

From The Twittersphere



FOR those who don't do so already, it's probably time to watch your budgets. For most of us anyway. The cost of living, already dented by Covid, is set to keep increasing as the war in Europe takes its toll on fuel prices, food production, and more. Take care...

@davidchibike: My savings and I... I don't even know who is saving who

@F_Nangula: Gas prices up again... Inflation keeps increasing as do commodity prices...

@VendaVendor: Guys, it's time to downgrade as much as you can. Life is too expensive now ... we can't keep pretending, I know everyone believes making more money is the best way but I don't see it coming soon, downgrading is the immediate relief now. If you can live without it, let it go.

@ItsPegasus_: There's a stage you reach in life where you realise why your parents kept telling you to reduce the TV volume

@Rapzyrita1: There are really people who can't ride a bicycle? TF did you do with your childhood?

You Know!

@Violin_Tay1: In a relationship, silent treatment for more than 48 hours should qualify as a break up

@Sire_Gift: Imagine dating a girl that breaks sugar cane with her knees.

Seriously Speaking

@demmella: I'm out of my mind! I went to research, "Google", why they make nuclear weapons! Sigh... #UkraineUnderAttack

@TravisHarvey_Na: Russia is not the problem, Putin is. We are giving this individual so much power,



@briantheruller: We need a 5% battery warning. That 10% don't scare me.

allowing him to walk earth playing God... BS

@WineWinexoa: By the way, Namibia's fuel price will go up [it did] ... all thanks to Russia. Russia is producing and refining its own OIL! Blind loyalty will kill this country...

Passing Shots

@NatashaMooko: Always remember to balance your good heart with a bit of *voetsek*

@_BlackZA: How come when babies are in the womb they can eat whatever we eat, but come out and can only drink milk? Like you just had pap last week

@CodeineFridge: Mosquitoes nowadays be pulling down your socks to bite you

– *Compiled by Jean Sutherland from twitter.com; you can follow me at @JeanNamibian*

Shishani releases new EP celebrating women

• RINELDA MOUTON

VOCALIST, songwriter, speaker and visual anthropologist Shishani Vranckx, better known as 'Shishani' in the music world, recently released a new EP called 'Miss Catharsis'.

Chatting to *The Namibian* this week from Amsterdam in the Netherlands, the artist explained the word catharsis refers to a type of purification, and that the song is all about the need to heal.

She said the EP focuses on women's experiences. For the project Shishani teamed up with producer JJJ Sielcken and musicians Chelsea Laverne, Chrissie Quast, Sharon Harman, Olivia Davina, Ceciel Moyano and Jaimie van Hek.

The EP contains five songs – 'Try', 'Belong to You', 'Built my Home', 'Minority' and 'Manguluka'.

"These songs are about hope, a love song to the planet, creating a home, human rights, and self-empowerment. I decided on these songs, because I think we are living in times that the devastation of climate change is becoming evident.

"Also, the movement to be emancipated from all forms of discrimination is becoming stronger worldwide. The role and importance of women as leaders is becoming essential in the crises we are facing, therefore I chose to work with powerful women on this record," she said.

Shishani said her latest release is a step in a new musical direction.

"The EP contains rock influences, which I think are very new to the audience who is familiar with my previous work. There is always the element of soul music that can be traced throughout all my work, but on this EP I went rougher in sound and energy.

"I grew up listening to all kinds of music: soul, RnB, hip-hop, jazz, western classical music, and rock. To me, this record has many of those influences in one," Shishani said.

She said apart from bringing her supporters something new, she also wanted to bring together various musicians – especially women of colour.

"Through the project I wanted to connect with other women of colour to share this journey, to create space for sharing and uplifting each other. In Europe and globally, there is a big lack of representation of women in leadership positions, especially of women of colour.

"Women have been sidelined or silenced for centu-



Photo: Chris Philippo

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ries. People tend to idealise Europe, however, racism is still very much a part of our daily reality. There are many migrants from all over the world who are part of European society. We contribute to these places, yet are still fighting for visibility and equality. That's why it was important for me to celebrate women of colour in my work," she said.

'Miss Catharsis' is available on all digital platforms.

Donate your hair for hope

• RINELDA MOUTON

MERCIA Angula, who owns the MNA Beauty Studio and is a final-year law student, in May last year launched the 'Hair for Hope' project.

