

PROOF OF CONSULTATION

1 Stakeholder Consultation

Section 21 of the EIA Regulation requires the undertaking of an Environmental Scoping (ES) to follow a robust stakeholder consultation. This is an important process, because it gives members of the public, Interested and Affected Parties (I&As) to comment or raise concerns that may affect their socio-economic or general environment because of the project. Further, it solicits crucial local knowledge that the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) may not have.

Stakeholder consultation focused on the community of Otshiku ShiIthilonde Community Forest, Uukwambi Traditional Authority.

1.1 Otshiku ShiIthilonde Community Consultation

A community meeting for Otshiku ShiIthilonde Community Forest was held on 17th April 2023 at Eengombe Agriculture Development Centre (**Figure 1**).



Figure 1. Community Meeting at Otshiku ShiIthilonde Community Forest 17th April 2024
(Source: Red-Dune Consulting 2024).

- The meeting was open with a prayer and chaired by Ms. Melanie Shilongo.
- It was attended by 25 people, 19 women and 6 men (**Annex 1**)
- Ms. Christa Iiping, the Chairperson of Otshiku ShiIthilonde Community Forest gave a background for the brick project and grant application.
- Mr. Ipeinge Mundjulu for Red-Dune Consulting presented the background of the project **“Brick to Conserve”** and the meeting objectives. He informed the meeting about the grand request through a grand proposal that Otshiku ShiIthilonde Community Forest has made to CCFN to be supported with the proposed upgrade of the existing brick making project. The meeting was informed that the grant application has been approved CCFN.
- The meeting was informed that, the CCFN project is funded by the German development bank, KfW which require that the money is spent wisely and accounted for to the benefit of the communities and ensure that project implementing agencies observe the highest standard of Environmental and Social Safeguard (ESS) which aims to ensure that the project is environmental and social sustainability.
- The meeting was informed that, the ESS requirement does not be support projects if amongst others, it involves:
 - Displacement of people
 - Destroying heritage sites
 - Damaging critical biodiversity habitat
 - Causing general conflict in the community
- The meeting was further informed that the protection of the environment is provided for under the Environmental Management Act 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) (EMA) and its Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation 2012 where EMA has listed developmental activities that may not be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). Although ‘Brick Making’ is not entirely a listed activity, it involves ‘sand harvesting. Although the operation is small, the intent to harvest, which is commercial purposes requires it to obtain an ECC. Hence an Environmental Scoping has to be undertaken and an Environmental Management Plan needs to be developed for the project.
- To obtain an ECC, a Social and Environmental Impact Assessment has to be undertaken, which is one of the core components of the consultation.
- Lastly the meeting was informed that, a consent letter is one of the requisites for the project to be implemented. This consent letter, called ‘Free Prior Informed Consent’ (FPIC)

represent the community in understanding and agreeing to the proposed project. The FPIC was explained to the community as follows;

- **FREE** refers to a consent given voluntarily and absent of coercion, intimidation or manipulation.
 - **PRIOR** means consent is sought sufficiently in advance of any authorization or commencement of activities
 - **INFORMED** means that community was well informed about the project and they know all information about the project.
 - **CONSENT** refers to the collective decision made by the rights-holders and reached through the customary decision-making processes of the affected peoples or communities.
- Free Prior Informed Consent was verbally obtained from the meeting by show of hands and a FPIC letter was read to the community, read and signed by the village headman (**Figure 2 Annex 2**).



Figure 2. Otshiku ShiIthilonde Forest Community consent

- The community enquired the following;
 - Welcomed the approval of their request by CCFN and urged the project to make good use of it.


- A community member enquired if the grant application will cater for project workers.
 - Red-Dune informed the meeting that the grant application has a component of supporting workers' salaries.
- A community asked the purpose of the community consent if the project is already ongoing and grant application is approved.
 - Red-Dune informed the meeting that the consent forms part of the requirement by donor funders, to ensure that the community has been properly consulted and consented to the support.
- One community member asked on how the project will benefit those that are not directly involved in the project.
 - Ms. Lipinge informed the meeting that this is a community project and it will not be possible for all community members to have direct benefit. She however informed the meeting that, the project will support school, pensioners and other Corporate Social Responsibility within the project means.
- A community member wanted inquired on what would happen to other resident also making bricks but they don't have an ECC
 - RD informed the meeting that, although the scale is small, the reason being commercial, they would require an ECC. If they are found violating the EMA, the ministry has procedure to engage with them.
- The meeting adjourned with a prayer, and a site assessment with the community was undertaken (**Figure 3**).




Figure 3. Site Assessments with the community of Otshiku ShiIthilonde Community Forest

2 Annexures


2.1 Annex 1 Attendance Register



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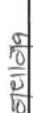
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Community Meeting for the Application Environmental Clearance Certificate for the proposed Sand mining at Otshiku Shilithilonde Community Forests, Oshana Region

Date: 18-Apr-24
Time: 09:00 - 14:00

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21	Gien Beehanna	F		Farmer	0813334637		Gien Beehanna
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2.2 Annex 2: Free Prior Informed Consent

18 April 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Sir / Madam

SUBJECT: FREE PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT FOR THE PROPOSED SAND MINING AT Engombe Village VILLAGE IN OTSHIKU-SHILTHILONDE COMMUNITY FOREST

The above subject bears reference,

I, Silas Thikamani Nuyoma as the area Headman of Engombe Village in Otshiku-Shilthilonde Community Forest under the Uukwambi Traditional Authority fully support the above-mentioned project for the benefit of our community. The project does not interfere with our traditional norms and culture. We welcome the support from the Community Conservation Fund of Namibia (CCFN) and its developing partners.

This letter to serve as a Free Prior Informed Consent for the project.

Yours Sincerely

Silas T. Nuyoma

Name of Headman

Uukwambi Traditional Authority

Engombe Village

Otshiku-Shilthilonde Community Forest

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