



## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CENTRAL NORTH WATER SUPPLY AREA: ZONE 4

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
<b>CoC</b>	Code of Conduct
<b>DEA</b>	Directorate of Environmental Affairs
<b>EMA</b>	Environmental Management Act
<b>EMP</b>	Environmental Management Plan
<b>HIV</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>I&amp;AP</b>	Interested and Affected Parties
<b>MEFT</b>	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
<b>NEM</b>	NamWater Environmental Manager
<b>MSDS</b>	Material Safety Data Sheet
<b>NWQG</b>	Namibian Water Quality Guidelines
<b>NWQS</b>	Namibian Water Quality Standards
<b>STI's</b>	Sexually Transmitted Infections
<b>WTW</b>	Water Treatment Works

## **1. PURPOSE OF THE EMP**

This Environmental Management Plan (EMP) has been compiled for the management of potential environmental impacts during the operation, and decommissioning phases of the proposed Central North Water Supply Area (CNWSA): Zone 4 Water Supply Scheme. Best practice is proposed for the generic issues of construction management and supervision as well as the on-going management and operation of the pipeline.

In terms of the Environmental Assessment Policy of 1994 and the Environmental Management (Act No 7 of 2007) (EMA), the activities required for the construction of the proposed project requires authorization from the Directorate of Environmental Affairs at the Ministry of Environmental, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT: DEA).

An Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) was originally issued in 2021 and this EMP serves as an application for the renewal of the ECC.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

The Central North Water Supply Area (CNWSA) is located in the Central North area of Namibia, and covers areas of the Oshikoto, Omusati, Oshana and Ohangwena Regions. CNWSA infrastructure components have been divided into 8 separate zones.

The infrastructure of CNWSA: Zone 4 includes the Ogongo Purification Plant, pump stations at this Plant as well as at Okahao and Tsandi, the Ogongo – Okahao – Tsandi, the (new) Tsandi – Eunda and the Ogongo – Outapi pipelines, as well as the Onaanda, Okahao South, Ogongo West, and Tsandi South Rural Water Supply Schemes.

The location of Water Supply Zone 4 is depicted in **Figure 1**.

### 2.1 Outapi/Ombalantu Purification Plant

The Ombalantu Purification Plant is situated on the outskirts of the town of Outapi, between the tarred road to Olushandja and the Olushandja – Ombalantu Canal. The purification plant consists of an old batch plant, and a new, so-called package plant. The batch plant has been taken out of operation.

