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Re: **CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS OF A FUEL RETAIL FACILITY IN OKANGWATI, KUNENE REGION**

Please note that the proof of public participation for **CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS OF A FUEL RETAIL FACILITY IN OKANGWATI, KUNENE REGION** forms part of the EIA Scoping Report. The pertinent Section has been extracted for your review purposes.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

**Geo Pollution Technologies**

## **Appendix B: Proof of Public Consultation**



**Notified and Registered IAPs**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Mbaetaire	Kavari		Okunguati Settlement Office
Naipopiuua R	Kakori		Okunguati Constituency Office
Rikondjerua	Tjinandi		Okunguati Constituency Office
Vatiraike	Tjirambi	Con. - Chairperson	Okangwati Conservancy / Community Conservancy - Epupa Constituency
Hembinda	Tjihunaike	Headman	Okangwati Conservancy / Community Conservancy - Epupa Constituency
Tjihenu T	Tjiposa	Headman	Okangwati Conservancy / Community Conservancy - Epupa Constituency
Suse	Thom	Headman	Okangwati Conservancy / Community Conservancy - Epupa Constituency
Tjiumbua	Uaripuije	Headman	Okangwati Conservancy / Community Conservancy - Epupa Constituency
Tjipuiko	Uasirika	Headman	Okangwati Conservancy / Community Conservancy - Epupa Constituency
Jackie	Rutz	Chief Engineering Technician	Roads Authority Maintenance - Opuwo Region
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Muveri	Utenga	Private	Okangwati
Laina	Hekandjo	Good Road Market	Okangwati
Kakuka	Kakuvi	Private	Okangwati
Tjana	Tirambi	Private	Okangwati
Museveni	Mukazapi	Private	Okangwati
Ana	Frans	Private	Okangwati
Diina	Bernado	Private	Okangwati
H	Mukoka	Okiti Market	Okangwati
Laina	Hekandjo	Good Road Market	Okangwati
		Alfons Take Away	Okangwati
Martha	Immanuel	Private	Okangwati
Andonia	Nghilifavali	Arsenal Mine Bar	Okangwati
Theresia	Amunyela	Wezt Zide Bar	Okangwati
Lanja	Negonga	Oshikongeni Bar	Okangwati

**Comments and Responses**

<b>IAP</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
Laina Hekandjo	Wednesday, 08 September 2021 10:16	Good morning Mrs Quzette I am Laina from good roads market would like to apply for job in the upcoming service station in okongwati. I am experience in sales market , cooking and baking, have a certificate in mine health and safety. Wish to hear from you soon	Thank you very much for your email. It is well received. We have to finish the administrative processes and get the approval from Ministry of Mines and Energy. Once all is approved the service station will be built, we estimate that it will only be in the middle of next year. Just to confirm that we have your number as 0813328016. However, I have given your details to the man who will build the service station and also told him that I have met you personally. Recruitment will however always also be discussed with the tribal authority when the time comes. Let's hope for the best. Stay smiling!

• TOURISM SECTOR 'DEVASTATED BY IMPACTS OF COVID-19'

# NWR proceeds with salary cuts

The company's managing director asked all stakeholders to support the measures implemented **to ensure its survival and longevity.**

ELLANIE SMIT  
WINDHOEK

Namibia Wildlife Resorts (NWR) says it has implemented salary cuts for its more than 600 employees.

The company on 9 July announced that it will reduce the basic salary and working hours for all its employees for a period not exceed-

ing three months, starting this month. NWR spokesperson Mufaro Nesongano said the need to cut salaries was a last resort after the company had exhausted all other cost-cutting measures over the past 16 months. "Being one of the first state-owned enterprises to undertake this route, there was a misunderstanding created within the media that this was



**DIFFICULT DECISIONS:** NWR managing director Dr Matthias Ngwangwama. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

an illegal decision being taken by the company." However, Nesongano

no said it is important to note that the Labour Act makes provision for

an organisation to enact a salary cut and reduce employee working hours accordingly for a period not longer than three months.

