

RENEWAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
CLEARANCE FOR THE CLOSURE OF
THE "PUBLIC OPEN SPACE" AND THE
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Green Earth Environmental Consultants were appointed by the proponent, JV Consultants and Project Managers, to conduct the Environmental Impact Assessment renewal for the closure of the "public open space" and the rezoning to "industrial" on Erf 547, Extension 2, Katima Mulilo, Zambezi Region. It is the intention of the proponent to permanently close Erf 547, Katima Mulilo, Extension 2 as a "public open space" and to rezone the Erf to "general industrial" with a bulk of 2.0.

An Environmental Impact Assessment was conducted, and an Environmental Clearance Certificate was obtained 23 January 2019 and therefore the Environmental Clearance is due for renewal.

In accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GN 30 in GG 4878 of 6 February 2012) of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007), the activities listed below, which forms part of the proposed operations, may not be undertaken without a renewed Environmental Clearance:

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

5.1 The rezoning of land from:

(d) use for nature conservation or zoned open (perceived as a public space) space to any other land use.

The environmental impacts during the operational phase of the proposed project:

IMPACTS DURING OPERATIONAL PHASE			
Aspect	Impact Type	Significance of impacts Unmitigated	Significance of impacts Mitigated
Ecology Impacts	-	L	M
Dust and Air Quality	-	L	M
Groundwater Contamination	-	L	M
Waste Generation	-	L	M
Failure of Reticulation Pipeline	-	L	M
Fires and Explosions	-	L	M
Safety and Security	-	L	М

IMPACT EVALUATION CRITERION (DEAT 2006):		
Criteria	Rating (Severity)	
Impact Type	+	Positive
	0	No Impact
	-	Negative
Significance	L	Low (Little or no impact)
of impacts	М	Medium (Manageable impacts)
	Н	High (Adverse impact)

The type of activities that is carried out on the site does not negatively affect the amenity of the locality and the activities will not adversely affect the environmental quality of the area. None of the potential impacts identified are regarded as having a significant impact to the extent that the proposed project should not be allowed. However, the operational activities further on need to be controlled and monitored by the assigned managers and the proponent. Mitigation measures will be provided that can control the extent, intensity, and frequency of these named impacts in order not to have substantial negative effects or results. It is believed that the overall cumulative impact on the biophysical environment will be low and there will be a positive impact on the socio-economic environment.

The Environmental Impact Assessment which follows upon this paragraph was conducted in accordance with the guidelines and stipulations of the Environmental Management Act (No 7 of 2007) meaning that all possible impacts have been considered and the details are presented in the report.

Based upon the conclusions and recommendations of the renewed Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Environmental Management Plan, the Environmental Commissioner of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism is herewith requested to:

- 1. Accept and approve the Environmental Impact Assessment Renewal.
- 2. Accept and approve the renewed Environmental Management Plan.
- 3. Issue an Environmental Clearance Renewal for the closure of the "public open space" and the rezoning to "industrial" on Erf 547, Katima Mulilo, Zambezi Region and for the following listed activities:

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

EC Environmental Clearance

ECO Environment Control Officer

EIA Environmental Impact Assessment
EMP Environmental Management Plan

I&APs Interested and Affected Parties

MAWLR Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform

MEFT Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism

1. INTRODUCTION

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LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

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The following Environmental Impact Assessment Renewal contains information on the project and the surrounding areas and activities.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

To be able to continue with the operations of the project, an Environmental Clearance Renewal is required. For this environmental impact exercise, *Green Earth Environmental Consultants* followed the terms of reference as stipulated under the Environmental Management Act.

The aim of the initial environmental impact assessment was:

- To ascertain existing environmental conditions on the site to determine its environmental sensitivity.
- To inform I&APs and relevant authorities of the details of the proposed activities and to provide them with an opportunity to raise issues and concerns.
- To assess the significance of issues and concerns raised.
- To compile a report detailing all identified issues and possible impacts, stipulating the way forward and identify specialist investigations required.
- To outline management guidelines in an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) to minimize and/or mitigate potentially negative impacts.
- To comply with Namibia's Environmental Management Act (2007) and its regulations (2012).

The tasks that were undertaken for the Environmental Impact Assessment Renewal included the evaluation of the following: climate, water (hydrology), vegetation, geology,

soils, social, cultural heritage, groundwater, sedimentation, erosion, biodiversity, sense of place, socio-economic environment, health, safety and traffic.

The EIA and EMP from the assessment will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner for consideration. An Environmental Clearance Renewal will only be obtained (from the DEA) once the renewed EIA and EMP has been examined and approved for the listed activities.

The public consultation process as per the guidelines of the Act has been followed. The methods that were used to assess the environmental issues and alternatives included the collection of data on the project site and area from the proponent and identified stakeholders. All other permits, licenses or certificates that are further on required for the operation of the proposed project still needs to be applied for by the proponent.

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION/SITE INFORMATION

3.1. LOCALITY OF SITE

The Katima Mulilo Town Council under Council Resolution 06/11/2015 approved the sale of Erf 547, Katima Mulilo, Extension 2 to JV Consultants and Project Managers to be used for industrial purposes, subject to the completion of certain Town Planning procedures. The sale was also approved by the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development. The erf now needs to be closed as 'public open space' and rezoned to 'general industrial'. See below locality maps of the project area namely Erf 547, Katima Mulilo:

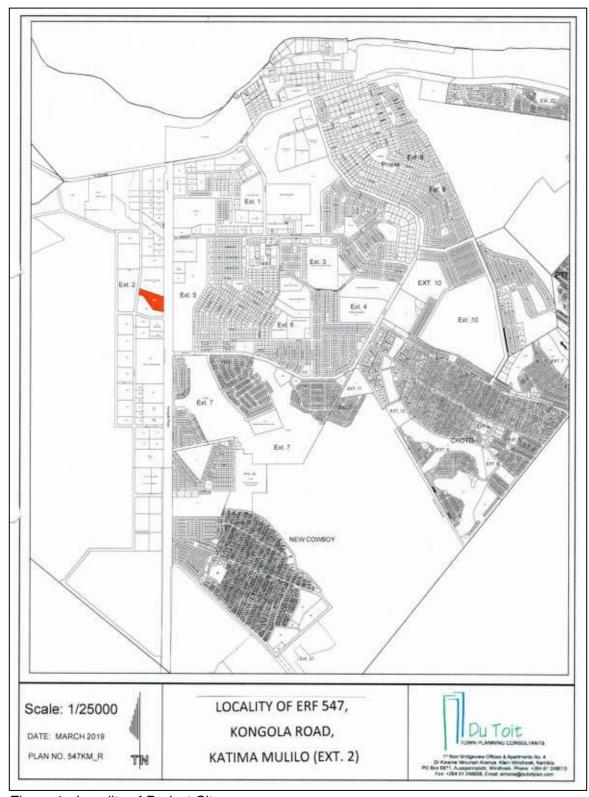


Figure 1: Locality of Project Site

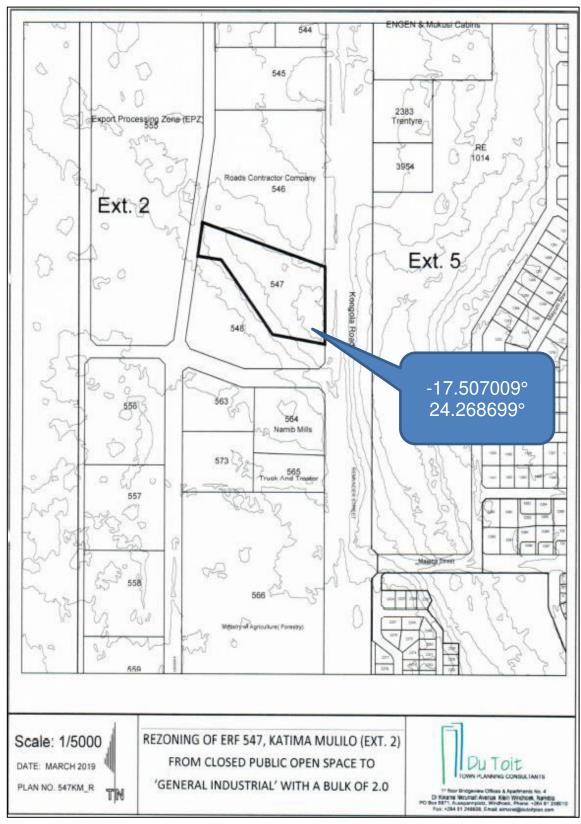


Figure 2: Erf 547, Katima Mulilo



Figure 3: Current Zoning Map

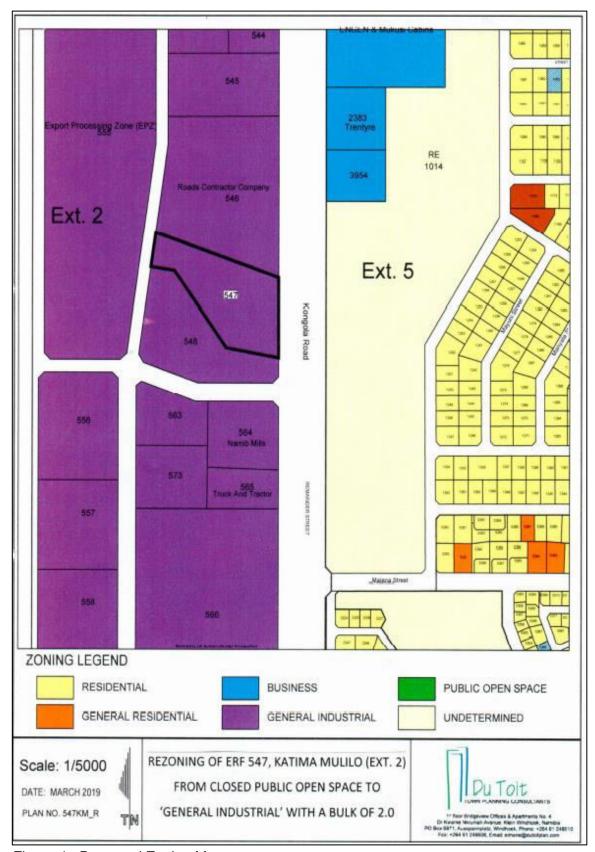


Figure 4: Proposed Zoning Map

3.2. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Erf 547, Katima Mulilo		
Erf number and property description	Erf 547, Extension 2, Katima Mulilo	
Certificate of Registered Title	T5078/1995	
Property Owner	Katima Mulilo Town Council	
Property size and zoning	±21877m ² / Public Open Space	

Erf 547 is located in Extension 2, Katima Mulilo in close proximity to Makaravan (caravan) West informal settlement along the western boundary of the Kongola Road as indicated in *Figure 5* below. The erf is located within the Scheme Boundary of the Katima Mulilo Town and is currently reserved for "Public Open space" purposes according to the Katima Mulilo Town Planning Scheme – see *Figure 6* below.

The erf was originally reserved as a 'public open space' to accommodate stormwater.

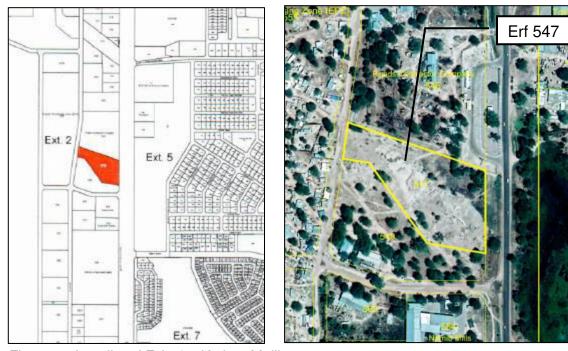


Figure 5: Locality of Erf 547, Katima Mulilo

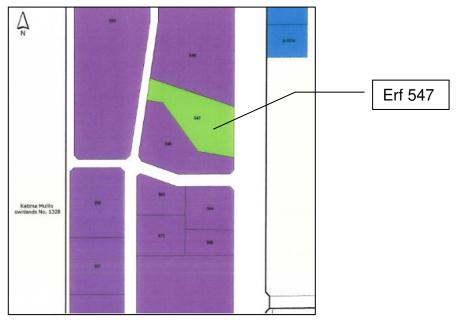


Figure 6: Zoning Map of Erf 547, Katima Mulilo

Erf 547, Katima Mulilo is currently vacant and undeveloped. The erf is surrounded by a number of existing industrial erven.

3.3. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL AND MOTIVATION

Katima Mulilo is situated in the far north-east of Namibia, within the Caprivi Strip and the administrative center of the Caprivi Region, Katima Mulilo is experiencing a strong economic increase and development has been steady.

