# APPENDIX A – PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Villager

Wednesday, 08 November 2023

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Ocran urged Members of Parliament to actively monitor the execution of the budget by various ministries, particularly focusing on the development budget, which currently has only a 32% implementation rate.

He appealed for support in strengthening key resources and ensuring effective spending to achieve value for money and impact on the target population, especially children, while effectively monitoring the budget execution by various ministries.

"My plea is for you to support efforts to strengthen the key resources and ensure effective spending, to ensure value for money and impact on target population and particularly children, to effectively monitor execution of the budget by various ministers." he said.

Meanwhile, macroeconomic expert Dr. Omu Kakujaha-Matundu expressed concerns about the budget allocation to the Urban and Rural Development Ministry, emphasising that the allocated funds are insufficient.

This concern arises from the recent allocation of N\$20.5 million by Finance Minister Ipumbu Shiimi during the mid-term budget review for land servicing and sewer network upgrading.

Kakujaha-Matundu underscored the importance of the developmental budget and prudent use of borrowed funds.

"When you borrow this money should go to infrastructure or capital investment but Namibia borrows most of this money to 'chow'. I'm not saying operational cost does not cost economic growth, it does but it is not sustainable. When your kids ask for this money that you borrow, what did you use it for? Mercedes Benz and suits," he expressed.

He questioned the low execution rate of the development budget, highlighting the need for parliament to hold line ministries accountable.

He proposed the establishment of a robust parliament budget office or budget committee with capacities similar to the Ministry of Finance.

Speaker of the National Assembly Peter Katjavivi also highlighted the importance of evaluating budget performance and adherence to fiscal directives.

He stressed the need to assess tangible results from budget implementation and to prioritise economic growth and social welfare with a propoor perspective.

"We must ask the critical questions; Have the Offices, Ministries, and Agencies (0/M/As) adhered to the State Finance Act and other fiscal directives? Have we seen tangible results from the budget's implementation thus far?" questioned the Speaker.

Katjavivi emphasized that the macro-fiscal policy framework should support sustainable development through a pro-poor lens.



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However, the Nkurenkuru community welcomed the groundbreaking ceremony, expressing relief at the prospect of upgraded roads.

John Hairwa, a resident, shared his surprise and relief.

"Our cars get broken and at the same time the dust of these roads has harmed us in many ways. You end up with breathing problems after driving 200 km of a whole gravel road," he said.

Petrus Ndjamba, a local farmer, echoed the sentiment, expressing excitement about the positive impact on businesses.

He recalled challenging times when impassable roads led to breakdowns and disruptions.

"I had to leave the cattle in a trailer and walk some 5km to get people to help me move the car out of the road. And it was painful leaving my car behind because the road had become impassable," he said.

Looking ahead, Ndjamba expressed hope for the

"We look forward to the next 10 months as said by the minister so we can start driving on well-repaired roads. With the current inflation rate in the country, one cannot break even in business," Ndjamba said.

Road Authority's Chief Executive Officer, Conrad Lutombi, acknowledged the substantial infrastructure demands in the region adding that the Nkurenkuru – Nepara road will notably contribute to strengthening the region's transport network.

He emphasised that the upgraded road would significantly contribute to strengthening the region's transport network, fostering connectivity for the socio-economic benefit of the communities.

"Our national road network forms the backbone of our transportation system, making it possible to meet the mobility and socio-economic needs of the communities and the nation," he said.

In September this year, Mutorwa announced phase two of the upgrade on the Charlie Cutline Road, 70 kilometres west of Rundu. The second phase is set to run for six months, covering at least 35 kilometres for N\$29.8 million.

The road connects the Kavango East, Kavango West, Oshikoto, and Ohangwena regions. The second phase of the upgrade has already started, and it has so far covered 10 kilometres.

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litope expressed her concerns about the delay and insufficiency in the distribution of drought relief food saying the situation is causing frustration and division among the affected community.

