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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN



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NEWS IN SHORT

Cameroonian in court over counterfeits

Cameroonian citizen Scott Mbah appeared in the Magistrates' Court in Windhoek yesterday on charges of counterfeiting banknotes. Mbah was arrested alongside a Namibian co-accused, who did not appear in court yesterday morning and thus cannot be named. Mbah indicated that he will submit his guilty plea on 17 April, when the case is scheduled to proceed. He was denied bail due to the fact that his foreign citizenship makes him a possible flight risk.

- IRÈNE-MARI VAN DER WALT

Justice ministry wants more courtrooms

The justice ministry would like to see more courtrooms across Namibia, minister Yvonne Dausab said in a budget motivation in the National Assembly. "In 2022, marked progress was made on the Office of the Judiciary's capital projects. The office, in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice, continued with the construction, renovation and rehabilitation of existing courthouses and facilities across the country," she said. This included the construction of the Seis Periodical Magistrates' Court and renovations to magistrates' courts at Okakarara, Walvis Bay and Gobabis. "Despite the good progress made in expanding and maintaining the judiciary's capital infrastructure, the need for the construction of new courthouses and for the upgrading and renovation of the existing ones and other facilities still remains," Dausab added.

- ELLANIE SMIT

Export earnings increase by nearly 4%

Namibia's export earnings in February 2023 increased by 3.8% to N\$8.1 billion from N\$7.8 billion recorded in January 2023, according to the Namibia Statistics Agency. The import bill stood at N\$8.5 billion in February, compared to N\$10 billion registered in January 2023.

- PHILLEPUS UUSIKU

CRASH CLAIMS WOMAN'S LIFE

Eenhana family wants answers over relative's death

The deceased's family claims she was in an abusive relationship.

ENZO AMUELE OMUTHIYA

A family from Eenhana in Ohangwena Region is demanding justice for the loss of their relative, who they claim died under mysterious circumstances in the presence of her boyfriend.

The deceased, Rachel Shiyanga, reportedly died in a car accident between Oshivelo and Omuthiya on 13 March.

She was driving with her boyfriend, Jackson Adolf, who escaped unharmed. According to the family, the couple were returning from doing stocktaking at a bar that they own at their farm.

It is alleged that they had an argument at the bar and that they allegedly left the farm around midnight. The accident only happened around 06:20 in the morning.

Questions asked

The family said it takes about an hour to reach the main road that leads to Omuthiya, where they were headed. "Where were they during all those hours?" they asked.

According to a police report, the licensed driver tried to overtake a truck, and in the process of overtaking, he hit the truck from the rear.

A family member told Namibian Sun that the deceased and her boyfriend allegedly had an abusive relationship. "The boyfriend was constantly abusing our sister," it was alleged.

History of abuse

Speaking under anonymity, a close friend of the deceased said that she would take sick leave on various occasions because of the abusive relationship and was on the verge of losing her job as a teacher.

The deceased's mother, Cecilia Heita, said she tried to get assistance for her daughter when she was still alive.

"I have tried to get the police involved in my daughter's abusive relationship, but she never listened. I want to urge mothers to report these issues so they do not let their daughters suffer at the hands of their boyfriends," she said.

The family added that the de-



The late Rachel Shiyanga during her happy days.

ceased had allegedly withdrawn cases that were opened with the Eenhana police station.

"There was a time she was beaten to the point she could not move her neck, but she never wanted to get assistance," the family claimed.

The couple, who were not married, allegedly bought livestock and had a business together.

Allegations made

The family further told Namibian Sun that Adolf's ex-girlfriend was the one who alerted the family members about the accident.

Members of the family are demanding that Adolf apologise to them and allege that he was unsympathetic and did not show up at the deceased's funeral.

"We want him to be interrogated; we want our sister's things that she brought to be brought back to us," the family stressed.

Report it

Oshikoto regional police commander, Commissioner Teopoline Kalompo-Nashikaku, called on members of the public to speak up about issues of abuse and immediately report them to the police.

Kalompo-Nashikaku said that her region will not entertain any gender-based violence and that serious action will be taken.

She further refuted the family's claims that the vehicle was removed from the scene before the police arrived. An autopsy indicates that the cause of death was a severe head injury.



BAD STATE: Works minister John Mutorwa says government buildings are in a bad state. PHOTO: FILE

State of gov't buildings a concern - Mutorwa

OGONE TLHAGE WINDHOEK

Works and transport minister John Mutorwa has expressed concern about the dilapidated state of government properties, saying they are in a permanent state of decay.

Mutorwa said this during the tabling of his ministry's budget in the National Assembly last week, highlighting that the time to renovate government buildings is now.

"Government inherited buildings that were built many years ago, and all materials used have reached their expiration date. There is an urgent need to revamp all is now."

High cost of decay

The state of the government's property also meant it was paying private landlords steep rental prices, he said.

"Government institutions are renting from private landlords and paying exorbitant money. The time has come that government commits to and pays urgent attention to renovation and maintenance through adequate budgeting," Mutorwa said.

Another notable concern for Mutorwa was that a lot of money is earmarked towards building new properties instead of renovating current properties.

"The current budget is focusing more on building new buildings but not on maintenance and renovations; continuing to construct new infrastructure while the existing ones are left to deteriorate is simply shooting oneself in the foot," Mutorwa said.

The ministry has been allocated N\$204 million for operational expenses for the maintenance of buildings, while N\$81 million is allocated for development expenses for the current fiscal year.

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Ons het nog 'n lang pad om te gaan, sê Dausab

► Jemimah Ndebele

Die minister van justisie, Yvonne Dausab, versoek dringende hervorming van die direksoraat van die meester van die hoogeregshof, vanweë kommer oor die buitensporige verdragings wat dikwels voorkom.

"Die mandaat van hierdie direksoraat het 'n impak op die lewens van diegene in die mees haglike omstandighede in ons samelewing. Die terugvoering van die publiek dui daarop dat ons 'n lang pad het om te gaan in die verskaffing van voldoende en gehalte-diens," het Dausab tydens haar parlementêre begrotingsmotivering gesê.

Sy het die afhandeling van oordeelens se boedels en die betaling van toelae deur die Guardian Fund as sleutelgebiede uitgelig. "Te veel verdragings word veroorsaak as gevolg van die nienaakoming van voorgeskrewe tydlime asook swak kommunikasie tussen amptenare en ekeskuteurs van agente wat aangestel is om die boedels namens die ekeskuteurs te administreer," het sy gesê.

