

**PROOF OF CONSULTATION
FILES – DOROS PLAINS LODGE
ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT STUDY**

Appendix D1: The List of Interested & Affected Lists (I&APs)

(List of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) / Stakeholders

Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Proposed Establishment and Operation of Doros Plains Lodge for Ultimate Safaris in the Kunene Region

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Appendix D2: The Newspaper Adverts (*New Era and The Namibian*)

Beau Constantia, perfect for romanticising your own life

• ANNE HAMBUDA

I've always thought of Cape Town as a wine destination, but I found myself in Cape Town, I had to be a wine enthusiast for some of the more extravagant parts of the city and its surrounding areas. But the longer I am here, the more I discover some gems that are still too obscure for my wallet and still allow me to see and do nice things. One of those things is

wine tasting at the gorgeous Beau Constantia Boutique Wine Farm, at the top of Constantia Bay, where you can picnic, take in the views, have a few glasses of their finest and look in the sun.

This place has been here since 2002 and has grown in popularity as a day spot with various venues for drinking, eating and being merry.

When you first drive toward the estate through the hills of Cape Town, you will already notice the scenery change around you, so if you are being transported to another world. You are then greeted by lush greenery as you make your way through the entrance. In five vineyards, you'll find a wide range of grape varieties and you are catered to in a world of green.

To participate in the

tasting of their production, you make your way down a lovely winding path that opens up to a terrace overlooking even more of the vineyard, adorned with fancy outdoor furniture. I've only ever seen it in European romance films.

At just R150 per person, you get four rounds of tasting. Though if we are being honest, the quantity they are pouring is enough to really get a good party going. We had a sparkling white wine, a crisp white wine and two red wines.

I went there with three friends on a lovely and sunny Sunday. The terrace was empty at first, but slowly started to fill with guests of all ages and crowds.

Alongside the wine, you can order from their menu which includes burgers and other finger foods. We settled on their cheese and meat platter, which also goes for R150, but can feed two hungry people.

The platter features an

assortment of cheeses, including cheddar, parmesan and Camembert, alongside a selection of cold cuts like prosciutto and salami, grapes, figs, pears, olives, pickled onions and slices of bread.

This was the ultimate experience. It was delicious, the sun was shining, the wine was going down smoothly and the scenery was so unbelievably beautiful, it felt a bit like a hallucination.

After each glass of wine, you can get up and the lovely lady behind the counter will pour you the next one, before briefly explaining all its properties and characteristics and letting you to swirl your glasses, sniff the aroma and take a taste of the flavour profiles.

By the third glass, we might not have even been hungry but it was still great to feel like we were learning something while having fun. This was a great way to get into the wine of Cape Town and just a drop in the bucket of what is available.

* Anne Hambuda is a writer and social media manager. Reach her on Instagram @fairyfairy for more.



Photo: Olu Gubbins

STILL IN THE GAME ... A vibrant celebration of diverse Namibian cultures and music took place in Windhoek this weekend at the Namibian Arts and Culture Festival. The event featured a mix of seasoned and up-and-coming artists like artist and Enoch Mubwa, who had his crowd grooving to their classic hits. He also delivered a special

performance of his song '1% Is Me' as a tribute to the late Tunika, who featured on the popular track. Mubwa also proved that he's still a crowd favourite with his energetic performance of 'Divers' during the event. The two-day festival also includes performances by Solly Boss Mubwa, Tobi Ruf and James Chimongo, among others.



Photo: Corral Artists

WINNER ... During a memorable evening of entrancing live performances at the National Theatre of Namibia Showcase of Friday night, Little Lancelo 'Nobwe' Ndlovu delivered a dazzling performance to earn the title of Best Male Solo Star in the Windhoek Music Production contest. This is the first female contestant to win the crown from the

previous male winners - Marlowen and Lantos. "I feel very wonderful to break the male dominance of the competition. I am really happy I won because it was my win from the beginning of the competition. It feels like a dream come true because I always wanted to be in a competition like this," she says. She will perform and a recording contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF DORIS PLAIN LODGE IN THE KUNENE REGION

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Proponent: Lorraine Safaris (Pty) Ltd

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Resident Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd

Location: The Lodge will be built 70 km northwest of Karibax in the Aard Management Area between the Doris, Surn, Usam, Tzitzitshun and Doris Rivers Confluences.

Project Description: Establishment and operation of a 50-room lodge, with 11 guest tents, staff accommodation and associated support services. Employees on a small tourist operation, offering a wilderness experience.

Registration and Submission of Comments: Interested and affected parties are invited to register, request a Background Information Document, and submit their comments at writing to PECS.

Deadline for submitting comments: Monday 20 May 2024

Contact: Ms. Jurn Palford or Ms. Fredrika Stegasts at environment@pecs.gov.na

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Opinion

The Role Of Banks In Creating A Competitive Economy

• BRIAN KATJAZERUA

BANKS PLAY A pivotal role in shaping and sustaining a competitive economy, serving as the backbone of financial systems worldwide.

