

## APPENDIX B - NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Please refer to the website below.

Environmental Compliance Consultancy website:

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The screenshot shows the ECC website interface. At the top left is the ECC logo. At the top right are navigation links: SERVICES, PROJECTS, ABOUT US, TEAM, CONTACT, and a search icon. The main header features a landscape image with the text: "Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd – Exploration activities on EPLs 7212, 7789, 7964, 7970, 7971, 7972 and 7974, in the Khomas, Kunene and Otjozondjupa Regions for base and rare metals, industrial minerals and precious metals". Below this, there are two columns. The left column is titled "Details" and lists: "Proponent: Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty)Ltd", "Status: Open for Public Participation", "Sector: Mining & Minerals", and "Country: Namibia". The right column is titled "Background Documents" and contains six green "DOWNLOAD" buttons arranged in two rows of three. Below these buttons is the text "Documents for Public Review".

## APPENDIX C- EVIDENCE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The following was advertised in the 'Republikein, Sun, and Allgemeine Zeitung' newspapers on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2021

Market Watch

Republikein Sun Allgemeine Zeitung 3

### 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 fear 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.

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Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari. PHOTO NAMPA/AFP



### Setting realistic goals

## Vision 2030 to undergo review

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With nine years to go before the expiration of Namibia's grand development plan, Vision 2030, the government is reviewing 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, 7785, 7964, 7970, 7971, 7972 AND 7974 KUNENE, OTJOZONDJUPA AND KHOMAS REGIONS, NAMIBIA**

Environmental Compliance Consultancy CC (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><b>Applicant:</b> Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd</p> <p><b>Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP):</b> Environmental Compliance Consultancy</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Kunene, Otjozondjupa and Khomas regions, Namibia</p>	<p><b>Proposed Project Overview:</b> The proponent proposes to carry out exploration activities for base and rare metals, industrial minerals, and precious metals on EPLs 7212, 7785, 7964, 7970, 7971, 7972 and 7974. The EPLs are located within three regions, the Kunene, Otjozondjupa and Khomas regions. Exploration methods may include geochemical survey (soil and rock sampling), geophysical survey (electromagnetic survey), drilling and drill-core sampling.</p> <p><b>ISAP Registration:</b> The purpose of the review and registration period is to introduce the proposed project and to afford interested and Affected Parties 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>ISAPs and stakeholders are required to register for the project at: <a href="https://www.environmental.com/projects/">https://www.environmental.com/projects/</a></p> <p>The team at ECC will then maintain contact with all registered ISAPs to keep them informed and engaged as the EIA process develops. ECC will also provide registered ISAPs relevant documents to review during the assessment process.</p>
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**NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR  
EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 7970  
KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA**

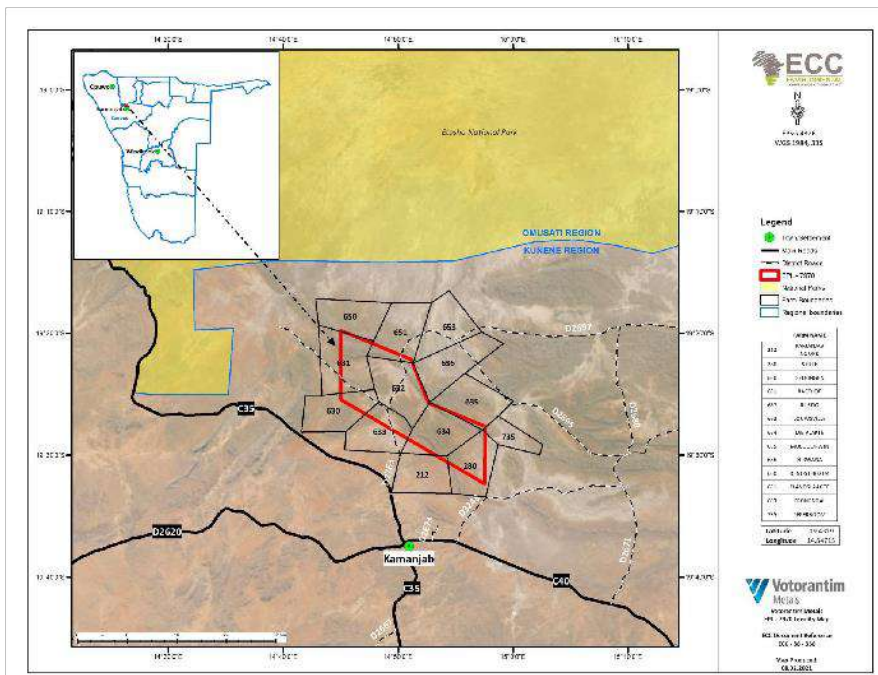
**Environmental Compliance Consultancy cc (ECC) hereby gives notice to the public that an application for an environmental clearance certificate in accordance with the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 will be made as per the following:**

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

**Project:** Exploration activities on EPL 7970 for base and rare metals, industrial minerals, and precious metals in the Kunene Region, Namibia.

**Proposed activity:** The proponent proposes to carry out exploration activities for base and rare metals, industrial minerals, and precious metals on EPL 7970. The EPL lies approximately 25km north of Kamanjab and can be accessed via the D2763 off of the C35 main road. 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 7970:**



**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.

**Purpose of the review and registration period:** 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) and to ensure that potential issues and concerns are brought forward, captured and considered further in the assessment process.



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