ETIESE BEKOMMERNISSE

Dausab het ook kommer uitgespreek oor die etiese optrede van agente wat deur die meeste se kantoor aangestel is, aangesien meer en meer gevalle van oneerlikheid, wanhantering van boedelbates en algemene



Die minister van justisie, Yvonne Dausab, vra vir hervorming. FOTO: ARGEF

minagting van die erfgename se belange aangemeld is. "Die belanghebbendes wat betrokke is om hierdie besorgtheid te takel, sal binnekort byeen geroep word om oplossings vir dié kwessies te vind. Kliëntesorg by die kantoor van die meester is ook 'n groot bekommernis wat die ministerie op 'n deurlopende basis deur opleiding sal takel, wat emosionele intelligensieopleiding van personeel insluit," het sy gesê.

PROJEKTE

Verder het Dausab die bou van 'n hofgebou op Keetmanshoop, wat in geslagtebaseerde geweldsake sal spesialiseer, asook hofstrukture op Okahao en Hoachanas aangekondig. Sy het verder die platform gebruik om die dispuut van die Katima Mulilo-landdroshof op te klaar.

"Die aangeleentheid is 'n voortdurende geskil tussen die ministerie van justisie en die kontrakteur wat vir die projek aangestel is. Dié dispuut is aan arbitrasie onderwerp, wat sedertdien ook misluk het. Die saak sal nou na die hoogereregshof geneem word vir 'n aansoek om die besit van die gebou te verkry om die projek te voltooi," het sy verduidelik.

Die minister het 'n begroting van N\$599 miljoen voorgestel.

► Moses gaan slaap gereeld honger

Leerling stap daaglik 14 km vir 'n beter toekoms

'n Negentienjarige stap elke dag vanaf die dorpie Omhito na die skool om sy droom te werwenlik om eendag 'n onderwyser te word.

► Enzo Amuele

Moses Nghitotelwa word elke oggend vyfuurwakker om vir sy twee uur lange stap na die Oshikunde Gekombineerde Skool in die Ohangwenastreek voor te berei. Moses is een van talle leerlinge wat daaglik dié afstand skool toe moet stap.

Dié 19-jarige stap elke dag vanaf die dorpie Omhito na die skool om sy droom te werwenlik om eendag 'n onderwyser te word.

Moses woon alleen in sy oorlede ouma se huis. Hy sê hy gaan slaap gereeld honger en dit het 'n negatiewe impak op sy studies. Hy word soms gedwing om by sy bure om hulp te gaan aanklop.

Hy het aan *Republikein* se susterkoerant, *Namibian Sun*, gesê hoewel sy ma in dieselfde dorp bly, is sy met 'n ander man getroud.

"My ma sorg nie vir my nie. My tante van Walvisbaai stuur vir my kos met 'n bus. Ek weet net my pa is in Ondangwa en ek het hom laas gesien toe ek 11 jaar oud was," het hy vertel.

Moses sê hy is gemotiveerd om eendag 'n wetenskaponderwyser te word.

Die onderwysers by sy skool het hom geinspireer en hy wil 'n beter toekoms



Moses Nghitotelwa (19) is 'n leerling aan die Oshikunde Gekombineerde Skool. FOTO: ENZO AMUELE

vir homself skep.

Hy wens dat hy in die skool se koshuis kon woon wat tans meer as 200 leerlinge van omliggende gemeenskappe huisves.

"Ek was verlate jaar in die koshuis. Een van die onderwysers het my koshuisgeld betaal, maar vanjaar kon ek dit nie bekostig om die fooie te betaal nie," het hy gesê.

TALLE ANDER LEERLINGE

Die Ohangwenastreek se onderwyserdirekteur, Isak Hamatwi, het aan *Namibian Sun* gesê hy is onbewus van hierdie spesifieke leerlinge wat sulke lang afstande stap, maar dat sommige afstande verminder word namate nuwe skole opgerig word.

Hy het bygevoeg die bou van nuwe skole dui daarop dat die kwessie aandag geniet.

Die skoolhoof, Hoster Simasiku, sê die meerderheid van die leerlinge wat nie in die koshuis is nie, stap daag-

liks lang afstande om by die skool uit te kom omdat hul plaaslike gemeenskappe nie sekondêre onderwys aanbied nie.

"Die koshuis is reeds oorvol, want ons het die vereiste kapasiteit oorskry," het hy gesê.

Hoster voeg by dat die opgradering van die koshuis sowel as klaskamers beplan word.

"Ons kan nie waarborg dat alle leerlinge in die koshuis gehuisves sal word teen die tyd dat die opgradering voltooi is nie, maar dis ons prioriteit om al die leerlinge wat lang afstande stap, in die koshuis te akkommodeer," het hy afgesluit.

Moses het leerlinge wat in dieselfde situasie as hy is, aangemoedig om nooit moed op te gee nie en vorentoe te kyk, goeie dinge sal uiteindelik kom. Hy het ook 'n beroep op barmhartige Samaritane gedoen om hom by te staan met wat hulle ook al kan, om sy lewe makliker te maak.

Inkoopcentrum bied unieke betaalopsie

Die Maerua Mall-gevenkiewys en inligtingstoonbank is op Saterdag 1 April by die inkoopcentrum bekend gestel.

Dié gevenkiewys is 'n unieke produk wat ontwikkel is in samewerking met Bank Windhoek, wat die unieke funksionaliteit van die kaart moontlik gemaak het.

Hoewel dit 'n gevenkiewys genoem word, is hierdie 'n meer veelsydige produk.

"Ons glo hierdie kaart sal aansienlike voordele vir ons kliënte inhou,

aangesien dit saam met die implementering van 'n nuwe inligtingstoonbank in Maerua Mall se eet- en drinkarea bekendgestel word," lui die mediaverklaring wat Maerua ná die bekendstelling uitgereik het.

KAART

Hierdie kaart maak verkooppunt-aankope by enige en alle winkels in die inkoopcentrum moontlik.

Die gevenkiewys is 'n laerisiko-betalingsoplossing vir kliënte wat her-

bruikbaarheid en aanpasbaarheid bied.

Die gevenkiewys is 'n Visa-kaart waarmee kaarthouers veilig kan koop, aangesien dit PIN-verifikasie voor 'n transaksie vereis.

Die gebruik hiervan is nie soos ander winkelgevenkiewyses beperk tot 'n enkele winkel, handelsmerk of groep

handelaars nie.

Dit laat slegs aankope by winkels toe en geen kontantonttrekings by OTM's of winkels nie. Geld kan voortdurend op die kaart gelaai word, byna soos om 'n debietkaart te hê, maar sonder 'n bankrekening.