Their function for beyond the traditional roles of lending and deposit services and, instead, as catalysts for economic growth and stability.

Banks are instrumental in providing comprehensive, innovative and technological advancement, all while playing an important role in national and global economies.

The banking landscape in Namibia – much like everywhere else in the world – is highly regulated to ensure the integrity and stability of the country's financial system.

Although consistent and effective in operating and this process is regulated by the Bank of Namibia (BoN).

Licensed banks currently operating in Namibia include Bank Windhoek, First National Bank of Namibia, NetBank, Namibia, Leasing Bank Namibia, Trustee Bank, Bank BIC, Atlantic Bank, Absa Bank and Standard Bank Namibia.

While some banks are licensed to conduct full banking business, others are only authorized as representative offices or branches of foreign banks.

The fundamental importance of banks to the growth of a country's economy lies in the fact that economic growth is largely underpinned by financial intermediation, which is the taking of deposits from depositors and lending these deposits to borrowers.

This is the role banks play in any given society.

BANKS AS DEPOSITORS

Banks provide consumers and businesses with the convenience of safeguarding their cash, accounting for it and when they call for a revolving credit facility, providing them with investment products that

offer attractive returns and providing many value-added services (depending on the bank).

A banking client's deposits with the bank will always be payable on demand, unless they have requested a long-term product, in which case the deposit, plus interest, will be payable on the date of maturity of said account/term term.

BANKS AS BORROWERS

Essential for most people, accumulating enough money to buy a house, start a business or pursue education is challenging. Financial institutions become crucial facilitators of personal and economic aspirations.

They also play a pivotal role in the facilitation of more individual investment decisions, which in turn helps grow the country's economic sector.

Businesses borrow from banks to expand their operations or invest in new ventures, which creates new jobs and drives the country's socio-economic efforts and international competitiveness.

As the economy grows, so does the prosperity of the citizens of that country.

MONEY CREATES MONEY

By holding reserves as mandated by the law, banks keep a certain amount of money aside and lend out the rest, generating new money through loans.

This newly created money is then used to purchase additional goods and services.

The additional funds generated are deposited back into the banking system and a portion of it is then lent out again, which creates new money, thus having a compounding effect.

Banks play an important role in the facilitation of the monetary policy as set by BoN, to achieve economic growth by increasing inflation.

While the monetary policy is set by the central bank, banks facilitate

the flow of distribution of money in the market.

BANKS AND JOB CREATION

It is important to note that banks are heavily employed by banks in various roles such as a result, many families directly and indirectly depend on those heavily employed by banks.

Banks also attract various service providers to provide various services, such as banking, IT, account services, leasing, legal and medical services, among others.

This means that the impact of the banking sector extends beyond just the individuals directly employed by banks.

The multiple services and products offered by banks create a favourable ripple effect, positively influencing the livelihoods of a broader segment of the population.

Brian Katjazerua brings a wealth of experience to the table as a non-executive director. He has served in the industry since more than 25 years. Brian's expertise lies in the areas of banking, finance, regulation, risk management, strategy, planning and development. He holds a PhD in business development from the University of Stellenbosch. He has written himself as a Jovial business developer since professional. Currently, Brian is the chief executive of the Namibian Association of Banks (NAB) which he oversees the provision of Bankers Association's mission of promoting a stable and efficient banking system and providing a forum for its members to discuss issues of mutual interest. Brian plays a key role in providing members with the information and resources they need to excel in their respective roles and navigate the complexities of the banking landscape effectively. Brian recognizes the importance of maintaining a healthy work-life balance amidst his professional endeavors.

Farmers de-stock amid drought

• MATTHEW DLAMING

NAMIBIAN farmers continue de-stocking livestock herds in the face of a banking drought and being caught out in March.

According to Namibia's Bureau for Agricultural Extension Services, all livestock owners experienced a decrease in stocking activities in March 2024, compared to both the previous month and March of the previous year.

"A total of 145 462 cattle, sheep, goats and pigs were marketed, representing a 6.2% year-on-year increase from March 2023," says Schmitz.

"Of particular note, 14 000 cattle were marketed in March 2024 – the highest monthly figure recorded since August 2023. This was in line with 12 300 cattle marketed in domestic markets and 11 447 exported (the previously to South Africa OAG)," she says.

Sheep marketing also recorded a notable increase in March 2024, particularly in the exports.

According to the Livestock and Fisheries Production Board, farmers that found the shift in dynamics is expected to drought conditions and, in part, as lower producer prices offered by local abattoirs.

In the past year, marketing activity occurred by 2.7% year-on-year, mainly driven by growth in live exports.

"However, pigs with marketing activity in the marketing segment, will be less exports recorded. The pig selling programme implemented at 1000 000 in March 2024," says Schmitz.

A quarterly analysis reveals that in the first quarter of 2024, a total of 518 017 livestock were marketed, compared to 292 773 activities in the same period of 2023.

