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# **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PICTURES:**



# The following summary of comments were received during the public participation meeting:

The full minutes of the meeting is attached in APPENDIX D.

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2	I am from the media and the Civil Society Organisation. There are usually problems with employment, and I would like to ask that people from the area need to be employed, don't bring people from other areas.	Moses Mberira	That will be addressed once the contractor has been appointed and another meeting will be held with the contractor and the community.	Eikki Shidiwe
3	Are the boreholes that are drilled during the construction going to be handed over to the community or are they going to be closed upon completion of the project?	Wanoo Kambato	Usually, boreholes that are drilled for the project are sealed and handed over to the Roads Authority, they are the property of the RA, but if there are communities that are in need of water, the office of the Councillor can make arrangements with the	Eikki Shidiwe

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4	I have a few questions about and how the community is going to be involved or can be involved in this project? Boreholes, Material, Labour, Compensation. I know there is a lot of gravel, but we live in a sandy area so where is the stone going to be sourced from? I am asking, because we know of areas where stone can be sourced from, can we get involved? I know there is usually one big tender for the road construction, but will there be smaller tenders for say sourcing for water trucks, excavators, tipper trucks, etc where we could get involved? We do have boreholes from which water can be obtained, how will we be compensated?	Jay-Jay Odendaal	I suggest that you submit this in writing so that it can be shared with the Engineer and that the contractor can be made aware of the resources available in the area.  See point 5 for response to other queries.	Maike Prickett
5	Kalahari Prag, Vergenoeg, Dankbaar and another farm are along the same line. I would like to request that an intensive sighting to be done on this area and on this line, so that if we get water/boreholes that the communities can benefit from these boreholes in the future.	Hon Ignatius Khariseb	Usually once the contractor has been appointed, they will come and drill boreholes, and I suggest that if you have boreholes that can be used by the contractor that you indicate them so that the contractor can be made aware, and you can enter into an agreement with the contractor. We cannot say how many boreholes will be drilled, that will only be determined once the contractor is on site.  There are certain instances where water is being paid for, but there are predetermined tariffs for this. You cannot determine what you can charge for water. If you have a borehole without a pump and we need to bring our own pump, the water will automatically become cheaper. If you have a borehole with a pump available to pump construction water, we will request you to install a meter so that we can keep track of how much water is pumped and then compensate accordingly. Construction water needs to be strong. Boreholes that	Maike Prickett  Bruno Mokahtu

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			are drilled belong to the government; they need to be registered. What we have done on previous projects is that we give people permission to use the boreholes, but sometimes individuals install pumps and do not want to share this with other community members, then we take them back.	
6	If we have old boreholes that need to be cleaned before they can be used, would they make use of this?	Hiskia	If there is water, the contractor may consider it, but it is up to the contractor.	
7	How far is water transported?	Charles Tjienda	Water not more than 10km and gravel not more than 5km. So every 10km there should be a borehole. We don't want to damage the road.	Bruno Mokhatu
8	The Ministry of Mines and Energy have drilled a borehole at Bolands. That borehole might be available for use during construction.	Moses Mberia	I think what needs to be understood that the information will be passed on to the relevant authorities and that they can come and have a look and to make their decisions. The team will convey this. I am sure that we will get water around here and that this community can benefit.	Hon Ignatius Khariseb
9	I would like to ask the Councillor, since we know of those 3 areas that you indicated that are always struggling with water, will it be possible to bring water closer to these communities? Can we help them?  I think we have exhausted the point. Once the contractor comes, they will determine what boreholes can be used and where boreholes will need to be drilled.  We would like to request that we will be informed in time once that contractor has been appointed so that the community can also be informed, not only once they are on site.	Hiskia Frieda Hon Iganatius Khariseb	What normally happens, once the contractor has been appointed, we will have another meeting with the Councillor and the community to brief them that the road construction is about to start and the way forward.	Eikki Shidiwe