"Hierdie kaart kan gesien word as 'n voor-skou van die soort grens-

verskuiwende innovasie wat ons hoop om na die Namibiese mark te bring, aangesien ons ook begin

met die eerste fase van die herposisionering van Maerua Mall, waar ons voortdurend daarna

streef om 'n meer gerieflike en aangename inkoop-ervaring aan ons kliënte te bied."

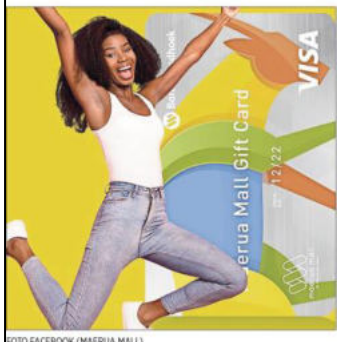


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NEWS IN SHORT

Cabinet greenlights social contracting health policy

The ministry of health's social contracting policy has been approved by Cabinet. The framework will guide the ministry's collaborations with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating in the health sector, allowing these organisations to deliver health services where the ministry's reach falls short. Some of the biggest shortcomings in the sector are the lack of healthcare facilities in rural areas, the shortage of doctors and nurses in the country and the availability of medicines. Many rural Namibians, those living in remote villages and on farms, are forced to walk or travel long distances to access critical healthcare services, minister Dr Kalumbi Shangula said. "In some regions, you will find one big community in one settlement and 100 or more kilometres away, you find another small community who have an equal right to health services. This means the cost to deliver healthcare is quite enormous."

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- JEMIMA BEUKES

Namibia's ICT dream

Namibia will soon become a "world-preferred destination" for the offshoring of information, communication and technology (ICT) services. This according to information deputy minister Emma Theofelus, who was speaking during a digital transformation workshop a fortnight ago. She said Namibia is currently drafting and reviewing legislation and policies to accelerate ICT development, access and innovation. Among this legislation is the Cybercrime Bill, Data Protection Bill and amendment of the Communications Act as well as the review of ICT policies and their consolidation into a national ICT policy, and a national digital strategy concept. "This presents the ministry with an opportunity to develop laws and policies that will make Namibia an attractive destination for doing business in ICT."

"The world should feel safe to have its data stored and processed in Namibia," she said.
- ELIZABETH JOSEPH AND WETUMWENE SHIKAGE

• COMMUNITIES URGED TO BE CAREFUL

Government declares war on crocodiles



DANGEROUS: The environment ministry aims to implement practical and innovative preventative measures against crocodile attacks. PHOTO: FILE

Mathilde Muhuli (11) was killed by a crocodile in the Kavango East Region on 1 April.

ELLANIE SMIT WINDHOEK

The environment ministry is currently working on practical and innovative preventative measures against crocodile threats.

These include setting up crocodile enclosures and the provision of water to communities, ministry spokesperson Romeo Muyunda said.

Other measures will include maximising the benefits of conservation to ensure that the benefits outweigh the costs, he added.

This after an 11-year-old girl, Mathilde Muhuli, was killed by a crocodile in the Ndiyona constituency in the Kavango East Region recently while fetching water.

The incident took place at Shikoro village on 1 April.

"This incident is unfortunate and concerning for the ministry, especially

since a young girl had to lose her life in this manner. This is definitely not the intent of our conservation," Muyunda said.

ROMEOMUYUNDA

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Dangerous predators

The ministry urged parents and community leaders living alongside rivers in the north and north-eastern regions to stop children from swimming or bathing in these rivers.

"We cannot afford to

lose more people to these dangerous predators," the spokesperson said.

He added that the ministry understands that communities draw resources from rivers for their livelihoods; however, people must do so safely by taking the necessary precautions at all times.

"Children should not be allowed to collect water by themselves, but rather be under the supervision of an older person. We strongly discourage conducting activities such as washing in or at close proximity to the river."

He added that the ministry's staff members will provide more information and render services to communities along these rivers to enhance safety.

Communities can also report any disturbances or threats caused by crocodiles to ministry officials nearest to them to prevent incidents of conflict.

The ministry's policies make provision for the identification and destruction of crocodiles or other animals that threaten people's livelihoods or properties, Muyunda said.

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Voorheen benadeelde boere kry nie 'spesiale behandeling'

Agribank sê boere onder die Regstellende Aksie-leningskema (AALS) wat versuim om hul lenings terug te betaal, sal nie spesiale behandeling ontvang nie.

» **Mathias Haufigu**

Agribank is onder skoot van leningsbegunstigdes – veral dié onder die Regstellende Aksie-leningskema (AALS) – wat voel hulle word onregverdig geteiken wanneer dit kom by plase wat teruggeen word.

Ingevolge die AALS, wat deur Agribank bestuur word, is altesaam 648 lenings ter waarde van N\$776,4 miljoen toegestaan. Die grondoppervlakte wat onder die skema verkry is, beloop altesaam meer as 3,4 miljoen hektaar.

Agribank voer egter aan die afskakeling van diegene wat nulle telkens aan wanbetaling skuldig maak, is noodsaaklik vir sy voortbestaan en dat die bank dus alle kliënte gelyk sal behandel.

Die bank voer tans 'n aantal sake in die hof om die regbank se goedkeuring te verkry om plase terug te neem wat in besit is van individue wat versuim het om hul lenings te vereffen.

GEBREK AAN ONDERSTEUNING

Ons susterkoerant *Namibian Sun* het die afgelope weke met minstens ses boere gepraat wie se plase op die punt is om teruggeen te word weens geld wat aan die bank verskuldig is. Hulle het almal gekies om anoniem te bly uit vrees vir viktimsisasie.

'n Algemene faktor in die boere se reeks klagtes is dat Agribank nie ondersteuning bied nie en na bewering weier om boere se aansoek om herstrukturering van hul lenings goed te keur.

Dit benevens boere se misnoeë oor die bank glo soos 'n kommersiële entiteit bestuur word in plaas van 'n ontwikkelingsbank met die doel om boere te bemagtig en

by te staan om uiteindelik die regering se voedselkennedipogings te versterk.

'ONGEREGULEERDE ENTITEIT'

Die suideboer Wiekus Steenkamp, wat in September 2022 deur die bank hof toe gesleep is nadat hy versuim het om sy lening te vereffen, se regsman het in hofstukke aangevoer Agribank is nie 'n handelsbank nie en word ook nie deur sy magtigingswet gemagtig om soos een op te tree nie.

"Artikel 2 van die wet bepaal dat Agribank nie onderhewig is aan enige wet wat bankinstellings in Namibië reguleer nie. As sodanig word die aansoeker [Agribank] nie gereguleer soos enige ander bankinstelling nie en word dit aan hom oorgelaat om homself te reguleer," het hy aangevoer.