"NWR is probably the first public sector institution to take such a measure. This in itself is not surprising because the tourism sector was devastated by the impacts of Covid-19. Some other organisations were not so lucky and had to close down due to the pandemic," managing director Dr Matthias Ngwangwama said. He added that implement-

ing the salary cut was one of the most difficult decisions he has had to make since assuming this role.

"It is not something I took pleasure in doing, but in the current circumstances, the options were limited," he said.

## Support us

"Contrary to what some stakeholders indicated, reducing remuneration and hours is not unlawful, but regulated in the Labour Act. Stakeholders should familiarise themselves with and try to understand the provisions of the Act rather than make harmful

statements that, in the end, may harm the reputation of the company," he said.

Ngwangwama requested that all company stakeholders support the measures management is trying to implement to ensure the company's survival and longevity.

Nesongano added that NWR is pleased to observe that some of those who were initially critical of the company's stance to enact a salary cut have come to understand its move, which is geared towards securing the livelihoods of its staff members.

## Two arrested with N\$1.5m worth of cannabis

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A 54-year-old Namibian and a 27-year-old South African were arrested with 62 vacuumed bags of cannabis weighing 30 690 grams in the Warmbad District near the Narus Farm on Friday. The cannabis has a total value of more than N\$1.53 million.

It is alleged the Namibian man aided and harboured the South African suspect, who did not have valid doc-

uments. The South African apparently crossed the Orange River illegally from Beenbreek into Namibia to Narus Farm.

In a separate incident, an 81-year-old woman died after she was assaulted by her 33-year-old daughter-in-law in Rehoboth.

According to the police, Elizabeth Maria died in hospital after a confrontation with her daughter-in-law during which she was assaulted on Friday morning.



Meanwhile, a 16-year-old girl was allegedly raped by a 29-year-old man at Rundu on Saturday.

It is alleged that the incident occurred at the Ndama location and, according to the police, the man has been arrested.

## Road accidents

At least seven road fatalities were reported during the long weekend on Namibia's roads.

At Mondesa, the body of an unidentified man was found lying in the road after he was hit by a vehicle while trying to cross the road on Saturday. The police have requested that anyone who might have seen the incident to report to the police.

In another incident, a 32-year-old woman died in an accident on the Sesfontein-Opuwo gravel road at the Okatumba village on Saturday, while six others were seriously injured.

It is alleged that the un-

licensed driver lost control of the vehicle and it overturned. The deceased has been identified as Uaaketundu Liisa Kavetu. According to the police, the driver has been arrested.

A 46-year-old man died after he was hit by a cyclist on the Karibib-Okahandja road next to Shell service station on Saturday. He has been identified as Christof Moava.

In a separate incident on Friday, a 59-year-old man died in an accident on the C14 gravel road between Solitaire and Maltahöhe.

Lukas Swartbooi, who was the driver of the vehicle, died on the spot while two

passengers were seriously injured in the accident.

It is alleged that Swartbooi lost control of the vehicle they were travelling in.

Furthermore, two women and a baby died in an accident on Friday approximately 10 km from Usakos towards Karibib.

The deceased have been identified as 19-year-old Recotha Precious Tsuses, 21-year-old Stacey Tsuses and two-year-old Make do Mootseng, who succumbed at a hospital in Windhoek.

It is alleged that three other people sustained serious injuries in the accident when the vehicles they were travelling in collided.

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## SUSPENDED WALVIS BAY MUNICIPAL BOSSES REINSTATED



Augustino Victor.

LEADREA MOUERS  
WALVIS BAY

Four Walvis Bay municipal officials who were suspended are set to return to work. They were suspended pending an investigation into money that allegedly went missing from the Massive Urban Land Servicing Project.