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10	When the MME borehole was drilled the community was not informed. The Civil Society Organisation can assist with sharing information with the people on the ground.	Moses Mberia	We understand, and we need to communicate in time. The same goes for the borrow pits and labour. We have a standing that the locals need to get priority to get employment, but we must also understand that requirements need to be met, you cannot expect to be employed as a truck driver if you don't have the correct driver's license or if they need someone to work in a laboratory and no one here has the knowledge, they need to employ someone from elsewhere. Now is the time to get all our things in order so that when the time comes, we stand a chance to get some work from this project. Another important thing to note is, not everyone will be able to get employment on this project, and not all employment will happen at once. Let's make sure that employment benefits multiple households and not only one so that the community can benefit.  I would like to emphasise what the councillor has said. Get your things in order so that you stand a chance when the time comes. The employment will also be handled through the Office of the Councillor.	Hon Ignatius Khariseb Frieda
11	I represent gender, where do women feature in these projects?	Anna-Martha	There usually is provision for gender balance. We are working on that.  From previous projects that is a condition that is standard. It will be handled through the Office of the Councillor.	Frieda Hon Igantius Khariseb
12	I would like to find out about the fencing. Our farms have game fence, will this be removed and replaced with normal fence, and do we need to rebuild it to game fence ourselves?  When the contractor comes in, will they teach our local people skills which can be used for future employment? Will skills transfer take place?	Hiksia	Skills transfer will need to take place, the long-term aim is to leave skills. We also need to understand that there are certain instances where only machines can do the work because of timing etc.  The contractor will not come with general labour, that can be sourced from here.  Sub-contractors are expected to produce a certain quality, so it becomes the risk of the main contractor. If you are done with the activity the engineer will inspect your work and if they are not happy and you need to redo your work, moust sub-contractors don't have the money to do that.	Hon Ignatius Khariseb Frieda Eikki Shidiwe

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13	There are a lot of houses in the road reserve. Will the houses need to be moved? Will fencing need to be constructed?	Wanoo Kambato	Fencing - there are 3 types of fences:     jackal, stock, and game proof fence.     Normally when a fence needs to be relocated it will be inspected beforehand and it will then be rebuilt according to the type of the existing fence.  There is a policy that will guide this. If they are in the road reserve they will need to be moved. The surveyor will come and set out the centreline, then 30m of either side of the centreline the road reserve will be indicated. You cannot now go and build your house in the road reserve, the surveyor has picked up all houses and fences in the road reserve, so it is easy to identify new structures.	Eikki Shidiwe
14	I would like to know if the road alignment has been finalised yet and is it going into our farms? I would like to know if it does go into our farms, do we need to move our structures.  There is a pipeline here, but I am not sure if it is 600mm deep, do we need to move it. There is a Primary School here, I would like to request that speed humps be set up, the cars come with high speed and it is on a slight hill. When will this project commence?	Conrad Eiseb	The project has already started, but there are many aspects to this process, and it is a long process. The things that are currently taking place all build up to the construction.  When the road is being upgraded to tar the design speed increases and some of the curves on this road will need to be straightened, that means that the new alignment will go into some farms. This will be communicated with the farmers before construction starts. It is currently still in the design phase.  Pipeline: The pipeline will remain there, but once road construction takes place it needs to be put into a sleeve. The community will need to assist on where these pipelines are. When the road is tarred, when approaching a community, signboards to reduce speed (120km/h to 60km/h) need to be put up. It is difficult to put up speed humps on a main road.	Hon Ignatius Khariseb Eikki Shidiwe
15	I am concerned that the pipeline that was mentioned before is not done according to the standard, it was done as an emergency. It is the only way that the community on the other side receives water.	Anna-Martha		
16	It should be made clear what the criteria for relocation and compensation with regards to the houses in the road reserve are. What about the legality? There are some buildings in these areas here that are considered illegal.		When the construction starts, it will be looked at what part is in the road reserve: house, fence, kraal or what the land use is.  This will determine what you will be compensated for and what amount. The compensation is done according to government regulations and rates. It also	Eikki Shidiwe

