

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 2007
(SECTION 32)

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

Reference Number: APP-002588



PART A: DETAILS OF APPLICANT

- 1.Name: (person or business):** Ongeama Tjovike Lodge & Tourism
- 2. Business Registration/Identity No.** CC/2019/01539
(if applicable)
- 3.Correspondence Address:** P O Box 3949, Windhoek
- 4.Name of Contact Person:** Mr. Nico Kaoti
- 5.Position of Contact Person:** Managing Director
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(if any)

Tick (☐) the appropriate box

PART B: SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

1. The environmental clearance certificate is for:

Renewal of an Environmental Clearance Certificate ECC-01707 as detailed below. The ECC was issued on 27 October 2021 and will expire on 27 October 2024. The Proponent is seeking renewal to be able to secure financing from potential business partners. No construction work has started on the site, hence the status quo remains as initially assessed by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner.

□ Activity 2 Waste Management, Treatment, Handling and Disposal

2.1 The construction of facilities for waste sites, treatment of waste and disposal of waste.

The proposed lodge and tourism facility will have accommodation units and these will be inclusive of ablution facilities. Septic tanks will therefore be constructed to collect and treat sewage water.

□ Activity 4 Forestry Activities

The clearance of forest areas, deforestation, afforestation, timber harvesting or any other related activity that requires authorization in terms of the Forest Act, 2001 (Act No. 12 of 2001) or any other law.

Some vegetation clearance may be required during construction. This is however unlikely to reach the thresholds as set out in the Forest Act.

□ Activity 6 Tourism Development

The proposed site falls within agricultural land which will need to be rezoned to accommodate tourism activities

□ Activity 8 Water Resources Development

8.1 Abstraction of ground or surface water for industrial or commercial purposes.

A borehole will need to be drilled to enable the lodge to have access to water. The process to obtain the permit from the Department of Water Affairs can be undertaken concurrently.

2. Details of the activity(s) covered by the environmental clearance certificate:

Note: Please attach plans to show the location and scope of the designated activity(s), and use additional sheets if necessary:

Title of Activity: Proposed construction of Ongeama Tjovike Lodge within Daures Constituency, Erongo Region (see Attached Map)

Nature of Activity:

Environmental Scoping Report and Accompanying Environmental Management Plan for the proposed lodge and tourism facility at Ongeama Tjovike.

Mr. Nico Kaoti intends to construct and operate a lodge within Ongeama Tjovike village. As part of the authorization process, the proponent is simultaneously applying for a leasehold from the Ministry of Land Reform to enable the provision of the lodge facility (i.e. accommodation and

hospitality services). The proponent obtained consent from the Zeraua Traditional Authority with no objection to the construction and operation of the proposed lodge.

The lodge will consist of a reception, restaurant and dining hall, sleeping chalets, a swimming pool and staff houses. Scenic and game drives will also be offered to the tourists as the surrounding area is known to be frequented by elephants

Location of Activity: Ongeama Tjovike village is located with Daures Constituency of Erongo Region and it falls within the jurisdiction of Zeraua Traditional Authority. It is located on the boundaries of Erongo and Kunene regions and is approximately 60 km southeast of Khorixas. The village is however within Daures Constituency of Erongo Region; the area is accessible via C39 from Khorixas towards Vingerklip or via C36 from Omaruru through Omatjete (see map overleaf). The GPS coordinates are: S 20°37'48.37" E 015°18'13.59".

Scale and Scope of Activity: The ultimate objective is to create a "home away from home" environment for the visitors. Tourists have always been attracted to the Ugab River because of the beautiful landscape and prevalence of elephants as well as the rock paintings in the surrounding mountains. Guided scenic game drives, quad biking, camping, hiking and nature walks will be offered to the lodge visitors.

Additional infrastructure: The lodge facilities will include the following;

- Lodge with approximately 35 chalets of various sizes
- Campsite and ample parking area
- Conferencing and restaurant
- Reception and administration building
- Ablution and sewerage facilities (grey water will be treated through an in-house wastewater treatment plant prior to discharge)
- Swimming pool and staff quarters
- Internal roads, and
- A solar park to supply electricity to the facility.

The buildings will be designed and constructed in a camouflaged manner to blend in with the surrounding environment. Thatching grass, rocks and wood will be the main materials to be used. Construction of the lodge and associated facilities is expected to be undertaken within six months. There will be minimal earthworks other than for the new underground drainage lines and access to wastewater tanks.

