

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

**INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETING**

Notice is hereby given to all the potential Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs), that an application for an Environmental Clearance in accordance with the Environmental Management Act, 7 of 2007 and Regulations 19 and 21 of the EIA Regulations (January 2012) will be made as per the following:

You are hereby invited to a public consultation meeting as per the following:

**Proponent:** Zambezi Regional Council

**Proposed Project:** Construction of Oxidation Pond in Kongola

- Date: 20 September 2021
- Time: 12h00
- Venue: Kongola Constituency Office

**I.N.K Enviro Consultants cc** will be undertaking the EIA process. Please contact Immanuel Katali: +264818035825, [ikatali@inkenviroconsult.com](mailto:ikatali@inkenviroconsult.com) .

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ZAMBEZI REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF AN OXIDATION POND AND WASTE DISPOSAL SITE, LOCATED IN KONGOLA SETTLEMENT, ZAMBEI REGION, NAMIBIA.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Zambezi Regional Council (hereinafter referred to as ZRC), intends on obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the construction of an oxidation pond and a waste disposal site. The aims and objectives of the project is to find an alternative/solution to the current practice of unregulated and informal disposal of general waste in the Kongola settlement.

The proposed project is located in Kongola Settlement, approximately 110 km east of Katima Mulilo town, Zambezi Region, Namibia.

Three preliminary sites for the oxidation ponds have been identified. The EIA process will identify the best suitable location, from an environmental perspective.

### 2. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document has been prepared to inform you:

- about the proposed activities;
- about the EIA process to be followed;
- of possible environmental impacts;
- how you can have input into the EIA process

### 3. YOUR ROLE

Public involvement is an essential part of the EIA process.

You have been identified as an interested and affected party (IAP) who may want to know about the proposed activities and have input into the EIA process.

All comments will be recorded and addressed in the EIA process.

### 4. ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL

Prior to the commencement of the proposed operation activities, an application for environmental clearance will be submitted in terms of the Environmental Management Act, 7 of 2007 and Regulations 19 and 21 of the EIA Regulations (January 2012) to the MEFT - Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). MEFT - DEA will review the application and relevant reports for a final decision. An EIA process will be conducted in terms of the above-mentioned Act and Regulations.

I.N.K Enviro Consultants cc (I.N.K), is an independent firm of environmental consultants and has been appointed to manage the EIA process for the above-mentioned activities.

### 4. HOW TO RESPOND

Responses to this document can be submitted by means of the attached comments sheet or through communication with the contact person listed below.

### 5. EAP AND CONTACT DETAILS

To submit your comments. please contact Mr. Immanuel Katali,

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Immanuel N. Katali, the EIA Lead Practitioner holds a B.Arts (Honors) in Geography, Environmental Studies and Sociology and has over six years of relevant experience in conducting/managing Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs), Socio-Economic Impact Assessments (SIA) and compiling Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) <sup>1</sup>in Namibia. Immanuel is certified as an environmental practitioner under the Environmental Assessment Professionals Association of Namibia (EAPAN).

## 6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

### 6.1 Introduction

With reference to section 1 above, the Zambezi Regional Council intends on obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the construction of an oxidation pond and a waste disposal site. The sections below provides a description of the proposed project during the construction and operational phases.

The project description is applicable to both the oxidation pond and the waste disposal site.

#### Construction Phase

### 6.2 Laydown Area/Site Preparation

Site preparation includes the demarcation of the footprint of the proposed sites (oxidation pond and waste disposal site) and the laydown area to be located  $\pm 15$  m from each of the sites. The aim of the establishment of a laydown area is for the storage and partial assembly of the project material, machine, equipment and trucks that will be used during construction. The proposed sites will require disturbance i.e. land clearing as the sites are all in densely vegetated areas.

### 6.3 Waste Management during Construction

Relatively small quantities of waste is anticipated to be generated during the construction phase. Waste shall be transported to the Swakopmund waste disposal site.

### 6.4 Power Supply

During construction, power will be supplied using mobile generators at all sites.

