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MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE
DREDGING AT THE NAVAL BASE IN THE PORT OF WALVIS BAY**



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Mwila's strate toe gedryf

VAN BL. 1

'n Angolese man wat ook hier verkoop en al jare lank in Namibië woon, het onder voorwaarde van anonimiteit aan Namibian Sun gesê dat die vroue en kinders vir 'n sakeman in Angola werk.

Die man bly in Lubango en wanneer die lepels klaar verkoop is, moet hulle terugkom, nog kry en weer terugkom. "Jy kan hierdie goed net in Angola kry - hulle word net in Angola gemaak", het hy gesê.

Een Mwila-vrou, bekend



Minderjarige kinders van Angola bedel en verkoop houtlepels en kerries op straat.

as Tenka, het gesê hulle mums het in Lubango afgetroghely en met die vroue het saam met hul kinders na Namibië getrek.

"Ek het geen keuse as om hierdie tradisionele handwerk te verkoop nie," het Nala deur 'n talk gesê.

By sy woon al ses maande in Windhoek.

"Die lewe in die stad is moeilik. Ek maak moeilik moeg en my kinders verkoop die items vir ons," het sy gesê.

Sy het bygevoeg dat hulle vroegoggend van Okuryangvu af tot in die middestad loop waar hulle hoop om die dag so brood te verdien deur die hout-items te verkoop om soodoende geld vir kos te kry.

'n Namibiese egpaar, Dannie Koopman en vrou Lucia, wat langs die rivier woon waar die groep skuiling gevind het, het gesê dit is hartseer om kinders so jonk as drie met lepels te sien loop. "Soms bied ons hulle kos aan as om 'n bietjie meer te sien. Dit is so hartverskeurend om hierdie klein kinders so honger en voorwaarloos te sien," het Lucia gesê.

Haar man het gesê die jongmeisies soek vir hulle klein broeie en susters en van hulle is ook swanger. Hy het egter bygevoeg dat dit nie duidelik is wie die meisies swanger gemaak het nie, aangesien daar nie soveel mans onder hulle is nie. Die Angolese ambassadeur, Jovelina Imperial e Costa, het Vrydag



Angolese kinders met hul ma's slaap onder die boom in Windhoek. FOTOS: LENA HERTZOG

geweier om oor die saak kommentaar te lewer, maar het eerder 'n verklaring uitgereik waarin sy klimaatsverandering die skuld gee.

"Met die verwoestende inslag van klimaatsverandering, veral in die suidelike streek van die Republiek van Angola, het die Angolese regering 'n broed beleggingsprogram geïmplementeer om die impak van die droogte te versag. Dit is 'n samewerking met finansiële ondersteuning vir gemein-

te en met die doel om die welstand van die bevolking te versterk," lui die verklaring. Julia Gonçalves, die pers attaché vir die Angolese ambassade, se op haar beurt die probleem is 'n gevolg van poreuse grense tussen die twee lande en moet met sensitiviteit hanteer word.

Maandagoggend het hulle personeel geen manier gehad om met die kinders te kommunikeer nie, aangesien hulle self net Portugees praat, ondanks dat Na-

mbian Sun hulle telefonies ingelig het dat die mense met Mwila praat en nie Portugees nie. Twee persoonlike van die ambassade het die koerant voorgesel om hulle betrokke te sien dat dit gebly het hulle heeltemal onbewus was van die bestaan van hierdie mense.

Elma Dienda, lid van die parlement vir die Populêre Demokratiese Beweging (PDM), het gesê sy het gesien hoe hierdie kinders so jonk as drie met hulle dag in haar motor toe

hardloop om geld te vra. "Ek is selfs deur 'n klub-eie maar in Khomasdal gebel wat gesê het hierdie kinders dwaal rondom die klub om 02:00 in die oggend en niemand kan hulle verstaan nie. Hy het gesê hy is regtig bekommerd oor hulle lewens en vrees dat die kinders selfs verdrag mag word," het sy gesê.

Die kinders het die afgelope weke ook begin om klubs in die stadentrum te besoek waar hulle by die deure of langs die sypanades bedel.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CAPITAL AND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE MARINE SAZE IN THE PORT OF WINDHOEK

Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd was appointed by the Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs to conduct an environmental assessment for the proposed dredging operations at the naval base located in the Port of Windhoek. Additional and location information about the project can be obtained at: <http://www.themarinebaseproject.com.na>

The environmental assessment will be conducted according to the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and its regulations as published in 2002.