The project aims to collect hair from the public to make wigs for women battling cancer.

Members of the public can donate braids, their own hair, and synthetic hair.

Members of the public who are willing to donate hair can drop their donation off at the salon.

Monetary donations are also welcome, Angula says.

She says she is pleased to have the support of the Cancer Association of Namibia (CAN).

"CAN told me that these donations will be significant, because they only have 10 wigs that are utilised on a rotating basis, meaning the

ladies get it while undergoing chemotherapy, and once their chemotherapy treatment is complete, bring it back.

"CAN has also shared some information on cancer and has donated some hair," she says.

Angula says she decided to launch the project after watching a video of a woman who was sharing her journey with cancer.

"The lady said to be diagnosed with cancer is not easy – no matter how strong you are, and in that moment I realised just how serious cancer is," she says.

Angula hopes the donation of wigs would improve the lives of women while undergoing chemotherapy by boosting their self-esteem.

She says the wigs are especially convenient for women who cannot afford to buy one.

"Cancer is a life-threat-

ening disease and deserves awareness. Giving back to the community is so important because it helps bridge some social and economic gaps. It benefits the community members you are giving back to, and enriches your life.

"It helps you familiarise yourself with your community and connects you to people and ideas that could positively impact your life," she says.

Angula says the project keeps the hairdressers at her salon busy between clients.

"When there are no clients, the hairdressers have no choice but to sit around in the salon. This amounts to time and money wasted. So, we thought to ourselves how we can put this time to good use as a team.

"Several ideas came to the fore, but when we considered how practical each idea would be, we realised



Photo: Contributed

HOPE ... Staff members at MNA Beauty Studio who are part of the 'Hair for Hope' project.

we need to use our talent to reach out to the community by making wigs for our sisters battling cancer.

"Sometimes our clients, after doing their hair leave pieces of their braids and there cannot be a better way to put it to good use," she says.

This is not the first time that Angula has helped others.

She is part of a group supporting young, less-privileged girls in school hostels, with sanitary products.


Angula and her husband

also often buy groceries for the people who spend their days at traffic lights.

She opened her salon in 2020, she says.

"My love for hair is deep, and God has also given me the ability to work with hair. When I leave the office, I take care of home chores and then jump into making wigs. My salon business is and art, and I think this art is very important," she says.

Angula dreams of establishing a beauty academy.



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Property fund strives for housing solutions

• SHANTE MAHALIE

THE ongoing housing crisis, including property financing and development, has resulted in various property development companies aiming to find solutions.

The founder and executive director of Matutungu Property Fund, Jeremia Muadinohamba, says they are launching a call for proposals.

In a statement released by the fund, it says: "The prevailing housing crisis is a major concern and has been an ongoing developmental problem."

Muadinohamba says the fund is inviting all property owners or landowners "who are willing to partner with us".

"We can assist with project plans, business plans and the raising of funds,"

he says.

According to the fund, the demand for affordable housing, as well as serviced land at various towns and settlements, has exhausted supply.

The level of under-supply of serviced land and housing developments is exacerbated by a lack of suitable and affordable financing to implement bulk services and infrastructure.

Muadinohamba says the fund is faced with several challenges.

"The challenge is that a number of Namibians have a piece of land through a local authority or have bought it from their neighbours.

"We are asking all Namibians, individuals, companies, and local authorities who have a piece of land that is ready for development to submit

all those proposals to the fund," he says.

He says that one of the major challenges is a lack of finances.

"We do not have the capital to get someone to assist in preparing a business plan, a project plan, and secondly accessing funding from the banks. The developing bank especially is a huge challenge."

Muadinohamba further says: "Where we can look at low-hanging fruit, such as what land is available that can be developed immediately or projects that have been started and not completed, then we can find a way of collaborating by raising the funds."

The fund says it aims to play an intermediary role in fundraising and the financing of projects promoted by developers, entrepreneurs, individuals and various institutions that own land and want to develop and build housing units.

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Record sheep at IBid online auction

• MATTHEW DLAMINI

THE IBid Agri Namibia, a livestock and agricultural marketing entity, held an online auction on Tuesday at which a total of 1 578 livestock were on offer.