Muronga Haingura

General manager of community and economic development Augustino Victor, manager for property and housing Jack Manale and property clerk Constance Summers received letters informing them to report for duty on 1 September.

The suspension of Muronga Haingura, who had been serving as CEO since 2011, has also been



Jack Manale. PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED/  
FACEBOOK/WALVIS BAY MUNICIPALITY

lifted, although he may not return as his contract - which ends in November - was not renewed by the council.

Mayor Trevino Forbes confirmed the reinstatement of the suspended officials and said the audit report would be made available next week.

## ACC raid

The officials were suspended after the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) raided their of-

fices and seized computers and cellphones on 9 December 2020. This was done to allow the investigation to continue unhindered.

The ACC investigated allegations of corruption in relation to unaccounted funds - to the tune of N\$24 million - believed to belong to the mass housing project.

According to Knowledge Iping, former Walvis Bay Urban constituency councillor who first drew attention to the matter, N\$230 million was paid by the Walvis Bay municipality to contractors who built houses for applicants with whom the municipality had signed deeds of sale.

However, N\$24 million worth of plots were registered in homeowners' names, but the money apparently never reached the municipality's bank accounts and, as a result, did not reflect on the audited financial statements presented to the regional council. Since September 2020, there has been no plausible answer as to where this money is.

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## Man verkrag glo negejarige meisie

'n Een-en-dertigjarige man het Saterdag omstreeks 06:00 in die Onamishu-nedersetting in Omuthiya na bewering 'n negejarige meisie verkrag, luidens die Namibiese polisie se misdaadverslag. Die verdagte en slagoffer was glo alleen by die huis toe hy haar in haar slaapkamer verkrag het.

• Me. Mamsie Kasetura (42) se liggaam is die naweek in 'n

klein rivierbedding naby die Nau-Aib-asgatie op Okahandja gevind. Sy het op haar maag gelê en het brandwonde oor haar hele lyf gehad. Na beweging het sy haar dogter gebel voordat sy Okahandja toe gegaan het en vir haar gesê sy het baie probleme.

• Die liggaam van die 33-jarige me. Josephine Harases is Saterdag omstreeks 06:35 in die informele nedersetting op

Khorixas gevind. Haar kêrel het na bewering haar liggaam buite die huis gevind. Die oorledene en haar kêrel het glo die vorige aand tuisgebroude tradisionele drank gedrink en dronk by die huis aangekom. Die polisie het haar liggaam op die toneel ondersoek en kneusplekke op haar voorkop opgemerk. Hulle vermoed sy het geval.

• Volgens die polisie het vier

mense die naweek selfdood gepleeg deur hulself op te hang. 'n Man (47) het homself in die Ontoko-nedersetting in die Omusatistreek met draad opgehang en in die Okaluwa-nedersetting op Okatope het 'n 29-jarige man selfdood gepleeg.

In Mariental se Ombili-informele nedersetting het 'n 31-jarige vrou haarself in haar sinkhuis opgehang en 'n 27-jarige vrou het haarself in die Onengali-nedersetting in Ohangwena aan 'n boom opgehang.

➤ **Sluit hoëwaarde-bronmarkte** uit

## Regulasie breek reisigers

Die toerismebedryf kan miljoene in gekanselleerde gesprekke weens die uידige vereiste vir langstandbesoekers verloor.

Henriette Lamprecht

Die openbare gesondheidsregulasies vir die aankoms in Namibië moet a die oorspronklike bewoording erander word wat sê die uitslae an Covid-19-toetse mag nie uer wees as 72 uur vanaf die tyd wat die besoeker die eerste keer aan boord van 'n vliegtuig gegaan het nie. Dit is in lyn met die Lugvervoervereniging (IATA) se standaardbewoording van eerste keer aan boord gaan". Dit vorm deel van 'n dringende versoek deur onder meer die Oer- en Safarivereniging (TASA) n die Gasvryheidsvereniging van Namibië (HAN) aan die ministerie van die omgewing, bosbou n toerisme in 'n poging om die akkelende toerismebedryf in die land weer op dreef te kry.