Dredging is the mechanical removal of sediment in order to either deepen the water generally referred to as capital dredging, or to maintain the water depth (referred to as maintenance dredging). Potential port operations and the action of waves caused sedimentation in the sand bars, which could lead to the grounding of naval ships. The Namibian Navy requires dredging of the sand bars to secure safe operations inside the port.

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 project, for consideration in the environmental assessment. A public meeting to share information regarding the project is scheduled as follows:

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Boubedryf

VAN BL. 1

Die ministerie het die verkeerde dokument gebruik om by die ministerie van justisie in te dien en wat gevolglik op 19 Desember 2023 in die Staatskoerant gepubliseer is.

"Die weergawe van die gemeentelike ooreenskoms wat die ministerie van die partye ontvang het, was verkeerd. Dit was die provinsie weergawe wat die ministerie deur die hele proses gebruik het en uiteindeklik in die Staatskoerant gepubliseer is," se Indombo.

Ná publikasie in die Staatskoerant moet 44-dae verloop vir die antekens van enige beswaers en

voordat die minimumdoen van kragt is.

Volgens Kirchner het navraag deur 'n buskontrakteur in die tydperk die CIF op die spoor van die fout geset.

"Gelukkig het ons die fout opgetel kort voordat die gratis-tydperk gelindig het. Daar was inderdaad 'n fout in die sagte kopie wat per epos aan die ministerie van arbeid gestuur is. Dit was 'n eerslik, menslike fout en daar was niks onselewus hieraan nie," het sy bekendtoon.

Indombo se op haar beurt die hele proses moet nou weer van vooraf begin. Volgens haar het die ministerie van arbeid reeds die regte ooreenskoms by die ministerie van justisie ingedien. Dit moet egter weer in die Staatskoerant

publiseer word, terwyl die tydperk van 30 plus 14 dae ook weer geld.

Indombo ontken die ministerie wil die bekragting van die nuwe minimumdoen verdrag.

"Die ministerie wil dit duidelik stel dat dit geen rede om so 'n aansoek of enige ander aansoek uit te stel nie," het sy gesê. Sy het haar ook gedistansieer van aanlyngs van Manwa teen die ministerie. Die vakhoud se sekretaris-generaal Justina James se die ministerie is bloot besig om die bloem te verskaaf. Volgens haar gebruik die ministerie die verdragings-tegniek al vir jare.

"Elke jaar verdrag hulle dinge totdat ons daarvoor moet blykies, dan skrik hulle eers wakker. Publikasie in die Staatskoerant

word altyd verdrag - soms vier ses maande, soms tot 'n jaar! Dit is dieselfde wat hulle nou doen en nou wil hulle ons skuld gee. Die dokument word gerevisieer en gewoonlik kom hulle dan na ons toe terug, maar nie die keer nie."

"Hulle reageer net wanneer 'n mens opeval. Ons het in Januarie die uitvoerende direkteur gekontak en het eers 'n week later 'n antwoord gekry. Op die vraag of die fout 'n verdraging sou veroorsaak, het dit drie weke geneem voordat hulle ons kon antwoord. "Hoekom maak hulle nie van die begin seker nie? Hoekom doen hulle nie van dag een hul werk nie? Die arbeidsministerie verdrag jaar in en jaar uit die proses," het Jonas gesê.

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NEWS IN SHORT

Namibia joins global cheetah

Namibia's Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) announced over the weekend that the first Global Cheetah Summit (GCS) took place between 28 and 31 January in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The CCF said the summit was "a significant step forward in cheetah conservation".

Over 130 experts from various fields, including science, conservation and community leadership from governments and non-governmental organisations, participated. They represented more than 80 institutions from across Africa, the Middle East, India, Europe, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

A joint statement was adopted, emphasising the urgent need for increased conservation efforts to protect the endangered animals, as fewer than 7 500 mature cheetahs remain in the wild.

Professor Laura Marker, CCF founder and CEO, presented a comprehensive analysis of the challenges facing cheetah populations.

"The majority of cheetah populations have declined below the number of individuals required for long-term viability. Worldwide, we count a total of 33 cheetah populations, and only two of these populations are considered viable," she said.