The promised food delivery for Okaku was initially scheduled for October but only arrived on November 3, litope said.

litope appealed to the Office of the Prime Minister to enhance the rations provided to beneficiaries on the drought relief list, suggesting a minimum distribution of four 20kg sacks of maize meal, one 2-litre bottle of cooking oil, and four to six tins of fish.

"This is a distressing situation, and it is heartbreaking to see people going without food. If the situation continues, we may witness deaths due to hunger in Okaku," she warned.

litope highlighted that they receive numerous calls from residents every day, inquiring why they have not received their drought relief food. She stressed the need for a more equitable distribution to prevent frustration and despair within the community.

Meanwhile, the Executive Director in the Office of the Prime Minister, I-Ben Nashandi, said before drought relief food was distributed to regions, vulnerability assessments were carried out to inform the government's intervention strategies.

Nashandi noted that the severity of the drought's impact varies among individuals and families.

While some can afford to purchase food, others are in dire need.

The government has categorised families into five phases of drought severity, with phases 3 to 5 being the most vulnerable and requiring immediate assistance to prevent hunger-related fatalities.

"Some people can provide for their families adequately, while others cannot afford even basic necessities," Nashandi explained. As a result, not everyone on the initial assessment list receives assistance, leading to disparities in relief distribution.

Nashandi also confirmed that the size of the maize meal distribution will increase from 12.5 kg to 20 kg, and this distribution will continue on a monthly basis until June 2024.

He urged those who can afford to provide for their families to allow assistance to reach those who are struggling the most.

The situation in Okaku underscores the urgent need for a more effective and equitable distribution of drought relief food to prevent hunger-related tragedies in the country.



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24.10.2023

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Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism

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# Subject: Meeting Request for Cape FRIA Project Presentation

Dear Mr. Mufeti,

I am Mr. Kennedy Nsundano, a member of the Cape Fria project team. I kindly request the opportunity to present the Cape Fria project to you. This initiative has the potential to benefit the resource-rich Northwestern region of Namibia.

Your valuable insights and support would greatly assist in achieving our project's goals. I am eager to discuss this further at your convenience. Please let me know your availability, and I will accommodate your schedule.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kennedy Nsundano Contact: +264813717033

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15 December 2023

Dear Sir,

RE: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROPOSED ULTRA-MODERN CAPE FRIA PORT AND ATLANTIC CITY MASTER PLAN (LAND ACQUISITION AND REZONING, TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND SUB-DIVISION, LAND SERVICING AND CREATION OF STREETS), CAPE FRIA IN THE KUNENE REGION

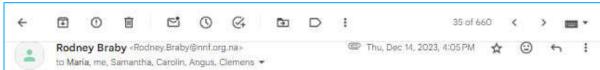
The Namibian Environment & Wildlife Society (NEWS) would like to make the following general comments on the Background Information Document (BID) relating to the above proposed project:

The proposed project will be located at Cape Fria, inside the Skeleton Coast National Park. This park is known for its remoteness, untouched and spectacular landscapes, unique biodiversity and extremely fragile desert ecology. The current Skeleton Coast National Park Management (MEFT 2021) makes reference to the periodic revival of the idea to build a port at Cape Fria and regards such proposals to hold "considerable harm" for the park.

On the marine side, the proposed project will fall into the Cape Fria Ecologically or Biologically Significant marine Area (EBSA) that was recently recognized by the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR). The Cape Fria EBSA will be subject to activity restrictions. Although the exact nature of such restrictions is not yet specified, it is likely that several aspects of the planned project will be in conflict with the Cape Fria EBSA's conservation and management objectives. There are also plans to establish a formal marine protected area that would include Cape Fria.

Previous similar proposals and studies investigating the feasibility of a port and/or associated infrastructure at Cape Fria all highlight the biodiversity importance and ecological fragility of the area, and all have raised serious concerns about the financial viability and ecological sustainability of such a project (e.g. Enviro Dynamics 2006, NACOMA 2012, MEFT 2021).

The BID for this proposed project is vague on exactly what aspects and activities of the planned full project are included in this particular scoping exercise. However, it appears that the activities covered in this scoping exercise would, among other activities, include:



Dear Vilho

I was asked by Samantha our Marine Coordinator to complete this attached form by your deadline of the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2023.