Hy het bygevoeg: "Hierin lê die gevaar. Wie kyk na die ongereguleerde entiteit om ingevolge sy magtigingswetgewing op te tree? In die lig hiervan versoek ons die hof om die applikant volledig onder die soeklig te plaas."

'n Week nadat Steenkamp se prokureurs hul hofdokumente ingedien het, het die bank die saak teruggetrek.

'LAASTE UITWEG'

In reaksie op medianavrae verlede week het Agribank se uitvoerende hoof, dr. Raphael Karuaihe, bewerings ontken dat dit boere in die AALS-kategorie in die steek laat.

Hy het gesê die bank het die afgelope 10 jaar slegs drie plase wat in besit van AALS-begunstigdes was op 'n veiling verkoop.

"Soos met enige skuldeiser aan wie 'n debiteur iets verskuldig is, word die regsmeddel om fondse te verhaal uitgestel en gereguleer deur die wet, wat Agribank nougeset en



Agribank se uitvoerende hoof, Raphael Karuaihe. FOTO ARGIEF

getrou volg. Indien 'n skuldenaar nie saamwerk nie, maak die proses voorsiening daarvoor dat 'n lasbrief van eksekusie verkry kan word en waarvolgens 'n bate teruggeen kan word," het hy gesê.

Ondanks beskuldigings dat die bank oorhaastig is om grond terug te neem, het Karuaihe gesê dié stap is Agribank se laaste uitweg: "daarom is ons terugnemingskoers baie laag vergeleke met die aantal wanbetalers".

Oor bewerings dat Agribank se optrede strydig is met die regering se grondherverdelingspogings omdat voorheen bevoordeelde persone meestal skarrel om teruggeenende plase te koop, het hy gesê:

"Die veilingproses is 'n openbare proses en val binne die jurisdiksie van die ad junkbalju. Agribank het geen beheer oor wie die suksesvolle bieder sal wees nie."

Karuaihe het boere aangemoedig om die bank te nader en betalingsreëlings te tref in gevalle van wanbetaling.

Hy het ook sommige boere daarvan beskuldig dat hulle die bank se versoek geïgnoreer het totdat laasgenoemde regstappe sou neem.

NIE GETEIKEN

"Agribank teiken nie plase van enige aangewese groep nie. Elke kliënt word op 'n kliënt-

vir-kliënt-basis hanteer, met inagneming van die terugbetalingsgeskiedenis en tevredeheid. Die stelling dat Agribank plase teiken wat deur voorheen benadeelde persone besit word, is onwaar. Die aantal verbintenisse wat ons steeds met kliënte het, weeg veel meer as die reëlsaksies wat teen Agribank-kliënte ingestel is," het Karuaihe gesê.

Hy het bygevoeg hoewel sommige lenings ingevolge die AALS toegestaan word, word sulke begunstigdes in die geval van wanbetaling hanteer soos enige ander kliënt van die bank wat versuim om hul leningsverpligtinge na te kom.

Tervyl van die boere gesê het om met Agribank te onderhandel om plaasveilinge te staak "is soos om 'n bewegende trein te probeer stop", het Jane Kungana, die voorsitter van die vereniging vir voorheen benadeelde kommersiële boere in Namibië (PDNCFU) gesê pogings is aan die gang om die oppeiling van plase stop te sit na aanleiding van 'n vergadering met die bank se uitvoerende leierskap.

"Ons het 'n afvaardiging gehad wat onlangs saam met die nuwe voorsitter en uitvoerende hoof vergader het. Die vergadering het goed verloop en ons het besluit om probleme uit te streek in plaas daarvan om na die media te hardloop. Ek glo daar was verstandhouding oor die saak, en ons het hulle gevra om die veilinge te stop," het sy gesê.

Volgens 'n boer wat sy plaas verloor het, het Agribank nie veel ondersteuning gebied nadat hy die grond gefinansier het nie.

"Sodra hulle jou finansier, volg hulle nooit op nie. Soms onderhandel jy met hulle, maar hulle sal reguit vir jou se hulle sal jou plaas verkoop," het 'n ander boer gesê wie se plaas opgeveel is.

NOG AANTYGGINGS

Nog 'n boer het gesê Agribank het 'n finansiële gat gegrawe



Agribank sê hy sal nie spesiale behandeling gee aan boere onder die Regstellende Aksie-leningskema (AALS) wat versuim om hul lenings terug te betaal nie. FOTO AGRIBANK

waarin boere kan val.

"Daar is geen ondersteuning nie. Hulle grave 'n gat en stamp jou in. Hulle hou vergaderings om blykbaar probleme op te los, maar hulle hou dit nie in goeder trou nie," voer die boer aan.

Hy beweer selfs al word reëlings getref om lenings af te betaal by wyse van ad hoc-betalings wat dikwels honderdduisende beloop, is dit steeds nie genoeg om die bank daarvan te weerhou om sukkelende boere se plase op te

veel nie.

"Watter wanbetalende boer sal byvoorbeeld N\$500 000 hê om te keer dat Agribank jou plaas opeveel? Hulle sal sê dit is goed en 'n paar maande later weer eis. Daardie mense lieg blatant."

Hy het bygevoeg boere vernem om met die media te praat uit vrees vir viktimsisasie.

"As Agribank uitvind wie met die media praat, teiken hulle jou," het nog 'n sukkelende boer beaam.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
WLOTZKASBAKEN TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT,
ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA

Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd was appointed by the Erongo Regional Council, to undertake an environmental assessment for the development and implementation of their proposed Wlotzkasbaken Township Development, located within the Wlotzkasbaken Townlands, Erongo Region. Background information to the project, containing a location map, is available at:

www.thenamib.com/projects/projects.html

The environmental assessment will be according to the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and its regulations as published in 2012. The environmental assessment requires the consideration of biophysical features, social structures and economic opportunities, guide and plan for infrastructure and services related to the proposed townlands. The townlands will provide for the establishment of additional erven, business and institutional facilities as well as areas for recreation and open spaces.