It is the intension of the developer to permanently close Erf 547, Katima Mulilo, Extension 2 as a "Public Open Space" measuring ±21877m², and subsequently rezone the erf to "General Industrial" with a bulk of 2.0, to be able to use it for industrial purposes for which the sale was already approved by Council.

The erf was originally created to accommodate stormwater running from the west into an eastern direction towards Kongola Street. As the erf is lying vacant and overgrown by bushes and grass, it became a breeding space for mosquitoes. Loitering and littering are taking place, and parts of the erf are being used as a public toilet and for the dumping of rubbish. This is not only an eyesore along the main road into Katima, but also poses an unsafe and unhealthy environment.

Following the approval to purchase the erf, the terrain was filled and levelled, and the stormwater was canalized along the northern boundary of the erf from where it will properly be managed towards Kongola Road.

Since the stormwater will now be accommodated along the northern boundary of the erf, the erf has lost its original purpose as a stormwater carrier, and it became available for a more economical and effective use.

As the erf is located within an industrial area, the most appropriate use is industrial.

There is a street located just a few meters to the south of Erf 547 which is used as a connection between the residential area to the west and the rest of the town. The erf is therefore also not needed as a shortcut from the residential area to town.

The proposed development will enhance the diversification of the local economy and the transfer of technical and industrial skills to the local workforce. The construction and building of warehouse facilities will also contribute towards an increased manufacturing (industrial) sector to job creation.

It is important that although land is available in the surroundings of the Town, it is costly to keep developing new erven while there are many serviced erven available in town that is underdeveloped. The outward expansion of the town means greater distances from the workplace; more services need to be provided, more roads etc. Therefore, one way to ensure that underdeveloped land is utilized to its full potential is to allow for development within the town.

The activities listed in the Town Planning Scheme under the zoning 'General Industrial' is indicated in the table below:

Table 1: Extract of Table B - Town Planning Amendment Scheme

Zoning	Primary Use	Consent Use
General	Industrial buildings, Car wash,	Business buildings, Place of instruction,
Industrial	Service stations, Scrap yard,	Panel beating, Noxious industry, Place of
(Purple Fill)	Warehouses, Public garage,	assembly. Shebeen, Gambling house,
	SME.	Dwelling unit.

4. BULK SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Erf 547, Katima Mulilo is located in an area which is fully serviced by all municipal bulk services. The bulk services were provided as follows:

4.1. ACCESS

Access to the erf is from the street (Kongola Road) on the western side of the erf. On-site parking will be provided on the erf and in accordance with the requirements of the Katima Mulilo Town Planning Scheme.

4.2. WATER SUPPLY

The erf is linked to the existing water supply network of the Town Council.

4.3. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The erf obtains electricity from the existing electrical network supplying the town.

4.4. SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The erf is connected to the existing sewer connection of the town.

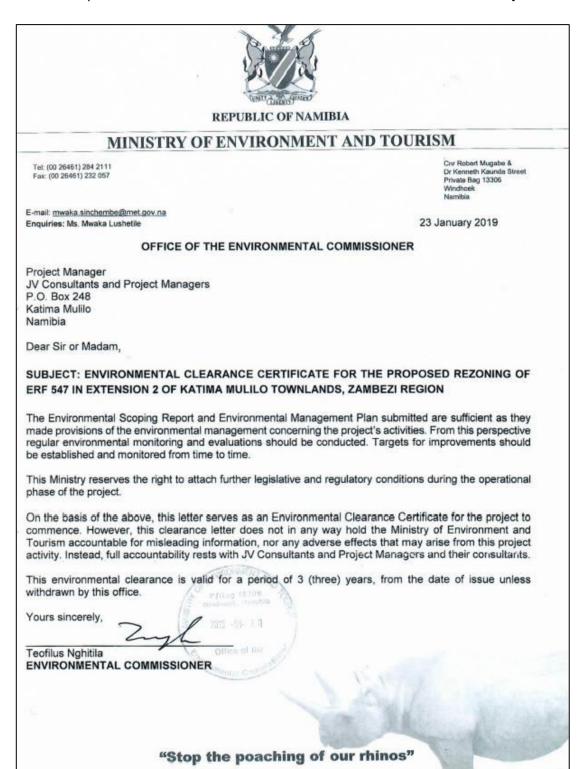
4.5. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

The solid waste generated on the site is collected by the waste management collection system of the town and will be disposed of at the landfill site. Hazardous Waste which might be generated on the site will be dealt with in accordance with the waste procedures for hazardous waste.

5. APPROVALS OBTAINED

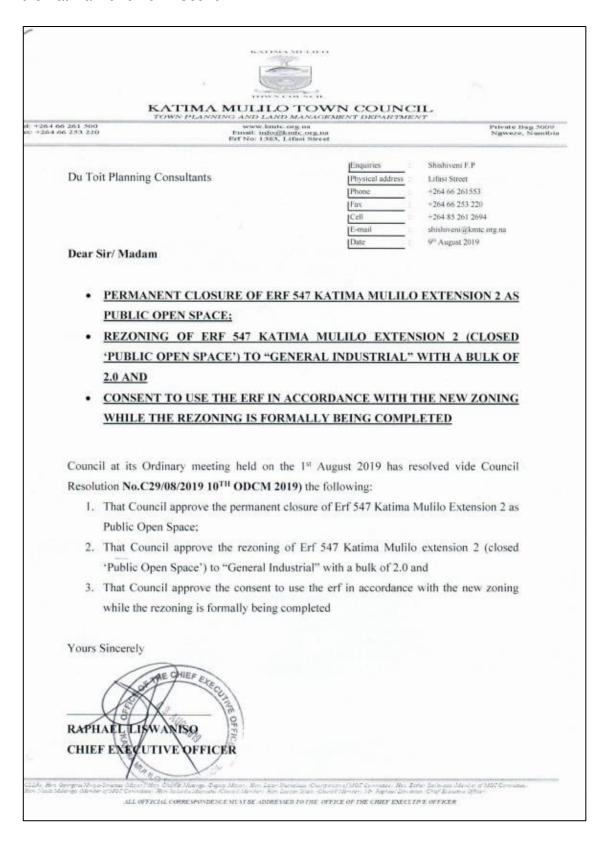
5.1. ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE - MEFT

See below previous Environmental Clearance Certificate obtained 23 January 2019:



5.2. KATIMA MULILO TOWN COUNCIL

Katima Mulilo Town Council approved the closure of Erf 547 as "public open space" and the rezoning to "industrial". See below consent and closure certificate letter obtained from the Katima Mulilo Town Council:





KATIMA MULILO TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN PLANNING AND LAND MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

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CERTIFICATE OF CLOSURE

CERTIFICATE ACCORDING TO THE STIPULATIONS OF ARTICLE 50(1)(C) OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACT OF 1992

I, Raphael Samunzala Liswaniso the undersigned, in my capacity as Chief Executive Officer of the Katima Mulilo Town Council, acting in terms of Section 31(1) of the Local Authorities Act, Act 23 of 1992, read together with Council Resolution Number: C29/08/2019 do hereby certify that with reference to:

PERMANENT CLOSURE OF ERF 547 KATIMA MULILO EXTENSION 2 AS PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

All the necessary conditions as stipulated by Article 50(3) of the Local Authorities Act of 1992, Act 23 of 1992 have been carried out.

