

APPENDIX C- EVIDENCE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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Market Watch

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Nigeria creates US\$2.6 bn infrastructure company

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari's government has approved the creation of a company to fast-track development of critical infrastructure, with around US\$2.6 billion in initial financing. Africa's most populous country slipped into recession in its third quarter for the second time in four years, hit by the coronavirus pandemic and a fall in oil prices, and faces a huge infrastructure deficit. "It is envisaged that, over time, the entity will grow to naira 15 trillion (US\$39.3 billion), in assets and capital," a spokesman for Vice President Yemi Osinbajo said in a statement on Friday.



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The company, Infra-Co, will be one of the top infrastructure finance entities in Africa and will be wholly dedicated to Nigeria's infrastructure development, the statement said.

Infra-Co will operate as a public-private partnership and will be initially funded by the Central Bank of Nigeria, the Nigerian Sovereign Investment Authority and the Africa Finance Corporation. It will focus on developing public assets and reconstruction as well as new roads, rail, power and other key infrastructure sector projects. The IMF expects Nigeria's economy to contract by at least 3 percent this year, a situation many fears will further deepen the country's infrastructure crisis and worsen an economy already struggling with the impact of the pandemic.

Nigeria's senate last year approved nearly US\$23 billion (18.9 billion euros) in foreign loan requests by Buhari to support a series of large-scale projects, which the government hopes will revamp the country's crumbling infrastructure. Buhari early this week also launched a US\$1.96 billion rail project linking to neighbouring Niger as the country looks to boost its growth.



Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari. PHOTO NAMPA/AFP



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With nine years to go before the expiration of Namibia's grand development plan, Vision 2030, the government is re-evaluating the plan with a view to replacing it with one that speaks to the realities of the day.

This was announced by National Planning Commission (NPC) director, Obeth Kandjoze, at a recent media conference meant to inform the nation about the government's decision to liquidate the cash-strapped Air Namibia.

At this event, Kandjoze said: "We must actually craft a grand-visioning statement that will replace Vision 2030. We must review NDP 5 to be able to fit into the economy post-Covid-19."

Vision 2030 stipulates that Namibia plans to be a prosperous and industrialised nation, developed by her human resources, enjoying peace, harmony, and political sta-



National Planning Commission (NPC) director, Obeth Kandjoze. PHOTO NAMPA

bility by 2030. "We have assembled a team of experts led by the National Planning Commission, assisted by the Ministry of Finance and Bank of Namibia.

We have solicited the efforts and advice of Harvard University Growth Lab experts led by Professor Ricardo Hausmann, a very well renowned

professional in the business of helping countries identify pitfalls in their setups from an economic structural point of view," Kandjoze said.

The growth lab works to understand the dynamics of growth and to translate those insights into more effective policymaking in developing countries.

Agriculture

Kandjoze also said Namibia must position itself strategically to benefit from the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA).

The former mines minister added: "We must have a stake in that vision. Going forward the economy is actually put at a display as to 'what is agriculture achieving?'"

"Agriculture was contributing between 12 to 15 percent of GDP. Today agriculture is reduced to less than 4 percent. What are the structural policy changes that should come in to begin to help the sector," he questioned? Additionally, he said agriculture is at the heart of Namibia's development agenda going forward. Other sectors such as mining are also under review.

"The idea is to understand where the impediments are in our economic structural set-up so we can do away with those impediments, review the policies, understand the future of the particular sort of market in agriculture, mining and so forth so that we can position the economy post-Covid-19," he noted.

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NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPLs 7212, 7218, 7264, 7270, 7271, 7272 AND 7274 KUNENE, OJIKIZONDUPA AND KHOMAS REGIONS, NAMIBIA

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) hereby gives notice to the public that an application for an environmental clearance certificate in terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 will be made as per the following:

<p>Applicant: Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): Environmental Compliance Consultancy Location: Kunene, Ojokondupa and Khomas regions, Namibia</p>	<p>Proposed Project Overview: The proponent proposes to carry out exploration activities for base and rare metals, industrial minerals, and precious metals on EPLs 7212, 7218, 7264, 7270, 7271, 7272 and 7274. The EPLs are located within three regions, the Kunene, Ojokondupa and Khomas regions. Exploration methods may include geochemical survey (soil and rock sampling), geophysical survey (electromagnetic survey), drilling and drill-core sampling.</p> <p>EAP Registration: The purpose of the review and registration period is to involve the proposed project and to afford interested and affected Parties (I&APs) an opportunity to register and comment on the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) to ensure that potential issues and concerns are brought forward, so that they can be considered and assessed during the impact assessment process.</p> <p>The registration period is effective from 15 February to 01 March 2021.</p> <p>I&APs and stakeholders are required to register for the project at: https://www.environmental.com/projects/</p> <p>The team at ECC will then maintain contact with all registered I&APs to keep them informed and engaged as the EPLs process develops. ECC will also provide registered I&APs relevant documents to review during the assessment process.</p> <p>Environmental Compliance Consultancy Registration Number: CC7891/13/1006 Members: Mr G Brundelhorst ex-Mr J Mackey PO Box 91380, Etosha Waterbos Tel: +264 81 508 7100 E-mail: info@ecc.com.nam Physical ID: LIC-88-338-REP-25-A Website: www.environmental.com</p>
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More tax revenue, minimised social welfare SA's economic rebound to trim budget deficits