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			depends on the size of area within the road reserve.  In commercial areas it is easy because you have one landowner. In communal areas it is difficult to prove to an individual that you are here illegally. We will engage the traditional leaders in this regard.  Response (Moses Mberira): Many people do not realise that they are there illegally.	Moses Mberira  Hon Ignatius  Khariseb
			Response (Ignatius Khariseb): The Ministry of Land Reform should be engaged together with the Office of the Councillor, the Traditional Leaders, Roads Authority, and the Engineers to resolve this.	
17	Let us also look at the status of our settlement.	Charles Tjijenda		
18	There are certain people that disregard the rules of the road.  Let us be prepared that some of the houses will need to be moved. People must not go and build in the road reserve now.	Frieda	With regards to the houses within the road reserve, what happens sometimes when the design is done and we see that there are a lot of house,s sometimes the alignment can be shifted so that the houses don't need to be moved.	Eikki Shidiwe
19	Some of the people don't have access to e-mail, can we submit correspondence through the Office of the Councillor?	Hiskia	Yes.	Maike Prickett
20	Some farmers are not present, could I ask that we create a communication group on which we can discuss this project going forward?	Frieda	Frieda, will you please establish this group so that we can share the information that our office receives.	Hon Igantius Khariseb





# Environmental Impact Assessment for the Design and Contract Documentation to Upgrade 145km of M0119 (T0602 to Talismanus) to Low Volume Seal

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Type of Meeting: Public Consultation Meeting

Venue: Talismanus Community Hall

Time: 14h16 – 16h30

#### Agenda

1. Welcome - Hon, Wenzel Kavaka

- 2. Team Introduction Maike Prickett
- 3. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Maike Prickett
- 4. RA Application Processes Bruno Mokhatu
- 5. Project Scope Eikki Shidiwe
- 6. Q&A
- 7. Prayer Anna-Martha

1. Welcome

Hon. Wenzel Kavaka, Concillor Otjombinde Constituency

2. Team Introduction

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3. EIA Presentation (see attached presentation document)

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- What is an EIA? It is a practical implementation to prevent negative and improve positive impacts.
- Environment defined bio-physical (water, soil, plants, etc), social and legislation
- Impacts what we do and how that changes the environment (cause and affect)
  - Building a road: what is needed to build the road (layer works, materials), how does that change the environment, during operation what are the positive or negative effects of the road on the environment
- Rules and Regulations/Legislation Constitution of Namibia, Environmental Management Act No.7 (2007)
- What is the ultimate objective of an EIA? To maintain sustainability a balance between development and conservation
- Normal stakeholder concerns of road development projects:
  - Land taken and no benefit to stakeholder
  - Water / Materials
  - o Consider the gain of such a project: economic gain

- The objective of EMC is to:
  - Consult the public, stakeholders that know the area need to give their input (comments and concerns)
  - Consider the negative and positive impacts
  - Present and Submit EIA and application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) application to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) – they grant or reject ECC
  - O If ECC is granted, it is valid for 3 years. It is attached to the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) – measures that force whoever develops to work according to the Environmental Managament Act. The EMP needs to be adhered to during development/construction, to avoid/minismise/reduce the negative impacts and enhance the positive impacts. The EMP is a practical and important document. We want to avoid – spillage, pollution (surface water/soil, etc), bad waste management practices, etc.
  - Borrow pits: Borrow Pit Rehabilitation Project from the Roads Authority of Namibia (RA).
  - Examples of good practices (shown during presentation): construction camp, waste management, borrow pit rehabilitation (Whk/Okh road)
- We need to strike a balance between development and conservation to ensure that someone
  does not lose to the cost of someone else winning.
- You are welcome to raise your comments and concerns, we will listen to what you have to say and gladly answer as far as we can.

#### 4. RA Application Processes

Bruno Mokhatu, Roads Authority of Namibia

RA requires that certain procedures be followed, rules adhered to, and application forms be submitted for certain activities and developments that are being planned within a proclaimed road reserve by landowners, especially when a tar road is being constructed.