"This marks the highest level of marketing activity recorded during the first quarter of any year on record. The product mix in specific regions has had farmers prepare for a banking

drought in 2024, leaving the sector in financial uncertainty during the period," she says.

It is noted the primary destination for export of Namibia's livestock exports in March 2024, Namibia exported 108 000 livestock to 14 countries, predominantly sheep.

Previously followed by the second largest destination with 200 livestock, while Angola came third with 204 cattle.

During the first quarter of 2024, the sector exported 2 500 100 kg of beef. A significant 30% year-on-year increase from the prior year.

Of this, 1 277 000 kg were exported to the European Union (EU), accounting for 45.3% of the total beef exports. Highlighting the EU as a key market.

The United Kingdom and Norway followed in the second and third largest destinations, accounting for 27.2% and 11.7% of the exported beef, respectively.

Conversely, 574 kg of beef were imported to the United States in the first quarter of 2024.


Meanwhile, early optimism about livestock markets has been dampened by unpredictable weather patterns, leading to a decrease in production, followed by the EU's new weather programme.

"As a result, the agricultural sector anticipates another disappointing harvest season, with projections of poor crop yields," says Schmitz.

Climate risk poses a formidable challenge to agriculture, especially in regions dependent on rain-fed cultivation, impacting the livelihoods of millions.

"The current El Niño event is expected to intensify in late May 2024, affecting weather patterns worldwide. There is a high probability of a continuing, followed by rainfall conditions between September and the middle of La Niña, but in the next months," says Schmitz.

— matthew.dlaming@erongo.gov.na



PUBLIC NOTICE: TENDERS

Erongo RED invites bidders to bid for the following Tenders.

TENDER NUMBER 06/2024

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TENDER NUMBER 08/2024

SUPPLY AND DELIVER SIX (6) EXTENDED-CAB 4X4 BAKKIES, FOUR (4) EXTENDED-CAB 2X4 AND ONE (1) 2X4 UTILITY VEHICLE WITH A LOADING BOX TO ERONGO RED.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

All tender documents and the tender lists will be available for inspection at the ERONGO RED office, at the address below, during the hours of office, on weekdays, from 08:00 to 15:00 hours. The tender lists will be available for inspection at the ERONGO RED office, at the address below, during the hours of office, on weekdays, from 08:00 to 15:00 hours. The tender lists will be available for inspection at the ERONGO RED office, at the address below, during the hours of office, on weekdays, from 08:00 to 15:00 hours.

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Proponent: Sibhatu Safari (Pty) Ltd

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Namibia Environmental Solutions (P) (P) Ltd

Location: The Lodge site is about 75 km southwest of Karibib, in the Joint Management Area between the Kunene, Erongo, Otjozondjina, Kunene and Oshana Namibia Conservation Areas.

Project Description: Establishment and operation of a 40000 sqm, with 2 game lodges, staff accommodation and associated support services. Emphasis on a small footprint operation, offering a wilderness experience.

Registration and Submission of Comments: Interested and affected parties are invited to register, request a Background Information Document, and submit their comments in writing to EAC.

Deadline for submitting comments: Monday 20 May 2024

Contact: Ms. Johna Foket or Ms. Francine Shingale at erongo@erongo.gov.na

DRC police fend for themselves after peacekeepers quit UN base

KAMANYOLA - Doors and locks smashed, power equipment stolen, no fuel, no food, water or electricity... welcome to what's left of a UN base handed over to the Congolese police just weeks ago by peacekeepers in violence-wracked South Kivu province.

The first phase of what the Democratic Republic of Congo's government said would be an "ordered, responsible and lasting" withdrawal by MONUSCO forces was due to be completed by 30 April.

According to the provincial authorities, peacekeepers have so far left four of the dozen bases in the province, including the post at Kamanyola, which today looks more like a slum than the outpost that Pakistani troops left barely two months ago.

"We have nothing to eat here," says Bruno, one of the policemen deployed to the camp on the Ruzizi plain.

Watched by three colleagues, he is cooking a corn or manioc paste, known locally as fufou, in a pot over a fire on the ground.

Bruno says he begged the ingredients from the nearby Protestant church.

"If I don't share it, my colleagues will die of hunger," he adds.

The small group proceeds to wander through what was a UN base just two months ago.

They pass by the helicopter landing pad, where corn now grows nearly two metres (six feet) high.

"I left my wife and children in Uvira (75 kilometres further south). They are suffering down there, and we have been put in cardboard houses," he rages, punching the outside wall of the prefabricated dormitories.

Inside, sitting on a mattress, a man smokes a cannabis joint.

He's in civilian clothing, but is a member of the police force's "special intervention unit".

The man admits that with fellow officers, he stole mattresses during the 28 February handover ceremony at the base attended by senior Congolese ranks and top UN officials.

"If we hadn't done that, today we would be sleeping on the wooden floor, and there are nails."