According to the managing director of the Otjiwarongo-based company, Mark Mucke, they had a total of 1 301 breeding and mostly pregnant sheep ewes, 147 heifers, cows and in-calf heifers, as well as 131 goats on offer at the auction.

"For online auctions, I think the sheep ewes on offer was a record number for Namibia," the auctioneer says.

The lots for sheep included Van Rooy, Van Rooy meatmaster cross, Blinkhaar Ronderib Afrikaner, as well as Dorper ewes.

"The animals were sourced from all over the country, but most sheep were from farms in the south of the country," Mucke says.

Although he could not disclose the proceeds realised, he says they did well at the auction.

"The auction started slowly,

but we are happy with the performance. People are holding onto animals for different reasons, including restocking, while others do not have sufficient pastures due to a lack of rain, and therefore cannot add stock.

"Some farmers are sceptical about the online auction initiative because of the number of scams that have been conducted online," he says.

The new initiative is still a learning curve for most farmers in the country, Mucke says.

He says in South Africa farmers are far ahead regarding online auctions.

Online auctions help buyers and sellers cut costs as they do not have to take their animals to an auction point first.

"Obviously, a farmer in the north would consider transport costs when buying livestock in the south, and this might put a damper on sales."

Mucke says since the next IBid Agri auction will be held next week Tuesday, they can still sell

the livestock that were not sold on Tuesday.

"It all depends on the negotiations between the buyer and the seller. As it is, we are continuing to receive calls for cattle that were not sold on Tuesday," he says.

Describing himself as a middleman, Mucke says IBid Agri is an independent digital trading initiative connecting the farmer with the market, giving him a platform for whatever needs to be sold.

He says the platform is not limited to livestock sales alone.

"Machinery and implements also feature, as farmers always have something which they do not use any more or that is just taking up space in the shed. We have a number of sellers and buyers on our database, which makes it easier to quickly connect with one another," Mucke says.

The Bank of Namibia estimates that the livestock farming sector would reach an output value of N\$6,9 billion this year.

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The gathering will be held in Windhoek at Hakahana hall, starting from Friday evening 11 March to Saturday evening 12 March 2022.

Please don't forget to mask up, wash your hands and sanitise. All Covid 19 preventive measures will be observed.

Inserted by Publicity Chairperson: Evangelist Gwiranzara D., Cell: 081 413 7818

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED CREMATORIUM AT NUBUAMIS, WINDHOEK

Notice is hereby given to Interested and Affected Parties 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: ELSH Cremation Services cc

Environmental Impact Assessment: Resilient Environmental Solutions cc (RES)

Project Location: The crematorium is proposed for Plot 11, Nubuamis Industrial Park, Nubuamis. This is next to Carin Park, immediately north of the Brakwater / Eisenheim exit off the B1 highway north of Windhoek.

Project Description: The crematorium will cremate 6-8 bodies per day. Bodies (cadavers) will be kept in a mortuary on site with capacity for 10 cadavers. Cremation will be by gas-fired furnace which emits relatively little smoke and noise.

Registration of I&APs and Submission of Comments: All I&APs are invited to register and submit their comments using the details provided below. Information on the project is available from RES.

An open information meeting will be held as follows:
Date: Tuesday 22 February 2022, 4.30-6.00 pm
Location: Rolé Equestrian Centre, Nubuamis
Deadline for submission of comments: Thur 31 March 2022

Contact RES: John Pallett (jpallett@afol.com.na) or Sheldon Husselmann (shusselmann@gmail.com)

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Opinion

Help Those With Hands Up Instead of Hands Out

• DANNY MEYER



Danny Meyer

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS have funded countless enterprise and entrepreneurial development programmes, yet there is a mismatch when measuring resource deployment against outcomes.

Jobs are few, so many erroneously believe their salvation lies in venturing into business.

There is also the misplaced notion that given equipment and tools, or a microloan to buy trading stock, and some basic training, just about anyone can start and run a business.

Why have many entities founded to help entrepreneurs start up or grow their businesses faded or disappeared?

More about that another time.

It is common knowledge that many challenges and obstacles will be encountered on the entrepreneurial journey.

Venturing into business is not child's play, but paying attention to the basics, such as making personal sacrifices, money discipline, good housekeeping, and an appetite for work, helps.

Working with entrepreneurs over time, one develops a knack to identify and separate the serious ones from those who do not have the tenacity to make it.

