatever it gives.



*Defying the odds... Chery Coetie stands next to Maxton Kinold Coetie's bed at their Keetmanshoop residence. Photo: Contributed*

“We are grateful for this, Maxton has been in our lives and he taught me to be humble, and to appreciate life, and I am happy for that,” she said.

# Battle of Sam Khubis remembered

REHOBOTH – The Rehoboth Baster community have since this Monday been commemorating the battle of Sam Khubis, some 50 kilometres south-west of Rehoboth.

Chairperson of the Sam Khubis festival committee, Albert Alberts relayed to Nampa that the historical battle took place on 8 May 1915, when the German colonial army attacked the Baster people who had fled to their last stronghold of Sam Khubis.

The fear of total annihilation by a better equipped German army created a strong sense of common destiny among the Baster people, said Alberts.

“Early that morning, the Germans attacked our people at Sam Khubis, where a large part of the community had found protection. The fighting lasted until the evening. The Basters

feared that the bigger artillery of the German army would mean a total defeat and possible extinction, but the Germans withdrew from the fight the next day,” Alberts continued.

He further said the escalation of events started on 13 April 1915 when the German authorities demanded from the Baster Council that the armed Baster troops go to Otjivarungo to guard prisoners of war.

“If these demands were not to be met, all weapons in possession of the Rehoboth Basters had to be handed in to the German army. The Germans gave the Baster Council a three-day deadline,” he noted.

However, according to Alberts, the following day, the Germans unexpectedly dismissed Baster soldiers in Sandputs.

“Several of the Baster soldiers

tried to escape in which one was killed and another one escaped to tell the Baster Council of the events. In the following days, several armed skirmishes occurred, leaving a number of Baster and German soldiers dead,” he remarked.

This year’s activities in remembrance of the events kicked off on 1 May with a church service at farm Uitdraai, where the Baster vow was renewed. It proceeded to farm Garis, where the then Baster Kaptein, Cornelius van Wyk’s family was wiped out by the Germans.

Alberts said the commemoration is important in the sense that the youth need to know what happened to their ancestors.

“The commemoration is very important for our younger ones as they will be the future torchbearers of the Baster community and know

about the atrocities against their people. The onus is on them to carry on with the commemoration to pass on the knowledge to their future generations.”

On Monday after the worship service and lighting of the festival torch, about 50 men on horseback accompanied by people dressed in the traditional attire of the Baster, led by the Namibian Police Traffic unit,

took the road to Sam Khubis via the B1 national road.

The festivities continued with a drama yesterday on how the Germans attacked the Baster community on 8 May 1915, followed by a worship service and wreath laying, along with a moment of silence and gun salute for the fallen Baster heroes. – Nampa



*Revival... The 8th of May is remembered as the day the German colonial soldiers attacked the Basters at Sam Khubis in 1915. These women dressed in traditional attire were part of the festivities at Sam Khubis yesterday. Photo: Nampa*

# Details emerge in Gatonye killing

**Roland Routh**  
 WINDHOEK – One of the women allegedly beaten by murder suspect Elwen Ganaxab and managed to escape his clutches before he turned

his wrath on her friend, yesterday in the Windhoek High Court before Judge Alfred Siboleka testified about her ordeal.

Ganaxab already pleaded not guilty to charges of murder and attempted murder in July last year whereafter Judge

Siboleka granted a postponement of almost a year as the accused wanted to get money together for his defence. He opted to use the services of lawyer Mbanga Siyomunji on a private basis.

It emerged however on Monday, when the trial was supposed to start, that Ganaxab had not paid Siyomunji

the case was again postponed to yesterday in order for Siyomunji to secure the funds. Ganaxab is in custody on an unrelated matter involving domestic violence.

He is charged with beating to death Cathy Marlene Gatonye and attempting to kill Thalhitha Patricia Khai-Gu Mungunda during August

18 to 21, 2015 in Khomasdal. According to the charge sheet, Ganaxab met Gatonye and Mungunda at a bar during the late night hours of Tuesday, August 18 and the early hours of Wednesday, August 19, 2015. They later left the bar and drove to a service station in Khomasdal.