By the end of April, more than half of the 115 policemen supposed to occupy the base have deserted, a visiting AFP reporter discovered.

Those who remain are far from happy with the conditions and no pay.

"A policeman who spends two days without eating when he is armed... it's easy for him to attack peaceful citizens" to stock up, says Joe Wendo, an active member of a local civil society group.

He recalls that MONUSCO gave the police three Jeeps, but there is no fuel today.

"When there is a mission to do, how can they move around. That's a problem," says Wendo.

The Ruzizi plain, close to Rwanda and Burundi, has a reputation for robbery and kidnapping.

"The disengagement process by MONUSCO is progressing well," declares Gaston Cissa wa Numbe, provincial minister in charge of liaison between government and the UN in South Kivu.

He tells AFP there have been "some challenges, mainly in supplying electricity and drinking water".

But, he assures, "a solution has now been found".

The 15 000 MONUSCO troops deployed in the vast central African country started to leave in February at the request of the Kinshasa government, which considers them ineffective.

A second phase of the UN departure plan concerns war-torn North Kivu where M23 rebels, backed by Rwanda army units, have seized swathes of territory.

At the start of April, several UN bases, set up to defend the provincial capital Goma, were taken over by the rebels after UN peacekeepers ignored orders and abandoned them.

The mission was set up in 1999 in a bid to halt the second DR Congo war, which saw local forces backed by Angola, Namibia and Zimbabwe fight rivals supported by Uganda and Rwanda.

Hundreds of thousands of deaths are blamed on the succession of conflicts since the 1990s.

At its peak, 20 000 UN troops were in the country, where more than 270 MONUSCO peacekeepers have been killed, according to UN figures.

Kinshasa has called for the UN withdrawal to be completed by the end of 2024, but the Security Council has not set a date.

The UN estimated at the end of 2023 that nearly seven million people were displaced in DR Congo, including 2.5 million in North Kivu alone.

-Nampa/AFP



On the ground... ANC secretary general Fikile Mbalula during a Western Cape province campaign event in Paarl.

Photo: Contributed

Spotlight on South Africa's democracy

■ Emmanuel Koro

JOHANNESBURG - In a year when more than 2.9 billion people in 64 countries - as well as the European Union - already have or will soon elect new government leaders, South Africa's election still stands out as unique.

An American political expert notes that South Africans vote for a political party on a nationwide basis while in all other major democracies, citizens choose between two or more individuals competing in a defined geographic area.

"In South Africa, each political party selects the parliamentarians to serve from among its members, depending on the percentage of votes they receive in the election," observed American public policy consultant Godfrey Harris, president of the Los Angeles-based Harris/Ragan Management Group and a former staff member of US' 36th president Lydon Johnson.

"As a result, party members owe their primary loyalty in governing to an impersonal political organisation rather than to fellow citizens, or their conscience.

"Government by party is a common feature of authoritarian governments such as in Russia and China, and was seemingly designed into the South African constitution to make the transition from apartheid to a majority rule democracy smoother, quicker and more manageable by the ANC." Harris believes that this disconnect between government and the people is part of the reason that corruption in the country seems so difficult to deal with.

"It is as if there are two different worlds operating in parallel within South Africa - one for the leadership of the major political parties where the spoils of government are allocated, and another for everyone else," he said.

"Members of parliamentary bodies in such democracies as the USA, UK and France provide voters with a connection to the wide variety of government services paid for with their taxes.

"It establishes a clear

quid pro quo: I vote for Candidate X and X, once elected, makes sure that the policies I believe in and the services I need from government are delivered to me.

"For South African citizens, however, the equation has evolved in a totally different way.

"I vote for a party out of heritage, loyalty or habit, even if I know that that party will likely ignore my needs when it comes to its actions in and out of parliament."

Harris notes, nevertheless, that at least one political party in the 2024 South African election campaign seems to be trying to change the current situation.

"The United Democratic Movement is using word of mouth promotional techniques to tell voters that if you give us more clout in a new government, the equation will change," he said.

"The UDM has promised to extend the word of mouth connections it is making to an office in its headquarters to link its supporters with the agencies of the national government that can solve a problem, evaluate an idea, or implement a suggestion from its supporters."

Harris thinks that such a connection among voters, UDM party officials, and government agencies would be immensely beneficial, especially to rural communities, which have been generally ignored in the delivery of government services.

He noted that "only the UDM has recognised this need in its political manifesto. There, the UDM pledges to ensure that South African rural communities benefit significantly from their natural resources through trade in wildlife products, trade in subterranean resources, carbon credits and medicinal plants benefits."

Harris added: "In stark contrast, other parties say nothing about rural communities in their manifestos.

"To be fair, the ANC has recently pledged - well into the campaign and long after the UDM manifesto was published to do the same thing, but only in policy announcements that might never be fully implemented." The UDM is led by

South Africa's former deputy minister of environment, and an unwavering corruption-fighter, general Bantu Holomisa. He has promised in his party's manifesto to push the new government on the need for rural communities to benefit significantly from the natural resources that abound around them.

