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Potential Mass Grave Sites Discovered in Luderitz Harbour



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International non-governmental organisations collaborating with the Nama and Ovaherero traditional authorities have identified potential new mass grave sites at Shark Island in Luderitz, Namibia.

Forensics Architecture (UK) and Forensics (Germany), the two NGOs involved, said they utilised computer technology to reconstruct the layout of the notorious colonial concentration camp at Shark Island.

"According to Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) scans, at least one of these grave sites are likely to contain mass graves," the two organisations said.

The investigation, initiated in 2022, aimed to delve into Namibia's colonial genocide history during the 1904-1908 period.

The newly discovered mass grave sites are at risk of being impacted by planned developments in the Luderitz port and harbour facilities, integral to the country's renewable energy export strategy.

According to a joint statement by the NGOs, the Nama Traditional Leaders Association (NTLA), and the Ovaherero Traditional Authority (OTA), the Namibian government's expansion plans for the nearby seaport threaten to erase parts of the concentration camp and its historical significance.

"The proposed extension of Lüderitz port in Robert Harbour poses further imminent risk to the site. Not only will the development affect Shark Island, the proposed port expansion will also destroy nearby unmarked burial sites, while dredging of nearby waters will very likely disturb the remains of many who died at Shark Island, and whose bodies were thrown into the water," it reads.

The report associated with this statement also notes that the town and surrounding area of Luderitz is littered with evidence of grave sites.

"The outskirts of Lüderitz are scattered with numerous grave sites that are very likely the interments of deceased former inmates of Shark Island," the report stated.

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The statement highlights how modern infrastructure projects, including tourist facilities, monuments, roads, and commercial structures, have already compromised the integrity of the concentration camp site by being built over it.

"Modern infrastructure, including tourist facilities, monuments to German colonists, roads, and commercial infrastructure have been built over the former concentration camp, compromising its historical significance and permanently removing vital material traces of its very existence," the statement reads.

Another key development to the Shark Island site is that the planned port expansion will damage any traces of colonial crimes that were committed.

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This Act amended the original 1992 legislation, making the state the primary shareholder, while also providing for the dissolution of the holding company and addressing related matters.

As of September 30th, 2022, NPTH's audited financial statements indicate assets totaling N\$5.9 billion, including 123 properties nationwide.

Among these assets, 99 are government grants, and 24 are privately acquired, solidifying NPTH's position as a significant player in the property industry.

NPTH, representing the government's interests, holds stakes in Namibia Post Limited (NamPost) (100%), Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTC) (reduced from 100% to 60% after listing on the Namibian Stock Exchange), and Telecom Namibia Limited (Telecom) (100%).

The Ministry did not provide specifics regarding the ownership structure of these state-owned enterprises.

Regarding MTC, the government has already sold 40% of its shares to private investors, with further sales anticipated.

However, ownership strategies for Telecom and Nampost remain undisclosed.

The Public Entities Ministry anticipates dividends of N\$1.2 billion following the dissolution of Namibia Post and Telecom Holdings Company NPTH during the upcoming financial year.

Although no exact dates for the dissolution/dismantling of NPTH were provided, the Ministry assured that progress updates on the process will be communicated in due course.

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Local Content Policy ...

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Typically, a situational analysis provides insights into the local community's context concerning the issues at hand, aiding in the assessment of societal factors relevant to the application of policies.

However, Shino explained that Namibia decided against conducting such an analysis, deeming it unnecessary.

Instead, she noted that the current draft of the policy was informed by industry practices and experiences from other jurisdictions where oil production is prevalent.

"We did not do a local situation analysis because there was no need. What informed the current draft of the policy is the industry practice; this includes: How have other jurisdictions and other countries where oil is being produced realised the benefits of their production and resources, and what have those countries done to ensure that they maximise the benefits that come to them?"

In March 2023, the Ministry of Mines and Energy announced efforts to finalise a local participation policy for Namibia's expanding oil sector.

The National Upstream Petroleum Local Content Policy seeks to establish a globally competitive petroleum sector that maximises benefits for the country by fostering substantial and enduring involvement of Namibians and local businesses across the entire value chain.

Furthermore, the policy targets diversifying Namibia's revenue sources beyond taxes and royalties by prioritising value extraction through backward, sideways, and forward linkages.

It emphasises technology, knowledge, and skills transfer, advocating for Namibian ownership and financing across all levels of the sector.

The recent three-day conference, organised by the Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) in collaboration with Antila Consultancy, aimed to bolster Namibia's local content initiatives.

Themed "Empowering Namibia's Energy Ambitions by Connecting Industry and Indigenous Talent," the event sought to forge connections between the industry and indigenous talent to advance Namibia's energy aspirations.

Delegates and participants at the conference expressed concerns about the effectiveness of the policy, advocating for its transformation into law to ensure full implementation.

This sentiment aligns with recent statements from Mines and Energy Minister Tom Alweendo, who stressed the importance of fostering a locally minded, creative workforce willing to invest in acquiring necessary skills for success.