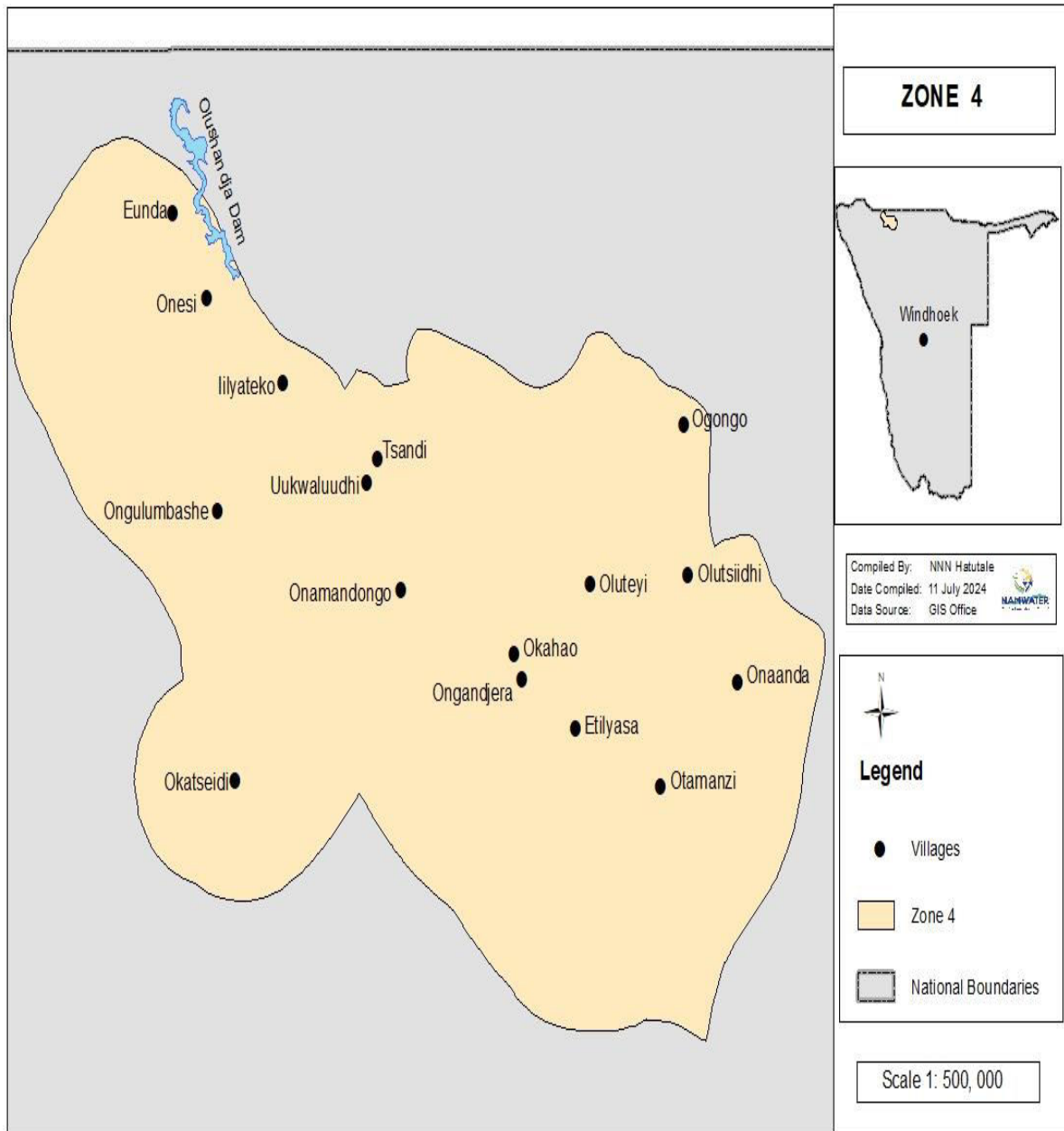
The Ombalantu Purification Plant is therefore a package plant consisting of the following principal components:

- A pump station housing various raw water and potable water pump sets,
- A prefabricated treatment plant comprising flash mixers, a flocculator and settling tanks.
- A bank of pressure filters,
- A reinforced concrete potable water reservoir,
- An elevated reservoir,
- A bank of five sludge lagoons
- A raw-water storage dam.

### 2.2 Ombalantu North Rural Water Supply Scheme

The Ombalantu North RWSS was built between 1998 and 1999 and LCE were the Engineers responsible for the design and construction supervision.

The EMP is for an existing CNWSA: Zone 4 and it is therefore only for the operation and maintenance of the Zone.



**Figure 1: Water Supply Zone 4 Location Map**

## **3. EXISTING CNWSA: ZONE 4 WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **3.1. Water Source**

#### **3.1.1 Ogongo Purification Plant**

Water is drawn from the Ombalantu – Ogongo Canal, treated by the Ogongo Purification Plant and is then pumped southwards and westwards from Ogongo, to Okahao, Tsandi and beyond towards Etunda.

The Ombalantu–Ogongo Canal discharges into the fore bay at Ogongo, from where the water is pumped to the hydraulic flash mixer, where lime and a coagulant are dosed. Water gravitates from the flash mixer to three clariflocculators. The settled water is piped to six pressure filters, from where the water is delivered into a clear water reservoir. Water from the clear water reservoir is then pumped to various Rural Water Supply Schemes. Excess water can also be supplied to the reservoirs at the Oshakati Purification Plant.

