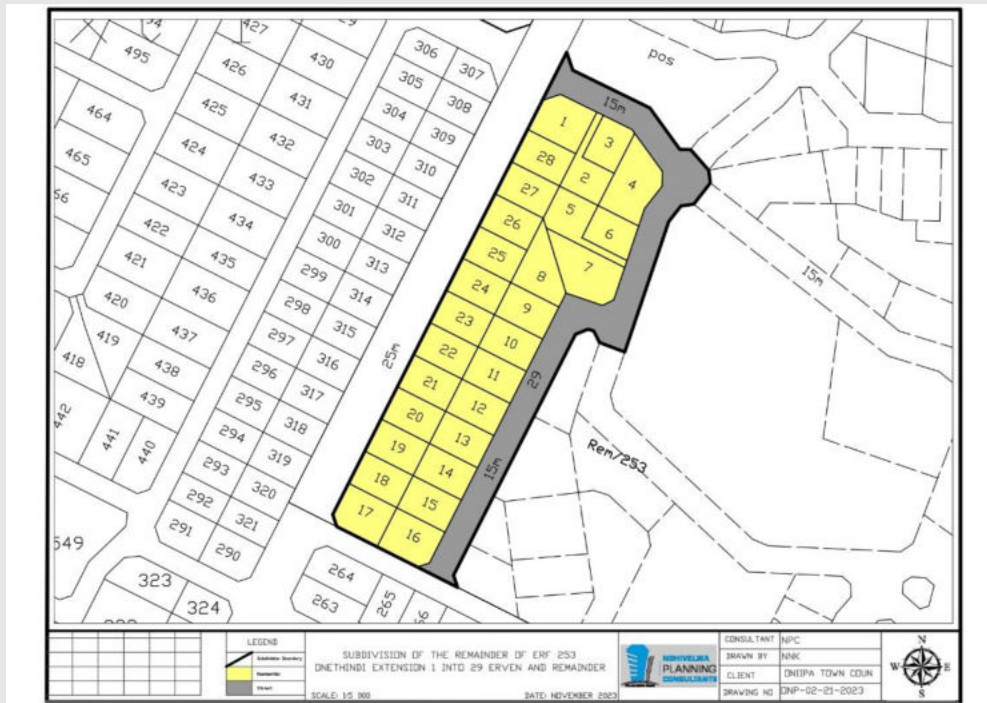


SUBDIVISION OF ERF 253, ONETHINDI EXTENSION 1 INTO  
±28 ERVEN AND REMAINDER AND SUBSEQUENT  
CREATION OF A “STREET”.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT(BID)

PREPARED BY:



ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTITIONERS

## **PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process has commenced to assist in determining the extent and significance of the environmental consequences associated with the proposed Subdivision of Erf 253, Onethindi Extension 1 into ±28 Erven and Remainder and the subsequent creation of a “Street”. Notice of an Environmental Impact Assessment Process is given in terms of the Environmental Management Act (Act 7 of 2007) and its regulations, of intent to carry out the proposed activity. Issues of concern and potential environmental and social impacts will be evaluated during the Environmental Impact Assessment process.

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide a brief description of the project and EIA process that will be followed, and to obtain initial comments and contributions from Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) on the issues relating to the proposed development. Findings of the EIA, including concerns raised by IAPs, will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DA) for consideration. IAPs are hereby invited to comment on the environmental, social and economic issues relating to the proposed subdivision and the creation of a street.

Your comments will ensure that relevant issues are evaluated and will form part of the Assessment. Kindly complete the registration form at the end of this document and send (either via email or post) to Nghivelwashisho Ndakunda, Nghivelwa Planning Consultants, to register your interest in the proposed activity and provide your input.

Your comment on this document must reach Nghivelwa Planning Consultants by 17:00 on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

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## **DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT**

The Oniipa Town Council has resolved to formalize the residential erven that are situated on Erf 253, Onethindi Extension 1 and subsequently provide for registered titles to the prospective owners of the properties. In order for the formalization to take effect, the statutory process for the Subdivision of Erf 253, Onethindi and the subsequent creation of a street to offer access to the new erven created should be carried out. The proposed Erven are currently used for residential purposes and apart from shrubs there is no vegetation located on site. The area is currently located in an undeveloped portion of Erf 253, Onethindi Extension 1.