### 6.5 Refuelling and Maintenance of Generators

The only identified equipment that will require refuelling of diesel and/ or petrol is generators used as power source. This will be done within the perimeters of the site. Drip trays will be installed during the refuelling process and spill kits available during the process. Other vehicles and machinery used during the construction activities will be refuelled off site.

### 6.6. Accomodation of Construction Workers

The construction workforce/contractors (both local and non-local) will commute to the designated sites each day during the construction phase and will be accommodated in Swakopmund. No accommodation or any permanent structures will be constructed on site.

### 6.7. Sanitation

Portable toilets with associated septic tanks will be used. The septic tanks will be emptied on a regular basis ensuring no spillages in the proposed sites of infrastructure construction. The effluent shall be disposed of at a licenced facility.

### 6.8. Rehabilitation of Temporary Construction Sites and Laydown Area

The removal of all temporary construction equipment will be undertaken at the end of construction activities. This will be done as per Environmental Management Plan recommendations.

#### Operational Phase

### 6.9. Power Supply

Power will be supplied using underground electricity cables to the site from the nearest substation.

### 6.10. Access Roads

The proposed project is located along paths of existing tarred and gravel roads. No new roads will be constructed.

### 6.11. Maintenance of Oxidation Pond and Waste Disposal Site

The Zambezi Regional Council, in conjunction with the Kongola Constituency Office will have the responsibility in managing the sites during the operations.

## 7. POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Potential environmental issues associated with the construction and operations of the proposed Oxidation Pond and Waste Management sites include the following:

- Noise from the construction activities could disturb people and animals in the immediate surroundings of the activities.
- Machinery and equipment used on site, i.e refuelling of generators poses an environmental risk due to potential hydrocarbon spills. Hydrocarbon spillages could potentially contaminate the soil and groundwater.
- Waste generated on site, most specifically the oxidation ponds, have the potential to pollute the wider environment and cause environmental degradation, if not properly managed.
- Some dust will be generated from the activities which can pose an environmental impact and health impact on the surrounding community.

## 8. EIA PROCESS

The EIA process provides information on the proposed project and the environment in which it may be situated; it identifies, in consultation with IAPs, the potential negative and positive environmental aspects and associated impacts of the proposed project; and reports on management measures required to mitigate such impacts to acceptable levels. The likely process steps and timeframes are provided below.

A draft Scoping Report (including an assessment of impacts) and an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project will be made available for a 14-day public comment period. Registered IAPs will be notified via e-mail of the review period and the availability of the draft Scoping (Combined Assessment) Report.

## 9. STEPS IN THE EIA PROCESS

### PHASE I – Internal Screening

- EIA project initiation.
- Notify MEFT: DEA..
- Site visit and identify environmental issues.
- Identify key stakeholders.

### PHASE II – Combined Scoping & Assessment Phase and Environmental Management Plan (EMP)

- Submit Application form to MET
- Notify other regulatory authorities and IAPs of the proposed project (via newspaper advertisements, this document, emails, site notices).
- Conduct public meeting and key stakeholder (focus group) meetings.
- Assess impacts of proposed projects and compile Scoping (including assessment) report and EMP.
- Comment period: Reports will be made available for review and comment by regulatory authorities and registered IAPs.
- Compile final reports (including Issues and Response Report).
- Submit the final reports to MET for their review and decision-making.

## 10. WAY FORWARD

1. Conduct Public Participation Process
2. Prepare Preliminary EIA Report for submission to ZRC.
3. Prepare Final Report for Submission to Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ZAMBEZI REGIONAL COUNCIL’S PROPOSED UP-EARTHING OF THE EMBANKMENT ON MUZII COMBINED SCHOOL PLATFORM, LOCATED IN THE EASTERN FLOODPLAINS OF ZAMBEZI REGION, NAMIBIA.