Volgens die versoekskrif sal die erandering in die huidige regulasies dit geografies vir besoekers an hoëwaarde-bronmarkte oor erskeie tydsone (Hongkong, ingapoer, China, Noord-Ameria) moontlik maak om Namibië bereik. Lande wat baie gewild is onder oëmerk-toeriste en in veral



FOTO ARGIEF

Suid-Afrika, Kenia, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelle, Zambië en Zimbabwe, sal direk uit die kanselleries en verlore besprekings voordeel trek wat die bewoording van Namibië se regulasies beperk.

### KANSELLASIES

Sou die huidige bewoording in plek bly, sal dit tot 'n 60% kansellering van besprekings lei wat deur langafstandreisigers gehou word. "Dit kan 30 tot 40 besighede oraloer Namibië in beide landelike en stedelike gebiede raak," lui die versoekskrif.

Oor 'n jaar kan dit lei tot die verlies van N\$20 miljoen in besprekings. Bereken oor 40 besighede is dit 'n direkte verlies van tot N\$800 miljoen, met 3 000 inwoners wat die kans staan om

hul werk te verloor.

Volgens die versoekskrif sal die terugkeer na die oorspronklike bewoording van 72 ure tot die tyd wat die besoeker die eerste keer aan boord gaan, Namibië se regulasies in ooreenstemming bring met Suid-Afrika, Zimbabwe, Zambië, Kenia en baie ander lande s'n.

"Die verandering sal help om besighede oop te hou, Namibiese werksgeleenthede te red en help om te verseker die toerismebedryf, Namibië se derde grootste bedryf voor die Covid-19-pandemie, oorleef."

Die versoekskrif verwys na die afkondiging van 'n noodtoestand in die land in Maart verlede jaar wat lugverkeer van spesifieke lande opgehef het, terwyl nog beperkings gevolg het.

Teen 31 Maart was dit volgens die versoekskrif die begin van die einde vir die meerderheid van internasionale reise na Namibië vir die res van die jaar, 'n situasie wat homself vanjaar herhaal het. "Namibië se huidige bewoording in reisregulasies vir besoekers knel egter langafstandreise en skep so 'reuseverliese' in die plaaslike toerismebedryf, die land se ekonomie en kos duisende Namibiërs hul werk."

Volgens die huidige regulasies mag besoekers die land net binnekome as hulle 'n negatiewe PCR-toets kan wys wat nie ouer as 72 uur is vanaf die datum wat die weefselmonster geneem is nie en wat deur 'n gesertifiseerde laboratorium in die betrokke land uitgereik is.

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## Strzelecki-egpaar se aanklagers vandag terug in die hoër hof

Kristien Kruger

Die mans wat daarvoor beskuldig word at hulle in 2017 'n bejaarde egpaar, mnr. iegfried (81) en me. Rosvietha Strzelecki (79), in hul huis op Swakopmund aangeval n Rosvietha vermoor het, se verhoor sal vandag in die Windhoekse hoër hof hervat. Rosvietha is tydens die huisbraak erwurg en is op die toneel dood. Siegfried het die aanval oorleef, maar is 'n paar dae ná die aanval aan 'n beroerte orlede.



Die twee mans wat 'n bejaarde egpaar in 2017 in hul huis op Swakopmund vermoor het, se verhoor hervat vandag in die Windhoekse hoër hof.

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Die moordbeskuldigdes, mnr. Simon Jerobeam (26) en Fabian Lazarus (28), het aan die begin van hul verhoor onskuldig gepleit.

Die derde beskuldigde, mnr. Daniel Stefanus (26), het in Februarie 2019 uit polisieaanhouding ontsnap en is nog nie weer vasgetrek nie.

