## **Public Participation Process**

A comprehensive Public Participation process was conducted for this project which are in guidance with the requirements of the Environmental Management Act no.7 of 2007.

The methodology followed during the public participation process was to make use of existing communications between Tulipamwe Consulting Engineers and the relevant stakeholders and interested and affected parties, as well as personal interviews conducted by Enviro Management Consultants Namibia.

The objectives of the meetings were to inform the various Stakeholders and the general Public about the project and to receive any comments or concerns with regards to the design of the proposed route, the natural environment that will be affected by the project as well as the social impact this project might have.

The project was advertised in both the Republikein and the Namibian on two separate occasions:

13<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in the Republikein, Daily Sun and Algemeine Zeitung, and; 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in the Republikein, Daily Sun and Algemeine Zeitung.

The public consultation meetings were scheduled for the following dates and times:

Date:	2 September 2021
Time:	09:00
Venue:	Vergenoeg Opstal
Date:	2 September 2021
Time:	14:00
Venue:	Talismanus Settlement Office

Please find attached the Advertisement that was placed in the various newspapers:

#### **PROOF OF PLACEMENT OF NOTICES**

Newspaper Adverts – 13 August 2021:







Newspaper Adverts – 20 August 2021:





#### **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.

These comments were received during the public meeting held at Talismanus Community Hall.

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1	Welcome to the team. Despite the long wait we see from the presentation that this road is Low Volume Seal, is that what the road between Gobabis and Buitepos is? The road is already full of potholes. I have read that the government is building low-cost roads. Will it be worth the effort? Regarding the permit applications, when I come from my farm at Helena, do I need to apply for an access road? Why don't I get a signboard to Helena? Can this be included when the tar road is being built? There are 3 places that come together at the same place. The Otjinene – Gobabis road looks good and is nicely cleaned up, that is what we want.	<u>E Killion</u>	A traffic count was done on this road, only small cars and a few trucks were counted. This road will not be the same as the Buitepos road. The road junctions will be provided with access roads and signs. During this exercise the local community will be engaged. At this stage we are still busy with the design, it is difficult to say when we can commence. Once it has been submitted to and accepted by the RA, then it will go out on tender.	Eikki Shidiwe
2	What factors determine that a road is a Low Volume Seal? Will the tar road go past Talismanus? The people that are living in the road reserve, will they be compensated? Will residents of Otjombinde be favoured with employment?	<u>Ismael</u> <u>Katiko</u>	The road will stop at Talismanus, but it is difficult to say where exactly. Properties that are in the road reserve, the engineers will go out and measure to see which part is in the road reserve – house, fence or field, this will get submitted to the RA for compensation, these rates are fixed. For employment, priority should be given to the local community and usually the Office of the Councillor assists with this.	Eikki Shidiwe
3	The access roads need to be explained, it is confusing. The road to my office at Kalahari was pointed out which is 8km, but it was rejected for upgrade. It should be considered to extend the road past Talismanus.	Hon Ignatius Kahriseb	Access roads – are roads that are sealed for 100m like the start of district roads. There are other roads that might not be sealed or only for a shorter distance. Once a road becomes 10km or more it becomes a project on its own. RA usually identifies these roads that sometimes get added to the project. Tulipamwe is the consultant and cannot decide to extend the road, these are the decisions of the RA.	Eikki Shidiwe

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4	Who will be considering the contractors? We have people here that have lorries, graders, etc. The lengths of the access roads, please clarify that.	Nande Hengari	There is confusion with the term access road, we call these short tar sections bellmouths, these are 50m sections. A request for a road to be upgraded should go through the RA's Network Planning Department. Anyone with a registered company may tender, but there are certain requirements that need to be met. The application that was referred to is for an access point and not a road. It is just a misunderstanding because of the question that Hon Khariseb was asking	Eikki Shidiwe Bruno Mokhatu E Killion
5	I am concerned about the traffic numbers. I live at Bolands and one night I counted 5 trucks that came past. The Low Volume Seal of the road is a concern. Where is the road going to end, can it not be extended past Talismanus to Rietfontein?	Moses Mberira	about the road to his office. Trucks will still be able to drive on the road. There are some differences to High Volume Seal roads, like the road shoulder that is not going to be sealed. The end of the road, I understand the concern, if I go to the RA it will not help. I request the two Councillors to sit together and write a letter to the RA, but we will pass on the message. But the RA is present here, they need to take note of this request.	Eikki Shidiwe Hon Igantius Khariseb
6	It is not true that the Low Volume Seal Road is similar to the High Volume Seal Road, I can show you the difference in a second, it is not only the road shoulder. High Volume Seal Roads have more layers.	Nande Hengari	This is not a bad road; the community is in a fortunate position to receive a tar road. Consider the benefits that the road will bring to the community.	Maike Prickett
7	The community needs a clearer understanding of the term Low Volume Seal.	Community Member	I suggest that RA brings someone to explain to the community what is meant by Low Volume Seal. RA representatives, take note.	Hon Ignatius Khariseb
8	I am here to accept that we get a tar road so that we can get rid of the accidents on this road.	Erika Sambo		
9	The road from DeHoek, let's not say there is no money. We as a community should use our own efforts to find money so that we can build that road. There are bilateral agreements between	Moses Mberira	Noted.	Hon Wenzel Kavaka

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### The following comments were received during the public meeting held at Vergenoeg:

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1	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?	Charles Tjijenda	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Bruno Mokhatu
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

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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 RA that the community can benefit from these boreholes	Eikki Shidiwe
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	Maike Prickett Bruno Mokahtu

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			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.	
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.	Maike Prickett
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	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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	informed, not only once they are on site.			
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
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	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.	Hon Ignatius Khariseb Frieda

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	future employment? Will skills transfer take place?		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.	Eikki Shidiwe
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	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		

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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.		<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Response (Moses Mberira): Many people do not realise that they are there illegally.</li> <li>Response (Ignatius Khariseb): The Ministry of Land Reform should be engaged together with the Office of the Councillor, the Traditional Leaders, Roads Authority,</li> </ul>	Eikki Shidiwe Moses Mberira Hon Ignatius Khariseb
17	Let us also look at the status of our settlement.	Charles Tjijenda	and the Engineers to resolve this.	
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