

APPENDIX B - NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

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The screenshot shows the ECC website interface. At the top left is the ECC logo. At the top right is a navigation menu with links for SERVICES, PROJECTS, ABOUT US, TEAM, and CONTACT, along with 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 of information. The left column, titled "Details", lists: Proponent: Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty)Ltd; Status: Open for Public Participation; Sector: Mining & Minerals; and Country: Namibia. The right column, titled "Background Documents", 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 16th 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 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



Agriculture was contributing between 12 to 15 percent of GDP. It is now reduced to less than 4 percent. PHOTO NAMPA

The agriculture sector is at the heart of Namibia's development agenda going forward.

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-visionary 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 stability by 2030.



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

"We have assembled a team of experts led 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 (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: Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)</p> <p>Location: Kunene, Otjozondjupa 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, 7785, 7964, 7970, 7971, 7972 and 7974. The EPLs are located within these regions, the Kunene, Otjozondjupa and Khomas regions. Exploration methods may include geochemical survey (soil and rock sampling), geophysical survey (electromagnetic survey, drilling and core-curve sampling).</p> <p>ISAP Registration: The purpose of the notice 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. ISAPs and stakeholders are required to register for the project at: https://www.environmental.com.na/projects/</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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2 **Republikein Sun** **Allgemeine Zeitung** **Market Watch** TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2021

More tax revenue, minimised social welfare SA's economic rebound to trim budget deficits



South Africa has a population of about 58.6 million. PHOTO NAMP/AF/

South African President, Cyril Ramaphosa. PHOTO NAMP/REUTERS

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 due to Covid-19 and pre-existing spending, a Reuters poll forecast on Friday.
In a poll taken this week, 2021 economic growth was expected to rebound to 3.5% after an estimated 7.4% contraction last year, probably bolstering revenue collections and narrowing deficits for the next finan-

cial year to 9.7% of gross domestic product, to 8.5% for 2022/23 and 7.5% in 2023/24.

As in other countries, Covid-19 spending doubled the South African budget last year. The 2020/21 deficit was estimated at 13.95% of GDP in the poll with only about six weeks left. In October, the National Treasury's consolidated budget estimated a 15.7% deficit of GDP in the year ending March, 10.1% for next year, and 8.6% and 7.3% for the following years respectively.

Nedbank 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

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

Tax
Still, economists have noted specula-

tion 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 nudges to sin and personal taxes. However, the "treasury recognises the country's perceived onerous tax burden, not to mention the sharp knock to company profits that has continued to eat into corporate tax receipts in recent years," said Jeffrey Schultz at 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 3% to 6% comfort level.


"As a result, the main tax measures

announced will be in the form of the usual above-CPI increases for excise duties and 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 stabilise at 95.3% of GDP by 2025/26, more or less in line with the poll's median which expected it at 92.7% in 2023/24.

Growth was expected slow to 2.2% 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. **-Nampa/Reuters**



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Proposed Project Overview: 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 surveys), drilling and drill-core sampling.

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, so that they can be considered and assessed during the impact assessment process.

The registration period is effective from **15 February to 01 March 2021**. I&APs and stakeholders are required to register for the project at: <https://eccenvironmental.com/project/>

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

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Paratus welcomes Demshi in subsea cable project



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

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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. Every CLS established along the route of the cable is capable of delivering enough power to

carry the entire cable route, to mitigate potential risks where power might fail in a specific region. Approximately 5000 watts, enough to power a typical 2-bedroom house. The CLS further houses backup power equipment, such as A/B generator feeds. The Paratus landing station will host the Equiano undersea cable system transmission equipment, which includes the Power Feeding Equipment (PFE) as

well as the Submarine Line Terminal Equipment (SLTE). The Paratus landing station will also host cabinets where operators will be able to host their equipment, accessing the Equiano capacity purchased from within the landing station. This will be an open-access network station, with no restrictions as to who can gain access to the capacity, as long as they are registered and licensed operators with the regulatory authority (CRAN).

SITE NOTICE

**NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR
 EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 7789
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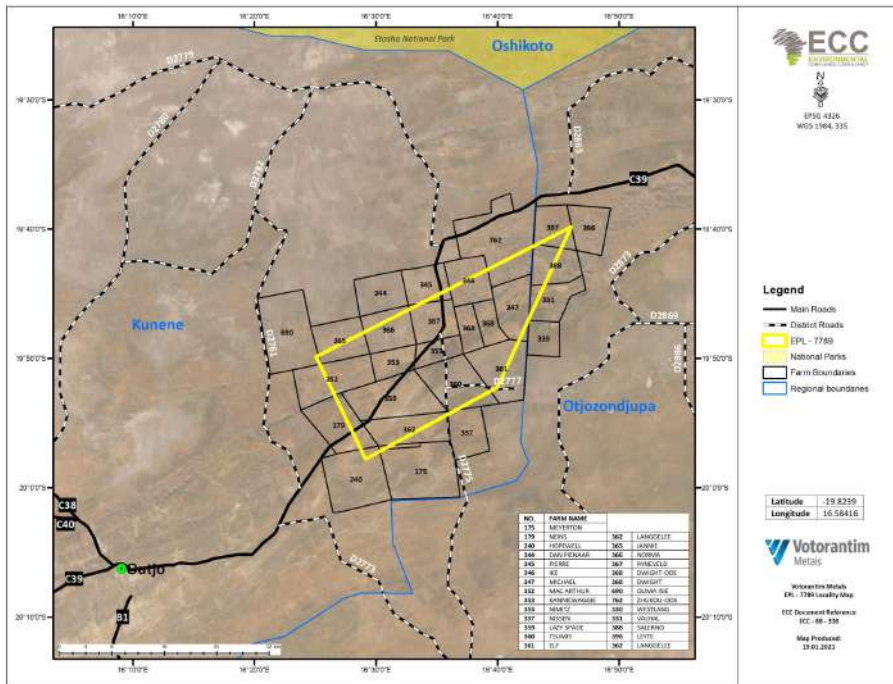
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Applicant: Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd
Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): Environmental Compliance Consultancy
Project ID: ECC-88-338

Project: Exploration activities on EPL 7789 for base and rare metals, industrial minerals, and precious metals in the Kunene and Otjozondjupa regions, Namibia.

Proposed activity: The proponent proposes to carry out exploration activities for base and rare metals, industrial minerals, and precious metals on EPL 7789. The EPL lies approximately 40km northeast of Outjo and can be accessed via the C39 trunk road. The EPL falls within the Kunene and Otjozondjupa regions. Exploration methods may include geochemical surveys (soil and rock sampling), geophysical surveys (electromagnetic surveys), drilling and drill-core sampling.

Location of EPL 7789:



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.