One also tends to cultivate the ability to sniff out chancers.

Who is cut out for business and who is not, is often clear from the start.

If not, one gets to know who is serious and who is not at subsequent engagements. Serious entrepreneurs put up their hands and ask for help to hone their skills and gain know-how on managing their enterprises properly.

Such business owners keep books, meticulously record transactions, and comply with statutory obligations, including paying tax.

They demonstrate money discipline by operating a bank account which is separate from their personal one, and routinely

bank income generated from sales.

A visit to their business premises shows good housekeeping – the place is clean and neat.

Entrepreneurs in manufacturing and those providing technical services look after their tools and equipment – they are not strewn all over the place.

Those into trading will place stock on their shelves, not on the ground, and their shops will be clean with products attractively displayed.

Another telling sign of seriousness is a business-growth vision.

Once you gain their confidence, they could even share it.

But be prepared, shortly after sharing their growth plan they will badger you for advice, guidance, and even ask for help to turn that dream into a business reality.

Like in life, in business too there will always be chancers and freeloaders.

Chance takers are those purporting to be entrepreneurs.

During interaction, there is precious little to show what they have achieved since starting up their business.

Fortunately, experience helps one quickly identify those who are in for a free ride.

When asked what help they need, their retort is to beg for help.

On enquiring why their business has not grown since starting up, they are full of excuses, and will immediately ask for money to buy stock or new tools and equipment.

This while they do not properly maintain what they have.

Insensitive as it seems, the aim must be to identify, interrogate and then support deserving entrepreneurs, and to drop those with an outstretched hand like a hot potato.

If this guides the development and implementation of entrepreneurship programmes, there will be more success stories.

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Baby dumping accused faces long wait for trial



Caring attitude

Relief... United States charge d'affaires Jessica Long recently handed over 200 medical emergency beds to executive director in the ministry of health, Ben Nangombe. The beds will be used at four facilities, being the Katutura state hospital, Okahandja, Onandjokwe and the Karasburg district hospitals. During the handover, Long indicated that several beds would be stored so that they can be moved at short notice to facilities that require them. The event was the result of an initiative of Namibian ambassador in the US, Margaret Mensah-Williams. Nangombe thanked USAID for the donation on behalf of the ministry of health. Photo: Emmency Nuukala

■ Maria Amakali

The trial of a woman accused of dumping her dead infant after giving birth will only be heard next year.

Making an appearance in the Katutura Magistrate's Court before magistrate Johannes Shuuvveni yesterday, Feliscia Ndevapewa Ruben (21) was informed that the State and her defence team have agreed for the trial to start on 9 February 2023.

Ruben's trial was first scheduled to start on 6 May 2021. However, the matter could not proceed due to the lockdowns necessitated to

mitigate the spread of Covid-19. In addition, she needed to attain legal representation.

Ruben was arrested on 7 June 2019 after she gave birth and allegedly dumped her infant. According to police reports at the time, she gave birth alone in their shack and dumped the baby a few metres in front of the house.

It is suspected that the baby hit its head on the floor during birth and died.

The teenager allegedly gave birth by herself after her uncle went to work and her siblings to school.

It is further alleged that the girl, after giving birth, soaked

the bloody blanket in water outside the shack in the process of cleaning up the room.

The then teenage girl arrived in Namibia from the Onehoni village in Angola at the end of May 2019.

On the day of the incident, the police had to whisk the girl away from an angry mob that wanted to lynch her for having dumped her infant.

The mob wanted to break into the shack in which the girl was hiding for her safety.

The prosecution is now thus charging her with a count of concealment of birth.

She is on bail of N\$1 000, which the court extended on warning until her scheduled appearance in court.

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Home affairs extends study permit deadline

■ Albertina Nakale

The ministry of home affairs has given foreign students another month to apply for study permits.

The due date for submitting applications for the foreign students' permits has been extended from 28 February to 31 March 2022.

Before the extension, the applications for study permits were submitted between 12 November 2021 and 28 February 2022.

At the moment, local universities are still admitting both local and international students who qualify for tertiary education.

However, most study visas, which are mandatory for international students, expired on 28 February. Many students are thus making their way to the ministry to submit their documents for their permit renewals.