Die saak was geskeduleer om gister te hervat, maar is tot vandag uitgestel aangesien Jerobeam se regshulpvertegenwoordiger siek is en eers vandag in die hof kan verskyn.

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» **Fisieke en** kognitiewe skade kan onomkeerbaar wees

# Wanvoeding: Talle kinders té kort, té maer

Namibië is hoog op die lys van kinders wat swak fisieke groei het, en tweede in ADC met kinders wat maer is.

Elvira Hattingh

**N**aas Botswana is Namibië die land in Suider-Afrika met die meeste kinders wat té laer vir hul lengte is. Sowaal 7,1% van Namibiese kinders is te maer, terwyl die syfer op 7,3% in Botswana staan. Malawi het in dié opsig die beste syfer van 0,6%. Volgens 'n verslag oor die toestand van oedsele-, voedingsveiligheid en -kwasbaarheid in Suider-Afrika deur die Suider-Afrikaanse ontwikkelingsgemeenskap (SADC) se kwesbaarheidsassessering en -ontwikkelingsprogram (RVAA), is Namibië ook hoog op die lys van kinders wat gebrekkige groei toon. Die verslag is vroeër van eersmaand uitgereik. Tot 22,7% van Namibiese kinders is te kort vir hul ouderdom, terwyl die syfer op 21,4% in Suid-Afrika, 28,99% in Botswana en 14% in Mauritius is. In Mosambiek se syfer is so oogs 42,3%. Dit is alles toe te skryf aan voedseltekorte of 'n gebrek aan voedselkwaliteit. Alhoewel die tekorte in voedselkwaliteit oorheen reeds wydverpreid in Suider-Afrika oorgekom het, ervaar tot 5% méér mense vanjaar 'n gebrek aan voedselkwaliteit.

Dit kom neer op altesaam sowat 47,6 miljoen mense in tien lidlande, wat ook 34,3% méér as die vyfjaargemiddeld is – aldus die verslag.

**TEIKEN**

Volgens die verslag sal SADC nie die wêreldwye teiken behaal om teen 2030 'n 50% vermindering te hê in die aantal kinders wat gebrekkige groei toon nie – met die uitsondering van Zimbabwe, wat goed op dreef is. "Tot 19 miljoen kinders in die SADC-streek toon gebrekkige groei, terwyl een uit elke drie kinders reeds te kort vir hul ouderdom is," lui die verslag. Verder word gesê SADC huisves sowat 'n derde van al die kinders in Afrika wat te kort vir hul ouderdom is.

Die Wêreldgesondheidsorganisasie (WHO) meen elkeen van die 16 lidlande moet hoog of baie hoog op 'n maatstaf vir gebrekkige groei onder kinders.

"Die koste van wanvoeding in Afrika is gelyk daaraan om jaarliks tussen 8% tot 11% van die bruto binnelandse produk (BBP) te verloor, terwyl belegging in voeding 'n gemiddelde opbrengs van US\$16 bied vir elke US\$1 wat betaal word," lui die verslag.

**VOEDINGSTEKORTE**

In SADC is die voorkoms van ystertekorte in vroue van voortplantingsouderdom tussen 22% en 51%. Die syfer is 20% en hoër in alle lidlande, wat daartoe bydra dat generasie ná generasie aan

wanvoeding ly. "n Syfer b6 20% is 'n openbare gesondheidsgevaar, volgens die WHO. "Graangebaseerde diëte word meestal oraloor die streek geëet, wat diversiteit in voedselname verminder en ook die kans op tekorte in mikrovoedingstowwe kan lei. "Terselfdertyd is vetsug 'n groeiende probleem onder jong volwassenes en kinders.

"Dit is nie langer net 'n probleem vir ryk mense nie, maar kom nou onder armer mense voor wat groter toegang tot 'goedkoop kalorice' in die vorm van vetterige kos of kos met baie suiker het. "Alhoewel die voorkoms van vetsug steeds as laag in Namibië, Angola en Tanzanië beskou word, is die syfers besig om vinnig onder kinders in dié drie lande te styg."