BRIGITTE WOODICH

Hoarusib River flows into the sea

The Hoarusib River, which traverses the Skeleton Coast Park, reached the sea last week. According to Leon Krause of Angling Tours Namibia, he and a group of anglers arrived at the river on Thursday.

"We had to wait about 30 minutes on the bank before tackling the river. I first waded through to see the best route and then we all crossed safely. The river must have come down very strongly for days because the brown sea had washed up to the Khumbi River," he said. According to Claudia Reiter, who was travelling through the Kunene Region, her tour group arrived at the Hoarusib outside the Skeleton Coast Park on Monday.

"The river was flowing very strongly. It created high waves, and we had to stay overnight by the river and wait for it to subside. The next day, the water had decreased enough for us to cross safely early in the morning."

TANIA SALZE



FLOOD: A tour group set up camp next to a strong-flowing Hoarusib River. PHOTO CLAUDIA REITER

AMUSHELELO POINTS FINGER AT MINISTRY, RETAILER

Home affairs rubbishes corruption allegations

According to the ministry, the visa application process is carefully scrutinised, leaving no room for corruption.

ELIZABETH SHEPHERD WINDHOEK

The home affairs ministry has rubbished allegations that it fraudulently issued work visas and permits to South African nationals.

This follows claims made on social media by activist Michael Amushelo, who said through its alleged corruption, the ministry is aiding in taking jobs from vulnerable, unemployed Namibians.

"Some within the ministry have detected corrupt officials [who issue work] visas for plumbers and cleaners coming from South Africa to do work for [retailer] Mr Price," he wrote.

"We understand that this issue has been going on for years. The problem here is that plumbing and cleaning contractors can be hired here directly in Namibia, but because these white monopoly capital companies like to make sure that every single cent goes back to South Africa, they hire contractors from South Africa to come and do work here.



OR ELSE: Activist Michael Amushelo. PHOTO: NTA

These contractors get paid as much as N\$100 000 per shop. Mr Price has more than 21 shops in Namibia - that's N\$2.1 million that could've created jobs for Namibians," Amushelo said.

No room for corruption

In a statement, executive director Etienne Maritz rebuffed the claims, saying the visa application process at the ministry is carefully scrutinised, leaving no room for corruption.

"The ministry has the mandate to issue visas and permits to foreign nationals who wish to render service/expertise to companies/institutions operating in Namibia. The permits/visas regulate/legalise their stay in the country.

"The application(s) of Mr Price follow(s) the same process as any other application, and they are duly scrutinised before approval," it read.

Maritz added that the ministry cannot refuse permits and visas applied for by a South African company for work that needs to be

done by South African nationals in Namibia.

"Mr Price is a South African company. From time to time, they send staff from their mother company to do auditing or company visits on a specific period.

"The ministry in this case cannot reject this application as, to our understanding, these applicants are not in any way taking up Namibian jobs. Our database can be scrutinised and there is no way we issued visas to cleaners or plumbers to do work at Mr Price," he wrote.

'We're coming for them'

Meanwhile, Amushelo called for accountability from senior ministry officials and demanded that Mr Price make use of Namibian contractors for work at the retailer's shops across the country.

"These officials should take note that we are coming for them. Stop the issuing of those work visas. As for Mr Price, start making use of local companies - or else be prepared to get out of our country," he said.

Air Namibia continues to haunt NAC

OSCAR THOMAS WINDHOEK

The ghost of liquidated national flag carrier Air Namibia continues to haunt the Namibia Airports Company (NAC), whose airports in Windhoek and Walvis Bay served as important hubs for the airline.

Two years down the line, Air Namibia's closure and the consequences thereof have had a significant impact on the NAC, which



THORN IN THE FLESH: Two Air Namibia aircraft parked on the tarmac of the Hosea Kutako International Airport. PHOTO: NTA

depended on the defunct airline for over 65% of its operations. NAC board chairperson Luke Haugala said efforts to get a full liquidation report were still ongoing.

"This matter remains a thorn in the flesh. Meetings have been held with the creditors, together with the joint liquidators; however, the full updated liquidators' report is still pending. The NAC is prioritising

the matter, and a full comprehensive report will be admitted to the shareholder as progress is achieved on this matter," he said.

At the time of its liquidation in February 2022, Air Namibia owed the NAC - which had successfully filed for its liquidation - N\$700 million. Other notable local creditors at the time included the Namibia Civil Aviation Authority, which was owed N\$76 million, and

local fuel provider Engen Namibia, which was owed N\$22.9 million.