Extended... Home affairs' executive director Etienne Maritz. Photo: Nampa

All permits are subject to the approval of the home affairs ministry before entering Namibia.

Therefore, applicants who acquired permits from the other ministries or institutions are still required to get approval from the ministry of home affairs for it to be acknowledged.

Home affairs' executive director Etienne Maritz said all applicants should comply with all the stipulated requirements when applying for student permits.

All non-Namibian students must be in possession of a valid three or six-months study visa before entering the country.

Moreover, he directed all students to be in possession of valid legal status in Namibia at the time of applying for their student permits. He cautioned that failure to provide a valid status would be in contravention of Section 29 of the Immigration Control Act (Act No. 7 of 1993).

Equally, Maritz urged foreign students to submit their applications during the given period since there will be no further extension.

"After the closing date, the ministry will once again send the immigration officers to educational institutions to confirm if all foreign students have complied with the request by applying for study permits for the 2022 academic year," he noted.

The ministry has sent out a stern warning to those foreign students who apply for permits but do not actually attend classes, and engage in other businesses.

The home affairs ministry threatened foreign students who apply for study permits but engage in other business in the country that appropriate measures will be taken against them, including deportation to their countries of origin and/or residence.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ERF 3164

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF A PORTION (± 145 m²) OF EDISON STREET OPPOSITE ERF 3164, WINDHOEK AS STREET FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FOR PARKING PURPOSES

Notice is hereby given in terms of article 50 (3) (a) (ii) of the Local Authorities Act of 1992 (Act 23 of 1992) that the City of Windhoek proposes to close temporarily for a period of five years the undermentioned portion as indicated on locality plan which lies for inspection during office hours at the office of Urban Policy Division, Room 517, Municipal Offices, Independence Avenue.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF A PORTION (± 145 m²) OF EDISON STREET OPPOSITE ERF 3164, WINDHOEK AS STREET FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FOR PARKING PURPOSES

Objections to the proposed closing are to be served on the Secretary: The Urban and Regional Planning Board, Private Bag 13289, and the Chief Executive Officer, P.O.Box 59, Windhoek, within 14 days after the appearance of this notice in accordance with Article 50 (3) (c) of the above Act.

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Forex 'investors' not truthful - PG

...Imalwa sticks to her guns on preservation order

■ **Maria Amakali**

Prosecutor general Martha Imalwa has accused self-proclaimed forex trader Michael Amushelelo's investors of not being truthful in their claims.

Imalwa said there are inconsistencies with the claims of the investors in comparison to their bank records.

The said investors have allegedly lied about the total amount they have invested and how much was paid out to them by Amushelelo through his companies; Project One Million and Global Growth Investment Namibia CC.

They have also not been truthful about how some received money before they even made deposits for their said investments with Amushelelo.

In addition, they have also not

disclosed how they acquired the funds they have invested and the actual loss they have suffered.

According to Imalwa, some investors have lied about knowing that Amushelelo was operating an illegal scheme.

They did also not give evidence that they tried to establish if Amushelelo's business was legitimate.

Imalwa is opposing the application of 44 of Amushelelo's investors, who applied to have their funds excluded from the preservation order that the prosecutor general is seeking against various assets, bank accounts, and properties belonging to Amushelelo and a vehicle belonging to Taimi Amushelelo.

The group forms part of 57 people who were allowed by the court to be part of the proceedings.



Steadfast... Prosecutor general Martha Imalwa. Photo: Nampa

According to the group, they stand to lose more if the final preservation order is granted by the court.

Investors allegedly paid about N\$14.7 million to Amushelelo and his companies in 348 individual transactions. The highest investment made is more than N\$1 million and the lowest being N\$15 000.

Imalwa said although Amushelelo solicited money from members of the public with hopes of high returns via forex trading, he did not trade nor make money from these foreign exchange platforms.

"An analysis of the respondents' accounts wherein the amount of the so-called investment was paid into, clearly confirms that the money received into the account was either used to pay-out earlier investors or was used for Mr Amushelelo's own benefit," explained Imalwa.

She added the scheme was at all

relevant times insolvent and did not have enough money to repay all the investors their money.

In the preservation application, the prosecution is stating that there are reasonable grounds that the properties are proceeds of unlawful activities such as fraud, money laundering, tax evasion, and racketeering.

