

The Environmental Commissioner
Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
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Dear Mr Mufeti

APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE EXISTING EKWATHO SERVICE STATION, OSHIVELO, OSHIKOTO REGION

Following the discovery that most fuel stations were built before the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its Environmental Assessment Regulations of 2012 was promulgated, efforts are being made to comply with Namibian environmental laws. The Ministry of Environment and Tourism: Department of Environmental Affairs (MET: DEA) requires that Engen Namibia (Pty) Ltd obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for its fuel facilities. Engen Namibia (Pty) Ltd has thus embarked on the process of regularizing all of its fuel retail service stations throughout the country.

Engen submitted an application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate for the Ekwatho Service Station in 2017. The accompanying assessment carried out then found that the service station was not complying to environmental pollution control, and that major installation upgrading and control measures were to be implemented.

It is against this background that the application for the ECC was not approved by the Environmental Commissioner with the recommendation and advise to commission the upgrades and re-submit the application.

The following were the key recommendations from the assessment carried out in 2017:

- Upgrading of fuel storage tanks to composite tanks.
- Installation of pollution control mechanisms such as oil interceptor, oil and water separation pit, spill containment slab and interlocking paving on the general area as well.
- Installation of monitoring wells should be ensured on site as well.
- Waste disposal bins should be labelled.
- Environmental audits by an independent environmental consultancy must be carried out on quarterly bases every year so as to monitor environmental compliance. The monitoring and audit reports should accompany the application for renewal of the environmental clearance certificate.

Engen Namibia (Pty) Ltd has subsequently embarked on an extensive upgrading project for the installations to be in accordance with applicable SABS/SANS standards, Namibian legislation of petroleum and fuel retail facilities as well as Engen site guidelines. The work covered all major defects pointed out earlier and included the following:

- New Forecourt Concrete Slab for Containment
- New Catchpit
- New Oil Separator
- New Unleaded Primax Delivery Line
- New Diesel 50ppm Delivery Line
- New Vent Line
- New Filler Line
- New Kablafex
- New Soil & Waste Equipment (Fire Buckets etc.)
- New Air Hoses

Engen has now appointed Environam Consultants Trading (ECT) to re-submit the application for the ECC on its behalf.

We trust that you will find this in order.

Yours faithfully,



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