Botswana, die Comoreilande, Mauritius, Seychelle en Suid-Afrika val onder die groep lande met 'n medium voorkoms van vetsug.

**WANVOEDING**

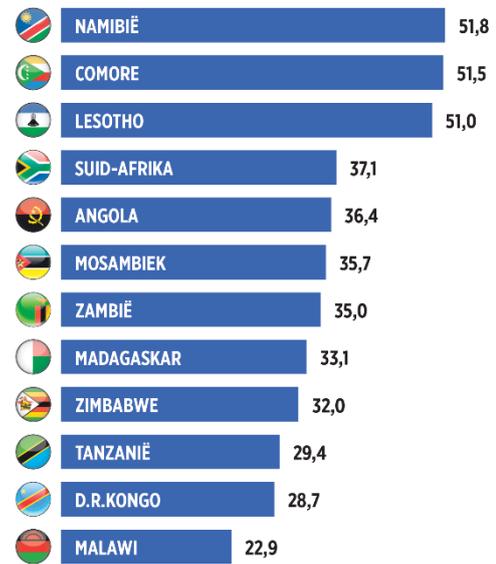
Volgens die verslag het Covid-19 veral die situasie vir voedselkwaliteit

in Suider-Afrika versleg. Vroeë resultate van navorsing wat in die Ooste en Suider-Afrika gedoen is, dui daarop dat Afrikaanse veral tussen 2019 en 2020 hul diëte verander het na goedkoper, minder voedingsryke kos, terwyl daar ook meer ongesonde kosse geëet word en kinders 'n kleiner verskeidenheid tot hul beskikking het. Gebrekkige groei veroorsaak onomkeerbare fisieke en kognitiewe skade, wat eenduidig die ontwikkelingspotensiaal van 'n bevolking raak. Suider-Afrika is wêreldwyd die gebied wat ekonomies die ergste onder die Covid-19-pandemie deurgeloopt het met 'n ekonomiese inkringing van 7% in 2020. "Die pandemie sal alle vooruitgang uitwis wat gemaak is in terme van die vermindering van armoede die afgelope twee dekades."

Namibië is boaan die lys met 51,8% van kinders wat geen vrugte of groente in hul daaglikse diëte kry nie, gevolg deur Comore-eilande op 51,5% en Lesotho op 50%.

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**PERSENTASIE VAN KINDERS TUSSEN 6 EN 23 MAANDE WAT GEEN GROENTE OF VRUGTE OP 'N DAAGLIKSE BASIS INKRY NIE.**



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• APPLICATION TO BE HEARD ON 13 SEPTEMBER

# Full bench of judges for missing ballots

Judge President Petrus Damaseb, Deputy Judge President Hosea Angula and Judge Esi Schimming-Chase will hear the application by the All People's Party.

KENYA KAMBOWE  
WINDHU

A full bench of judges will hear the Electoral Court case involving the disappearance of spoilt ballots cast in last November's Ndonga Linena Constituency election.

The bench will be comprised of Judge President Petrus Damaseb, Deputy Judge President Hosea Angula and Judge Esi Schimming-Chase.

The All People's Party (APP) approached the Electoral Court to compel the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) to explain the disappearance of 53 rejected ballots.

The application will be heard on 13 September.

### Discrepancy

The APP made the discrepancy last month after it was granted a court order by the Electoral Court compelling the



MISSING BALLOTS: A photo taken during last year's regional and local authority elections. PHOTO: KENYA KAMBOWE

ECN to give the party access to the election material.

The APP said in its court application that when ECN officials opened the boxes containing the rejected ballots for the Ndonga Linena Constituency on 12 July, there were only four spoilt ballots.