- 1. Application for an access point. (Toegangspad tot plaas/huise etc)
- 2. Road removal of development with the road reserve of the proclaimed road.
- 3. Notification form of accident.
- 4. Welding of grid gate rails.
- 5. Grass cutting in proclaimed road reserve running across farm district as well as removal of trees.
- 6. Notice to owner/lessee that land will be entered upon.
- 7. Application to infringe on a proclaimed road.
- 8. Application for installation of a swing/grid gate.
- 9. Letter informing addressee of unauthorised advertising sign/structure outside road reserve visible from proclaimed road.
- 10. Letter instructing removal of advertising sign/structure inside proclaimed road reserve.
- 11. Indemnity against claims: Quarries on private property.
- 12. Application for re-opening, closing, deviation or construction of proclaimed road.
- 13. Application for erection, fencing off, conversion or improvement of fence along trunk, main or district roads.
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- 15. Removal of animals present in road reserve.

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#### 5. Project Scope

Eikki Shidiwe, Consulting Team

The road from the main road to Talismanus is going to be constructed as a tar road, the road will mostly run along the existing road, but at some places the alignment will divert from the old alignment for safety reasons, because there are curves which are very sharp and need to be wider when the road is being tarred.

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#### 6. Questions & Answers

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7. <u>Prayer</u> <u>Community Member</u>

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# Environmental Impact Assessment for the Design and Contract Documentation to Upgrade 145km of M0119 (T0602 to Talismanus) to Low Volume Seal

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Type of Meeting: Public Consultation Meeting

Venue: Vergenoeg Opstal

Date: 2 September 2021

Time: 10h00 – 11h45

#### Agenda

8. Welcome – Hon. Ignatius Khariseb

- 9. Team Introduction Maike Prickett
- 10. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Maike Prickett
- 11. Project Scope Eikki Shidiwe
- 12. RA Application Processes Bruno Mokhatu
- 13. Q&A
- 14. Prayer Anna-Martha

8. Welcome

Hon. Ignatius Khariseb, Concillor Kalahari Constituency

9. Team Introduction

Maike Prickett, Consulting Team

10. EIA Presentation (see attached presentation document)

Maike Prickett, Consulting Team

- What is an EIA? It is a practical implementation to prevent negative and improve positive impacts.
- Environment defined bio-physical (water, soil, plants, etc), social and legislation
- Impacts what we do and how that changes the environment (cause and affect)
  - Building a road: what is needed to build the road (layer works, materials), how does that change the environment, during operation what are the positive or negative effects of the road on the environment
- Rules and Regulations/Legislation Constitution of Namibia, Environmental Management Act No.7 (2007)
- What is the ultimate objective of an EIA? To maintain sustainability a balance between development and conservation
- Normal stakeholder concerns of road development projects:
  - o Land taken and no benefit to stakeholder
  - Water / Materials
  - Consider the gain of such a project: economic gain
- The objective of EMC is to:
  - Consult the public, stakeholders that know the area need to give their input (comments and concerns)
  - Consider the negative and positive impacts

- Present and Submit EIA and application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) application to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) – they grant or reject ECC
- o If ECC is granted, it is valid for 3 years. It is attached to the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) measures that force whoever develops to work according to the Environmental Managament Act. The EMP needs to be adhered to during development/construction, to avoid/minismise/reduce the negative impacts and enhance the positive impacts. The EMP is a practical and important document. We want to avoid spillage, pollution (surface water/soil, etc), bad waste management practices, etc.
- Borrow pits: Borrow Pit Rehabilitation Project from the Roads Authority of Namibia (RA).
- Examples of good practices (shown during presentation): construction camp, waste management, borrow pit rehabilitation (Whk/Okh road)
- We need to strike a balance between development and conservation to ensure that someone does not lose to the cost of someone else winning.
- You are welcome to raise your comments and concerns, we will listen to what you have to say and gladly answer as far as we can.

#### 11. Project Scope

Eikki Shidiwe, Consulting Team

The road will mostly run along the existing road, but at some places the alignment will divert from the old alignment because of the curves which need to be a little bit bigger when the road is tarred.

As you might be aware the Geologist was already in the area looking for borrow pits for materials for construction.

Once the construction starts, we will go back to the same people and indicate the area where we found good material, so that an agreement can be signed between the owner and the contractor.