South Africa has a population of about 58.6 million. **South African President, Cyril Ramaphosa.**

There are speculations that the national treasury could raise taxes more aggressively this year.

South Africa's consolidated fiscal deficit is expected to narrow this year because of an economic rebound, although the long-term trend of higher debt remains unchanged. In a Reuters poll forecast on Friday, a poll taken this week, 2021 economic growth was expected to rebound to 4.5% after an estimated 7.1% contraction last year, probably bolstering revenue collection and narrowing deficits for the next fiscal

year to 9.7% of gross domestic product (GDP) for 2022/23 and 7.5% in 2023/24. As in other countries, Covid-19 spending clobbered the South African budget last year. The 2020/21 deficit was estimated at 13.9% of GDP. The poll with only a month to go left. In October, the National Treasury's consolidated budget estimated a 13.7% deficit of GDP in the year ending March 31 of this year, and 8.6% and 7.3% for the following years respectively. National economists wrote that the 2020/21 budget was expected to be much better than presented in the medium-term budget statement in October from the National Treasury. "Revenue collections have been

bolter than estimated in the lack of a stronger than expected economic rebound, while expenditure will be slightly lower than estimated, resulting in a narrower budget deficit," wrote Isaac Mathega at Nedbank. "The budget deficit, however, will be relatively stable in a medium-term as actual expenditure cuts are unlikely to be achieved over the period." A similar fall in October suggested South Africa's consolidated fiscal deficit would widen further than projected, three months before an emergency Covid-19 budget, as a third-quarter rebound would not generate enough tax revenues.

The national treasury could raise taxes more aggressively this year in various ways, including a wealth tax or temporary "solidarity" tax to fund things like Covid-19 vaccine procurement, alongside the usual budget to sin and personal taxes. However, the treasury recognizes the country's sensitive markets, including the impact of the sharp slump in company results that has continued to erode corporate tax receipts in recent years, said Jeffrey Schultz of BNP Paribas. Consumer inflation was expected to average 3.9% this year and 4.3% next year, still below the midpoint of the Reserve Bank's 4% to 6% central bank target. "As a result, the main tax measures

announced will be in the form of the usual abatement, CPI surcharges for excise duties or fuel levies, rather than anything that could risk damaging an already fragile and concentrated tax base," Schultz added. Gross national debt was projected by the government to stabilize at 95.1% of GDP by 2025/26 minus reserves in line with the poll's median growth expected at 4.2% in 2023/24. Growth was expected slow to 2.3% next calendar year and 1.7% the following year. Interest rates were expected to remain unchanged at 3.5% this year but the Reserve Bank was expected to raise them to 4.0% next year and to 4.75% in 2023. **•Nampal/Rustan**

ECC ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CONSULTANCY

NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT TO RESUME THE BUSINESS PROCESS ON EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 7212, 7213, 7214, 7215, 7216, 7217 AND 7218 KALAFI, EXTENDING INTO KARAS AND ERONGO REGIONS, NAMIBIA

Environment: Compliance Consultants (Pty) Ltd hereby gives notice to the public that an application for an environmental clearance certificate in terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2002 will be made as per the following:

Applicant: Environmental Assessment (Pty) Ltd
Location: Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd
Environmental Compliance Consultancy
Private, Opposite, 1st and 2nd floors, Karafu

Proposed Project Description: The proposed project involves the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a 100 kV substation and associated infrastructure, including a 100 kV transmission line, in the area of Kalafi, Erongo Region, Namibia. The project also includes the construction of a 100 kV substation and associated infrastructure, including a 100 kV transmission line, in the area of Kalafi, Erongo Region, Namibia. The project also includes the construction of a 100 kV substation and associated infrastructure, including a 100 kV transmission line, in the area of Kalafi, Erongo Region, Namibia.