Responding to queries about enacting the policy into law and extending its scope to other sectors, Shino clarified that the current policy focuses specifically on the petroleum upstream sector.

"It is important to understand and acknowledge that each sector is different, although we are speaking of natural resources and energy.

There are some differences that come within the industry when it comes to the specific application and implementation of the policy," Shino mentioned.

However, she emphasised that the policy will serve as a model for other sectors to adapt and implement according to their needs.

Furthermore, Shino highlighted that the policy will not operate in isolation but will be integrated into broader strategies and frameworks.

Plans are underway to develop monitoring tools and draft regulations to ensure compliance with the policy's provisions.

"We are designing a policy that has monitoring tools. But the monitoring tool is still not sufficient.

Once the policy is adopted, we are also busy drafting regulations, which are then going to be the specific laws that make it mandatory for licence holders and service providers to apply to. So there will be a set of regulations," Shino said.

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By virtue of Council Resolution **CO09/29/03/2023/03rd/2023** and in terms of Section 63 (2)(b) of the Local Authorities Act, (Act 23 of 1992) as amended, read in conjunction with Section 30 (1)(i) of the Local Authorities Act 1992 (Act 23 of 1992) as amended, notice is hereby given that the Municipal Council of Hentiesbaai intends to alienate portion X of the remainder of farm Hentiesbaai Townlands no 133 measuring 10 Hectares (equivalent to 10 000m²) at a cost of NS 10 00 000 amounting to a total purchase price of **NS 1,000 000.00** (One Million Namibia Dollars), by way of private treaty to Messrs Micego Mining Investment Pty Ltd for the purpose of establishing a Salt Refinery Plant.

Further take note that the locality and the layout plan of the property lies open for inspection during office hours at the offices of the Municipal Council situated at the corner of Jakkalsputz Road and Nickey Nyambo Avenue.

Any person(s) having objection(s) to the intended alienation of the portion may lodge such objection(s) fully motivated to the undersigned, within fourteen (14) days after the second placement of the advert.

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CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONS OF A LITHIUM MINERAL PROCESSING PLANT ON MC 73418, DAURES CONSTITUENCY, ERONGO REGION

This notice serves to inform interested and affected parties that an application for the environmental clearance certificate will be launched with the environmental commissioner in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Management Act (No.7 of 2007) and Environmental Regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012) for the proposed activity:

Project: Proposed establishment and operations of a lithium processing plant on Mining Claim 73418.

Location: The project is located in Erongo Region, approximately 50 km SW of Uis settlement, Däures constituency, via C35 and D2342 from Uis.

Proponent: Xinfeng Investment (Pty) Ltd

Project description: The proponent intends to construct and operate a lithium processing plant on mining claim 73418. The lithium ore to be sourced from mining claims 73409 – 73418 and other mining claims proximal to the project.

In accordance with Namibia's Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and Environmental Regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012), all interested and affected parties (I&APs) are invited to register and submit comments, concerns and questions in writing to the email given below on or before 09/05/2023.

Public meeting date to be communicated to all registered interested and affected parties. The meeting will also cover concerns pertaining to mining activities on mining claims: 70515 & 70516, 73409 – 73418, 74090-74098, 74119 – 74121, 74164 -74168 & 74155 – 74163

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CONSENT USE NOTICE

I, Cecilia Shyrals Beukes, the registered owner of Erf 10, Nautilus, Lüderitz, herewith inform you that I intend to apply to the Lüderitz Town Council for the following:

CONSENT TO OPERATE TWO (2) SELF-CATERING UNITS ON ERF. 10, NAUTILUS, LÜDERITZ, IN TERMS OF THE LÜDERITZ ZONING SCHEME.

Erf 10, Industrial Road is located along Industrial Road, and measures 720m². Currently it is occupied by a 4-bedroom house, with a granny flat at the back.

However, it is my intention to add self-catering units for commercial use. This will be rented out to tourists as temporary accommodation and will not be used as permanent residence. The units will have en-suite bathrooms, and a kitchenette as no food or liquor will be sold on site to visitors. All parking requirements of the Lüderitz Zoning Scheme will be adhered to.

Should you have any objections or comments against the proposed use of Erf 10, Nautilus, please submit these in writing to me and to Town Council (details below) not later than 15 May 2023.

Applicant: Cecilia Shyrals Beukes
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PROJECT NAME:
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the establishment and mining of Base and Rare Metals, Dimension Stone, Industrial Minerals, Non-nuclear fuel minerals and Precious Metals and Precious Stones on mining claims: 7370, 7370 & 7372 in the Karoo Region, Namibia.

PROJECTS LOCATION: The mining claims are located approximately 35 Km South-west of Opau in the Karoo Region.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The project involves conducting Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) for the establishment and mining of Base and Rare Metals, Dimension Stone, Industrial Minerals, Non-nuclear fuel minerals and Precious Metals and Precious Stones on mining claims: 7370, 7370 & 7372 in the Karoo Region.

PROJECT INVOLVEMENT:
Proponent: Mr. Mahab Mahab

Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): Healthy Earth Environmental Consultants CC (HEEC)

REGISTRATION OF I&APs AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS: In line with Namibia's Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and EIA regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012), all I&APs are hereby invited to register and submit their comments, concerns or questions in writing via Email: info@heec.com.na on or before Friday 12th May 2023.

Public meeting will be held as follows:
Date: Saturday, 04 May 2023
Meeting venue: Pukungu Village Meeting place, Karoo Region
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Public meeting will be held on 13 May 2023, Time: 10h00, Venue: Uis Community hall in Uis. The meeting will also cover concerns pertaining to mining activities on mining claims: 70515 & 70516, 73409 – 73418, 74090-74098, 74119 – 74121, 74164 -74168 & 74155 – 74163.

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Kudumo said it is now in the hands of the Ministry to take further steps on the submitted recommendations.

"I can't speak on the report as our task was to investigate and report back to the Minister with recommendations. So what we have found and recommended is basically in the report with the Minister. How they want to deal with the report is up to the Ministry," he said.

The Commission, which was appointed in February 2021, was anticipated to conclude its task by 31 August 2021, after which it would submit the report to the Minister not later than 30 September 2021.

The report, Kudumo said, was submitted in 2022, adding that it was done so within the time frame it was given.

The Wages Commission held public hearings in Windhoek in June 2021, paying close attention to its mandate.

Some areas visited were Aussenkehr and Keetmanshoop in the //Kharas region and Gobabis in the Omaheke region.

The Commission also spoke with a variety of experts and stakeholders, including representatives from the Ministry of Industrialisation, Trade, and SME Development, the Social Security Commission, the Office of the Ombudsman, the Namibia Statistics Agency, the National Planning Commission, the Labour Resource and Research Institute, and the Namibia University of Science and Technology.

The difficulties faced by workers in emerging agricultural industries like charcoal, non-compliance with current wage agreements, and the challenge of balancing the setting of a minimum wage in the context of high unemployment and slow economic growth were highlighted during its last public hearing held at Gobabis on 27 May 2021.

The proposed national minimum wages seek to increase pay, particularly for low-paid workers, increase individual and household incomes, lessen poverty, and promote a reasonable standard of living.

According to labour expert Herbert Jauch, the Ministry touring the nation and seeking input, gave some people the chance to take part in those consultations.

"I'm not sure why the report is being withheld at this time; perhaps the Ministry has to fill in a few more details before making it public," Jauch said.

Jauch stressed the necessity for a minimum wage in Namibia to help workers cover their basic requirements and escape the cycle of sacrificial wages.

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Agricultural Sector

Local farmers will need to increase investments in technology to address a labour shortage if Namibia continues to see a rural-urban shift and if young people continue to favour white collar jobs, according to Simonis Storm.

The research firm said some of the farmers it spoke to were eager to completely withdraw from the market since they lacked the purchasing power necessary to control the harvest's price.

"In recent years, we have seen an increase in apps, websites and physical informal stalls being created to sell directly to the market and avoid wholesalers. While there is no evidence of farm closures, this remains a risk to long-term food production in the country," said the report.

The value of agricultural output increased from N\$9.71 billion to N\$11.37 billion, a stunning 17% gain in real terms, reaching its highest level since 2015.

With livestock farming being largely unchanged since 2015, the increase in output has primarily been caused by better productivity in the fishery and crop farming sub-sectors.

"This also indicates that the livestock sector was most likely the worst affected by the drought Namibia experienced during 2014 to 2017," Simonis Storm explained.

Additionally, Namibia's agriculture industry received around 8% of all net investments in 2022.

However, since 2020, net investment has been increasing as farmers restocked following the drought and a few crop farming initiatives in Namibia's south and north.

In this light, the research agency had forecast that the agricultural sector will weigh on economic growth in 2023.

According to the report, activity in March 2023 for livestock marketing and exports increased by 38% year-on-year for cattle, sheep and goats.

In February, marketing activity grew by 19% year-on-year and on a monthly basis, livestock marketing increased by 75%.

"The largest driver was sheep marketing, which increased by 53% year-on-year, followed by cattle marketing with a 16% increase y/y, but was weighed down by goat marketing which decreased by 13% y/y."

The first quarter of 2023 showed higher growth than the first quarter of 2022, despite a 57% loss in goat production and a 7% decline in cow production quarter over quarter.

"Total livestock marketing recorded a significant improvement of 15% quarter on quarter, which is only due to the growth in sheep marketing increasing by 60% quarter on quarter."

According to research, from October 2022, there has also been an increase in the slaughter of livestock.

The first quarter of 2023 saw an increase in animal slaughter of 9%, with sheep slaughter increasing by 44%, while cattle, goats, and pigs all experienced declines of 33%, 68%, and 7%, respectively.

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