The forms on the boxes for the 11 polling stations stated that there were 57 spoilt ballots. The ECN would not oppose the application, chief electoral officer Theo Mujoro told Namibian Sun recently.

### Close call

The APP took the ECN to court earlier this year because it believed it should

have been awarded 40 of the 57 spoilt ballots.

This after the party learnt through its agent that some voters did not mark the appropriate box on the ballot, but marked on the face of the APP candidate Djamini Daniel, who was announced as the runner up to Swapo's candidate Michael Kampota, who won by a mere 12 votes. The APP wants the election results for Ndonga Linena Constituency declared null and void, including the swearing in of Kampota as the constituency councillor. API also wants a recount of the ballots cast on 25 November 2020.

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## SEEING OPPORTUNITY IN MISFORTUNE

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One of the employees who last year chose to take the voluntary separation package offered by Namibia Wildlife Resorts (NWR) has made her entrepreneurial dreams come true.

Out of NWR's total staff complement of 844 in the 2019/2020 financial year, 130 employees took up the offer to voluntarily separate from the organisation by 31 December 2020.

This formed part of the various cost-cutting measures that NWR

embarked on over the last year and a half, says NWR spokesperson Mufaro Nesongano.

One of the employees that took the voluntary separation package was Rosalia Mwachangange Kudumo, who started as an intern at the organisation and was permanently employed as a financial assistant in 2014.

At the end of last year, she took up the offer to voluntarily separate from NWR after seeing the possibility of finally realising her entrepreneurial journey, says Nesongano.

### Early start

"I have always been in-

spired to be an entrepreneur. Capital, experience and other requirements were always the missing pieces of pursuing my dreams.

"After seven years of work experience, I became more prepared. I did this by saving money, doing research on the business I was to embark on, and towards the end of 2020, somewhere around September, we were informed that the company was offering us the opportunity to separate from it voluntarily.

"I saw this as an opportunity to help me, as I could use my pension fund, savings, and volun-

tary separation package to finance my business. That was the sign for me to separate, and I can surely say that it came at the perfect time," said Kudumo.

Originally from Onengali village, she worked at her parents' shop after school hours and that was where her entrepreneurial journey began.

Her practical knowledge was further aided when she came to Windhoek in 2008 to study towards a Bachelor of Finance and Accounting Degree at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (Nust), the former Polytechnic of Namibia.

### Positive outlook

"In my view, some of the benefits of taking the voluntary separation package are that it helped me with my immediate financial needs.

"Equally, it allowed me enough time to do the actual work that I always wanted to do, while at the same time, I was able to offer jobs to some unemployed youths," says Kudumo, who now has four permanent employees and two casual workers at her business, which she took over from her parents.

Dr Matthias Ngwangwama, NWR managing director, says it is fulfilling to hear such positive stories.

"What might have been seen as something negative has turned out very positive for her.

"What is even more pleasing to hear is that a former NWR employee has been able to offer employment to formerly unemployed youth using the voluntary separation package that the company offered.

"I am thus very proud of her journey and wish her all the best for the future," Ngwangwama said.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS OF A FUEL RETAIL FACILITY IN OKANGWATI

Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd was appointed by West Coast Investments CC to undertake an environmental assessment for the construction and operations of a fuel retail facility on erf 357 in Okangwati, Kunene Region. The environmental assessment will be according to the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and its regulations as published in 2012.

The proposed facility will have three underground storage tanks for diesel and unleaded petrol. General operations will involve the receipt of fuel from road tankers and supplying of fuel to customers via dispensers in the forecourt area. This will be the first and only fuel retail facility in the area. More information is available at:

<http://www.thenamib.com/projects/projects.html>

All interested and affected parties are invited to register with the environmental consultant. By registering you are provided with the opportunity to share any comments, issues or concerns related to the facility, for consideration in the environmental assessment. Additional information can be requested from Geo Pollution Technologies.

All comments and concerns should be submitted to Geo Pollution Technologies by 06 September 2021.