Insolvency

Government cited Air Namibia's insolvency as one of the key reasons guiding the decision to bring an end to the 75-year-old airline. Its closure resulted in close to 700 employees losing their jobs, and left government owing to honour a N\$2.5 billion guarantee to United States-based leasing company Casteleja.

Prior to its liquidation, the Institute for Public Policy and Research (IPPR) had estimated that Air Namibia received N\$6 billion in budgetary transfers from government to keep it flying since 1998. The airline made a loss of N\$819 million, while its historic debt amounted to N\$1.3 billion.

INTERIM INTERDICT GRANTED IN ELIZABETH BAY MINE SAGA

FRITSON KRUGER WINDHOEK

The High Court last Friday prohibited Sperrgebiet Diamond Mining (SDM) from removing any of its assets, machinery or equipment - which it reportedly sold and wanted to transport to Zimbabwe - pending the outcome of a liquidation application for the Elizabeth Bay mine.

This after Lewcor Holdings approached the court on an urgent basis, claiming SDM is copying the mine before the liquidation application is approved and millions are paid out to creditors.

However, SDM argued that the sale of the items is part of the company's new strategy to make the mine profitable again and that it already sold the goods in June 2023, long before the liquidation application was submitted.

Judge Thomas Masuku granted an interim interdict prohibiting SDM from removing any assets that would fall under the control of liquidators if the application is granted.

Protecting its interests

Lewcor has a 17% share in the issued capital of SDM and claimed that that company has not operated the mine profitably for some time. This led to the cessation of all operations at the mine in April 2023. In February 2023, SDM recorded a loss of N\$119 million.

According to Lewcor, it received information from a whistle-blower that SDM intended to remove machinery from the mine and transport it to Zimbabwe. Lewcor's legal representative

Raymond Henthcote argued that the machinery was critical to the running of a mine and stressed that if the court were to eventually grant the winding-up order, a liquidator would find an empty shell. According to him, Lewcor is acting to protect its interests and those of other SDM creditors.

SDM's lawyer Ronel Lewies countered that the goods in question were only "surplus assets" - assets that are redundant, obsolete or are no longer used by SDM. The company further denied the allegations that it acted with the intention to cheat its creditors by selling the relevant assets. SDM claimed that a third party had apparently already paid for the items. However, Masuku ruled that there is little evidence to support its claim.

"Should this be true, the alleged purchaser is entitled to bring a justifying application before this court at the appropriate time. As things stand, this is a mere allegation without any independent proof," his ruling read.

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The environmental assessment will be conducted according to the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and its regulations as published in 2012.

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Ministerie sê skool se hofspraak is 'voortydig'

In holstukke word aangevoer die minister het nog geen finale besluit geneem oor die maontlike deregistrasie van die Privatskool Savo Nuts nie.

Kristien Kruger

'D'ie applikant [Privatskool Savo Nuts] word nie betoet om myne leerlinge vir onderwys- en eksamenstoeleindes te werk en/of in te skryf nie. Die skool word toegelaat om voort te gaan met leer en onderrig totdat die minister 'n besluit neem.'

So het die adjunk-uitvoerende direkteur van onderwys, kuns en kultuur en die ondervorsitter van die nasionale eksamen-, assesserings- en sertifiseringsraad, Edda Bohn, die afgelope naweek in hofstukke gesê in die dringende aansoek wat die Privatskool Savo Nuts verhoed wou dat die skool op Oshanaang bevoege die ministerie dreg om die skool te deregistreer op grond van bewerings van wanpraktiese tydens verlede jaar se graad 11 Nasionale Senior Sekondêre Sertifikaat Gewone Vlak (NSSCCO)-eksamens.

Bykans 30 leerlinge van die skool se uitslae is nog nie bekend gemaak nie en die skool beweer hulle word tans verbied om die graad-11 leerlinge vir die Nasionale Senior Sekondêre Sertifikaat Gewone Vlak (NSSCCAS) by die ministerie te registrer vir die komende akademiese jaar.

Bohn stel egter die skool se bedrywighede word nie verhoed nie en dat sake normaal kan voortgaan hangende die minister se besluit op grond van die ondersoek van beweerde wanpraktiese deur die skool se leerlinge. 'Sodra die ondersoek afgehandel is en 'n besluit ten gunste van die goetoffekteerde kandidate geneem is, sal alle regte herstel word,' lui Bohn se verklaring.