Harris said that he applauds Holomisa's ideas "for making South Africa's democracy more representative, and finding ways to bring rural and younger South Africans into the country's political life."

Harris's first job in politics, he noted, was in 1952 as a 15-year-old receptionist in general Dwight D Eisenhower's Beverly Hills (California) campaign office. Eisenhower proved to be both a successful military leader as well as an effective politician, who was twice elected president by the American people.

"It would be inspiring to see general Holomisa widen his political accomplishments to match his military successes, as Eisenhower did," said Harris.

Meanwhile, Harris was stunned to learn in a conversation with a political operative in South Africa

that "some citizens consider Nelson Mandela a failure in his service to South Africa."

Why?

The individual said "Mandela did not get South Africa on a track that would make it a success in the eyes of the world. Instead, Mandela tolerated the ANC's penchant to allow corruption as the price of establishing a fully-functioning government."

Harris said that most disappointing element of the conversation with the Mandela critic was "the realisation that the individual - and probably most of the electorate as well - do not seem to appreciate all that is involved in governing a democracy."

He said, "It (governing) is far more than just making speeches, cutting ribbons, greeting foreign dignitaries and expressing condolences after a disaster.

"I believe that ignorance allows so much of the ills of the country to fester."

* **Emmanuel Koro is a Johannesburg-based international-award-winning environmental journalist, who writes independently on environmental and developmental issues in Africa.**

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Address fishermen's **plight** – Venaani

WALVIS BAY – The Popular Democratic Movement (PDM)'s leader McHenry Venaani said if the government's redress programme is not addressed immediately, it will result in a Fishrot 2.0.

The redress programme was launched in 2020 by the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment-Creation, aimed at addressing unemployment among fishermen.

The programme followed a Cabinet directive to address the plight of the fishermen who were in social distress following an illegal strike.

Venaani said fishermen are currently relegated to menial tasks such as cleaning factories and offloading packages through this programme, despite being skilled professionals who deserve to be employed in their rightful roles, out at sea, where their expertise can be put to good use.

"This programme, which was supposed to address unemployment among fishermen, has failed to deliver on its promises, leaving many of our fellow Namibians without jobs and struggling to make ends meet. We call on the Ombudsman to begin investigating this matter immediately and come forward with the necessary recommendations for reform, and



Photo: Nampa

Warning... PDM leader McHenry Venaani.

failure to do so will not be tolerated," he expressed.

Venaani was speaking at the commemoration of the PDM's Workers' Day rally in Walvis Bay last Wednesday, where he noted that the party is prepared to pursue all avenues of justice, including approaching the highest courts, to test the efficacy of government policies and interventions.

"Our fishermen deserve better, and we will not rest until they receive the justice they deserve. We stand in solidarity with our fishermen and all workers who are fighting for justice and dignity. We therefore demand accountability from our government, and insist on fair and transparent practices

in the allocation of resources and opportunities," he said.

PDM secretary general Manuel Ngarinombe assured that the event was not a PDM campaign rally, but rather a commemorative event in solidarity with the workers as well as the unemployed.

"We want to give the real state of the Namibian workers and not the fake, mixed and made-up stories that happened this morning at the national commemorations of Workers Day in Rundu. We want to address the unfair labour practices faced by workers such as fishermen, petrol attendants and security guards, among others, in the Erongo region," he said.

- Nampa

■ **Eveline de Klerk**

SWAKOPMUND - The United Democratic Front Youth League (UDFYL) yesterday elected their new leadership for the next five years.

At least 63 delegates from seven regions gathered over the weekend in Swakopmund to elect the new leadership. It was the second elective congress for the youth wing after its founding congress in 2009.

The congress saw Reinold Goseb being elected as the secretary general, deputised by Manpret Nuseb.

Wrens Kooper was elected as the new national chairperson, while Elie Goagoses is new the treasurer. Goagoses will be deputised by Nicoleen Goses. Sydney Seibeb was elected as the national organiser, and Selvanus Awaseb as the secretary for information and publicity.

Outgoing secretary general Michael Skini said the UDFYL is a vibrant and dynamic youth movement that has been at the forefront of advocating for the rights and interests of young people in society. "The UDFYL

UDF youth league elects new leadership

has a rich history of activism, and has played a significant role in shaping the political landscape of our country. With a strong commitment to youth empowerment and development, it has been instrumental in mobilising young people to actively participate in the political process, and contribute to the socio-economic development of our nation," Skini said.

The elective indaba also served as a platform for the youth to deliberate on key issues affecting the youth.