In terms of water for construction, boreholes will be drilled to provide water for construction, these will be mostly drilled next to the road. We need the assistance of the community in this regard. If there is someone with a borehole in the area there is an arrangement that can be made to use that borehole with an agreement.

During the construction for the road, it is our obligation to look after the environment, so we will try by all means not to do anything that will damage the environment, but there are procedures in place that must be followed.

If there are any questions about the road you are welcome to ask.

#### 12. RA Application Processes

Bruno Mokhatu, Roads Authority of Namibia

RA requires that certain procedures be followed, rules adhered to, and application forms be submitted for certain activities and developments that are being planned within a proclaimed road reserve by landowners, especially when a tar road is being constructed.

- 16. Application for an access point. (Toegangspad tot plaas/huise etc)
- 17. Road removal of development with the road reserve of the proclaimed road.
- 18. Notification form of accident.
- 19. Welding of grid gate rails.
- 20. Grass cutting in proclaimed road reserve running across farm district as well as removal of trees.
- 21. Notice to owner/lessee that land will be entered upon.
- 22. Application to infringe on a proclaimed road.
- 23. Application for installation of a swing/grid gate.
- 24. Letter informing addressee of unauthorised advertising sign/structure outside road reserve visible from proclaimed road.
- 25. Letter instructing removal of advertising sign/structure inside proclaimed road reserve.
- 26. Indemnity against claims: Quarries on private property.
- 27. Application for re-opening, closing, deviation or construction of proclaimed road.
- 28. Application for erection, fencing off, conversion or improvement of fence along trunk, main or district roads.
- 29. Maintenance of road reserve fences.
- 30. Removal of animals present in road reserve.

All pipelines that cross the existing road that have not been indicated with signage or have been registered with RA are illegal and the contractor cannot be held responsible for damage to these pipelines during road construction, if they have not been made aware of their location, regardless of how old these pipelines are, they need to be registered with the RA.

#### 13. Questions & Answers

**Charles Tjijenda:** I would like some clarity on animals being tracked or on the road. What if my car hits an animal on the road? What does the law say?

<u>Response</u> (Bruno): We usually tell the person to put in a claim against the owner of the animal. Take the ear tags and find out who the animal belongs to at Veterinary Services. Animals may only be on the tracked between 07:00-19:00 and no other animals may be on the road, that's what the law says.

**Moses Mberira:** I am from the media and the Civil Society Organisation. There are usually problems with employment, and I would like to ask that people from the area need to be employed, don't bring people from other areas.

<u>Response</u> (Eikki): That will be addressed once the contractor has been appointed and another meeting will be held with the contractor and the community.

<u>Charl Schubert:</u> According to the law no animals may be on the road, unless there is a person accompanying then with a red flag.

<u>Wanoo Kambato:</u> Are the boreholes that are drilled during the construction going to be handed over to the community or are they going to be closed upon completion of the project?

<u>Response</u> (Eikki): Usually boreholes that are drilled for the project are sealed and handed over to the Roads Authority, they are the property of the RA, but if there are communities that are in need of water, the office of the Councillor can make arrangements with the RA that the community can benefit from these boreholes

**Jay-Jay Odendaal:** I have a few questions about and how the community is going to be involved or can be involved in this project? Boreholes, Material, Labour, Compensation. I know there is a lot of gravel, but we live in a sandy area so where is the stone going to be sourced

from? I am asking, because we know of areas where stone can be sourced from, can we get involved? I know there is usually one big tender for the road construction, but will there be smaller tenders for say sourcing for water trucks, excavators, tipper trucks, etc where we could get involved? We do have boreholes from which water can be obtained, how will we be compensated?

<u>Response</u> (Maike): I suggest that you submit this in writing so that it can be shared with the Engineer and that the contractor can be made aware of the resources available in the area.

**Hon Ignatius Khariseb:** Kalahari Prag, Vergenoeg, Dankbaar and another farm are along the same line. I would like to request that an intensive sighting to be done on this area and on this line, so that if we get water/boreholes that the communities can benefit from these boreholes in the future.