MAP (attached for the purpose of the notice) and map of the area of the project, as well as a list of the project's activities, are available for public inspection at the office of the applicant, as well as at the office of the Environmental Compliance Consultants (Pty) Ltd, at the address indicated above.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed project and to submit any objections or comments to the applicant, as well as to the Environmental Compliance Consultants (Pty) Ltd, at the address indicated above, by the date indicated below.

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Paratus welcomes Demshi in subsea cable project

STAFF REPORTER

The Cable Landing Station (CLS) houses the mission-critical transmission equipment that will, in layman's terms, convert the seabed equipment to land-based equipment. A typical undersea cable has repeater stations every 80kms along the route, that requires power to be provided. Paratus CLS established along the route of the cable is capable of delivering enough power to carry the entire cable route, to mitigate future air risks where power might fail in a specific region. Approximately 5000 watts, enough to power a typical 8-bedroom house. The Paratus further houses backup power equipment, such as A/B generator feeds. The Paratus landing station will host the equipment for the subsea cable system transmission equipment, which includes the Power Feeding Equipment (PFE) as well as the Submarine Line Termination Equipment (SLTE). The Paratus landing station will also host cables where operations will be able to host the equipment, accessing the Equiano capacity purchased from within the landing station. This will be an open-access network solution, without restrictions as to who can gain access to the capacity, as long as they are registered, and licensed operators with the regulatory authority (CRDN).

THE PARATUS CABLE LANDING STATION

The Paratus landing station will host the Equiano undersea cable system transmission equipment.

SITE NOTICE

NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 7212 KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA

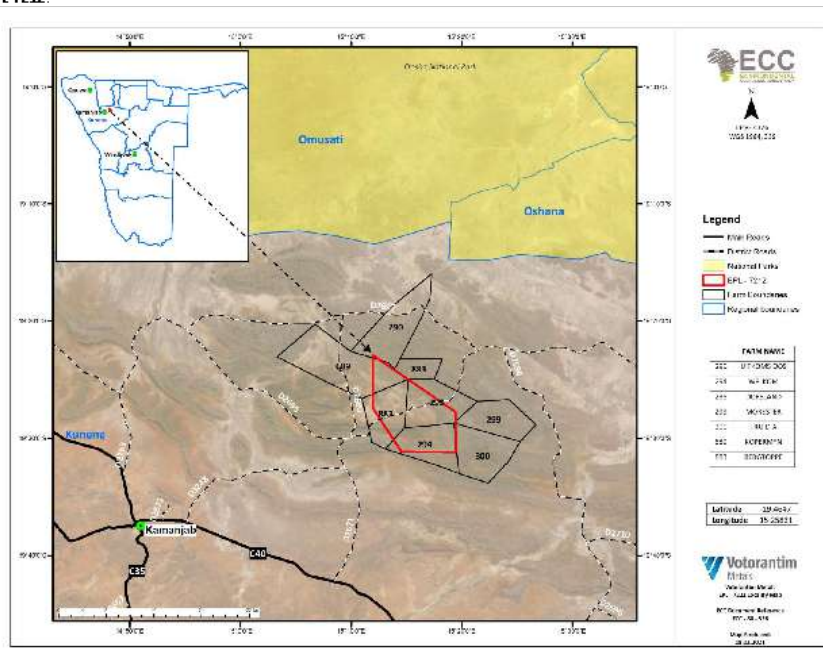
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Applicant: Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd
Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): Environmental Compliance Consultancy
Project ID: ECC-88-338

Project: Exploration activities on EPL 7212 for base and rare metals, industrial minerals, and precious metals in the Kunene Region, Namibia.

Proposed Project Overview: The proponent proposes to carry out exploration activities for base and rare metals, industrial minerals, and precious metals on EPL 7212. The EPL is located approximately 61km northeast of Kamanjab and can be accessed via the D2671, D2673 and D8248 roads. The EPL is located within the Kunene Region. Exploration methods may include geochemical surveys (soil and rock sampling), geophysical surveys (electromagnetic surveys), drilling and drill-core sampling.

Location of EPL 7212:



Application for environmental clearance certificate: In terms of the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007, ECC on behalf of the proponent is required to submit an application for environmental clearance to the competent authority and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism for the above-mentioned project.

I&AP Registration: The purpose of the review and registration period is to introduce the proposed project and to afford Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) an opportunity to register and comment on the Non-Technical Summary (NTS), to ensure that potential issues and concerns are brought forward, captured and considered further in the assessment process.

I&APs and stakeholders are required to register for the project at: <https://eccenvironmental.com/projects/>

The team at ECC will then maintain contact with all registered I&APs to keep them informed and engaged as the ESIA process develops, ECC will also provide registered I&APs relevant documents to review during the assessment process.



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