PART C: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the particulars given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand the environmental clearance certificate may be suspended, amended or cancelled if any information given above is false, misleading, wrong or incomplete.



Ms Grace Shihepo

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

Signature of Applicant

Full name in Block Letters

Position

on behalf of

Ongeama Tjovike

29 July 2024

Date

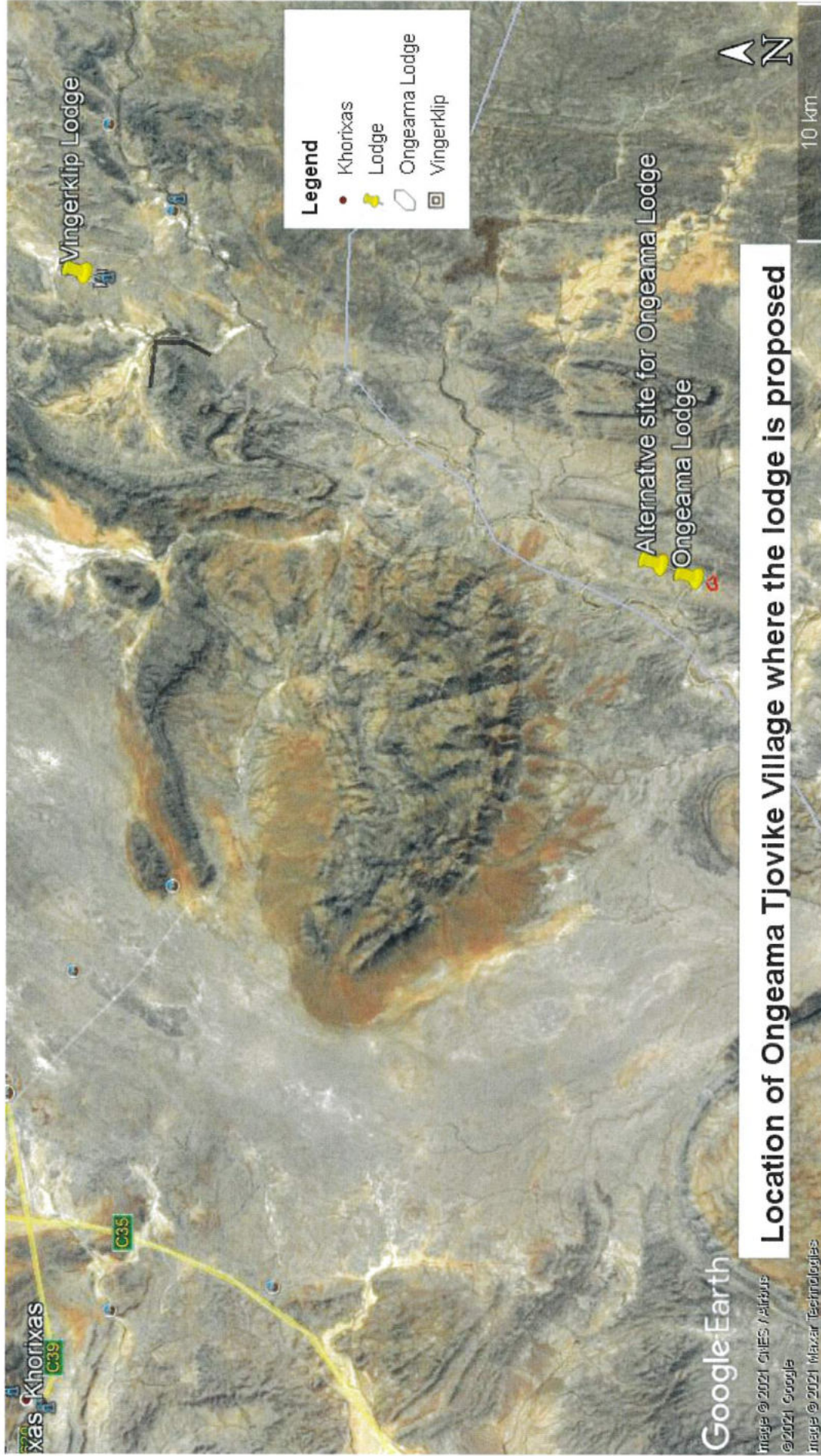


Figure 1: Location of the proposed lodge