# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT



# PROPOSED OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL AND MINERALS STORAGE WAREHOUSE IN WALVISBAY, ERONGO REGION-NAMIBIA

PROPONENT: ATLANTIC LOGISTIX

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT-SEP 2023** 

## INTRODUCTION

Atlantic Logistix has identified the need for mine chemicals and supplies in mines around Walvisbay and Swakopmund, and the rest of the Erongo region. This has thus necessitated transportation of hazardous of chemicals over long distances more frequently because of the nexus between & the growing number of mining operation within the area and well as the need for chemicals in the mining Industry, especially Uranium mining. In this respect, the proponent has taken on a venture to operate a chemicals storage facility in Walvisbay town to ease logistical and financial costs in supply and demand for mining chemicals nearby.

In this respect Junior Baiano Industrial Consultants (JBIC) cc is to carry out an Environmental Assessment study to obtain an environmental clearance certificate as per the requirements of the Ministry of Mines and Energy and the Ministry of Environment and Tourism in terms of hazardous substances storage facilities.

The study will incorporate biophysical, ecological and socioeconomic baseline investigations relating to the proposed project. In terms of the Namibian environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2012, an Environmental Clearance Certificate is to be obtained before the project can proceed.

This is because Section 9.1 of the Listed activities under the EIA regulations of 2012 states that the

9.1 The manufacturing, storage, handling or processing of a hazardous substance defined in the Hazardous Substances Ordinance, 1974 would require and Environmental Assessment.

#### AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THIS EIA PROCESS

The aims of this EIA:

- ➤ To comply with Namibia's Environmental Assessment Policy, Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) with its 2012 EIA Regulations and the;
- Consult all interested and affected parties such as local residents and conservancy officers to ensure that their inputs are taken into account;
- ➤ To assess the significance of issues and concerns raised;
- Review the legal and policy framework and its relevance to this project;
- Describe general and socio-economic environment of the project to determine impacts and suitability to the project site.
- ➤ Identify and assess impacts related to the continued operations.
- Compile an Assessment Report and Management Plan (EMP) which includes recommendations and methods to minimize the identified negative environmental impacts of the proposed project.
- ➤ To identify existing environmental conditions and associated environmental sensitivities within and adjacent to the project area that may potentially be affected, i.e. Environmental sensitivity and monitoring procedures.

# THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The Public Participation Process (PPP) is an integral part of the EIA process whereby it allows the public to obtain information about the proposed project, to view documentation, to provide input and voice any concerns concerning the project. The Public Participation Processes that will be undertaken will include consultation with the local authority, line ministries, government extension offices, owners of neighboring properties and other I&AP's living around the proposed area.

During the meeting participants will be availed an opportunity to comment, ask questions and raise any concerns be it environmental or social regarding the proposed solar farm. Comments will be recorded and considered in the Environmental Assessment report that will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment for review

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The applicant, Atlantic Logistix intends the following: -Chemical Storage Facility under the following Specifications.

- Container collection Export to and from
- Ex ort direct to client
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- Warehousing Destuffing of containers
- Stuffing of containers
- Storage of product
- Side Loader Hire
- Reach Stacker Hire

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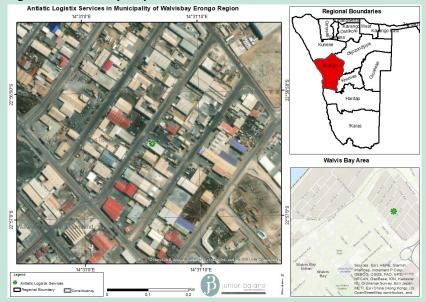
- Transport Bulk loads export direct to clients
- Dry Break export direct to clients
- Routes:

Walvis Bay to Husab Mine

# **PROJECT LOCATION**

The proposed project site is on ERF 2624 Moses Garoeb Street, Walvisbay Town, Erongo Region-Namibia. The exact project site shown below:

#### Figure1: Site Locality Map



#### ANTICIPATED PROJECT IMPACTS

Potential Impacts	Assessment to be Undertaken			
Negative Impacts				
Land use Change (Aesthetic value)	baseline assessment			
Impacts on fauna and Flora	JBIC EIA Team Vertebrate fauna (wildlife) and flora (vegetation) specialist assessment If there is need for specialist Assessment, the consultation process will Inform.			
Impacts on surface and groundwater resources	JBIC EIA Team baseline assessment			
Health and Safety hazards	JBIC EIA Team baseline assessment			
Cumulative impacts of the project Operation	JBIC EIA Team baseline assessment			
Positive Impacts				
Revenue generation	JBIC EIA Team baseline assessment			
Land rehabilitation	JBIC EIA Team baseline assessment			
Employment creation	JBIC EIA Team baseline assessment			

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

This Public Consultation process forms an important component of the Environmental Assessment process. It is defined in the EIA Regulations (2012), as a "process in which potential interested and affected parties are given an opportunity to comment on, or raise issues relevant to, specific matters" (S1).

You can participate through the following:

- Responding to the newspaper adverts for public meeting, availability of scoping report and decision made by MET.
- A public meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> September
   2023 at Atlantic Logistix Depot in Walvisbay

## OUR CONTACT DETAILS.....

You can send all your comments and enquiries to the following:

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# **Registration and Comments Form**

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED OPERATION OF A CHEMICAL STORAGE WAREHOUSE IN WALVISBAY, ERONGO REGION-NAMIBIA

KINDLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IN DETAIL AND RETURN TO:

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# **Personal Details**

Name & Surname					
What is your main area of interest regarding the proposed development?					
Do you have any points of concern or support regarding the proposed project? If "y	es", please				
briefly list these in point format:	YES / NO				
Should the project go ahead? If "no" state reasons below:					
	YES / NO				