

OMBADJA TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

CONSTRUCTION OF A LODGE AT OKAFITU KAPPAULUS

Date 01 November 2023

Venue: Proposed site

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Ombadja Traditional Authority called a meeting with villages regarding the proposed construction of the Lodge in Okafitu KaPaulus, in Okalongo Constituency. Community was invited through the radio.

2. Attendance

The meeting convened with the representatives of the Tortoise Environmental Consultant (TEC), representing expertise in environmental matters pertinent to the discussion of the proposed activity.

The Ombadja Traditional Authority, and the members of the general community, whose active participation and engagement showcased a collective interest in the records. The attendance register is attached.

3. Purpose of the meeting and presentation of EIA Process

Mr. Martin Absai Dumeni, the Traditional Councillor informed the meeting that the purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about the proposed construction of the lodge on a piece of land which is allocated to Mr Risto Hendrik Shekundja.

Tortoise Environmental Consultant (TEC), represented by My Uunona, presented an overview of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process. It was emphasized that any construction of a lodge or establishment is considered a listed activity, requiring clearance from the Office of the Environmental Commissioner prior to commencement.

The initial step for the proponent involves identifying the project site and exploring potential alternatives. An application must then be submitted to the Office of the Environmental Commissioner. The primary responsibility of the Consultant is to conduct comprehensive site environmental assessments, which includes evaluating socio-economic aspects. Additionally, the Consultant facilitates public engagement to gather opinions on the proposed activity. The findings from these assessments are then compiled into an Environmental Assessment report, which identifies potential impacts. Corresponding mitigation strategies are outlined in the Environmental Management Plans.

All public concerns and opinions are carefully documented and consolidated with the EIA and EMP reports. These documents are then submitted to the Office of the Environmental Commissioner. The final decision regarding the issuance of a Clearance Certificate lies with this office. In cases where the application is declined, the applicant has the right to appeal.

4. Summary of Discussion

The community has expressed unanimous support for the proposed construction of the lodge, voicing no objections. They have emphasized that the establishment of the lodge is anticipated to have several positive impacts on their area. Community members have highlighted that the envisioned lodge project holds the promise of generating employment opportunities, which is a significant concern for the local workforce.

Their collective sentiment suggests that the construction phase is expected to create short-term employment prospects, providing a much-needed boost to the local workforce during the building phase. This influx of job opportunities is seen as a welcome development by community members who are hoping to benefit from the project. Moreover, the operational phase of the lodge is anticipated to offer long-term employment opportunities for individuals interested in working within the lodge once it becomes fully operational.

Community members are optimistic about the potential economic benefits that the lodge could bring to their area, especially in terms of job creation and sustained employment opportunities. They believe that the lodge will not only provide immediate employment during the construction phase but will also offer stable jobs in the long run, contributing to the economic growth and stability of the community.

5. Closing

Mr. Martin Absai Dumeni, the Traditional Councillor, conveyed heartfelt gratitude to all the participants who responded to the invitation extended to them. In his expression of thanks, he underscored the significance of their presence and participation, acknowledging the value each individual added to the meeting.

With genuine appreciation, Mr. Dumeni recognized the time and effort invested by the attendees, emphasizing their integral role in contributing to the meeting success. He highlighted the importance of their diverse perspectives, insights, and contributions, recognizing their collective commitment. Additionally, Mr. Dumeni expressed optimism for continued cooperation and collective efforts toward the common goals that bind the community together.

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08:30	2. Vistolina V.	Naishindi	0814529288
09:00	3. Monika	nd. Shekudja	Okafitupaidus 0816314736
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10:00	4. Alfeus	Set.	Okafitupaulus 081376872
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11:30	7. Immanuel	Ndatanufa	Okafitupaulu 0812364182
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It may take you a second to say it, but for them it could last a life time."
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