Partye het gister in die hof verskyn en die saak is tot 22 Februarie uitgestel vir uitspraak.

WAG OP MINISTER SE BESLUIT

Bohn sê tydens die nasionele vraestelle aan die einde van verlede jaar, is 'n mate van onreëlmatigheid vermoed ten opsigte van sommige kandidate wat die NSSCCO (graad 11) voltydse eksamen afgelê het.

Edda Bohn
ADJUNK-UITVOERENDE DIREKTOR

'Dit is die applikant se plig om skriftelike verhoed te rig om die besluitnemingsproses te bespoedig.'

Die nasionale eksamen-, assesserings- en sertifiseringsraad het op 24 Januarie vergader oor die ondersoekkomitee se bevindings.

Die raad het goetlyk aanbeveel om die skool tot 1 Maart die geleentheid te gee om skriftelike verhoed by die ministerie te dien en indien hulle versuim, sal die skool se eksamen-sentrum vir graad 10 tot 12 gederegistreer word. Die inligting is na bewering die volgende dag aan die skool deurgegee.

'Dit is die applikant se plig om skriftelike verhoed te rig om die besluitnemingsproses te bespoedig,' sê Bohn in haar verklaring.

Die skool het die inligting en dokumentasie versiek waarop die ondersoek gesteen het. Die ministerie het glo die prokureur-generaal (PG) se raad gevra vir die volledige openbaarmaking van die ondersoekverslag aan die skool, maar beweer egter dat die hofspraak gebring is voor die regsadvies ontvang is.

'Sou die applikant [skool] die gewone proses gevolg het, sou hulle al die dokumente ontvang het wat aangevra is. Die hofspraak is daarom voortydig aangehoed die administratiewe proses nog nie afgehandel is nie,' beweer Bohn.

Bohn het ook in haar verklaring benadruk die skool het die reg om teen enige besluite te appelleer of te hersien, maar op die oomblik is geen finale besluit nog geneem nie.

'Die raad het slegs 'n aanbeveling aan die minister gemaak en die minister het 'n uitnodiging aan die applikant gevra om skriftelike verhoed te rig voordat 'n besluit geneem word.'

REGISTRASIE VAN LEERLINGE

Volgens Bohn se verklaring het die skool se bedrywighede nie tot stilstand gekom nie, aangesien dit steeds gemagtig is om leerlinge van graad 1 tot 12 in te skryf en skoolbedrywighede kan onderbroke voortgaan.

'Die blokkeering van toegang tot die aanlyn registrasieportaal is 'n voortkomende resultaat se gevolg van die langdurige ministeriale besluit. Dit is nie finaal nie.'

Bohn verduidelik in haar verklaring dat sodra 'n kandidaat op die aanlyn registrasiesisteem geregistreer is, die rekord van die kandidaat nie weer geskrap kan word nie. Sy beweer die doel van die blokkeering is om die integriteit van die onderrysstelsel te beskerm.



Die adjunk-uitvoerende direkteur van onderwys, kuns en kultuur en die ondervorsitter van die nasionale eksamen-, assesserings- en sertifiseringsraad, Edda Bohn.

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UITSTAANDE UITSLAE

Die graad-11-uitslae is op 11 Januarie vrygestel, maar sommige van die skool se kandidate se uitslae vir sekere vakke, soos rekeningkunde, landbou, biologie, besighedstudies, chemie, ekonomie, geografie, wiskun-

de en finke, is glo nie verskaf nie. Volgens Bohn weerspreek hulle uitslae tans 'n "q"-simbool bekend gemaak word.

'Die letter "q" word uitruikbaar toegesop en hangende en nielike eksamenresultate aan te dui omdat die nasionale skool nie geprogrammeer is om 'n ander simbool te reflekteer nie,' het sy in haar verklaring verduidelik.

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Vyfjarige sterf

Onegandjo

Die vyfjarige Johannes Immanuel se ma het sy liggaam Vrydag in die Onegandjo-nedersetting gevind. Sy het hom glo dieselfde dag met 'n gordel

oor sy hals hof geslaan. Sy ma het hom na bewering daarvan verhoed dat hy sy oupa se selfom die vurige Sondag gesteel het. Hy het ook glo die Woensdag uit 'n plantboom geval. Hy is nie na die hospitaal geneem nie aangesien dit gelyk het of hy siks norgeskom het nie.