A schematic layout of the existing infrastructure is indicated in **Figure 2-3** below

### **3.2. Water Quality and Disinfection**

Chlorine is used to sterilise the water and prevent algae growth. Pre-chlorination is done in the flash mixer, and post-chlorination in the clean water reservoir. The dosing of chemicals is done at a hydraulic flash mixer located next to the chemical dosing building.

The existing chlorination system consists of two small multi-stage pumps; one removed, installed in parallel and operates automatically depending on the demand. The Sud-Floc dosing system consists of a bulk tank and a day tank.

#### **3.2.1 Ogongo purification plant configuration – Dosing System**

Chemical dosing is done from a chemical dosing building which consists of three floors, with the lime and alum hoppers on the top floor, dosing equipment on the second floor, and chlorine storage and dosing equipment on the ground floor. The flocculants and lime slurry are delivered to the flash mixer by means of open PVC half channels.

#### **3.2.2 Flocculation and Sedimentation**

Flocculation and sedimentation take place at the clariflocculators, which are circular in shape, Connected in parallel, with a capacity of 1 500 m<sup>3</sup> each. Settled water flows over launders into a collection channel and pipework, which delivers the water to the pressure filters. Sludge that has settled to the bottom of the clariflocculators is scraped to the centre of the structure by means of scrapers attached to a rotating bridge.



Desludging valves are mechanically opened by the bridge, and this takes place on every rotation of the bridge..

### **3.2.3 Potable Water Reservoir & Filtration**

The filtered water is discharged into a circular, steel reservoir, with a capacity of 2 500 m<sup>3</sup>. The walls and roof are of steel construction, and the floor is reinforced concrete.

The present operating arrangement is that the operators of each shift ensure that the reservoir is full at the end of their shift. The water level is indicated by the water level indicator on the reservoir.

The filters consist of six 60 m<sup>3</sup> horizontally mounted, cylindrical steel pressure sand filters, arranged in three sets of two filters. Air and water for backwashing are supplied by air blowers and water pumps located in the old pump station.

### **3.2.4 Sludge Disposal**

Sludge from the clariflocculators and filters are discharged into four sludge lagoons located close to the forebay. Water decanted from the lagoons is discharged into the forebay.

### **3.2.5 Forebay**

The canal from Ombalantu discharges into the forebay. Due to the difficulty of cleaning the forebay, a pipe bypass was constructed around it at the time that the so-called one million cubic metre storage dam was constructed. The bypass pipeline allows water from the canal and from the one million cubic metre storage dam to be discharged directly into the raw water pump.

## **3.3. Pipework**

### **3.3.1 Ogongo – Okahao – Tsandi Pipeline**

The Ogongo and the Okahao pipeline has a total length of 40.052 km which is made up as follows:

- 36.411 km - 350 mm Ø – Class 12 AC pipes, and
- 3.642 km - 350 mm Ø – Class 18 AC pipes.

The Class 18 sections occur where the pipeline crosses Oshana's. Between Okahao and Tsandi, the pipeline consists of 250 mm diameter AC pipes, as follows:

- 1.158 km – 250 mm AC Class 35, starting at Okahao,

- 1.100 km – 250 mm AC Class 30,
- 1.100 km – 250 mm AC Class 24,
- 5.580 km – 250 mm AC Class 18,
- 16.108 km – 250 mm AC Class 12, ending at Tsandi.

### 3.3.2 Ogongo – Okahao – Tsandi Pipeline

This pipeline is supplied by the Tsandi Pump Station and transfers water from Tsandi in a north westerly direction, past Onesi, towards Eunda. The pipeline consists of approximately 22.90 km of 250 mm diameter Class 6, approximately 7.5 km of 200 mm diameter Class 6 and approximately 11.4 km of 160 mm diameter Class 6 uPVC pipes (from Tsandi in the direction of Eunda). Class 9 uPVC pipes of appropriate diameters are used where the pipeline route passes through Oshana's.