Please find attached document with the concerns, I am a bit constrained by the PDF but have done my best to complete as requested. Please add the other people copied in here as IAAPs too. Also I have added information in the email not in the attached PDF document.

As an environmentally concerned Namibian citizen who has worked for MEFT on the coast for many years I can tell you quite bluntly that this development will not be an easy task. Apart from the biodiversity impacts, the wilderness appeal that this area has will be spoilt. An asset that Namibia has been marketing to support our fastest growing highly sustainable economic sector that was temporary impacted by Covid but is back on track. Recently Lappet-faced vultures an endangered terrestrial bird has been preying on seals at the Cape Fria seal colony, and become a permanent feature for attracting a growing tourism market.

There have been previous impact assessments looking at developing a harbour at Angra Fria. I recall that the main concern was that by creating a 3<sup>rd</sup> fishing harbour Walvis Bay fishing industry will be severely impacted and some factories may need to close as a result of additional pressures on the existing stock.

Rivers inland of Angra and Cape Fria could pose major flooding problems especially with changing climates and increased extreme weather. Engo, Nadas and Munutum rivers drain into the pans surrounding Angra and Cape Fria, in 1995 the Hunkab river between the Hoanib and the Uniab burst through 5 kilometre thick dune field to reach the sea, the force from such extreme incidents would need serious consideration for this location. The winds are extreme here as it is the second strongest upwelling cell in the Benguela system.

Once we have been registered we would like to constructively engage with you to help ensure a sustainable future for Namibia and its people.

Kind regards Rod Braby

From: Vilho Mtuleni <<u>eao.trigen@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 10:45 am To: Samantha Matjila <<u>samantha@nnf.org.na</u>>

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Subject: Re: Expression of Interest and Concern as an Affected Party - Environmental Scoping for the Ultra-Modern Cape Fria Port and Atlantic City Master Plan, Cape Fria in the Kunene Region

Dear Samantha.

Thanks for your interest and registration as an Interested and Affected Party for the proposed Cape Fria activity, we acknowledge your registration and herewith attach for your attention the requested BID.

May we please request that you complete and return the form on the last two pages of the BID, and please indicate what concerns you already have at registration as an I&AP.

We hope for an objective engagement as we navigate though the Scoping exercise, one that is informed by technical expertise and high level of professionalism, and not emotions without due consideration of all aspects of the process.

We will share all other necessary communications as the assessment progresses.

Best Regards

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### Samantha Matjila

Nov 21, 2023, 9:48AM



To whom it may concern. On behalf of the Namibia Nature Foundation, I am writing to express our sincere interest and conc...



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Best Regards

Shadrack Tjiramba

On 21 Nov 2023, at 09:47, Samantha Matjila <samantha@nnf.org.na> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Namibia Nature Foundation, I am writing to express our sincere interest and concern as an affected party in the upcoming environmental scoping exercise for the proposed Ultra-Modern Cape Fria Port and Atlantic City Master Plan in Cape Fria, Kunene Region.

As an important stakeholder in the region, we understand the importance of responsible and sustainable development for the region's growth. While we appreciate the potential benefits that the Ultra-Modern Cape Fria Port and Atlantic City Master Plan may bring, we also recognize the need for a comprehensive environmental scoping exercise to ensure that the project is undertaken with the utmost consideration for environmental conservation, community well-being, and long-term sustainability.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We as the Namibia Nature Foundation look forward to participating in the scoping exercise and contributing to the responsible development of our community.

Kind Regards,

Samantha

Samantha Matiila

### COMMENT FORM

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROPOSED ULTRAMODERN CAPE FRIA PORT AND ATLANTIC CITY MASTER PLAN (TOWNSHIP PLANNING, SUBDIVISION, LAND SERVICING AND CREATION OF STREETS), CAPE FRIA IN THE KUNENE REGION

Please submit the comment form via e-mail or post by 15 December 2023.