All Interested and Affected Parties are invited to register with the environmental consultant to receive further documentation and communication regarding the Environmental Clearance Certificate applications. Reports for review and comment periods will be communicated to all registered parties. For further information regarding the project and/or to register as an Interested and Affected Party, please contact:

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POLIZEI ERHÄLT UNTERSTÜTZUNG VON PRIVATUNTERNEHMEN



Der Vorstandsvorsitzende und Geschäftsführer der FP du Toit-Gruppe, Stephan Terblanche (Foto links), übergab in der vergangenen Woche die renovierten Büros der Sprengstoffkontrollabteilung in Windhoek. Die stellvertretende Generalinspektorin Anne Marie Nainda übernahm die Büros im Namen der namibischen Polizei. Terblanche betonte, dass die durchgeführten Arbeiten Teil der sozialen Verantwortung des Unternehmens seien. Zu den wichtigsten Renovierungsarbeiten an der Anlage gehören: Anstrich, Markenbildung und Umzäunung. Nainda bedankte sich bei der FP Du Toit Gruppe für die Unterstützung der Polizei und betonte, dass die verbesserte Einrichtung dazu dient, die Arbeitsumgebung der Empfangsabteilung zu verbessern. Am darauffolgenden Tag nahm Nainda Verkehrsausrüstungen an der Okapuka-Straßensperre entgegen (Foto rechts). Die Ausrüstungsgegenstände wurden von First National Bank of Namibia, Namibia Breweries (NBL), Standard Bank Namibia, Hollard Namibia, Glasfit/Trentyre und AA gespendet. Die Spende umfasst Blitzlichter und Verkehrsleitkegel, die an den Straßenverkehrskontrollpunkten eingesetzt werden sollen. • FOTOS: NAMPOL

Korrektur zum Wlotzkasbaken-Siedlungs-Artikel

Windhoek (AZ) • Bedauerlicherweise sind in der vergangenen Woche der AZ zwei Fehler in der Donnerstagsausgabe unterlaufen. In dem Artikel „Neuentwicklung für Wlotzkasbaken-Siedlung“ steht, dass die Firma The Namib die Umweltverträglichkeitsstudie ausführe. Der Name dieser Firma ist jedoch Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd. Auch nennt der Artikel, dass öffentliche Anhörungen zu der Umweltverträglichkeitsstudie stattfinden werden. Dies ist jedoch ebenfalls nicht richtig. Geo Pollution Technologies wird jedoch alle Interessensvertreter persönlich via ihrer E-Mail-Adresse wlotzka1@thenamib.com über weiteres informieren. Die AZ bittet um Verständnis.

Kupferdiebe werden verhaftet

Oshakati/Windhoek (th/cr) • Vier Männer wurden am Samstagnachmittag in Tsumeb verhaftet, nachdem sie im Besitz von Taschen mit gestohlenen Kupferdrähten gefunden wurden.

Die Verdächtigen wurden angeblich von einem Rubicon-Sicherheitsangestellten mit Taschen angetroffen. Bei der Durchsuchung fand der Sicherheitsbeamte Kupferdrähte in den Taschen und benachrichtigte sofort die Polizei.

Die Verdächtigen im Alter von 29, 31, 31 und 48 Jahren wurden daraufhin in der President Avenue in Tsumeb festgenommen. Die Beauftragte für Gemeindeangelegenheiten in Oshakoto, Inspektor Ellen Nehale, erklärte: „Sie waren nicht in der Lage, eine zufriedenstellende Erklärung für den Besitz der Kupferdrähte zu geben“.

Der Wert der gestohlenen Kupferdrähte muss laut Nedale noch ermittelt werden. Die Verdächtigen wurden verhaftet und befinden sich derzeit auf der Polizeiwache in Tsumeb im Haft. Sie sollen heute vor dem Magistrategericht von Tsumeb erscheinen. Die polizeilichen Ermittlungen in dieser Angelegenheit dauern an.



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Bald Schutz für Whistleblower

• Nach sechs Jahren Beratschlagung – Gesetze endlich eine Realität

Das Justizministerium stellt endlich ein ordentliches Zeugen- und Informanten/Hinweisgeber-Schutzprogramm auf die Beine. Es soll den polizeilichen Ermittlungen fortan helfen und Whistleblowern Schutz vor Verfolgung geben. Auch der Ombudsmann soll mehr Freiheit genießen.

Von Brigitte Weidlich
WINDHOEK

In den kommenden Monaten wird das Justizministerium endlich ein Zeugenschutzprogramm einführen und auch Schutz für Hinweisgeber/Informanten (Whistleblower) bieten. Damit öffnen sich Chancen für Zeugen in brisanten Gerichtsverfahren, wie zum Beispiel im Fishrot-Korruptionsprozess, unter Schutz der Anonymität auszusagen und eventuell eine neue Identität danach anzunehmen. Auch schwerwiegende Korruptionsfälle könnten somit leichter, durch den Schutz für Whistleblower, aufgedeckt werden.

„Mittel für die Umsetzung des Zeugenschutzgesetzes von 2017 (Gesetz Nr. 11) und des Gesetzes zum Schutz von Hinweisgebern von 2017 (Gesetz Nr. 10) werden in dem neuen Haushalt bereitgestellt“, kündigte Justizministerin Yvonne Dausab in der vergangenen Woche im Parlament an.

Die Personalstrukturen und die damit verbundenen Verwaltungsvereinbarungen seien vorbereitet und würden eingerichtet, um diese wichtigen Rechtsvorschriften im neuen Haushaltsjahr (April 2023-März 2024) umzusetzen, teilte Dausab in ihrer Haushaltsrede mit.

Die Umsetzung dieser Gesetze wurde nach Prioritäten geordnet und



Justizministerin Yvonne Dausab
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werde schrittweise erfolgen. Für den Zeitraum 2023/24 werden die Ernennungen von Schlüsselpositionen abgeschlossen sein und Dienstwohnungen bereitgestellt werden. Die Schulung der neu ernannten Beamten für Zeugen- und Hinweisgeberschutz sei ebenfalls vorgesehen.

„Die Umsetzung dieser Gesetze ist kostenintensiv, und das Ministerium wird sicherstellen, dass die Mittel umsichtig zugewiesen werden, um die Umsetzung der Rechtsvorschriften zu

gewährleisten“, sagte die Justizministerin.

Der Schutz von Zeugen und Hinweisgebern werde sich positiv auf die erfolgreiche Verfolgung von Straftätern in Namibia auswirken und die Bemühungen Namibias zur Bekämpfung von Korruption, Geldwäsche und anderen schweren Straftaten weiter verbessern. So würden gute Leitungsgrundsätze im gesamten öffentlichen und privaten Sektor gefördert. Dem Ministerium wurden insgesamt 599,4 Mio. NS zugewiesen.

Des Weiteren wird in Keetmanshoop ein Sondergericht eingerichtet, das sich ausschließlich mit Fällen häuslicher und geschlechtsspezifischer Gewalt befassen soll.

Das Amt des Ombudsmanns soll unabhängig und aus dem Justizministerium herausgelöst werden. Ein diesbezüglicher Gesetzentwurf sei vor kurzem vom Kabinett genehmigt worden, sagte Dausab.