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## Spring heralded by severe cold front

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With spring just around the corner, another cold front with freezing temperatures is expected this weekend.

The extreme southern parts of the country may even get snow.

The cold front is expected to move over Southern Africa in the next few days, with snowfall possible in South Africa, Lesotho, Eswatini and Namibia, Snow Report South Africa reported.

According to LandWater, Storm Manulua has now moved through South America and is already intensifying.

"Manulua lands Thursday in South Africa, with an extended impact across several days, several cold steps, with a possibility of a chilled cold front within the same system."

Land Water however also stresses that weather models could change in the coming days and therefore more time should be given for the "picture to settle".

### Farmers warned

According to the Namibia Meteorological Service, cold Arctic air is expected in the western and southern parts of Namibia on Thursday, becoming very cold in the South on Friday and Saturday.

It warned that crop and small-stock farmers should take the necessary precautions.

Very cold temperatures below freezing are expected to last until Sunday.

In Windhoek, minimum temperatures will on Friday plummet from 3 degrees Celsius to -4 on Saturday and -2 degrees on Sunday.

Gobabis can expect -3 degrees on Saturday and -4 degrees on Sunday.

At Keetmanshoop, temperatures are expected to drop to 1 degree on Friday, reaching -4 degrees on Friday and -1 degree on Sunday.

Okahandja will also drop below freezing point on Saturday.



BRRR: A cold front with freezing temperatures is expected this weekend. PHOTO: REEN IN NAMIBIA

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Dear Sir/Madam

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Please register as an IAP and provide comments by **17 September 2021**.

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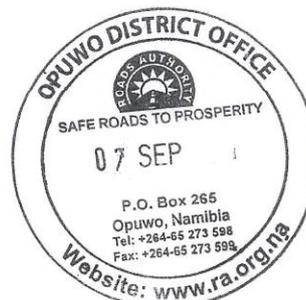
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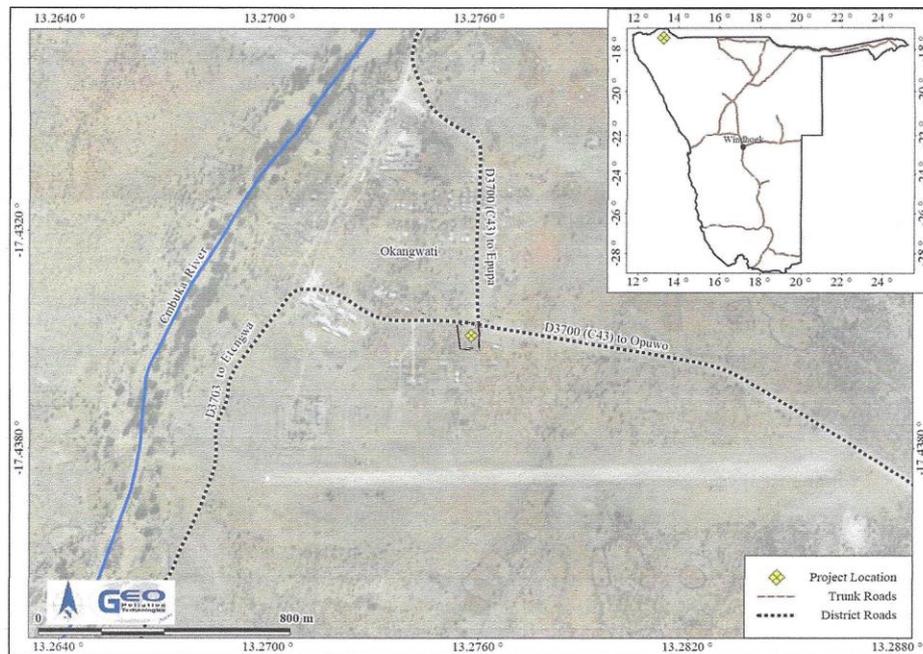
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