After refueling the vehicle, Ganaxab withdrew money from a nearby ATM and the group continued their journey. Along the way an argument and later a physical fight ensued between Ganaxab, Gatonye and Mungunda and the vehicle was brought to a standstill. Mungunda managed to escape. Gatonye died on August 21, 2015 in hospital due to blunt force trauma to the head. She was beaten with fists and stabbed with a broken bottle.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A NEW FUEL RETAIL FACILITY IN TSBG, //KHARAS REGION**

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**Environmental Consultant:** Matrix Consulting Services

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**Elwen Ganaxab**

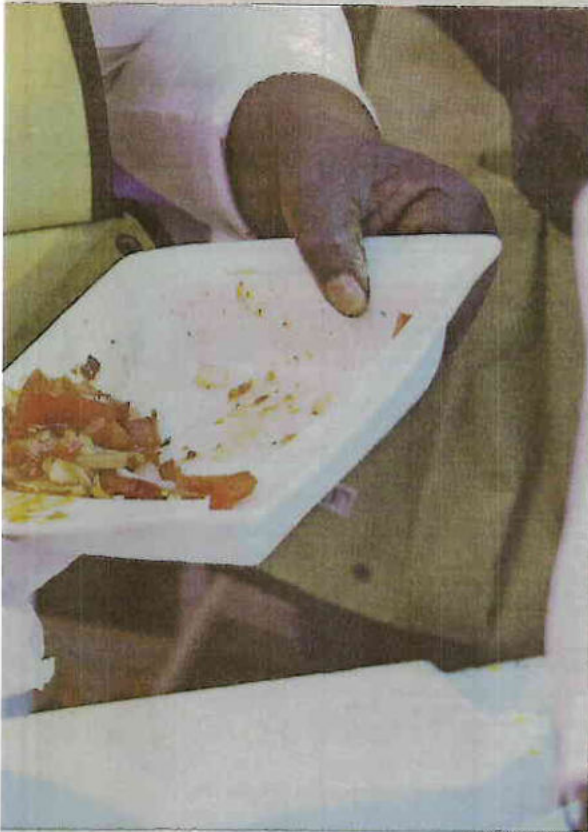


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**BEST KAPANA SEARCH ON ...**

The search is on for Namibia's best kapana! Nedbank Namibia, in conjunction with the Namibian Chefs

Association, Meatco, Pick n Pay, and Namib Mills, is set to officially launch the national 'kapana cook-off' competition for 2018 on Friday, 18 May.

## Monthly inflation up by 0,3%

**• CHARMINE NGATJIHEUE**

ALTHOUGH the annual inflation for the month of April 2018 is 3,6%, compared to the 6,7% in April 2017, monthly inflation grew by 0,3%.

Annual inflation for the month of March 2018 was recorded at 3,5%.

This was outlined in the April 2018 Namibia Consumer Price Index (NCPI) by the Namibia Statistics Agency.

Statistician general Alex Shinauafeni said the all items index for April 2018 was projected at 131,3m compared to 126,8 recorded in April 2017.

"The annual inflation rate slowed to 3,6% in April 2018 from 6,7% registered in April of the previous year, resulting in a slowdown of 3,1 percentage points. The annual average and monthly average inflation rate from April 2017 to April 2018 was 5% and 0,3%, respectively, while the calendar year average (from January 2018 to April 2018 was 3,5%," he stated.

Shinauafeni said the slowdown in the annual inflation rate resulted from the price levels of housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (9,4% to 3,4%); furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance (5,8% to 1,1%); hotels, cafes and restaurants (8,3% to 2,4%); food and non-alcoholic beverages (5,8% to 2,9%), communications (5,9% to -0,2%), and clothing and footwear (1,5% to -5,8%), respectively.

The NCPI showed that during April 2018, the 'food and non-alcoholic beverages' category slowed to 2,9%, compared to 5,8% registered during the same period last year, resulting in a decrease of 2,9 percentage points.

"The significant decrease in this

group emanated from annual price decreases recorded in all the sub-groups comprising the food and non-alcoholic beverages' component, with the exception of fruits and vegetables, including potatoes and other tubers, as well as meat. The coffee, tea and cocoa sub-group recorded the highest decreases of -21,3 percentage points (from 22,4% to 1,1%)" the NCPI indicated.

Moreover, the monthly inflation rate for food and non-alcoholic beverages was recorded at 0,3%, compared to 0,1% registered in the preceding month.