The proposed development will entail the Subdivision of Erf 253, Onethindi Extension 1 into ±28 Erven and the Remainder and subsequent creation of a 15-meter street to offer access to

new erven to be created. The Erf is located in Onethindi Extension 1 township of Oniipa Town in Oshikoto Region in northern Namibia. The coordinates for Proposed Portions are: 609353.43 m E, 8017529.70 m S.

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The EIA process for this assessment will be conducted in accordance with Environmental Management Act (Act 7 of 2007) and Environmental Impact Assessment regulations. The Environmental Impact Assessment regulations list of activities that may have a significant impact on the environment, and which consequently require authorization from the relevant environmental authority. The regulations further specify the assessment process, and the information, that is required to enable DEA to make a decision regarding the activity.

This project entails of the Subdivision of Erf 253, Onethindi Extension 1 into  $\pm 28$  Erven and the Remainder, measuring  $\pm 2,4037$  hectares and subsequent creation of a 15-meter wide street for access to the new erven to be created. There are existing residential buildings currently constructed on the property and this project is an attempt to formalize the residential buildings so that the owners can register titles to their properties.

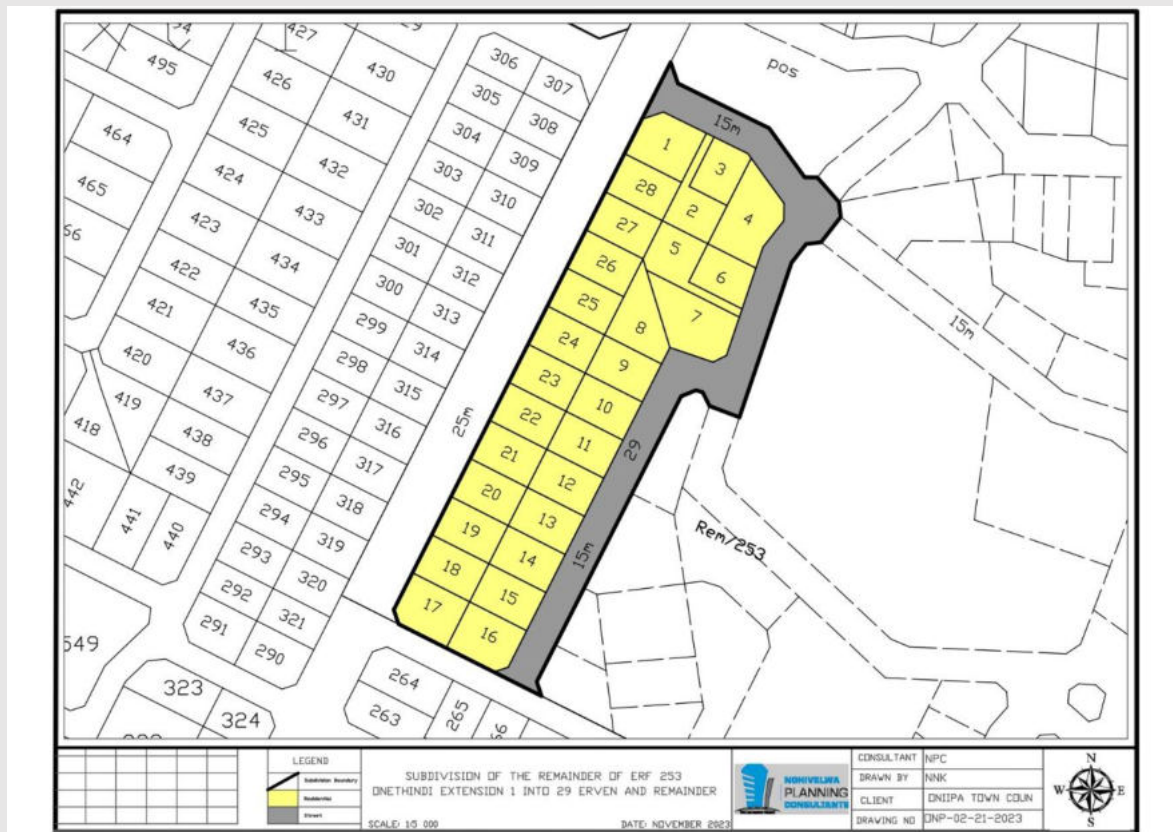


Figure 1: Subdivision plan for Erf 253, Onethindi.

## **WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT?**

An EIA is a planning and decision making tool that is used to identify the environmental consequences of a proposed project, before the development takes place. The purpose of the EIA is to demonstrate to the authorities and the proponent what the potential consequences of their choices will be in environmental, economic and social terms. Public issues and concerns must therefore be identified timeously so that these can be evaluated and incorporated into the final design if necessary. The EIA consists of two phases. The first phase is a Scoping Study, which identifies potential issues which need more detailed investigation. The second phase is the EIA phase, where detailed investigations of the issues identified during scoping, are undertaken.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Public participation is the cornerstone of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. The principles of the Environmental Management Act govern most aspects of EIAs, including public participation. These include the ongoing provision of sufficient information (in a transparent manner) to Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs).

During the Public Participation Process, input from the proponent, technical experts, government authorities and the general public will be gathered to result in a better understanding of the project for all involved, and more informed decision-making throughout the process. During the Scoping phase of this project, the key objective of public participation is to provide IAPs with an opportunity to provide comment and input in the planning phase of the project.

Issues of concern and suggestions raised by IAPs will be addressed and responded to as required in the Scoping Report, and IAPs will also be given the opportunity to comment on the findings of both the Scoping and EIA Reports and findings of the Specialist studies during the specified comment periods IAPs will be provided with a 14-day comment period in which to raise issues and / or concerns in response to the Background Information Document.

Please note that communications regarding the process and the availability of reports will only be sent to the registered I&APs. To register for the process, and thus receive further communications regarding this development, please register by sending the signed registration sheet at the back of this document, together with your contact details and nature of interest, to Nghivelwa Planning Consultants.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

### Who is doing the EIA?

In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations, an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner must be appointed to conduct the EIA. Nghivelwa Planning Consultants has been appointed to conduct the EIA. NPC will identify and assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed activity by conducting an objective and independent EIA in which all the relevant information and opinions of Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) will be collected and passed on to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). In this way an informed decision-making process can take place.

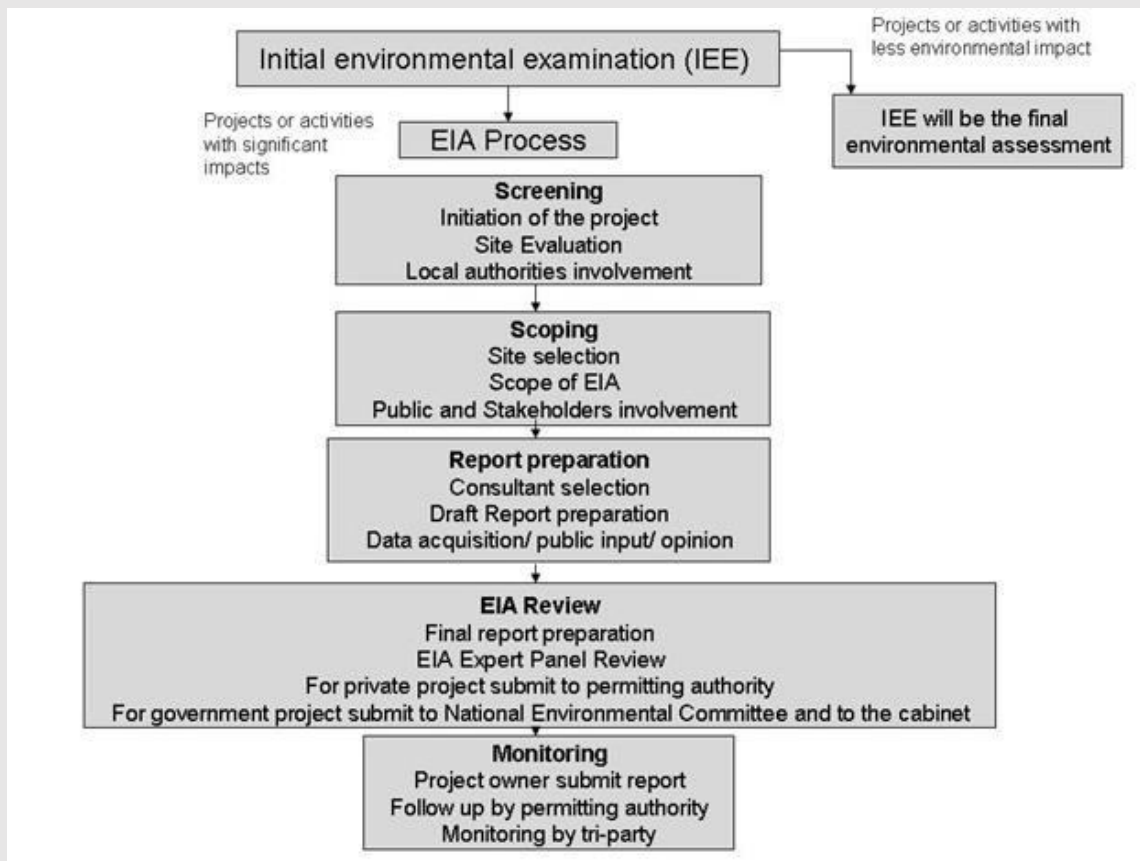


Figure 2: The EIA Process.

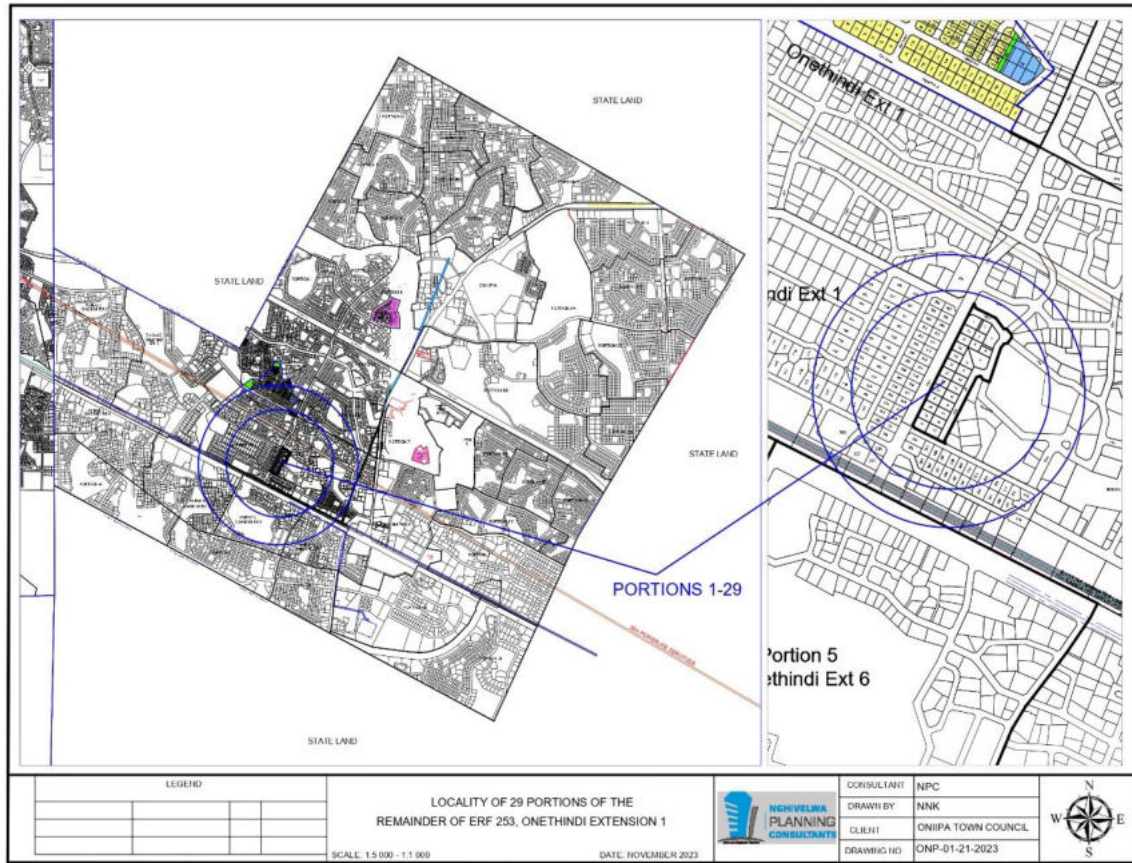


Figure 3: Locality of the proposed erven of Erf 253, Onethindi Extension 1.



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I wish to register as an Interested and Affected Party and/or bring to the attention of Nghivelwa Planning Consultants the following comments (please use additional sheets of paper if required).

**Attention: N Ndakunda**

**Email: [planning@nghivelwa.com.na](mailto:planning@nghivelwa.com.na)**

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