FELICIANA SHISHIVENI

MANAGER: TOWN PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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6. ADMINISTRATIVE, LEGAL AND POLICY REQUIREMENTS

To protect the environment and achieve sustainable development, all projects, plans, programs and policies deemed to have adverse impacts on the environment require an EIA according to Namibian legislation. The administrative, legal and policy requirements to be considered during the Environmental Assessment for the proposed project are the following:

- The Namibian Constitution
- The Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007)
- The Katima Mulilo Town Planning Scheme and the Local Authorities Act (No. 23 of 1992)
- Other Laws, Acts, Regulations and Policies

THE NAMIBIAN CONSTITUTION

Article 95 of Namibia's constitution provides that: "The State shall actively promote and maintain the welfare of the people by adopting, inter alia, policies aimed at the following:

Management of ecosystems, essential ecological processes and biological diversity of Namibia and utilization of living natural resources on a sustainable basis for the benefit of all Namibians, both present and future; in particular, the Government shall provide measures against the dumping or recycling of foreign nuclear and toxic waste on Namibian territory." This article recommends that a relatively high level of environmental protection is called for in respect of pollution control and waste management.

Article 144 of the Namibian Constitution deals with environmental law and it states:

"Unless otherwise provided by this Constitution or Act of Parliament, the general rules of public international agreements binding upon Namibia under this Constitution shall form part of the law of Namibia". This article incorporates international law, if it conforms to the Constitution, automatically as "law of the land". These include international agreements, conventions, protocols, covenants, charters, statutes, acts, declarations, concords, exchanges of notes, agreed minutes, memoranda of understanding, and agreements (*Ruppel & Ruppel-Schlichting, 2013*).

CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

In considering the environmental rights, JV Consultants and Project Managers should consider the following in devising an action plan in response to the articles:

- Implement a "zero-harm" policy that would guide decisions.
- Ensure that no management practice or decision result in the degradation of future natural resources.
- Take a decision on how this part of the Constitution will be implemented as part of JV Consultants and Project Manager's Environmental Control System (ECS).

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (NO. 7 OF 2007)

The Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GN 30 in GG 4878 of 6 February 2012) of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) that came into effect in 2012 requires/recommends that an Environmental Impact Assessment Renewal and an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) be conducted for the following listed activities in order to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate:

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

5.1 The rezoning of land from:

(d) use for nature conservation or zoned open (perceived as a public space) space to any other land use.

Cumulative impacts associated with the project must be included as well as public consultation. The Act further requires all major industries to prepare waste management plans and present these to the local authorities for approval.

The Act, Regulations, Procedures and Guidelines have integrated the following sustainability principles. They need to be given due consideration, particularly to achieve proper waste management and pollution control:

Cradle to Grave Responsibility

This principle provides that those who handle or manufacture potentially harmful products must be liable for their safe production, use and disposal and that those who initiate potentially polluting activities must be liable for their commissioning, operation and decommissioning.

Precautionary Principle

If there is any doubt about the effects of a potentially polluting activity, a cautious approach must be adopted.

The Polluter Pays Principle

A person who generates waste or causes pollution must, in theory, pay the full costs of its treatment or of the harm, which it causes to the environment.

CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

The proposed activities have been assessed in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and the Regulations (2012). From the assessment, it can be concluded that the activities will have impacts on the prevailing environment but that the negative impacts can be sufficiently mitigated and managed by the Environmental Management Plan which is part of this document.

THE KATIMA MULILO TOWN PLANNING SCHEME AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACT (No. 23 OF 1992)

The Katima Mulilo Town Planning Scheme (approved 15/12/2006) applies to the area as indicated on the scheme maps and corresponds with the Townlands Diagram for Katima Mulilo Town and Townlands. Erf 547, Katima Mulilo falls within the area of the Scheme.

The general purpose of this Scheme is to create an environment to better the socioeconomic standard of residents and promote the coordinated and harmonious development of the area of Katima Mulilo including, where necessary, the reconstruction and redevelopment of any part which has already been subdivided whether there are buildings on it or not in such a way as will most effectively tend to promote health, safety, order, amenity, convenience and general welfare as well as efficiency and economy and conservation of the existing character of the town, in the process of such development.

According to the Town Planning Scheme, Erf 547 is reserved as a public open space. See image below:

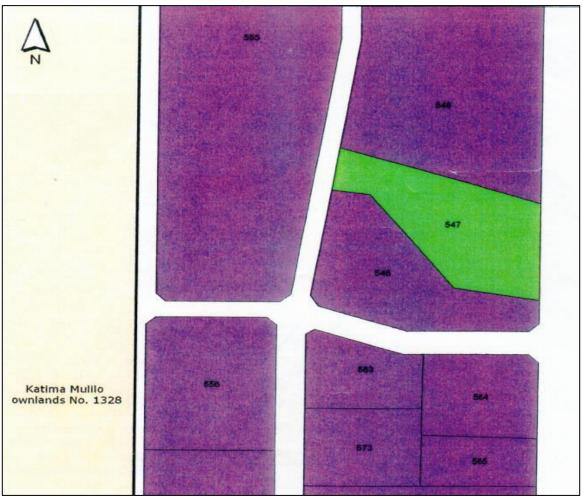


Figure 7: Erf 547, Katima Mulilo as Public Open Space

The Scheme defines a public open space as follows:

"PUBLIC OPEN SPACE" means any land used or reserved in this Scheme for use by the public as an open space, park, garden, playground, recreation ground or square and may, in agreement with Council, be subject to long term lease and maintenance agreements, inclusive of access control, further provided that the use and development of public open space be subject to the provisions of the Local Authorities Act 1992 (Act 23 of 1992).