The NCPI noted that the annual inflation rate for alcoholic beverages and tobacco for April 2018 stood at 4,7%, compared to 3,9% recorded during the same period last year, resulting in an increase of 0,8 percentage points. This increase resulted from increases in the prices of alcoholic beverages that increased by 1,5 percentage points. The monthly inflation rate for this group increased to 0,8%, compared to 0,3% registered last month."

In April 2018, the annual inflation rate for the transport group stood at 5,8%, compared to 6,6% recorded in April 2017, with the NCPI explaining that this resulted in a decline of 0,8 percentage points.

"The decrease resulted from decreases recorded in the prices of the operation of personal transport equipment, which decreased from 8,1% to 6,2%, and the purchase of vehicles, which decreased from 8,2% to 7,3% in April 2018. On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for transport increased to 0,5%, compared to 0,3% recorded in the previous month."

# Botswana president eyes jobs in new 'marriage' with De Beers

JOHANNESBURG - Botswana's president, Mokgweetsi Masisi, wants a new long-term diamond sales pact with De Beers when the current ten-year deal expires in 2020 and for more gems to be processed locally.

The conclusion of an accord is crucial for both Botswana, which relies on diamonds for almost a fifth of its gross domestic product, and for the Anglo American unit that gets about two-thirds of its gems from the southern African nation. Masisi, who is due to contest elections next year, is pushing for the industry to create more jobs and is "dead determined" that more diamonds be cut and polished in the country.

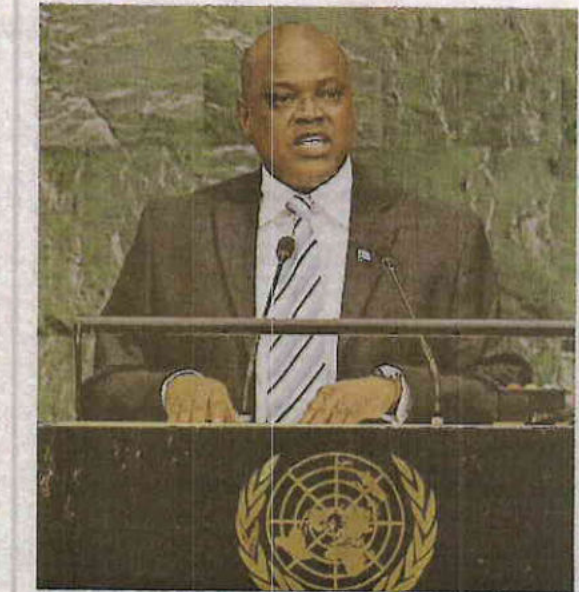
"We have had a wonderful relationship with De Beers and we expect that relationship to be even more cemented," Masisi said in an interview Monday in his office in Gaborone. "There is a way of actually achieving a win-win for both, and that's what we desire."

Botswana is the world's biggest diamond producer after Russia, and most of its gems are mined by Debswana, a 50/50 joint venture between the government and De Beers. Anglo American owns 85% of De Beers. De Beers sells diamonds at invitation-only sights held ten times a year at its offices in Botswana. The company sets the prices and its hand-picked customers, known as sightholders, are not able to negotiate.

A former schoolteacher and vice president, Masisi (56) succeeded Ian Khama as the nation's leader on 1 April. Masisi spoke in a boardroom on the third floor of the presidency's unassuming offices in the capital, with his portrait and those of his four predecessors hanging on the wood-paneled wall behind him.

**CONDITIONS CHANGE**

Masisi said preparations for the talks are at an advanced stage, but declined to give details of the government's proposals or whether it wanted to raise its stake in De Beers, saying he didn't want to prejudice the negotiations. The new deal may differ from the previous one, because



Mokgweetsi Masisi

the circumstances and operating environment had changed, he said. Botswana wants skilled jobs, Masisi said.

"The whole value proposition of beneficiation of diamonds revolves around jobs, the diversification of the economy," he said. "Why take them far away? So the very things that cause them to be processed elsewhere, we want to get to the underlying reasons for that, the attractions and bring them to Gaborone."

Diamonds were discovered in Botswana in 1967, the year after it gained independence from Britain. Revenue earned from gem sales transformed the nation from an undeveloped farming community into one of the continent's wealthiest societies, and was used to pave thousands of miles of dirt roads and build schools and clinics in every town.