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**PROPOSED WLOTZKASBAKEN TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT,
ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT



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1 INTRODUCTION

Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd (GPT) was appointed by the Erongo Regional Council (the Proponent) to undertake an environmental assessment for their proposed Wlotzkasbaken Township Development Extension 1 and 2. Figure 1-1 presents the proposed township development in relation to the existing Wlotzkasbaken Township (Wlotzkasbaken Proper). Spatial planning required for the intended development of the township includes consideration of biophysical features, social structures and economic opportunities. The establishment of the township is an ongoing process facilitated by WinPlan Town and Regional Planning Consultants.

In terms of the Environmental Management Act, Act No 7 of 2007, the proposed township development requires an environmental clearance certificate (ECC). A scoping environmental assessment report and a draft environmental management plan, to accompany an application for the ECC, have therefore been commissioned. The purpose thereof is to determine the impacts the proposed township development will have on the environment.

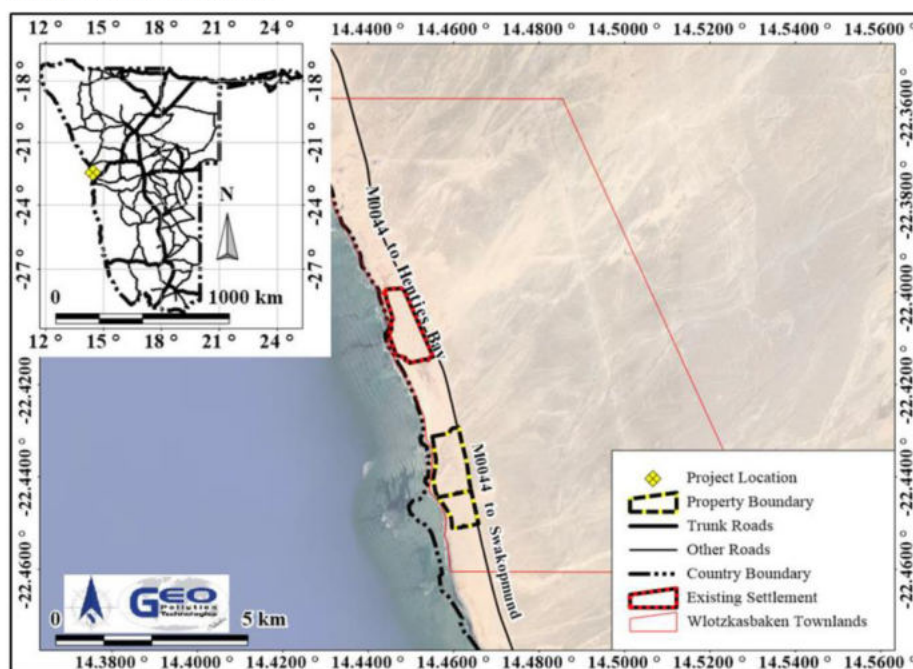


Figure 1-1 Project location

2 PURPOSE OF THE BID

With this background information document (BID), GPT aims to provide the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), authorities and interested and affected parties (IAPs) with information about the project, and to register the ECC application with the DEA. IAPs are therefore invited to register with GPT for the project in order to:

- ◆ Provide GPT with additional information which should be taken into account in the assessment of impacts and during decision-making;
- ◆ Share any comments, issues or concerns related to the project; and
- ◆ Review and comment on the reports and findings of the environmental assessment process.

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3 WLOTSKASBAKEN CURRENT STATUS

Wlotzkasbaken was proclaimed a settlement area in 1993 known as the Wlotzkasbaken Village. There are currently 258 erven in the village of which some are vacant. Along with the proclamation, a townlands area was demarcated around the settlement. The Townlands of Wlotzkasbaken is known as Wlotzkasbaken Town and Townlands No. 221. Although located inside of the Dorob National Park, the Townlands area is excluded from the park. In addition, a considerable portion of the Townlands is undevelopable due to biophysical sensitivities.

As part of the Erongo Regional Council's strategic planning, the coastal area of Wlotzkasbaken was identified as an area to accommodate additional coastal development. Therefore, the Erongo Regional Council initially embarked on the development of a township adjacent to the existing settlement. The locality of the proposed township development has since changed to an area approximately 2 kilometres south of the existing Wlotzkasbaken Proper.

4 PROPOSED TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT

A draft structure plan was developed through a matrix consideration of bio-physical and conservation constraints and existing amenities such as the water pipeline, and the existing village. Three main options for future township establishment were considered. Known as Option 1, Option 2 and Option 3, the various alternatives were presented to the Erongo Regional Council to consider. Ultimately the Erongo Regional Council resolved that Option 2 deems to be the most favourable option, to not only incorporate the known constraints from an environmental perspective, but this option also offers the opportunity for future growth (which is limited in the areas surrounding Wlotzkasbaken Proper). Option 1 and option 3 for the proposed township will be considered as alternatives in the environmental assessment.

4.1 TOWNSHIP COMPONENTS

As part of the development mandate received from the Erongo Regional Council, the proposed township development will include the provision of approximately 522 erven of varying land use and zoning. The proposed layout of these erven was based on various site visits and township development guidelines. As such, a new central business district, residential areas, institutional areas and public open space were tailored within proposed township layout. The layout makes provision for two extensions, Extension 1 and Extension 2.

The spatial form of the layout plans was dominated by the desire to establish a local authority area that will ultimately provide a variety of choice for future inhabitants, whilst also focusing on the provision of social services, a defined business area and possibilities for future growth. In addition to this, the layout proposal incorporates known environmental limitations. The dolerite ridge area (known as Black Rocks) has been incorporated in the layout proposal under the zoning "conservation". This implies that no development may take place on the erven as indicated.

As a direct result of known coastal erosion in the coastal areas where the above development is proposed, a coastal degradation study was conducted and consequently a coastal setback line was proposed for the study area. The recommendations of this study was incorporated in the layout proposals for Extension 1 and 2. The Township layout components for Extension 1 is presented in Figure 4-1 and the layout proposal for Extension 2 depicted in Figure 4-2.



Figure 4-1 Proposed Wlotzkasbaken Extension 1

Most services associated with the township development will be provided by the Proponent. These include water supply, sanitation, waste removal, road and related infrastructure maintenance, public open space management, etc. Some of these services will require the establishment of large infrastructure components such as bulk water supply lines and effluent treatment plants. Such infrastructure components will for the most part be located outside of the proposed township footprint and will be subject to separate environmental assessments, which will have to consider component specific aspects in relation to its ultimate location or route. All things remaining equal, such services will be provided as follows:

- ◆ Bulk electricity supply to be provided by Erongo Red as sourced from NamPower (via an overhead power line to a distribution point at the township).
- ◆ Bulk water supply to be provided by NamWater from their existing and planned bulk water supply lines (via a reservoir(s) and bulk supply pipeline up to a distribution point at the township).
- ◆ Wastewater treatment facilities and services by the Proponent (via sewers to an effluent treatment plant via a bulk sewage line).
- ◆ General waste management by the Proponent (collection, transportation and disposal of household waste to a registered landfill site).