To be able to use Erf 547, Katima Mulilo for industrial purposes, it must be closed as 'public open space' and rezoned to 'industrial'.

CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

Katima Mulilo Town Council approved the closure of Erf 547, Katima Mulilo as per the stipulations of the Town Planning Scheme and as per the stipulations of Article 50 (3) of the Local Authorities Act (No. 23 of 1992). The closure of Erf 547 will have a small impact on the receiving environment which will be mitigated through the actions in the EMP.

OTHER LAWS, ACTS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

Table 2: Other laws, acts, regulations and policies

Laws, Acts, Regulations & Policies consulted:		
Electricity Act	In accordance with the Electricity	The Proponent must abide to
(No. 4 of 2007)	Act (No. 4 of 2007) which provides	the Electricity Act.
	for the establishment of the	
	Electricity Control Board and	
	provide for its powers and functions;	
	to provide for the requirements and	
	conditions for obtaining licenses for	
	the provision of electricity; to	
	provide for the powers and	
	obligations of licenses; and to	
	provide for incidental matters: the	
	necessary permits and licenses will	
	be obtained.	
Pollution	The Pollution Control and Waste	The Proponent must adhere to
Control and	Management Bill is currently in	the Pollution Control and
Waste	preparation and is therefore	Waste Management Bill.
Management	included as a guideline only. Of	
Bill (guideline	reference to the mining, Parts 2, 7	
only)	and 8 apply. Part 2 provides that	
	no person shall discharge or cause	
	to be discharged, any pollutant to	
	the air from a process except	
	under and in accordance with the	

	provisions of an air pollution license issued under section 23. Part 2 also further provides for procedures to be followed in license application, fees to be paid and required terms of conditions for air pollution licenses. Part 7 states that any person who sells, stores, transports or uses any hazardous substances or products containing hazardous substances shall notify the competent authority, in accordance with subsection (2), of the presence and quantity of those substances. The competent authority for the purposes of section 74 shall maintain a register of substances notified in accordance with that section and the register shall be maintained in accordance with the	
	provisions. Part 8 provides for emergency preparedness by the person handling hazardous substances, through emergency response plans.	
Water Resources Management Act	The Water Resources Management Act (No. 11 of 2013) stipulates conditions that ensure effluent that is produced to be of a certain standard. There should also be controls on the disposal of sewage, the purification of effluent, measures should be taken to ensure the prevention of surface and groundwater pollution and water resources should be used in a sustainable manner.	The Act must be consulted. Fresh water abstraction and waste-water discharge permits should be obtained when required.
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Regulations: Local Authorities 1992	Provides for management and handling of industrial, business and domestic waste.	The Proponent must abide to the solid waste management provisions.
Hazardous Substances	The Ordinance applies to the manufacture, sale, use, disposal	The Proponent must abide to the Ordinance's provisions.

Ordinance	and dumping of hazardous	
	, ,	
(No. 14 of	substances, as well as their import	
1974)	and export and is administered by	
	the Minister of Health and Social	
	Welfare. Its primary purpose is to	
	prevent hazardous substances	
	from causing injury, ill-health or the	
	death of human beings.	
Atmospheric	Part 2 of the Ordinance governs	The proponent should adhere
Pollution	the control of noxious or offensive	to the stipulations of the
Prevention	gases. The Ordinance prohibits	Atmospheric Pollution
Ordinance of	anyone from carrying on a	Prevention Ordinance.
Namibia (No.	scheduled process without a	
11 of 1976)	registration certificate in a	
11 01 1970)	controlled area. The registration	
	certificate must be issued if it can	
	be demonstrated that the best	
	practical means are being adopted	
	for preventing or reducing the	
	escape into the atmosphere of	
	noxious or offensive gases	
	produced by the scheduled	
	process.	
Nature	The Nature Conservation	The proposed project
Conservation	Ordinance (No. 4 of 1975) covers	implementation is not located
	-	•
Ordinance	game parks and nature reserves,	in a demarcated conservation
Ordinance		in a demarcated conservation area, national park or unique
Ordinance	the hunting and protection of wild	
Ordinance	the hunting and protection of wild animals, problem animals, fish and	area, national park or unique
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	in the EU market. Now, any actor	
	who places timber or timber	
	products on the market for the first	
	time must ensure that the timber	
	used has been legally harvested	
	and, where applicable, exported	
	legally from the country of harvest.	
Labour Act	The Labour Act (No. 11 of 2007)	The proponent and contractor
	contains regulations relating to the	should adhere to the Labour
	Health, Safety and Welfare of	Act.
	employees at work. These	
	regulations are prescribed for	
	among others safety relating to	
	hazardous substances, exposure	
	limits and physical hazards.	
	Regulations relating to the Health	
	and Safety of Employees at Work	
	are promulgated in terms of the	
	Labour Act 6 of 1992 (GN156,	
	GG1617 of 1 August 1997).	
Communal	Communal land is land that	Consent should be obtained
Land Rights	belongs to the State and is held in	from Traditional Authorities,
	trust for the benefit of the	Communal Boards, Chiefs,
	traditional communities living in	Kings, Queens etc. if required.
	those areas. Communal land	
	cannot be bought or sold, but one	
	can be given a customary land	
	right or right of leasehold to a part	
	of communal land in accordance	
	with the provisions of the	
	Communal Land Reform Act	
	(No. 5 of 2002) and Communal	
	Land Reform Amendment Act	
	(No. 13 of 2013). The Communal	
	Land Reform Act provide for the	
	allocation of rights in respect of	
	communal land to establish	
	Communal Land Boards to provide	
	for the powers of Chiefs and	
	Traditional Authorities and boards	
	in relation to communal land and to	
	make provision for incidental	
	matters. Consent and access to	
	land for the proposed project	
	should be requested from the	
	relevant traditional authority	
	10.0 vant traditional authority	