Last month, Debswana gave notice of plans to deepen its Jwaneng mine to 830 metres (2 700 feet), a project that will extend the mine's life by 11 years, to 2035, and allow the extraction of a further 50-million carats. Jwaneng, which started full operations in 1982, produces the most diamonds of any mine by value and is currently 650 metres deep.

Such large-scale, capital-intensive projects illustrated the need for Botswana and De Beers to have a long-term relation-

ship, Masisi said.

"The returns are only going to be realised in the period of the next deal," he said. "This is a marriage we are after."

**ANGLO IN AFRICA**


Since taking office six weeks ago, Masisi has met twice with Indian billionaire Anil Agarwal, who became Anglo American's biggest shareholder when he took a 21% stake in the company last year, and asked him to lobby for the London-based company to invest more in Africa.

Agarwal has spoken in the past about wanting to use his stake in Anglo to increase India's role in the diamond industry, where about 90% of the gems are polished and cut.

Masisi said he would welcome working more closely with Agarwal.

"He brings with him, as I have gathered, an immense amount of business integrity," he said. "Who are we to complain, particularly given that he is so committed to investment in matters that are consistent with what we would like?"

- Bloomberg



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# Lüderitz street vendors face eviction

✦ Tullikki Abraham

**L**ÜDERITZ - The street vendors of Lüderitz have been told to move from the place they usually operate from in town. It is believed the owner has sold the place and the vendors have been instructed to vacate the place as soon as humanly possible.

This however dismayed many street vendors, as they have nowhere else to go if they relocate from the spot, where they currently peddle food and other wares.

"Where do we go if we move from our selling places? The open market that we were told about is still not visible to us," moaned one of the many affected street vendors.

Another vendor appealed to the Lüderitz Town Council, to look for a suitable place in town for the street



On the foot: Street vendors at Lüderitz were evicted

vendors not to lose their customers, while they are still waiting for the council to establish an open market at the town.

"This is where I get money to pay for my children's school fees

and to provide for my family, if they move us how will we be able to provide for our families?" she rhetorically quipped. When asked to give council's side of the

story, the Economic Development Officer of the Lüderitz Town Council Peya Junior Mushelenga about the matter, Mushelenga stated council is aware of the community's outcry regarding the establishment of an open market.

In the past, the Lüderitz Town Council approached the Namibia Development Corporation (NDC) to assist in the said project, however this project could not materialise due to financial constraints faced by both institutions.

In light of the above, council

made an undertaking saying it is committed by ensuring that the planned open market could in future become a reality.

Mushelenga also stated the notification which was issued to vendors recently is a directive from the new owner of the premise where vendors are currently trading from and council does not have any rights to object the notification.

Council is however trying to identify a suitable place to allocate the vendors before the notification period lapses.

# PDM disconcerted with RCC, Chinese deal

✦ Staff Reporter

**WINDHOEK** - Popular Democratic Movement (PDM) treasurer-general and Member of Parliament Nico Smit says they want to know the details from government about what the N\$570 million contract between Roads Contractor Company (RCC) and Chinese company entails. Smit said he does not believe a company will invest that amount of money and not demand something in return.

Nico made the comments during a media briefing insinuating the deal between the Chinese deal and RCC is a clear indication of ongoing state capture.

Last week, the Namibia reported that the minister of finance Calle Schlettwein wants government to urgently seek a court order declaring the deal illegal between the two entities.

The story stated RCC hoped to boost its finances and survival chances by partnering with the Chinese company Jiangsu Nantong Sanjian (Pty) Ltd to avert bankruptcy since government had decided not to bail out the parastatal.

"We would like to see what does that contract say? The fact that the ministry of finance wants to take them to court, because the contract is illegal. What is the basis of the illegality of that contract? Is it because it is unsound and does not favour us but the Chinese. That is worrying us. We are interested to see what will happen when the case goes to court," stated Smit.

Smit said it should be kept in mind when one borrows money from an entity like a bank, they are expected to repay the loan with interest and not goods.

"The fact that the money has been borrowed from another government in exchange for tenders and that this foreign government—in this case, China—now has more equity in the Namibian parastatal than the Namibian government itself can mean only one thing: China now owns a Namibian parastatal and is once again taking jobs away from Namibians," stated Smit.