For services provision within the proposed township footprint itself, the following was proposed and will be included in the environmental assessment:

- ◆ The provision of potable water to each erf via an underground and metered reticulation system.
- ◆ Sewer lines from each erf via an underground sewer system.
- ◆ General waste removal services for domestic waste via a collection system (garbage trucks).
- ◆ The provision of electricity via underground cable systems to each erf.



Figure 4-2 Proposed Wlotzkasbaken Extension 2

4.2 ADDITIONAL CONCERNS

The development of the proposed township has in the past caused significant concern among land owners of the existing settlement. The land owners emphasize that Wlotzkasbaken is a very unique settlement in Namibia, with the character of the town exclusive to not only Namibia, but also SADC and the world. Significant concern was raised related to the destruction of the settlement character which inherently is rural in the sense of service provision, trade and recreation. Although not against development of Namibia and coastal resources, there is a strong sense of place and community amongst its residents. This distinctive settlement intrigues all tourists travelling past and through it, and any development in close proximity thereto, is considered to be a threat that will impact its character, sense of place and security. The local community strongly feels that all and any development be thoroughly thought through, well planned, and implemented to reduce the impacts on the existing settlement. In addition, an open channel by means of a community liaison officer should be established, to facilitate communication between the community and the Proponent. All concerns received from any interested and or affected parties during the public consultation process of the environmental impact assessment will be included in the environmental assessment report which will be submitted to the environmental commissioner.

5 PRELIMINARY IDENTIFIED IMPACTS

It is foreseen that the establishment of the township will make a positive contribution to Namibia's Gross Domestic Product and will create much needed employment opportunities in especially the construction sector which, in the recent past, has suffered some decline. The development will increase tax revenues and will also bring about improvements for basic service delivery such as water and sanitation. During the environmental assessment, all elements of the environment will be considered and those foreseen to

be significantly affected will be highlighted and related specialist assessments conducted. Sensitive environmental aspects include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Geology and soil,
- ◆ Land use and tourism potential,
- ◆ Habitats for sensitive fauna and flora species,
- ◆ Air quality (dust),
- ◆ Noise,
- ◆ Settlement and community character,
- ◆ Archaeological resources,
- ◆ Road management and traffic incidents,
- ◆ Social ills and deviance due to in-migration,
- ◆ Economic resilience, diversification and development,
- ◆ Groundwater (aquifer contamination), and
- ◆ Surface water (run-off and contamination).

6 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

GPT invites all IAPs to provide in writing, any issues and suggestions regarding the project. This correspondence must include:

- ◆ Name and surname,
- ◆ Organization represented or private interest,
- ◆ Position in the organization,
- ◆ Contact details,
- ◆ Any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the application.

All contributions become public knowledge and will be circulated along with the reports as per the EMA requirements. The comments, inputs and suggestions will also be submitted to the DEA along with how any issues have been addressed in the environmental assessment. The public participation process will remain ongoing during the environmental assessment. However, all comments and concerns should be provided to GPT to ensure incorporation into the report. For any additional information the project team may be contacted at:



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Issues and Responses Report		Response
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<p><i>Ricardo Jansen</i> <i>Email: 12/05/2023</i></p>	<p>I would like to stay in contact of this development and are in support of the development. Please keep me updated since I am interested in acquiring a plot there and build a house or even a business.</p>	<p><i>Response:</i> Noted.</p>
<p><i>Naude Theron</i> <i>Email: 09/10/2023</i></p>	<p>Sir/Madam This email serves as an official registration as an affected and interested party as per your communication of 6 April 2023. I represent the 4 members of the property Erf 190 Wlotzkasbaken, owned by Zest Investments 92 cc, with members: N & C Theron, J & JA Venter, U & E Schickerling, AS Schickerling We object to the proposed development: The historical Wlotzkasbaken will be destroyed by a nearby development. There is no need for a modern seaford development as existing areas such as between Walvis and Swakop could be utilised. The ERC is not capable of managing more development as they are incapable of providing basic services already (refer water situation and late invoicing). Strip development along the accessible coastline of Namibia should be limited.</p>	<p><i>Initial Response:</i> Thank you for your efforts in reaching out to us with your concerns related to the proposed township development. These will be included in the environmental assessment report and will become part of the public document. Responses thereon, as prepared by the project team, will also be in the environmental assessment. This is so, for all written comments received from community members. Please note that once the environmental assessment and related specialist studies are completed, that report will also be circulated to the homeowners association as well as all IAP on our distribution list. You will be awarded the opportunity to give comment on the final report as well. It will however be some time before the final report will be completed. Then, I have taken the liberty to add the registration details below to the current EIA being conducted for the distribution pipeline - just to make sure you also receive that EIA which will be completed in a week or two as well. Your time and consideration, regarding the EIAs, is much appreciated. You are also most welcome to contact me on my mobile for any clarification related queries. <i>Subsequent Response:</i> Comment noted.</p>
<p><i>Henner Diekmann</i> <i>Email 13/04/2023</i></p>	<p>Given the Erongo Regional Council's past conduct of ignoring and disregarding the conditions of development imposed by the Ministry of Environment & Tourism as well as the advice of the previous town planners employed by the Erongo Regional Council, I can only come to the conclusion that the intended environment impact assessment of the proposed Wlotzkasbaken Township Development Extension 1 and 2 is nothing but a tool to greenwash a development, which the Erongo Regional Council has already decided to implement i.e. a fait accompli. Attached please find an extract of the report (pages 15 and 16) compiled by Stubenrauch Planning Consultants CC, employed during 1997 by the Erongo Regional Council in respect of the development of Wlotzkasbaken and which confirms inter alia the following: 1)*In previous correspondence (Annexure D) with the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, it was accentuated that the following need protection (See Figure 2): ° The vegetated sand hummocks along the coast for 200 m from the beach</p>	<p><i>Initial Response:</i> Thank you for the comments received, we will make sure to include these in the report. All specialist work to be completed will inform the EIA and will also be made available to the public for review. These include vegetation and bird studies which have been commissioned. At the moment we have no additional information being shared with the project as this is still the notification phase. We now need to generate information do the field work and various specialist investigations. We will let you know as soon as there is any additional information to share. Your time and consideration regarding the matter is much appreciated. <i>Subsequent Response:</i> 1 & 2) Kindly note that various specialist studies have been commissioned, fauna, flora, avifauna, archaeological and a coastal set-back line. These specialist assessments have delineated sensitive environmental features and will inform the layout of the proposed development. Furthermore, mitigation measure detailed in the report have been incorporated into management plan proposed for the development. These assessments have been attached to the main report for perusal.</p>