"The new leadership has demonstrated a strong commitment to youth development, and has put forward compelling visions for the future. They have demonstrated a track record of active participation in youth-related activities. They possess strong leadership



and communication skills," he said, before tasking the incoming leadership to work on becoming an affiliate of the National Youth Council as they are currently losing out on opportunities that can enhance the skills and knowledge of its members. "If

we expect our youth to perform and make UDF great again, we must prioritise training and development, and sufficient budgetary allocation must be made in this regard," Skini appealed.

Speaking at the same event, UDF president Hendrik Gaobaeb appealed that "young people should set the tone. You are the backbone of this party. You are the energy base of

this organisation; brave young lions of UDF. Politics is not an employment opportunity. The masses demand to be governed by the best. Therefore, study and make yourself a person of value." - edeklerk@nepc.com.na

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF DOROS PLAINS LODGE IN THE KUNENE REGION

Notice is hereby given that an application for Environmental Clearance will be made to the Environmental Commissioner, in terms of the Environmental Management Act 7 of 2007, as follows:

Proponent: Ultimate Safaris (Pty) Ltd

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Resilient Environmental Solutions cc (RES)

Location: The Lodge site is about 75 km southwest of Khorixas, in the Joint Management Area between the Sorris Sorris, Uibasen Twyfelfontein and Doro !Nawas Conservancies.

Project Description: Establishment and operation of a 6-room lodge, with 3 guide tents, staff accommodation and associated support services. Emphasis on a small footprint operation, offering a wilderness experience.

Registration and Submission of Comments: Interested and affected parties are invited to register, request a Background Information Document, and submit their comments in writing to RES.

Deadline for submitting comments: Monday 20 May 2024

Contact: Mr. John Pallett or Ms. Fredrika Shagama at resilient.environment@gmail.com

'Omukokoli' Iindji laid to rest

■ **Festus Hamalwa**

OMBUGA YA MUNYOKO - Renowned banker and former Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry northern branch chairman Tomas Koneka Iindji was laid to rest at his home village, Ombuga ya Munyoko, on Saturday.

He was 44. Iindji, known affectionately as 'Omukokoli', died last month at a Windhoek hospital after a short illness.

Scores of mourners from all walks of life thronged Ombuga ya Munyoko to pay their last respects. Approximately 10 000 mourners, including Prime Minister Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Cabinet ministers, regional governors, the business community, church leaders, the banking fraternity and politicians attended the burial.

Most described the late Iindji as an active, dedicated and selfless man.

In a statement delivered on her behalf by Swapo central committee member Naemi Hamufenu, party vice president Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah said Namibia has lost a dedicated and hardworking professional who distinguished himself as a highly experienced banker and business leader.

"Over the years, Iindji has served as a dedicated leader of the Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) in

the northern part. He contributed to the growth of the NCCI," Nandi-Ndaitwah said, adding that Iindji was a mouthpiece for the business community in the northern regions. "With his passing, death has robbed our country of a trusted business executive whose void will be difficult to fill," she said. Comforting the family, Nandi-Ndaitwah said they lost a dependable member who was a pillar of strength, a father, a provider and a role



model.

"A few years ago, he initiated a social organisation namely the Koneka Social Club, named after himself, which promoted and carried out welfare programmes for the youth, elderly and formerly disadvantaged Namibians, especially in the Oshana region," she reminisced. Also speaking at the occasion, Iindji's nephew Willem Amutenya said, "He inspired and motivated us in all spheres, be it business, academics, leadership or politics, especially the young people in the family."

He added that his late uncle connected and strengthened their bond in the family with his charisma. The business community described Iindji as a courteous man who did not discriminate. At the memorial service, villagers stated that Iindji was always kind and assisted them.

Also speaking at the funeral was Hosea Namusha, the pastor of Othika Elcin Parish. He said Iindji leaves a huge void in their congregation.

"He supported our church financially. Whenever we were raising funds, he was always present. We lost a great father," the man of the cloth said. Namusha described Iindji as a God-fearing man whose love for spreading the gospel was unparalleled. He is survived by wife Iyaalo Shiimi-Iindji and two daughters.

- fhamalwa@nepc.com.na

Go well... Tomas Koneka Iindji was laid to rest on Saturday.

Photo: Festus Hamalwa

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Appendix D3: Notification email sent to I&APs (including authorities)

FIRST EMAIL (WITH THE BID) SENT OUT TO REGISTERED STAKEHOLDERS ON 30 APRIL 2024

Notification for an Environmental Assessment Study: The Proposed Establishment and Operation of the Doros Plains Lodge for Ultimate Safaris in the Kunene Region ↕ 🖨️ 📧

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Resilient Environmental Solutions cc <resilient.environment@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 30, 10:02 AM ★ 😊 ↶ ⋮

to bcc: tristan, bcc: jason, bcc: Hilde.lileka, bcc: Bennet.Kahuure, bcc: shapwatomas2, bcc: ED, bcc: ED, bcc: ED, bcc: NarlothiaChristaAwases, bcc: bornventure.mbinzo, bcc: sandra.shoopala, bcc: director, bcc: rho1, bcc: ...