### 3.3.3 Onaanda Rural Water Supply Scheme

This scheme branches off from the Ogongo – Okahao Pipeline and starts out as a 200 mm diameter Class 6 uPVC pipe.

### 3.3.4 Okahao South Rural Water Supply Scheme

This scheme supplies the area south of Okahao. The main pipeline starts out as a 200 mm diameter Class 6 uPVC pipe, reducing in diameter along its length.

### 3.3.5 Ogongo West Rural Water Supply Scheme

The main pipeline configuration is as follows:

- 7.7 km – 315 mm diameter Class 6 uPVC,
- 19.65 km – 250 mm diameter Class 6 uPVC,
- 8.95 km – 200 mm diameter Class 6 uPVC,
- 6.3 km – 160 mm diameter Class 6 uPVC,
- 4.8 km – 110 mm diameter Class 6 uPVC.

## 3.4. Reservoirs

Reservoir Name or Location	Reservoir Type and Configuration	Nominal Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> )
<b>1.Ogongo Reservoir</b>	Circular steel GLR	2500 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>2.Okahao Reservoir</b>	Earth embankment with float roof	3000 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>3.Okahao Reservoir</b>	4 x 10 m plastic tanks (ER)	40 m <sup>3</sup>

<b>4.Tsandi Reservoir</b>	Steel (round)	600 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>5.Tsandi Reservoir</b>	3 x 10 m plastic tanks (ER)	30 m <sup>3</sup>

### **3.5. Power supply and control systems**

#### **3.5.1 Ogongo Clear Water Pump Station**

The Clear Water Pump Station at the Ogongo Purification Plant pumps water in five different directions; to the Ogongo Agriculture College, towards Okahao, towards Outapi (and to the Ogongo West Rural Water Supply Scheme), towards Okalongo and towards Oshakati.

Two pumps transfer the water provided by the two Priming Pumps of the Purification Plant to the Ogongo Agriculture College.

A bank of five priming or base pumps provide water to a bank of five booster pumps, which pump water into one pipeline which splits into the pipelines towards Okahao, Ogongo West, Oshakati and Okalongo (refer also to Section 10.3.1.3). The Ogongo West Rural Water Supply Scheme is supplied from the Ogongo – Outapi Pipeline, whilst the Onaanda Rural Water Supply Scheme is supplied from the Ogongo – Okahao Pipeline.

The 10 pumps, pumps water into one pipeline which later splits into four different directions Okahao, Ogongo West, Oshakati and Okalongo. There is a set of five base pumps installed in parallel and a further set of five booster pumps installed in parallel. The booster pumps are installed in series with base pumps. These 10 pumps are KSB model ETA 150-315 pumps, driven by 45 kW, 380 V, WEG TEFC motors running at 1 480 rpm.

The total system is pressure and flow controlled and the pump flow increases as the demand increases. All pumps are variable speed driven. First the base pump set is staggered started, each with its own motorised valve, until the system reaches the desired pressure and flow.

Two Grundfos CR15-03 multi stage pumps driven by 3 kW, 400 V, Grundfos TEFC motors running at 2 902 rpm are installed in parallel to provide clear water for the Ogongo Agricultural College. The pumps operate in a duty/standby configuration and shut off on pressure and start on a time basis

The main power supply to the plant is via a 1 600 A TP circuit breaker situated in a distribution board underneath two 11 000/400 V, 500 kVA pole mounted transformers located at the plant. A 1 600 A TP main isolator is installed for the purification plant. The transformer is the property of NORED Electricity and maintenance costs for the transformer are the responsibility of NORED.