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	<p>°The Damara Tern breeding sites from Mile 14 to Wlotzkasbaken and directly north of Wlotzkasbaken</p> <p>°The lichen fields to the east of Main Road No.44</p> <p>°The beaches”</p> <p>Attached please also find a copy of a further extract of the report (pages 41 and 42) containing the findings and recommendations of Stubenrauch Planning Consultants CC according to which:</p> <p>2)“The natural environment with its unique fauna and flora that exists along the beaches and in the sand and rock desert surrounding the residential settlement must be protected (our underlining). All existing and proposed development within the greater settlement area must be evaluated on environmental sustainability principles to ensure the minimum environmental damage. The use of all terrain vehicles along the sensitive areas must be controlled (our underlining).”</p> <p>There is absolutely no control in respect of all terrain vehicles along the sensitive areas. The Damara Tern breeding areas, the lichen fields and the vegetation on the sand hummocks are being destroyed with impunity by the general public due to no action ever having been undertaken by the Erongo Regional Council to protect the fauna and flora along the beaches and in the sand and rock desert . The vegetated sand hummocks along the coast for 200 m from the beach and the Damara Tern breeding sites from Mile 14 to Wlotzkasbaken , which the Ministry of Environment and Tourism directed to be protected, are precisely the areas which the Erongo Regional Council now intends to develop as Extensions 1 and 2 of Wlotzkasbaken.</p> <p>I furthermore wish to comment as follows:</p> <p>3)“There are currently 258 erven in the village of which some are vacant. “ – This statement is wrong. There are currently 258 erven of which not “some are vacant” but at least 128 are vacant and have not been sold by the Erongo Regional Council.</p> <p>4) “As part of the Erongo Regional Council’s strategic planning, the coastal area of Wlotzkasbaken was identified as an area to accommodate additional coastal development.” – Please send me a copy of the strategic plan of the Erongo Regional Council. Did the Erongo Regional Council undertake a need and desirability study to establish the proposed Extensions 1 and 2 of the Wlotzkasbaken Township and if so, please send me a copy of the need and desirability study and a copy of the approval of same by the Urban and Regional Planning Board. I also require a copy of the urban structure plan prepared by the Erongo Regional Council in respect of Wlotzkasbaken in accordance with section 31(1) of the Urban and Regional Planning Act 5 of 2018 as well as the Minister’s approval of the urban structure plan in terms of section 31(2) of the Urban and Regional Planning Act 5 of 2018.</p> <p>5) “As a direct result of known coastal erosion in the coastal areas where the above development is proposed, a coastal degradation study was conducted and consequently a coastal setback line was proposed for the study area.” – Please send me a copy of the coastal degradation study.</p> <p>6)“Some of these services will require the establishment of large infrastructure components such as bulk water supply lines and effluent treatment plants. Such infrastructure components will for the most part be located outside of the proposed township footprint and will be subject to separate environmental</p>	<p>3) Comment noted</p> <p>4) All town planning related concerns have been provided to the town planner. Please refer to the background document from WinPlan, as attached to these comments.</p> <p>5) The coastal erosion assessment as mentioned is attached as an appendix to the main report.</p> <p>6) This environmental assessment was commissioned by the council as part of the feasibility of the project, specifically in relation to the sensitive environmental features around the site. Should the Proponent continue in further planning related to the proposed development, further investigations, specifically related to the bulk services infrastructure should be undertaken.</p> <p>7) No geotechnical investigation was conducted as part of this environmental assessment.</p>

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<p><i>Ursula Lüsse</i> <i>Email: 11/10/2023</i></p>	<p>assessments, which will have to consider component specific aspects in relation to its ultimate location or route.” – How can the infrastructure components be the subject of separate environmental assessments? Certainly you cannot complete an environmental assessment of the proposed township without simultaneously dealing with the environmental impact of the large infrastructure.</p> <p>7)“For services provision within the proposed township footprint itself, the following was proposed and will be included in the environmental assessment: The provision of potable water to each erf via an underground and metered reticulation system. Sewer lines from each erf via an underground sewer system.General waste removal services for domestic waste via a collection system (garbage trucks).The provision of electricity via underground cable systems to each erf. “ – Has a geotechnical study of the soil conditions been undertaken and if so, please send me a copy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is doubtful that there is a need for additional housing along the coast, in view of the many houses along the main road Henries - Windhoek in Swakopmund, which have been vacant for years, demolished, rebuilt, and still vacant and vandalised by now. 2. The planned extensions of Wlotzkabaken will wipe out the unique and visually defining characteristics of the original settlement 3. it is doubtful that commercial and service sector opportunities are desirable in Wlotzkabaken 4. Maximising the use of existing proclaimed land in relation to National available coastline could barely be beneficial, when taking the environmental destruction of the nature land into account 5. The construction of a new desalination plant close to the existing one already will mean a massive destruction of the fragile desert flora and fauna, i.e lichen fields. How much more will a township development destroy permanently. Safeguarding is impossible, especially during construction phase. Most of the working force is interested in earning a salary and having a place to live, environmental issues is one of their interest and understanding. After construction damage is irreversible and permanent. 6. The ERC is barely able to provide sustainable services for the existing settlement of Wlotzkabaken. (water supply) It would be a miracle if services improve within a development of the sizes like the planned extensions. 7. The nature of the Namibia Desert along the coast is destroyed by reckless 4x4 driving, by an overall attitude of not adhering to rules. Rules are in place but there is absolutely no control. It is doubtful that all named environmental control measurements during construction of the development will be adhered to. The same will be applicable for environmental mitigation efforts. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concern incorporated into Section Error! Reference source not found. of the environmental assessment report. 2. The proposed extensions are located approximately 2 km south of the existing settlement while the dolerite ridge has a higher elevation. The distance and natural topography reduced any impact on the immediate landscape character. 3. Comment noted. 4. Environmental assessment conducted. 5. Please refer to Figure 8-3 in the environmental assessment which depicts the proposed extensions in relation with the documented lichen fields. 6. An application for an environmental clearance certificate for servicing the existing Wlotzkabaken settlement was submitted to the environmental commissioner and the project is pending implementation. 7. Comment noted.