Seun 'vasgebind en verkrag'

Tses

'n Man wat aan die polisie bekend is, het glo Vrydag 'n 16-jarige seun op die piasse Bloubaai verkrag. Hy het die seun na bewering in die veld gekry en gevra hulle moet na sy oom se beeste gaan lyk. Hy het glo die seun gegryp en

aan 'n boom vasgemaak en verkrag. Die verhoed het na bewering ná die voorval gesê hy gaan die volgende dag terugkom en die seun vermoor. Die slagoffer het daarin slaag om homself te bevry en sy oom van die voorval te wretel. Die verhoed is nog op vrye voet.

Man 'doodgeslaan'

Ngoma

Die oorledene, Simasika Malila, 'n 46-jarige Zambezi-burger, en 'n 32-jarige verhoed het glo saam in die Jojo-oudersetting gedrink. Hulle het ná die bier klaar was huls toe gegaan. Malila se vrou het 'n geluid buite gehoor en ondersoek gaan instel. Sy het gesien hoe iemand wegloop. Sy het haar man glo op die



grond sien lê en sy neem het geluid. Sy het hom in die hals gehelp

en hy het die volgende dag gesê die verhoedte het hom na bewering in die maag van biers geskop en dat sy lyf soer is. Sy het hom gevra hoeskom hy aangevand is, maar hy is dood voor hy haar

kon antwoord. - Saamgestel uit die polisie se mededeling

Veiligheidswag glo aangerand

Witvlei

Vier mans gewaper met 'n pistool, mes, hamer en skroewendraaier het Saterdag by die Witvlei-dorpsraad se kantoor ingebreek. Hulle het die 32-jarige veiligheidswag met elektriese kabele vasgebind.

Die wag kon daarin slaag om homself te bevry en teroef by probeer vlog het, het die mans hom gevang en met die hamer oor sy kop, gesig en beide arms geslaan. Hulle het hom in die kantoor waar die kluis is, gesleep en die elektrisiteit. Die vrag-

tes het hom vasgebind en hom met die dood gedreig en toe die man terugkloel het, het hulle hom met die mes in beide knieë gestook. Hulle kon nie die kluis oopkry nie en het met een skootreknaar, een selfoon, twee mellemesbakke van 20 kg en twee blikkies vis op die vlog geslaan.

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• WORKSHOP AIMED AT FINDING SOLUTIONS

Japan offers support to maths teachers

Teachers who participated in a workshop hosted by Japan complained that government textbooks are often riddled with mistakes.

JEMIMA BEVISES
WINDHOEK

The Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) hosted a mathematics workshop for Namibian maths teachers and school principals last week with a focus on improving the quality of teaching in Namibia.

The workshop, titled 'Improvement of Management of Problems and Development of Solutions Based on PCM Method', highlighted challenges faced by maths teachers in Namibia.

Teachers participating in the workshop raised several concerns, noting that problems related to the interpretation of the syllabus are a challenge for some teachers, as well as a shortage of learning aids and resources to aid teachers.

"We felt like bringing in the JICA volunteers to moderate our circuit-based exams to standardise the subject. Yes, mathematics is a problem. I think there are some schools in the Omaruru circuit where learners got zero. It

is true that we should deliberate more on how we should improve mathematics," a teacher said.

Problems discussed

According to some teachers, government textbooks are often riddled with mistakes and some teachers are not experienced enough to detect the mistakes.

There is also a concern that the training for novice teachers lacks thoroughness, resulting in dull and prolonged maths classes, with students at risk of either falling asleep or failing to fully grasp the content.

"We also have teachers that come from some colleges that offer questionable courses of study and this produces teachers who are hazy about the delivery of quality education, and then they are teaching the wrong content," another workshop participant said.

Digital age

Durdabis Primary School principal Ronellie Guriras, during a presentation at the workshop, said: "The challenges teachers

mentioned about the curriculum [included] that when they receive mathematics examination papers in primary education, they are not really up to standard. Then there are the mistakes in textbooks and the overcrowded classrooms."

She added: "My advice is that we live in the digital age, so a teacher should not be textbook-based; take a topic from the textbook and use the internet, and also open up your classroom so other teachers can learn from me and I can learn from them."