He stated that at the same time it is common knowledge that most of the roads in and around Windhoek as well as in many other part of Namibia are being constructed by Chinese government-owned companies.

He also stated that PDM believes that this is blatant state capture with China playing the role of Namibia's Gupta family- has reached such proportions that it has become a matter for the constitutional court.

He said the government has failed to protect Namibia from being recolonised by a foreign power in the guise of a friend that has deep pockets and is always ready to "lend" the spendthrift government more money that never has to be paid back because Namibia's rich natural resources are the only payback required.

"We won't have the infrastructure they have built

for us as all of it is subject to natural wear and tear and our government is not known for its maintenance programmes," he said.

He added that there is no doubt that the government is taking Namibia down a very dangerous path because of its financial mismanagement and the fact that it has saddled us with a huge number of useless and loss-making parastatals that have brought Namibia to its knees economically. China's no strings-attached approach to development aid and investment on the continent where it created millions of jobs and builds roads, railways, stadiums, hospitals, clinics, has made the Asian economic giant popular with many African leaders, say some experts on Africa-Sino relations.

China unlike the West has in the past supported the liberation struggles of many African countries, Namibia included, and it maintains its relationship with Namibia is one of equal partners that benefits both countries.

And Africa has always been exploited by Western countries whose loans are exploitative and they come with numerous unpressurable conditions.



Photo: Community Nukala

"sneaky house burglars". Two suspects were arrested yesterday for allegedly breaking into two houses in Hochland Park. In the first house the suspects stripped the property of all its belongings. It is said that the owners are currently in the north. The suspects further threatened an elderly woman in the second house and thereafter stole a television set and other electronics. Acting Commander of Community Affairs Inspector Katrina Naukushu said five more are at large. Naukushu pleaded with homeowners to either notify the police when they are out of town or ask family members to watch over their houses. Under the disguise of having been given household goods by a homeowner, the suspects rented a goods truck to transport the stolen items. The incident occurred over two days, on May 9 and 11.

**PUBLIC INVITATION**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A NEW PUBL RETAIL FACILITY IN TSES, //KHARAS REGION**

Notice is hereby given to all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that an application will be made to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and its Regulations (2012) for the following intended activity.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Tses Service Station
<b>Project Location:</b>	Tses Village, along the B1 road, //Kharas Region
<b>Project Description:</b>	The proposed development will entail the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The construction of a fuel retail facility, with associated convenient shop and restaurant.</li> </ul>
<b>Proprietor:</b>	Mrs. M. Mungunda
<b>Environmental Consultant:</b>	Matrix Consulting Services

All Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are encouraged to register and raise concerns or provide comments and opinions. All Interested and Affected Parties will be provided with a Background Information Document (BID) comprising detailed information for the intended. A public meeting about the development will be held at:

Venue: Tses Community Hall  
Date: 23 May 2018  
Time: from 11H00 to 13H00

Should you wish to register as I&AP and receive a BID, please contact the Matrix Consult the Services office:

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**DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS 30 MAY 2018**

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**INVITATION FOR BIDDING**

NamPower hereby invites competent and registered Namibian companies to submit their bids for the following:

**W/ONB/NPWR-03/2018:** Procurement of the Medium Voltage and Low Voltage Networks in Zambezi Region

**Availability of Documents:**  
Documents are available on the NamPower website ([www.nampower.com.na](http://www.nampower.com.na)).

Enquiries pertaining to this invitation should be directed to: [bidclarifications@nampower.com.na](mailto:bidclarifications@nampower.com.na) or to Mr. Johannes Shivute, Procurement Administrator, at Tel +264 61 205 2312 / 2396 / 2256.

**Closing Date: Friday, 15 June 2018, at 11H00 (Namibian time)**

Please submit your proposal in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "APPROPRIATE BID OR PROPOSAL NUMBER," addressed to the **Secretary: NamPower Procurement Committee, to be deposited into the Bid Box located in the foyer at NamPower Centre, 15 Luther Street, Windhoek, Namibia.**

**KINDLY NOTE: ALL INVITATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES.**



**Public Meeting: Attendance Register**

Environmental Impact Assessment:

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A NEW FUEL RETAIL FACILITY IN TSES, //KHARAS REGION

**Venue:** Tses Community Hall  
**Time:** from 11H00 to 13H00

**Date:** 23 May 2018

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