Full Name	
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Telephone Number	
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<b>Please Identify Your Interest in the Project:</b>	
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<b>Please write your Comments and Questions here:</b>	
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.....Signature:	



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>> Druk op oorvol ICU's neem af

# Hospitale darem op die herstelpad – Shangula

Covid-pasiënte mag voortaan een besoek vir 'n halfuur per week van een familielid ontvang.

Tuyeimo Haidula op Oshakati

Die minister van gesondheid en maatskaplike dienste, dr. Kalumbi Shangula, sê al die hospitaalfdelings oraloor die land wat in Covid-sale omskep is om die toenemende aantal pasiënte te akkommodeer, is minder oorval en kan weer soos normaalweg gebruik word. Shangula het Woensdag gesê die voorkoms van nuwe gevalle, hospitalisasies en sterftes is voortdurend besig om af te neem.

Hy het dié opmerkings gemaak tydens die oorhandiging van 'n toegeruste 40-bed-tentafdeling wat deur die Namibiese Kamer van Koophandel en Nywerheid (NCCI) geborg is. Namibië worstel reeds vir meer as twee maande teen die derde golf, wat binne landse reis vir twee opeenvolgende termyne verbode gemaak het en weer die landsgrense aan die einde van Mei vanjaar laat sluit het. Dié maatreëls is genoodsaak deur die nuwe Delta-variant, wat aanvanklik

**Kalumbi Shangula**  
MINISTER VAN GESONDHEID EN  
MAATSAPLIKKE DIENSTE

“Daar is genoeg ruimte beskikbaar in ons Covid-19-isolasie- en intensiewesorgeenhede (ICU's).”

le so suurstofbehoefte het die hoogte ingeskiet en die land het daaglik honderde sterftes aangeteken. Shangula sê die mediese dienste wat tydens die derde golf opgeskort is, het intussen hervat.

“Daar is genoeg ruimte beskikbaar in ons Covid-19-isolasie- en intensiewesorgeenhede (ICU's).”

“Ek bedank die gesondheidspersoneel vir hul toewyding gedurende die moeilike tyd wat ons pas moes deur maak. In die lig van die verbeterde Covid-situasie in die land, het die ministerie besluit om besoeke aan Covid-pasiënte deur 'n familielid toe te laat. Die pasiënt is geregtig op een

Elke besoeker sal volledige beskermende persoonlike toerusting (PPE) ontvang om te dra vir die besoek wat hoogstens 30 minute mag duur.

Volgens die minister sal die besoeke aan verskillende pasiënte op verskillende datums en tye versprei word om te verseker dat op geen gegewe tyd 'n toeloop van besoeke in enige Covid-19-saal ontstaan nie.

Shangula het Namibiërs herinner dat elke persoon 'n rol moet speel in die hokslaan van die virus.

Hy het 'n beroep op Namibiërs gedoen om ingeënt te word en sodoende natuurlike immuniteit teen Covid-19 op te bou.

Die goewerneur van die Oshana-streek, mnr. Elia Irimari, het die NCCI vir dié skenking bedank en hulle geloof vir hul patriotisme om die regering in die stryd teen die Covid-19-pandemie te ondersteun. Hy het ander sakelui versoek om dié voorbeeld te volg om sodoende ernstige siekte en lewensverlies te voorkom.

Die konstruksie van 'n 15-bed-ICU op Keetmanshoop sal na verwagting vandeernaand voltooi word, terwyl die uitbreiding van die intensiewesorgeenheid op Katima Mulilo, be-

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1. ZRC's Proposed Construction of an Oxidation Pond and Waste Disposal Site
2. ZRC's Proposed Upgrading of the Embankment on Mjukano Combined School Platforms

### NATURE OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

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  2. The upgrading of the embankment on the Mjukano Combined School Platform in order to allow learners and their parents to relocate to such a higher ground during flood times as a permanent solution to the flooding problem.

### LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

1. The proposed pond and waste site is located in Kongola Settlement, approximately 110 km east of Katima Mulilo town, Zambezi Region, Namibia.
2. The embankment project is proposed to be located approximately 120 km east of Katima Mulilo town on approximately 70 km earth road during dry season and 120 km river transport on the Zambezi River.

### INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER:

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# Smokkelary met brandstof teister die noorde – Kawana

Tuyeimo Haidula op Oshakati

Die minister van binnelandse sake, dr. Albert Kawana, sê goedkoop brandstof wat uit Angola ingesmokkel word, is 'n groot kopseer vir die Namibiese polisie vanweë die uitwerking op die noorde.

Die lang grenslyn maak dit maklik vir mense om dit enige plek oor te steek,” het Kawana gesê.

Ons susterkoerant *Namibian Sun* het vroeër vanjaar die grensdorp besoek en ontdek die brandstof-smokkelaars seker...





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### Eerste besending Sputnik is hier

Henriette Lamprecht

Die eerste helfte van 'n besending van 30 000 dosisse van die Sputnik-entstof is in Namibië.

Die eerste besending van 15 000 dosisse Sputnik wat deur Serwië geskenk is, het met 'n verkoelingslorrie in die land aangekom. Volgens die hoof van die Namibiese taakspan vir die land se immuniseringsveldtog teen Covid 19, me. Petronella Masabane, word die entstowwe met data-opnemers in die lorrie vervoer wat aandui of dit aan die vereistes vir die koueketting voldoen.

"Voordat ons dit in ontvangs neem, kyk ons eers na die temperatuur en teken dit en enige afwykings daarvan aan."

Volgens Masabane het die ministerie van gesondheid en maatskaplike dienste se sentrale mediese store bevestig die entstowwe is deurentyd in die vereiste -18 °C vervoer.

Volgens haar gaan die eerste 15 000 dosisse gebruik word as eerste dosis. Die tweede besending van 15 000 word in die land verwag voordat die tweede dosis in 20 dae toegedien moet word.

"Die flessies waarin dit is, is ook volgens kleur gekodeer om die onderskeiding tussen die eerste en tweede dosisse te vergemak-

Namibiërs se huiwering om ingeënt te word, het hy gesê meer en meer mense beseft mettertyd die waarde van immunisering teen Covid.

"Mense sien dit is veilig en doeltreffend en erken die redes teen dit maak nie sin nie."

Hong sê dit is egter belangrik om te luister na die redes waarom mense huiwerig voel en om dit die hoof te bied.

"Ons kan leer van ander lande en ons kan Namibië se sterkpunte soos sterk gemeenskapsbande en wydverspreide kommunikasie-metodes soos radio- en selfoon-netwerke gebruik om te verseker mense ontvang inligting van bronne wat hulle kan vertrou. Dit sluit die Wêreldgesondheidsorganisasie (WHO), CDC asook die ministerie van gesondheid in."

Volgens hom is die beste manier om immuniseringskoerse op te stoot onder meer inligtingsessies by werksplekke, om iemand na 'n immuniseringspunt te vervoer en om familie en vriende aan te moedig om ook ingeënt te word.

"Werkgewers kan ook oorweging skenk daaraan om personeel tyd af te gee om ingeënt te word, terwyl gemeenskapsleiers hul platforms kan gebruik om te verseker hul gemeenskappe ontvang inligting wat hulle kan vertrou.



Public and Stakeholders Consultation



**Issues and Response Report**

**Public and Key Stakeholders Meeting :**

**20 September 2021**

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**Comments/Issues and Relevant Responses**

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
So many people come around here, giving presentations and telling us all sorts of things but their projects never commence. What is so special about you?	There are so many processes and feasibility studies that need to be conducted before a project actually kicks off such as engineering and technicalities of the project. At times, it can take even years due to other reasons such as budget limitations and other various shortfalls. However, the key aspect is that the EIA is being conducted and funds are available at this stage, which is a step forward, we should take positives in that.
We are ready to assist in whichever way we can for this to materialize.	We take note and thank you.
Will there be no bad smell? What about noise and all those thing during construction?	Yes, it is likely but the key aspect in the study is that we have identified a location which is far from the settlement.
Will there be any job opportunities?	The EMP stipulates that local preference should be made to employment.