The prosecution has since charged Amushelelo and co-accused Gregory Cloete, four close corporations, a company, and a trust controlled by Amushelelo.

Amushelelo is facing 365 counts, while Cloete is charged with 360 of the counts. These charges range from fraud, alternatively theft by false pretences, conducting banking business without authorisation and conducting a Ponzi scheme, tax evasion, tax fraud, failure to pay tax, money laundering, and racketeering.

They are due to appear in court on 29 March.

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■ **Paheja Siririka**

While moving a motion on universal healthcare this week, leader of the official opposition McHenry Venaani claimed only 18% of Namibians have regular access to private health services.

The Popular Democratic Movement (PDM) president said it is incumbent upon lawmakers to advocate relentlessly for an equitable provision of quality healthcare for all Namibians.

"It is possible and can be achieved - to ensure that all Namibians, irrespective of their income level, lead socially and economically productive lives," he said.

He said a key principle in this regard is service according to needs, and payment according to means.

"We cannot afford to have a

Universal healthcare possible - Venaani

situation where a poor mother from the informal settlements with a sickly son who is suffering from a tumour be turned away by a private hospital because of the lack of funds to pay for such an operation to keep her son alive," Venaani said.

He said universal healthcare (UHC) means there is a healthcare system that provides coverage to at least 90% of citizens, something that is desperately needed, especially at a time when families are suffering from a massive increase in poverty that precedes the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Having universal healthcare coverage will foster people's equitable access to health services while preventing them from being

pushed into poverty when having to pay for such services.



Health is wealth... PDM president McHenry Venaani. Photo: Contributed

It will also ease the burden on our state facilities by giving poor Namibians a guarantee that they can be treated at a facility of their choice - be it public or private," shared Venaani.

He provided examples of countries such as Australia, Barbados, the UK and many others who have successfully implemented UHC coverage.

"Thailand, with a per capita health expenditure almost half that of Namibia (US\$385 compared to US\$619 in Namibia), reached universal coverage in 2010. In Africa, Rwanda, for instance, a country with a per capita income of merely US\$644 (as opposed to Namibia's US\$4 328), has achieved near-universal coverage within eight years, using a modified version of social health insurance," stated Venaani.

At the recent launch of the national quality management policy and other documents last month, health minister Dr Kalumbi Shangula said the value of UHC depends on its ability to provide safe, efficient, and good-quality services to all people, everywhere when required.

"The policy will, therefore, pursue the following dimensions of quality, accessibility, affordability, effectiveness, efficiency, safety, people-centeredness, timeliness, equitability and integrated healthcare services," Shangula stated.

He said the high-level strategies to implement this policy will include improving quality management systems; engaging and empowering patients, families, and communities; improving patient and healthcare worker safety; and improving clinical practice.

Shangula added: "The Covid-19 pandemic has once again highlighted that high-quality essential health services are vital to the nation's health security. Renewed focus on the quality of health services will position Namibia to respond effectively to this crisis, recover from it, and be better prepared for future public health threats and events."

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PUBLIC INVITATION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FLEXIBLE LAND TENURE SCHEME IN MARIENTAL, HARDAP REGION

Notice is hereby given to all Interested and Affected Parties (I & APs) that an application will be made to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and its Regulations (2012) for the following intended activity.

Project Name: Mariental Flexible Land Tenure Scheme

Project Location: Mariental, Hardap Region

Project Description: The Mariental Municipality in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR) is implementing the Flexible Land Tenure System in the Mariental urban area in line with the provisions of the Flexible Land Tenure Act, 2012 (Act No.4 of 2012). The following areas are identified for the scheme:

• Donkerhoek (Erven 1205-1270 Aimablaagte), Ombili (Erven 1150-1190 Aimablaagte) and Takarania (240-504 Empelheim Extension 3)

Proponent: Mariental Municipality / Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR)

Environmental Consultant: Matrix Consulting Services
All Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are encouraged to register and raise concerns or provide comments and opinions. All Interested and Affected Parties will be provided with a Background Information Document (BID) comprising detailed information for the intended. A public meeting regarding the development will be held at:

Date: Thursday, 17 March 2022

Venue: Boardroom, Eimablaagte Municipal Offices, Mariental

Time: 10h00 to 12H00

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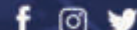
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