Dear Stakeholder, Good day

This email serves to inform you that Ultimate Safaris (Pty) Ltd (The Proponent) proposes to establish and operate a Lodge (*Doros Plains Lodge*) located about 80km southwest of Khorixas in the Kunene Region - Please refer to the attached Background Information Document (BID) for more information.

According to the 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007, an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) is required for tourism & hospitality facilities. The ECC would be issued by the Environmental Commissioner upon evaluation and approval of an Environmental Assessment (EA) Study- a Report and Environmental Management Plan (EMP). Therefore, to fulfill the requirements of the EMA and its EIA Regulations, the Proponent has appointed Resilient Environmental Solutions CC (Independent Environmental Consultants) to conduct the required EA Study process, which includes Stakeholders' information sharing, consultation and apply for the ECC on behalf of the Proponent.

Should you have any comments or issues that you would like us to include in the Environmental Assessment Report and EMP, please submit them to us in writing on the provided contact details before the end of the day on **Monday, 20 May 2024**.

Best regards,

John and Fredrika: Environmental Assessment Practitioners

Resilient Environmental Solutions CC

Mobile No.: +264 81 [redacted] John), +264 81 [redacted] Fredrika)

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SECOND EMAIL (REMINDER TO SUBMIT COMMENTS) SENT OUT TO REGISTERED STAKEHOLDERS ON 17 MAY 2024

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John and Fredrika: Environmental Assessment Practitioners
Resilient Environmental Solutions CC
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R Resilient Environmental Solutions cc <resilient.environment@gmail.com> May 17, 2024, 7:06 AM (5 days ago)

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Good morning Stakeholder/Interested & Affected Party (I&AP),

Following the communication below (shared with you on the 30th of April2024), we would like to **remind you** that the deadline for submitting comments or issues/concerns to be include in the Environmental Assessment (EA) Report and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) to the Environmental Commissioner is **Monday, 20 May 2024**. Therefore, should you have any comments or concerns on the proposed project, please do send them to us **in writing** before or on the given date, i.e., next Monday, 20 May 2024.

Best regards,
Fredrika & John: Environmental Assessment Practitioners
Resilient Environmental Solutions CC
Mobile No.: +264 81 3[redacted] John), +264 81 [redacted] (Fredrika)

Appendix D4: Printed public poster for public notification and invitation to submit participate in the EA process

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE DOROS PLAINS LODGE IN THE KUNENE REGION

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

Notice is hereby given to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that an application will be made to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of the Environmental Management Act (7 of 2007) and the EIA Regulations (GN. No. 30 of 6 February 2012) as follows:

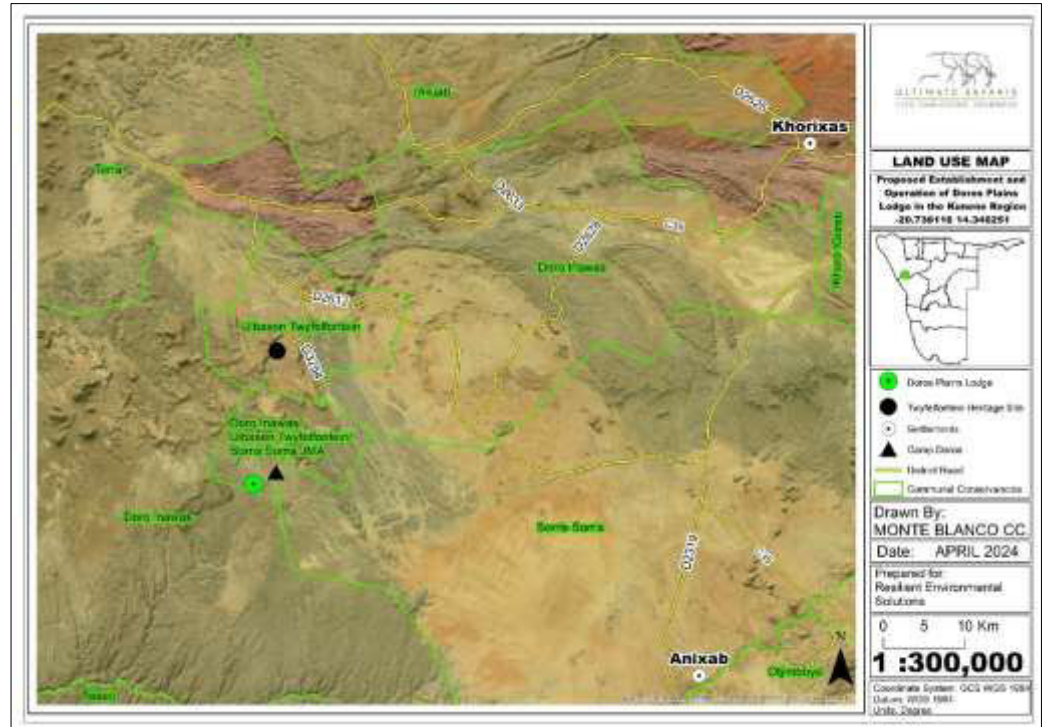
Proponent: Ultimate Safaris (Pty) Ltd

Environmental Assessment Practitioner:

Resilient Environmental Solutions (RES) CC

Project Location: The Doros Plains Lodge will be located about 80km southwest of Khorixas within the Joint Management Area (JMA) of the Uibasen, Sorris Sorris and Doro !Nawas Conservancies. The actual footprint for the Lodge and its associated infrastructure is 8 hectares.

Project Description: the main activity entails the establishment and operation of a private lodge which will include 6 semi-permanent guest (tourist) rooms on elevated platforms with wooden bases, dining area with a fully equipped kitchen, 3 guide/pilot tents and on-site laundry, staff accommodation, project solar plant, and other associated support services infrastructure.



REGISTRATION OF I&APS AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Interested and affected parties are invited to register and submit their comments using the details provided below.

Deadline for registration and submission of comments: **Friday, 31 May 2024.**

Further information on the project available from **Mr. John Pallett** or **Ms. Fredrika Shagama** at resilient.environment@gmail.com, Whatsapp 081-3570092



Photos of the EA poster pasted in Khorixas (A – Town Council, B - OK Grocery Store and C - Khorixas Constituency Office notice boards)

Appendix D5: Proof of circulation of the Draft Scoping Report to stakeholders/I&APs and comments on the Draft Report

EMAIL SENT SENT OUT TO REGISTERED STAKEHOLDERS ON 27 MAY 2024 FOR REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

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Notification for an Environmental Assessment Study: The Proposed Establishment and Operation of the Doros Plains Lodge for Ultimate Safaris in the Kunene Region Inbox x

Resilient Environmental Solutions cc Tue, Apr 30, 10:02AM

Dear Stakeholder, Good day This email serves to inform you that Ultimate Safaris (Pty) Ltd (The Proponent) proposes to establish and operate a Lodge (Doros Plai

Resilient Environmental Solutions cc <resilient.environment@gmail.com> Mon, May 27, 11:52AM (12 days ago)

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Dear Stakeholder/Interested & Affected Party,

Following the communications we had on the Environmental Assessment Study referred to in the email below (on 30 April and then 17 May 2024), we would like to inform you that the Draft Scoping Report is ready and available for your review and further comments (please find attached merged compressed file - 2MB). The uncompressed merged file (10MB) can be downloaded and saved from this WeTransfer link <https://we.tl/A7sqE6HSKf>.

The period for review and comments is from today (Monday), 27 May 2024 to Sunday, 09 June 2024 by end of the day. Therefore, kindly send us your comments in writing **on or before the end of the day on Sunday, 09 June 2024**.

Once you have reviewed, we will incorporate your comments (if any) into the final Scoping Report and finalize for submission to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) for the Environmental Commissioner's evaluation and decision on issuing the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the project.

Kind regards,
John (+264 8 [redacted]) and Fredrika (+264 [redacted] 5)
Environmental Assessment Practitioners
Resilient Environmental Solutions

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Comments were received on the Draft Scoping Report on the 10th of June 2024 as shown on the next page. These comments have been incorporated into the Scoping Report and EMP for implementation.

EMAIL / COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM ONE STAKEHOLDER ON 10 JUNE 2024 ON THE REVIEW OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT



Andrew Malherbe

to Simson, me ▾

Jun 10, 2024, 8:16 PM (18 hours ago)



Hello John and Fredrika,

Apologies for the late response – hope our comments can still be added to the scoping report. Our comments:

For the building phase:

- Ultimate Safaris should keep in touch with SRT and conservancies on dates and plans for building so that we can make sure to have a team present in the area during construction
- Contractor to send names, cell phone numbers and ID numbers of all workers on site for screening with Blue Rhino Task Team. These details can be sent to SRT and we'll forward them on

For the operational phase:

- The rhino tracking taking place from the lodge should be coordinated with existing tracking activities for example from Camp Doros and Onduli Ridge so as not to place too much pressure on the rhinos through noise and other disturbance
- Rhino tourism viewing protocols – as established at Desert Rhino Camp – should be implemented during rhino tracking at all times. This includes zone rotation so as not to visit the same rhino on consecutive days
- Plans to base a helicopter at Onduli to ferry guests to the new lodge should be thoroughly discussed with all stakeholders including conservancies and MEFT. We are mindful of disturbance to rhinos from helicopters and – should MEFT approve the use of a helicopter in the area – would need a very strong operational plan for pilots and Ultimate Safaris which focuses on minimising impact on rhinos. Likewise the use of a fixed wing to ferry guests will need to be tabled for more thorough discussions and lesson learning from existing camps (Desert Rhino Camp)

Having said all the above I know Ultimate as a responsible operator who understands that rhinos form the basis of their product in the area.

Many thanks and all the best,

Andrew.