<u>Response</u> (Maike): Usually once the contractor has been appointed, they will come and drill boreholes, and I suggest that if you have boreholes that can be used by the contractor that you indicate them so that the contractor can be made aware and you can enter into an agreement with the contractor. We cannot say how many boreholes will be drilled, that will only be determined once the contractor is on site.

<u>Response</u> (Bruno): There are certain instances where water is being paid for, but there are predetermined tariffs for this. You cannot determine what you can charge for water. If you have a borehole without a pump and we need to bring our own pump, the water will automatically become cheaper. If you have a borehole with a pump available to pump construction water, we will request you to install a meter so that we can keep track of how much water is pumped and then compensate accordingly. Construction water needs to be strong. Boreholes that are drilled belong to the government; they need to be registered. What we have done on previous projects is that we give people permission to use the boreholes, but sometimes individuals install pumps and do not want to share this with other community members, then we take them back.

<u>Hiskia:</u> If we have old boreholes that need to be cleaned before they can be used, would they make use of this?

<u>Response</u> (Maike): If there is water, the contractor may consider it, but it is up to the contractor.

#### **Charles Tijenda:** How far is water transported?

<u>Response</u> (Bruno): Water not more than 10km and gravel not more than 5km. So every 10km there should be a borehole. We don't want to damage the road.

<u>Moses Mberia:</u> The Ministry of Mines and Energy have drilled a borehole at Bolands. That borehole might be available for use during construction.

<u>Response</u> (Ignatius Khariseb): I think what needs to be understood that the information will be passed on to the relevant authorities and that they can come and have a look and to make their decisions. The team will convey this. I am sure that we will get water around here and that this community can benefit.

<u>Hiskia:</u> I would like to ask the Councillor, since we know of those 3 areas that you indicated that are always struggling with water, will it be possible to bring water closer to these communities? Can we help them?

**<u>Frieda</u>**: I think we have exhausted the point. Once the contractor comes, they will determine what boreholes can be used and where boreholes will need to be drilled.

**Hon Ignatius Khariseb:** We would like to request that we will be informed in time once that contractor has been appointed so that the community can also be informed, not only once they are on site.

<u>Response</u> (Eikki): What normally happens, once the contractor has been appointed, we will have another meeting with the Councillor and the community to brief them that the road construction is about to start and the way forward.

<u>Moses Mberia:</u> When the MME borehole was drilled the community was not informed. The Civil Society Organisation can assist with sharing information with the people on the ground.

<u>Response</u> (Hon Ignatius Khariseb): We understand, and we need to communicate in time. The same goes for the borrow pits and labour. We have a standing that the locals need to get priority to get employment, but we must also understand that requirements need to be met, you cannot expect to be employed as a truck driver if you don't have the correct driver's license or if they need someone to work in a laboratory and no one here has the knowledge, they need to employ someone from elsewhere. Now is the time to get all our things in order so that when the time comes, we stand a chance to get some work from this project. Another important thing to note is, not everyone will be able to get employment on this project, and not all employment will happen at once. Let's make sure that employment benefits multiple households and not only one so that the community can benefit.

<u>Response</u> (Frieda): I would like to emphasise what the councillor has said. Get your things in order so that you stand a chance when the time comes. The employment will also be handled through the Office of the Councillor.

#### **Anna-Martha:** I represent gender, where do women feature in these projects?

<u>Response</u> (Frieda): There usually is provision for gender balance. We are working on that. <u>Response</u> (Ignatius Khariseb): From previous projects that is a condition that is standard. It will be handled through the Office of the Councillor.

<u>Hiskia:</u> I would like to find out about the fencing. Our farms have game fence, will this be removed and replaced with normal fence, and do we need to rebuild it to game fence ourselves?

When the contractor comes in, will they teach our local people skills which can be used for future employment? Will skills transfer take place?

<u>Response</u> (Ignatius Khariseb): Skills transfer will need to take place, the long-term aim is to leave skills. We also need to understand that there are certain instances where only machines can do the work because of timing etc.

<u>Response</u> (Frieda): The contractor will not come with general labour, that can be sourced from here.