	through the Regional Council and	
	Regional Communal Land Boards.	
Traditional	The Traditional Authorities Act	Traditional Authorities should
Authorities	(No. 17 of 1995) provide for the	be consulted when required.
Act (No. 17 of	establishment of traditional	
1995)	authorities, the designation and	
1000,	recognition of traditional leaders; to	
	define their functions, duties and	
	powers; and to provide for matters	
	incidental thereto.	
Public and	The Public and Environmental	The proponent and contractor
Environmental	Health Act (No. 1 of 2015) provides	should adhere to the Public
Health Act	with respect to matters of public	and Environmental Health Act.
110411117101	health in Namibia. The objects of	
	this Act are to: (a) promote public	
	health and wellbeing; (b) prevent	
	injuries, diseases and disabilities;	
	(c) protect individuals and	
	communities from public health	
	risks; (d) encourage community	
	participation in order to create a	
	healthy environment; and (e)	
	provide for early detection of	
	diseases and public health risks.	
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Coronavirus	The current global Coronavirus	The proponent contractor and
Covid-19)	The current global Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic and the	The proponent, contractor and
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	before it may be relocated. This	
	should be applied from the NHC.	
National	No person shall destroy, damage,	The proposed site for
Monuments	excavate, alter, remove from its	development is not within any
Act of	original site or export from	known monument site both
Namibia (No.	Namibia:	movable or immovable as
28 of 1969) as	(a) any meteorite or fossil; or	specified in the Act, however
amended until	(b) any drawing or painting on	in such an instance that any
1979	stone or a petroglyph known or	material or sites or archeologic
	commonly believed to have been	importance are identified, it
	executed by any people who	will be the responsibility of the
	inhabited or visited Namibia before	developer to take the required
	the year 1900 AD; or	route and notify the relevant
	(c) any implement, ornament or	commission.
	structure known or commonly	
	believed to have been used as a	
	mace, used or erected by people	
	referred to in paragraph; or	
	(d) the anthropological or	
	archaeological contents of graves,	
	caves, rock shelters, middens,	
	shell mounds or other sites used	
	by such people; or	
	(e) any other archaeological or	
	palaeontological finds, material or	
	object; except under the authority	
	of and in accordance with a permit	
Public Health	issued under this section. Under this act, in section 119: "No	The proponent will ensure that
Act (No. 36 of	person shall cause a nuisance or	all legal requirements of the
1919)	shall suffer to exist on any land or	project in relation to protection
1919)	premises owned or occupied by him	of the health of their
	or of which he is in charge any	employees and surrounding
	nuisance or other condition liable to	residents is protected and will
	be injurious or dangerous to health."	be included in the EMP.
	bo injunious of dailigorous to frounting	Relevant protective equipment
		shall be provided for
		employees in construction.
		The development shall follow
		requirements and
		specifications in relation to
		water supply and sewerage
		handling and solid waste
		management so as not to
		threaten public health of future
		residents on this piece of land.
Soil	The objectives of this Act are to:	Only the area required for the
Conservation	Make provisions for the combating	operations should be cleared

Act (No. 76 of	and prevention of soil erosion;	from vegetation to ensure the
1969)	Promote the conservation,	minimum impact on the soil
	protection and improvement of the	through clearance for
	soil, vegetation, sources and	construction.
	resources of the Republic;	
Air Quality Act	The Air Quality Act (No. 39 of	The proponent and contractor
(N0. 39 of	2004) intends to provide for	should adhere to the Air
2004)	national norms and standards	Quality Act.
,	regulating air quality monitoring,	,
	management and control by all	
	spheres of government; for specific	
	air quality measures; and for	
	matters incidental thereto.	
Vision 2030		The proposed project is an
	Namibia's overall development	The proposed project is an
and National	ambitions are articulated in the	important element in
Development	Nation's Vision 2030. At the	employment creation.
Plans	operational level, five-yearly	
	national development plans	
	(NDP's) are prepared in extensive	
	consultations led by the National	
	Planning Commission in the Office	
	of the President. Currently the	
	Government has so far launched a	
	4th NDP which pursues three	
	overarching goals for the Namibian	
	nation: high and sustained	
	economic growth; increased	
	income equality; and employment	
	creation.	
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CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

It is believed the above administrative, legal and policy requirements which specifically guide and governs the activity will be followed and complied with in the planning, implementation and operations process.

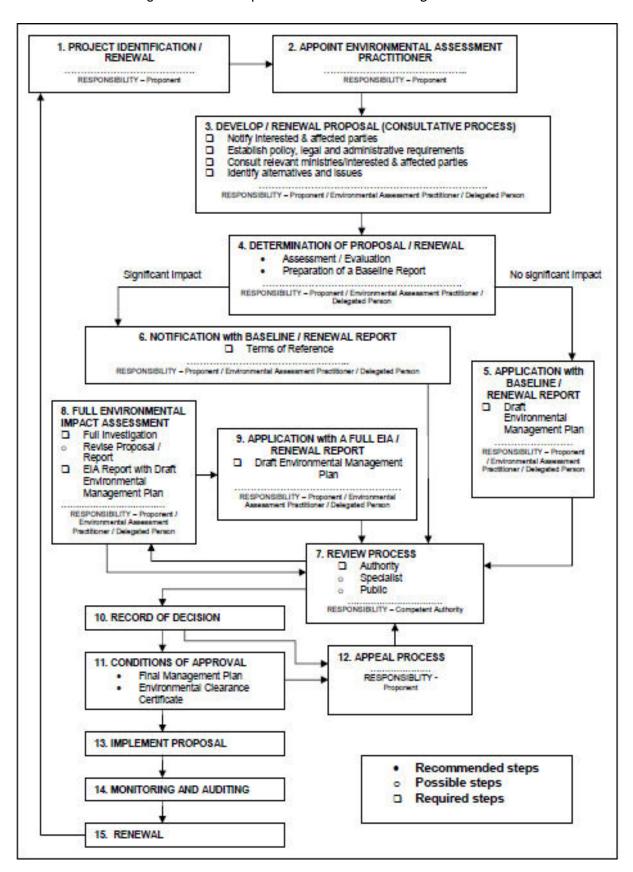


Figure 8: Flowchart of the assessment Process

7. AFFECTED NATURAL AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

7.1. CLIMATE

The Caprivi belongs to the tropical climate zone and receives high rainfalls during the rainy season (December to March). High humidity is most often experienced in this region. The Caprivi is the wettest region in Namibia with its high annual rainfall of ±700 mm. Rainfall however can also be variable and drought years are common. The majority of rain appears in summer especially between January and February. The hottest months in Katima Mulilo are September, October and November with temperatures of 30°C. The prevailing wind in the area is southeast and eastern winds. The prevailing wind direction is expected to prevent the spread of any nuisance namely noise and smell. Strong winds during certain times of the year may aggravate dust impacts during the construction phase.

CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

The activities will not have an impact on the climate.

7.2. GEOLOGY, SOILS AND GEOHYDROLOGY

The surface geology of the area consists of formations of the Kalahari Group which has a thickness of up to 30m in the study area. Within the Kalahari Group the following six lithological classifications are recognized: Duricrusts, Kalahari sand, Alluvium and lacustrine deposits, Sandstone, Marl, Basal conglomerate and gravel.

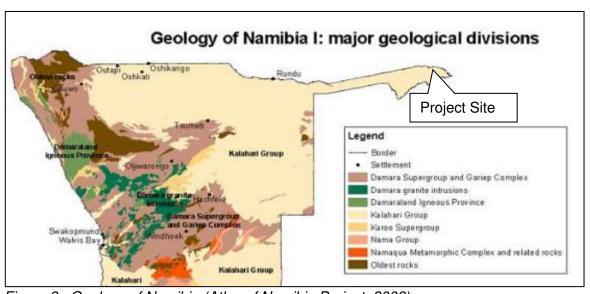


Figure 9: Geology of Namibia (Atlas of Namibia Project, 2002)

CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

The activities will not impact on the geology, soils and geohydrology of the area. The surface drainage canals will be kept open in order that water can flow through.

7.3. BIODIVERSITY AND VEGETATION

Erf 547, Katima Mulilo is located in the Tree and Scrub Savannah Biome which is characterized by woodland vegetation structure type with extremely high green vegetation biomass. However, the project site is located in the build-up area which means that it has been cleared of vegetation and is thus showing evidence of human inference namely informal tracks, lacking vegetation and gravel roads.

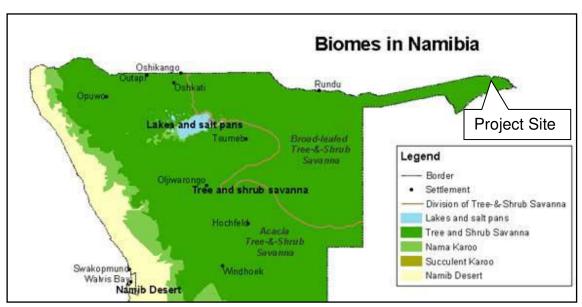


Figure 10: Biomes in Namibia (Atlas of Namibia, 2002)

The proposed construction and operation are expected to have a low impact on the natural environment.

CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

The activities will have a low impact on vegetation, shrubs and trees.

7.4. SOCIAL-ECONOMIC COMPONENT

A large amount of the town's economy relies on the farming community (game, cattle, sheep and goat farming), over border trading from neighbouring countries like Zambia, Botswana and Angola which includes grocery stores, banks, schools, hospitals and other service industries. Katima Mulilo will benefit from more employment opportunities, skills

and technology transfer during construction and operations of the development. The spending power of locals is likely to increase because of employment during the construction and operational phase.

The area where Erf 547, Katima Mulilo is located has already been partially developed and is fully serviced with bulk services. The buildings erected in this area are mainly used for warehousing, business, retail and residential purposes. The proposed development will not have a negative impact on the social environment as it is in line with the current uses in this area. It will thus have a positive impact on the social environment. The socioeconomic characteristics of the area are continuously changing as more economic activities are established within the area.

CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

The activities will have a positive impact on the community since employment will be created.

7.5. CULTURAL HERITAGE

The proposed project site is not known to have any historical significance prior to or after Independence in 1990. The specific area does not have any National Monuments and the specific site has no record of any cultural or historical importance or on-site resemblance of any nature. No graveyard or related article was found in the area. However, the Namibian National Heritage Act (No. 27 of 2004) provides for the protection and conservation of places and objects of heritage significance and the registration of such places and objects and to provide for incidental matters.

CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

No heritage resources or graveyards were observed on the site or in the area.

7.6. SENSE OF PLACE

Erf 547, Katima Mulilo is located inside the already established industrial area of the town. The site is also situated in reaching distance to bulk infrastructural networks consisting of roads and electricity. The proposed activities will not have a negative impact on the sense of place in the area. An untidy or badly managed site can detract from the ecological well-being and individuality of the area. Unnecessary disturbance to the surroundings could be caused by poorly planned or poorly managed operational activities. The project site should be kept neat and clean where possible. Vegetation should not be removed or harmed if not necessary since it covers topsoil which prevents erosion. Noise and dust should be limited in the construction phase because of the neighbouring industrial and business activities.

CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

The impact on the sense of place will be low.

7.7. HEALTH

The safety, security and health of the labour force, employees and neighbours are of great importance, workers should be orientated with the maintenance of safety and health procedures and they should be provided with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). A health and safety officer are employed to manage, coordinate and monitor risk and hazard and report all health and safety related issues in the workplace. The introduction of external workers into the area is sometimes accompanied with criminal activities posing security risks for neighbours. However, the proponent will take certain measures to prevent any activity of this sort. The welfare and quality of life of the neighbours and workforce needs to be considered for the project to be a success on its environmental performance. Conversely, the process should not affect the overall health of persons related to the project including the neighbours.

CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

The proposed activities will have a low impact on the health of the community.

8. INCOMPLETE OR UNAVAILABLE INFORMATION

The number of people that will be employed on the site will depend on the type and scope of the activities.

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

The Environmental Impact Assessment sets out potential positive and negative environmental impacts associated with the project site. The following assessment methodology will be used to examine each impact identified, see *Table* below:

Table 3: Impact Evaluation Criterion (DEAT 2006)

Criteria	Rating (Severity)				
Impact Type	+	Positive			
	0	No Impact			
	-	Negative			
	L	Low (Little or no impact)			

Significance of impact being either	М	Medium (Manageable impacts)
, and the second se	Н	High (Adverse impact)

Probability:	Duration:
5 – Definite/do not know	5 - Permanent
4 – Highly probable	4 - Long-term (impact ceases)
3 – Medium probability	3 - Medium term (5 - 15 years)
2 – Low probability	2 – Short-term (0 – 5 years)
1 – Improbable	1 - Immediate
0 - None	
Scale:	Magnitude:
5 – International	10 – Very high/do not know
4 - National	8 - High
3 – Regional	6 - Moderate
2 – Local	4 - Low
1 – Site only	2 - Minor
	0 - None

The impacts on the receiving environment are discussed in the paragraphs below:

9.1. IMPACTS DURING THE OPERATIONAL PHASE

9.1.1.ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Staff, workers and visitors should only make use of walkways and existing roads to minimise the impact on the environment. Minimise the area of disturbance by restricting movement to the designated working areas during maintenance.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact Type	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significance	
	,,					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Ecology Impacts	-	2	2	4	2	L	M

9.1.2. DUST POLLUTION AND AIR QUALITY

Vehicles transporting goods and staff will contribute to the release of hydrocarbon vapours, carbon monoxide and sulphur oxides into the air. Possible release of sewer odour, due to sewer system failure of maintenance might also occur. All maintenance of bulk services and infrastructure at the project site has to be designed to enable environmental protection.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact Type	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significance	
	1,,,,,					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Dust & Air Quality	-	2	2	4	3	L	М

9.1.3. CONTAMINATION OF GROUNDWATER

Spillages might also occur during maintenance. This could have impacts on groundwater especially in cases of large sewer spills. Proper containment should be used in cases of sewerage system maintenance. Oil and chemical spillages may have a health impact on groundwater users. Potential impact on the natural environment from possible polluted groundwater also exits.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact Type	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significance	
	71-					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Groundwater contamination	-	2	2	4	2	L	М

9.1.4. GENERATION OF WASTE

Household waste from the activities at the site and from the staff working at the site will be generated. The waste will be collected, sorted to be recycled and stored in on site for transportation and disposal at an approved landfill site.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact Type	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significance	
	,,,,					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Waste Generation	-	1	2	2	2	L	M

9.1.5. FAILURE IN RETICULATION PIPELINES

There may be a potential release of sewage, stormwater or water into the environment due to pipeline/system failure. As a result, the spillage could be released into the environment and could potentially be a health hazard to surface and groundwater. Proper

reticulation pipelines and drainage systems should be installed. Regular bulk services infrastructure and system inspection should be conducted.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact Type	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significance	
	,,,,,					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Failure of Reticulation Pipeline	-	2	2	4	2	L	М

9.1.6. FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS

There should be sufficient water available for firefighting purposes. Ensure that all firefighting devices are in good working order and are serviced. All personnel have to be trained about responsible fire protection measures and good housekeeping such as the removal of flammable materials on site. Regular inspections should be carried out to inspect and test firefighting equipment by the contractor.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact Type	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significance	
						Unmitigated	Mitigated
Fires and Explosions	-	2	2	4	2	L	M

9.1.7. HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY

The safety, security and health of the labour force, employees and neighbours are of great importance, workers should be orientated with the maintenance of safety and health procedures and they should be provided with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). No open flames, smoking or any potential sources of ignition should be allowed at the project location. Signs such as 'NO SMOKING' must be prominently displayed in parts where inflammable materials are stored on the premises.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact Type	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Signific	cance
	71-					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Safety & Security	-	1	2	4	2	L	M

9.2. CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

These are impacts on the environment, which results from the incremental impacts when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of which person undertakes such other actions. Cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time. In relation to an activity, it means the impact of an activity that in it may not become significant

when added to the existing and potential impacts resulting from similar or diverse activities or undertakings in the area.

Possible cumulative impacts associated with the proposed project include sewer damages/maintenance, uncontrolled traffic and destruction of the vegetation or the environment. These impacts could become significant especially if it is not properly supervised and controlled. This could collectively impact on the environmental conditions in the area.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact Type	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Signifi	cance
	''					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Cumulative Impacts	-	2	3	4	2	L	М

10. CONCLUSION

In line with the Environmental Management Act (No 7 of 2007), *Green Earth Environmental Consultants* have been appointed to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment Renewal for the closure of the "public open space" and the rezoning to "industrial" on Erf 547, Katima Mulilo, Extension 2, Zambezi Region for JV Consultants and Project Managers.

Due to the fact that Erf 547 is no longer required to accommodate stormwater, it can be closed as "public open space' and put to better use. As the erf is located in an industrial area, it is believed that the use of Erf 547 for industrial purposes, will not have a negative impact on the neighbourhood.

The negative environmental impacts that may be visible in the operational phase of the project include: increases in solid waste generation for example food and plastics, etc., increased stress on waste disposal facilities, increase in water consumption and waste water generation, possibility of spillages, can result in an increase in traffic on the nearby roads and there can be an impact on the occupational health and safety of workers. However, this project is believed to be an asset to this area.

After assessing all information available on this project, *Green Earth Environmental Consultants* believe that the activities will not have a large negative effect on the environment if operations are conducted in accordance with the Environmental Management Plan.

11. RECOMMENDATION

It is therefore recommended that the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism through the Environmental Commissioner support and approve the Environmental Clearance Renewal for the closure of the "public open space" and the rezoning to "industrial" on Erf 547, Katima Mulilo, Extension 2, Zambezi Region for JV Consultants and Project Managers and for the following listed activities:

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- 5.1 The rezoning of land from:
- (d) use for nature conservation or zoned open (perceived as a public space) space to any other land use.

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> > Administration and Management

Reading

Writing

Date Obtained 1985-1987

Name of Institution University of Stellenbosch, South Africa BSc Agric Hons (Chemistry, Agronomy Degree/Qualification

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Name of Institution Boland Agricultural High School, Paarl,

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EAPAN Member (Membership Number: 112)

Speaking

6. Membership of

Professional

Association:

Languages:

7.	Languages:		<u> </u>	<u>beaking</u>	Reading	<u>vvriting</u>
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		Afrikaans	Go	bod	Good	Good
8.	Employment	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Employer</u>		Position(s) held
	Record:	2009	Present	Green Earl	th	Environmental
				Environme	ntal	Practitioner
				Consultant	S	
		2005	2008	Elmarie Du	ı Toit	Manager
				Town Plan	ning	
				Consultant	S	
		2003	2005	Pupkewitz		General Manager
				Megabuild		
		1995	2003	Agra Coop	erative	Manager Trade
				Limited		
						Chief Agricultural
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Charl du Toit

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5. Education:

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University of South Africa	B.A. (Honours) Environmental	2012 to 2013
	Management	

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EAPAN Member (Membership Number: 113)

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Language	Speaking	Reading	Writing
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8. Employment Record:

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07/2013	Present	Green Earth Environmental Consultants	Environmental
			Consultant
06/2012	03/2013	Enviro Management Consultants Namibia	Environmental
			Consultant
12/2011	05/2012	Green Earth Environmental Consultants	Environmental
			Consultant

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Certification:

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Carien van der Walt	

APPENDIX C: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN