



Finally... The Tsintsabis settlement where residents will now get legal documents for ownership of land.

Photo: Obrein Simasiku

'Minor' objections over Tsintsabis land allocation

■ Obrein Simasiku

OMUTHIYA – The Land Reform Advisory Commission will this month adjudicate on the issuance of 151 allotment letters to residents of Tsintsabis and farm Oerewoud in the Oshikoto region.

The residents have been occupying the piece of land for the past 28 years and had no right to the portions of land they currently occupy.

The land reform ministry last year took a drastic decision to issue allotment letters to residents in an effort to end infights due to the prevalent sales of both residential and farming land to outsiders.

"We are making progress and we placed an advert for objection last year. We, however, received five, although they are minor

ones that relate to boundaries. We have thus far-forwarded to the land reform advisory committee, which is likely to sit end of the month and deliberate on the issue, and also make recommendations to the minister for final endorsement," explained director of resettlement and regional programme in the land reform ministry Alfred Sikopo in an interview with *New Era* last week.

In addition, he said, recommendations for allotments have been made for those without any objections, while the ministry will have to conduct an investigation for objected portions to establish the facts.

About 51 residents of Tsintsabis who settled at the farm upon its acquisition by government in 1992 will receive allotment letters, while 100

would be issued in Oerewoud.

In October last year, Sikopo said this is the first phase.

The second phase will include those who were illegally allocated or settled on the land.

"The allotment will be handled in two phases, with the second to be expedited after a thorough consultative process with the regional council, traditional authority and community. All problems of Tsintsabis will be resolved by the ministry. We do have a list of the earliest people resettled as well as a map. Therefore, that is why we are here today so you can help us in identifying and verifying legitimate people resettled. If there are incidents of people claiming to own same plots, let us hear it so that we solve it before we put names in the newspaper for objections," he said at the time.

Swakop man acquitted of rape charges

■ Roland Routh

One of two men accused of rape in Swakopmund during 2015 and 2017 dodged a bullet last week when all charges against him were dismissed in the Windhoek High Court by Judge Claudia Claassen.

Claassen said the state failed to adduce any evidence against Desmond !Owos-Oab, and he, thus, stands to be discharged on all counts he was facing.

With regards to his co-accused, Chris van Wyk, the judge said that except for a charge of rape, he too is acquitted on the other charges he faces.

Van Wyk faced three counts of rape, one count of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and one count of theft, while !Owos-Oab is facing two counts of rape, one count of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, one count of theft and one count of housebreaking with intent to rape and rape.

According to the charge sheet, both accused on 1 November 2015, at an area near Masilo Street in Mondesa, Swakopmund, whilst the complainant was on her way to a friend's house, approached her and then assaulted and raped her.

It is further alleged that they took turns with the one helping the other to commit the vile deed.

With regard to the housebreaking charge, it is alleged that !Owos-Oab, during the evening hours of 5 March 2017 broke into the room where the complainant was lying, passed out after a drinking spree, and raped her. This charge was, however, withdrawn by the State.

Both tendered not guilty pleas at the start of their trial.

In relation to !Owos-Oab, Claassen said the State correctly conceded that no evidence upon which a reasonable court acting carefully could convict him and he is entitled to the discharge.

However, she said, the position in respect of Van Wyk is slightly different. "As for the statutory rape charge, the court heard evidence from the State and the court became privy to the version postulated by the defense.

In short, the version is that accused 1 (Van Wyk) and the complainant agreed to have sex in a toilet, which could not materialise, and they went home.

As they walked, they fell prey to four men, who attacked them. She went on to say that both the versions of the State and Van Wyk place him on the scene.

According to the judge, the evidence of three eyewitnesses that they observed Van Wyk on top of the complainant and that he was making movements consistent with having intercourse was not displaced by the defence despite rigorous cross-examination.

"Nor was the evidence of such poor quality that it does not constitute a prima facie case on the rape count," she said.

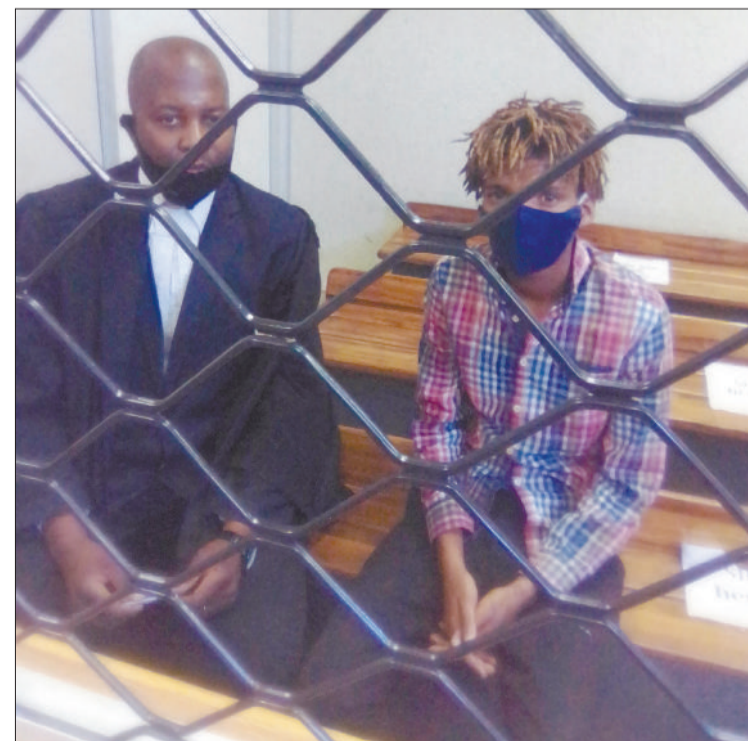
For that reason, she said, he stands to be put on his defence.

With regards to the other charges, the judge said no prima facie evidence was put before the court to allow it to ask answers from Van Wyk. Siyomunji indicated to the court that his client will not take the stand to testify.

The matter was remanded to 19 March for submissions of the verdict.

The state was represented by Dominic Lisulo.

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Free as a bird... Desmond !Owos-Oab (right).

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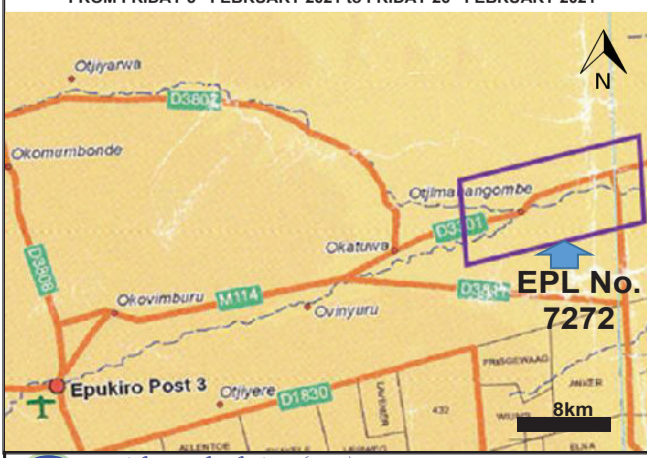
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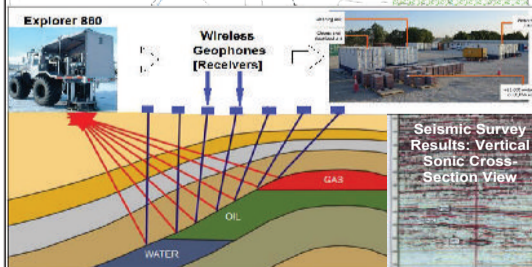
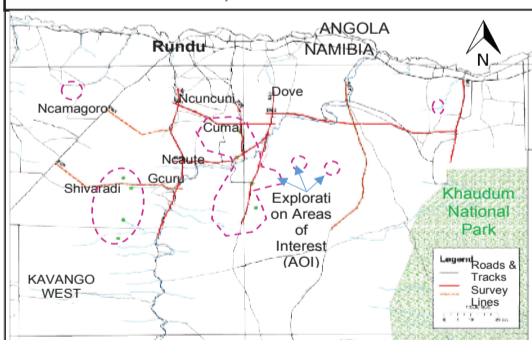
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Reconnaissance Energy Namibia (Pty) Ltd (the Proponent and Operator) holds petroleum exploration rights under the Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) No. 73 granted by the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME). Reconnaissance Energy Namibia (Pty) Ltd is a subsidiary of Reconnaissance Energy Africa Ltd (ReconAfrica), an international Canadian public listed oil and gas company. The company intends to conduct 450 km long of 2D seismic survey operations as part of the exploration commitments to the Government of the Republic of Namibia. The proposed survey operations covering the key exploration Areas of Interest (AOI) within PEL 73 will be conducted along existing roads and tracks, using an environmentally friendly, limited footprint and efficient light trucks, the Explorer 860 Accelerated Weight Drop (AWD) energy sources and wireless receivers. The key central exploration interests are situated about 55 km south of Rundu, 80 km south of the Okavango River, more than 260 km from the Okavango Delta in Botswana and not related to the Okavango Delta whatsoever, more than 40 km from the boundary of the Khauzum National Park and more than 70 km from the Mangetti National Park.

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Desert Jewelz to take part in Spar Challenge

By Michael Uugwanga

NAMIBIA'S senior women netball team, the Desert Jewelz are set to take part in the Spar International Netball Challenge to be hosted by Netball South Africa this month from February 24 to February 28.

This was confirmed by Netball Namibia technical director, Vehonga 'Wency' Ndjitaviua to Confidante Sport this week, after Netball Namibia held its first training camp for the senior players over the weekend in Windhoek.

The netball tournament has been hosted by Netball South Africa since 2016 of which Namibia will be making its first appearance at the tournament that has been contested by the likes of South Africa, Uganda, Malawi and two other South African sides Proteas U/20 and the South Africa

Presidential Invitational squad.

The final 15-woman squad will only be announced after the next training camp to be hosted from 19 to 21 February.

Namibia will be making its return to the international netball stage after a year's absence due to Covid-19, with the country's last international participation going back to October 2019 in the M1 Nations Cup in Singapore, which Namibia won.

"The aim is really to improve ranking and ensure players are kept active during that season. This will be our first time in the tournament but in the past we did participate in the Diamond Netball Challenge there. With the Covid-19 pandemic, Namibia was unable to secure any ranking points as all international games were cancelled. If this stays the same, Namibia will lose their current ranking of 23rd place in the world,"

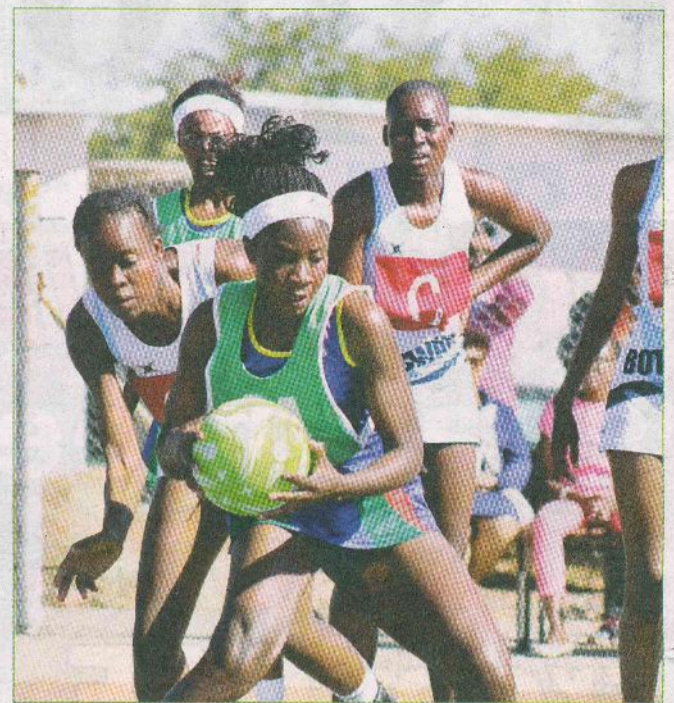
said Ndjitaviua.

Netball Namibia will be hoping to get cash injection from their regular sponsor Debmarine Namibia that has been the official sponsor for three years, while more financial support is expected to come from the Namibia Sports Commission (NSC).

The current national team is comprised of:

Jatjinda 'Toetsie' Tjihero, Kambirongo Tjeripo, Rachele Roets, Anna Kasper, Eve Kamutushi, Selma Bittler, Zante Farmer, Anna Shipanga, Rachel Hanyanya, Imbeleni Frans, Venjee Maharero, Emmy Katuko, Monica Gomases, Corey Mupenda, Mwale Mulenamaswe

Players waiting to be assessed are: Juzelri Garbers, Uahengisa Tjozongoro, Maria Malunga, Vijanda Kamberipa, Tusnelde Fillemon, Bytjie Zuana.



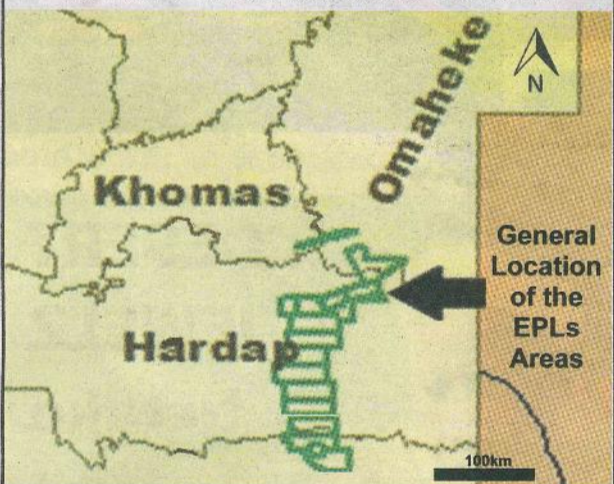
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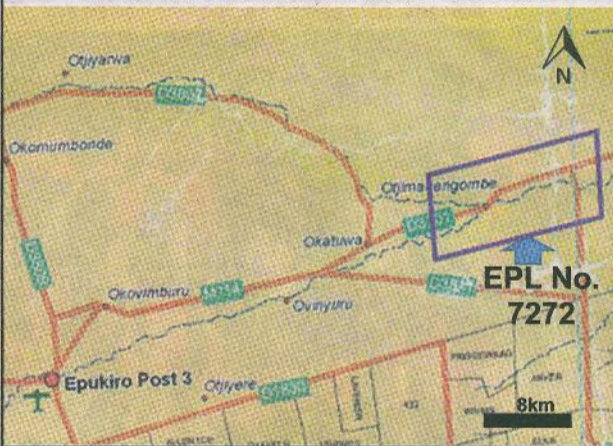
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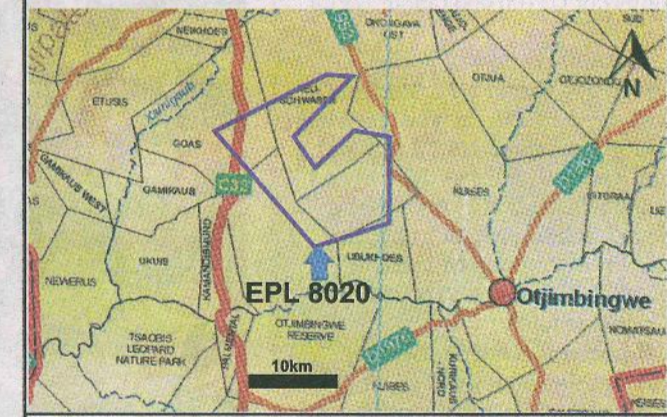
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Justus Stanley Vei and **Maria Nandelila Vei**, the **Proponents**, have applied for Mining Claims (MCs) Nos. 72254-72263 and 72264-72273, respectively, for base and rare metals. The MCs were applied on 13/11/2020 and falls within the Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 3980 for Imprint Investments (Pty) Ltd. The MCs Nos. 72254-72263 and 72264-72273 falls in privately owned commercial farmlands, Eendrag374 and Otjeherane 216, respectively.

The Proponents intends to conduct prospecting activities starting with desktop studies and aerial surveys, followed by regional field-based reconnaissance work and if the results are positive, implement detailed site-specific field-based activities using techniques such as geological mapping, geophysical surveys, trenching, drilling, and sampling for laboratory tests before starting with the small-scale mining operations specifically targeting manganese. The proposed prospecting and small-scale mining activities are listed in the Environmental Management Act, 2007, (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the EIA Regulations 30 of 2012 and cannot be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificates (ECCs) for each proposed project.

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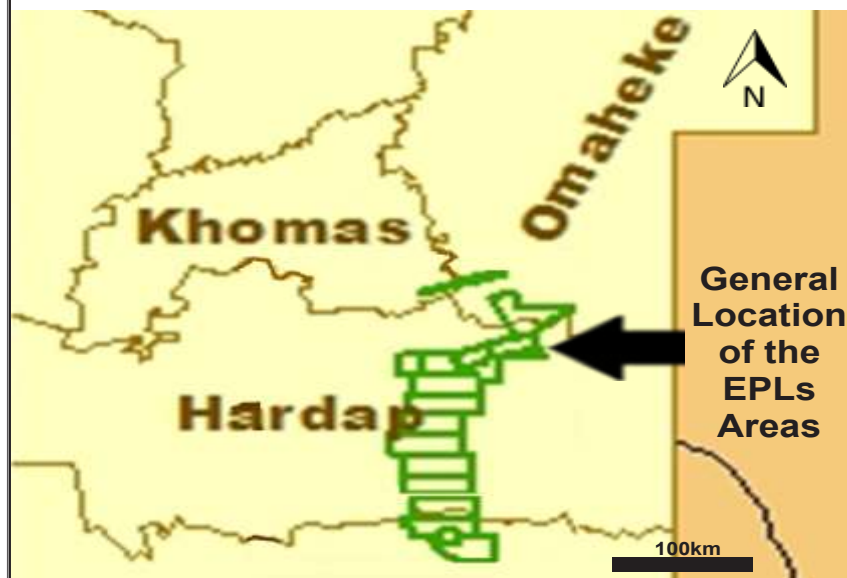
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