<u>Response</u> (Eikki): Sub-contractors are expected to produce a certain quality, so it becomes the risk of the main contractor. If you are done with the activity the engineer will inspect your work and if they are not happy and you need to redo your work, moust sub-contractors don't have the money to do that.

Fencing - there are 3 types of fences: jackal, stock, and game proof fence. Normally when a fence needs to be relocated it will be inspected beforehand and it will then be rebuilt according to the type of the existing fence.

**Wanoo Kambato**: There are a lot of houses in the road reserve. Will the houses need to be moved? Will fencing need to be constructed?

<u>Response</u> (Eikki): There is a policy that will guide this. If they are in the road reserve they will need to be moved. The surveyor will come and set out the centreline, then 30m of either side of the centreline the road reserve will be indicated. You cannot now go and build your house in the road reserve, the surveyor has picked up all houses and fences in the road reserve, so it is easy to identify new structures.

**Conrad Eiseb:** I would like to know if the road alignment has been finalised yet and is it going into our farms? I would like to know if it does go into our farms, do we need to move our structures.

There is a pipeline here, but I am not sure if it is 600mm deep, do we need to move it. There is a Primary School here, I would like to request that speed humps be set up, the cars come with high speed and it is on a slight hill. When will this project commence?

<u>Response</u> (Ignatius Khariseb): The project has already started, but there are many aspects to this process, and it is a long process. The things that are currently taking place all build up to the construction.

<u>Response</u> (Eikki): When the road is being upgraded to tar the design speed increases and some of the curves on this road will need to be straightened, that means that the new alignment will go into some farms. This will be communicated with the farmers before construction starts. It is currently still in the design phase.

Pipeline: The pipeline will remain there, but once road construction takes place it needs to be put into a sleeve. The community will need to assist on where these pipelines are.

When the road is tarred, when approaching a community, signboards to reduce speed (120km/h to 60km/h) need to be put up. It is difficult to put up speed humps on a main road.

**Anna-Martha:** I am concerned that the pipeline that was mentioned before is not done according to the standard, it was done as an emergency. It is the only way that the community on the other side receives water.

**Karel Schubert:** It should be made clear what the criteria for relocation and compensation with regards to the houses in the road reserve are. What about the legality? There are some buildings in these areas here that are considered illegal.

<u>Response</u> (Eikki Shidiwe): When the construction starts, it will be looked at what part is in the road reserve: house, fence, kraal or what the land use is. This will determine what you will be compensated for and what amount. The compensation is done according to government regulations and rates. It also depends on the size of area within the road reserve.

In commercial areas it is easy because you have one landowner. In communal areas it is difficult to prove to an individual that you are here illegally. We will engage the traditional leaders in this regard.

<u>Response</u> (Moses Mberira): Many people do not realise that they are there illegally.

<u>Response</u> (Ignatius Khariseb): The Ministry of Land Reform should be engaged together with the Office of the Councillor, the Traditional Leaders, Roads Authority, and the Engineers to resolve this.

**Charles Tjijenda:** Let us also look at the status of our settlement.

**Frieda:** There are certain people that disregard the rules of the road. Let us be prepared that some of the houses will need to be moved. People must not go and build in the road reserve now.

<u>Response</u> (Eikki Shidiwe): With regards to the houses within the road reserve, what happens sometimes when the design is done and we see that there are a lot of house,s sometimes the alignment can be shifted so that the houses don't need to be moved.

**Maike Prickett**: The public consultation process ends on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2021.

<u>Response</u> (Hiskia): Some of the people don't have access to e-mail, can we submit correspondence through the Office of the Councillor?

<u>Response</u> (Maike): Yes.

**Community Member:** Thank you for the meeting, I would like to see that our community can benefit from this project.

<u>Frieda</u>: Some farmers are not present, could I ask that we create a communication group on which we can discuss this project going forward?

<u>Response</u> (Ignatius Khariseb): Frieda, will you please establish this group so that we can share the information that our office receives.

14. Prayer

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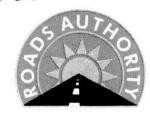
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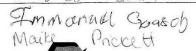


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