The day concluded with a focus on individual action plans, expertly guided by project formulation advisor Kunihiko Butsuan.

Edda Babin, the education ministry's deputy executive director, has urged teachers to inform the ministry when they encounter mistakes and underlined the ministry's commitment to quality education.

"The highest academics are involved. The [ministry] has quality assurance processes in place. So if wrong content goes out, as a collective, we will institute corrective action."

"I hereby invite written correspondence on the referred-to errors in textbooks for further action," she said.

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Keetmanshoop, MTC join hands for improved digital services

ELIZABETH GHIBES
WINDHOEK

The Keetmanshoop municipality last week signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with MTC aimed at strategic cooperation to enhance and provide digital service solutions to residents.

In a statement, MTC said the MoU was prompted by the municipality's drive to adopt modern technology and implement quality connectivity.

"As part of the agreement, the parties agree to jointly promote, among others, multiple payment methods for vending water and electricity via MTC's digital channels; develop the municip-

ality's smart metering and smart grid platforms to remotely assist with data management and automation; develop smart home connectivity products for the municipality's clients; co-share the municipality's transmission and fibre infrastructures and collaborate on community WiFi services for residential suburbs."

Smart city

During the signing ceremony on Friday, MTC's acting chief commercial officer, Elton Katangole, said: "As a digital enabler, we are very intentional about meaningfully contributing and aiding Namibian institutions to incorporate digitalisation into how they conduct business."

Keetmanshoop mayor McDonald Hanse said the signing is a tangible commitment to align Keetmanshoop with current technological and innovation trends. "Through this partnership, we will leverage the expertise and resources of MTC to implement a comprehensive smart city framework that addresses the unique needs and challenges of our town."



SIGNED: Thinus Seitz, MTC's financial director and Keetmanshoop mayor McDonald Hanse. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE DREDGING OF THE NAVAL BASE IN THE PORT OF SWANENBURG

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The environmental assessment will be conducted according to the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and its regulations as published in 2007.

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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 project. For consideration in the environmental assessment. A public meeting to share information regarding the project is scheduled as follows:

Venue: Innesseel Rules/Primary School Hall, Keetmanshoop
Date: 27 February 2024, Time: 18:00

Additional information can be requested from:
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To: Interested and / or Affected Party / Neighbour 08 February 2024
 Re: ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL
 MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE DREDGING AT
 THE NAVAL BASE IN THE PORT OF WALVIS BAY

Dear Sir/Madam

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Project: Capital and Maintenance Dredging at the Naval Base in the Port of Walvis Bay.

Proponent: Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd

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- ♦ Organization represented or private interest.
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- ♦ Any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the application.

Please register at:

Fax: 088-62-6368 or **E-Mail:** modv@thenamib.com.

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Date: 27 February 2024

Time: 18:00

All members of the public and IAPs are invited to attend the meeting.



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Directors:

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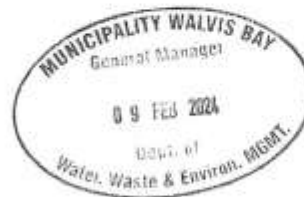
Should you require any additional information please contact Geo Pollution Technologies at telephone 061-257411.

Sincerely,
Geo Pollution Technologies

Pierre Botha
Managing Director



Project Location



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To: **The Executive Director
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Re: **Environmental Scoping Assessment and Environmental Management Plan for the Capital and Maintenance Dredging at the Naval Base in the Port of Walvis Bay**

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To: The Executive Director
Ministry of Works and Transport
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12 February 2024

Re: Environmental Scoping Assessment and Environmental Management Plan for the Capital and Maintenance Dredging at the Naval Base in the Port of Walvis Bay

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Public Participation Notification: Environmental Assessment

Capital and Maintenance Dredging at the Naval Base in the Port of Walvis Bay

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KUMALO BOAS	welcome car wash African Madam			
Nofjalo Namandus	Muebas car wash	08		
FAIEOK MASHIMBA	BEACH CARNISH	08		
SACKY ANDREAS	Kuzamba Carwash	08		
Juba Mawin	Combi Zone	08		
David beech	Transworld Cargo	0		
N. Sue Torr	SEAFARMER FISH PROCESSORS	08		
Jo Shiimi	I.R. Primary School	06		

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Registered IAPs & Comments Received

Registered Interested and Affected Parties

Name	Organisation	Date Registered
Ron Wolters	Confederation of Namibian Fishing Associations	20 February 2024
Ina-Marie Iileka	Etosha Fishing Corporation	22 February 2024
Linekela Kapundja	Etosha Fishing Corporation	22 February 2024
Pierre le Roux	North Quay Properties (Pty) Ltd Benguella Properties' (Pty) Ltd South Quay Properties (Pty) Ltd Benguella Fishing Company (Pty) Ltd Seawork Fish Processors (Pty) Ltd	22 February 2024
Christian Tors	North Quay Properties (Pty) Ltd Benguella Properties' (Pty) Ltd South Quay Properties (Pty) Ltd Benguella Fishing Company (Pty) Ltd Seawork Fish Processors (Pty) Ltd	22 February 2024

E-Mail Correspondence Received

Comments	Response
E-Mail Received: Ron Wolters, 20 February 2024	
<p>Can you please register the Confederation of Namibian Fishing Associations, as an interested party.</p> <p>The factories and quays of our members line the route to the navy harbour, and any proposed dredging in that area may have influence on the water depth of our operations.</p>	<p>I have registered you on behalf of the CNFA. Attached is the BID for the project. For now dredging is restricted to alongside their jetty and quay area and around the slipway. They will sometime in future dredge the turning basin as well.</p>
E-Mail Received: Ron Wolters, 20 February 2024	
<p>Some issues just of the top of my head:</p> <p>South of the naval base factories are drawing seawater for cooling purposes as well as flushing and cleaning after having filtered and decontaminated the raw water. With the changing of the tides the turbid water from the dredging may flow past the factories and be picked up by their inflow pipes.</p> <p>Dredging brings sediments into suspension which in a harbour normally also contain the highly poisonous chemicals from the vessels anti fouling paint!</p> <p>Dredging requires a large strong flow of water to move the sand build up. The intention is to use the dredged material as land fill which makes sense but what is of concern is that the landfill site has no access to the sea and relies on the water seeping into the ground. The seepage rate is probably much less than the water volume need to move the sand meaning that a lake will form?</p> <p>You mention that the water will seep back into the sea but with the town of Walvis Bay being lower than sea level, the water seepage may not go back into the sea but rather increase the already high groundwater level and impact on the residential area landward of the naval base.</p>	<p>Your concerns will be addressed appropriately and real time monitoring will be a condition of the EMP.</p>
E-Mail Received: Iina-Marie Iileka, 22 February 2024	
<p>Kindly register Etosha Fishing Corporation as a stakeholder in this project (see the Bid attached).</p> <p>Please use Linekela Kapundja (SHEQ Manager) as the primary contact person.</p>	<p>Noted and registered</p>
E-Mail Received: Pierre le Roux, 22 February 2024	
<p>I would like the following companies to be registered on your list of AIP's for the 'Naval Base dredging project'.</p> <p>Property owners of North Quay Properties (Pty) Ltd.</p> <p>Property owners of Benguella Properties' (Pty) Ltd</p> <p>Property owners of South Quay Properties (Pty) Ltd</p> <p>Operators of Benguella Fishing Company (Pty) Ltd</p>	<p>Thank you for your mail. I have registered the companies as requested. Attached is the BID in case you have not yet received it.</p>

Seawork Fish Processors (Pty) Ltd Contacts: Christian Tors Pierre le Roux	
E-Mail Received: Christian Tors, 22 February 2024	
Thanks for the mail and info, we look forward to receiving the EIA as well. Is there any indication at this stage as to the duration of the dredging activities?	The dredging company confirmed worst case scenario 8 months dredging for phase 1 which is the quay, jetty and slipway areas, and then worst case 14 months for the turning basin.
E-Mail Received: Christian Tors, 27 February 2024	
In this case [responding to the dredge duration] we will have a serious concern if the dredging process will stir up sediment and influence our seawater intake water quality for processing.	The dredger to be used is a suction dredger with disposal on land so there should not be turbidity etc. issues, except if they do not have non-returns to prevent sediment backflow when they stop dredging. They will have to do turbidity monitoring.
E-Mail Received: Christian Tors, 27 February 2024	
Thanks for the feedback and information, if this is the case there should then be limited impact to our seawater intake quality.	Comment noted