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Please list any colleagues/friends or organizations that you feel should also be registered as Interested or Affected Party for the proposed project (with contact details if available).

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Comments are attached below.

2. Your comment should not be limited by the space provided & you may submit as many pages, as necessary

Comments are attached below.

Thank you for the comments

Comments, by above Mr FA Lohnert on the

EIA for "Ultra Modern Cape Fria Port and Atlantic City Master Plan"

The BID has been received and reviewed by the undersigned.

The BID is considered to be of very poor quality and should be discarded outright as wholly inadequate.

Specific comments and considerations are provided below.

The inadequate BID and the proposed EIA should be regarded as fatally flawed even before its commencement.

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Comments Cape Fria - F Lohnert

### 1. National Park

The BID does not mention the fact that the subject area (Cape Fria) is located within a national park. This constitutes a major fatal flaw of the BID and the proposed approach to the EIA.

No detailed map of the project area is provided.

The map of Namibia is of far too large scale, and does not include reference to the national park. The size of the project area is state in the caption of the map as 4301 Ha, but no detail of the project site or outlines is provided.

### 2. The proposed activity is not clearly defined or delineated in the BID.

It is not clear which Phase of the proposed project this BID and EIA are targeted at.

The Introduction (page 1) describes Phase 1 as "Township Planning, Sub-division, land servicing and creation of streets".

The future phases are also indicated, spanning from the proposed port, a gateway transshipment hub, Dry Port at Katima Mulilo, blue economy fishing activities etc., etc. Such <u>proposed phases would</u> constitute activities that range much wider than the only 5 activities listed under Table 1 on pg. 4.

Table 1, Activity 4, refers to the relevance (see 3<sup>rd</sup> column) of "quarrying activity". <u>Neither the BID title nor the Introduction refers to quarrying or other mining activities.</u>

Section 2- "Purpose of the BID" under the first bullet point, claims that the purpose of the BID "to ensure that the project information provided by the client is correct". Clearly this purpose is not met at all, in view of the above and below comments. This is a fatal flaw of the BID.

Section 3 "Project Description" again alludes to the various phases. Phase 1 is described as the "Planning phase" under subsection 1 of section 3, and refers to township planning and land acquisition, etc. Again, no mention of the fact that the project site is state land and in a national park is mentioned.

### 3. Project Scope:

Page 6, last paragraph relates to the "Scope of this Environmental Scoping" as "aimed at obtaining the relevant authorization that will enable the proponent to access the site for the development of the necessary plans and layout." Seemingly therefore, this access appears to be the main objective of the EIA.

However, the proposed scope does not mention the fact that - this area is located within a national park, who/which institution would give such authority, what length of access tracks are proposed, or in which area, no map of proposed new tracks is given, no timeframe or length of time for the access, the nature or number of vehicles to be deployed, number of persons / surveyors, impact of persons in the field, rehabilitation measures proposed etc., etc.

This stated project scope in itself, (i.e. the access to site for the development of plans) should be the subject of a separate, dedicated EIA, with its own specific BID and EMP.

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# 4. Prospecting and exploration activities:

Section 5 (pg. 8) in the title refers to proposed prospecting activities. This activity is not mentioned at all as an activity in table 1, constituting another fatal flaw of the BID and the proposed EIA. The second paragraph of section 5 refers to "the thinning phase', which is not further described or explained. The same paragraph also refers to "positive" impacts that will be assessed, which is misleading, as the paragraph 3 then summarizes like "negative" impacts.

Paragraph 3 again refers to likely negative impacts of <a href="the proposed "exploration" activities, which also are not mentioned anywhere prior in the BID, neither in the title, the listed activities, the purpose, the regulatory framework, etc.

### 5. Specialist environmental studies:

The <u>BID does not indicate any specialist environmental studies</u> to be undertaken, nor does it indicate who would undertake such studies.

### 6. Summary of comments:

The BID is a poorly conceived and inadequately developed document. The document is not congruent, nor is the content consistent within itself. It contains numerous fatal flaws as indicated above.

The BID and in consequence the proposed EIA should be rejected outright.

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