A telemetry system is installed at the clear water pump station and all flow meters are connected to the telemetry system to allow all measurements to be recorded on the SCADA system. The telemetry system is used for observation only and no pumps are controlled with the telemetry system.

### **3.5.2 Okahao Water Pump Station**

At the Okahao Pump Station, clear water from Ogongo either enters a 3 000 m<sup>3</sup> storage dam, a 40 m<sup>3</sup> elevated reservoir or the inlet to the pump station. The pump station contains four pumps which draw water from the 3 000 m<sup>3</sup> storage dam and deliver into a pipeline which branches to supply the 40 m<sup>3</sup> elevated reservoir, the Okahao – Tsandi Pipeline and/or the Okahao South Rural Water Supply Scheme, depending on which isolating valves are open or closed.

The outlet of the elevated reservoir divides to provide a supply under gravity to Okahao Town and the school and hospital through separate pipelines. The pump station contains four pumps, with provision for the later installation of another four pumps.

The pump station contains four pumps, the four pumps which supply clear water to the 40 m<sup>3</sup> elevated reservoir, the Okahao – Tsandi Pipeline and / or the Okahao South Rural Water Supply Scheme are installed in parallel and are constant speed pumps. These are KSB ETA 50-200 pumps, driven by 11 kW, 400 V, Siemens TEFC motors running at 2 935 rpm. The pumps are controlled via a pressure sensor and an electro-magnetic flow meter which shuts down and starts the pumps as the pressure increases/decreases and demand increases/decreases.

The additional two new pumps (Grundfos type CR64-3-1 and CR64-3-2 units respectively, driven by 18.5 kW, 400 V, Siemens TEFC motors running at 2 940 rpm), supplying rural areas, are installed in parallel and are variable speed pumps. These pumps are pressure and flow controlled and the controls increase / decrease pump speed as demand increases / decreases.

A telemetry system is installed at the pump station and all flow meters are connected to the telemetry system to allow all measurements to be recorded on the SCADA system. The telemetry system is used for observation only and no pumps are controlled with the telemetry system. An old radio communication system is still operational in the pump station

### **3.5.3 Tsandi Water Pump Station**

At the Tsandi Pump Station, water from the Ogongo – Okahao – Tsandi Pipeline enters a 600 m<sup>3</sup> reservoir via one of two inlet pipelines. Two dosing pumps (Grundfos CR 1-15 units, driven by 0.75 kW, 400 V, Grundfos TEFC motors running at 2 840 rpm, with a nominal capacity of 2 m<sup>3</sup>/h) allow water drawn from the reservoir to be chlorinated and returned to the reservoir.

The Tsandi Pump Station, has Two booster pumps (Grundfos CR 90-3 units, driven by 30 kW, 400 V, Siemens TEFC motors running at 2 960 rpm, with a nominal capacity of 90 m<sup>3</sup>/h), draw water from the 600 m<sup>3</sup> reservoir and pump into a pipeline which splits to supply the (new) Tsandi – Eunda Pipeline and Tsandi Town. The two VSD pumps are installed in parallel and operate in a duty / standby configuration. The pumps are pressure and flow controlled

The main power supply to the pump station is via a 50 A TP circuit breaker located against the wall of the pump station building and supplied from a 11 000/400 V, 50 kVA pole mounted transformer which is not only dedicated to the pump station and is situated outside the pump station. The transformer is the property of NORED Electricity and maintenance costs for the transformer are the responsibility of NORED.

A telemetry system is installed at the pump station and all measurements are recorded on the SCADA system. The telemetry system is used for observation only and no pumps are controlled with the telemetry system.

### **3.5.4 Raw Water Pump Station**

The Raw Water Pump Station consists of six KSB pumps installed in parallel. Three pumps are KSB ETA 150-315 models and three are ETA 250-33 models. The first three are driven by 15 kW, 380 V Siemens TEFC motors running at 970 rpm, whilst the second three are driven by 30 kW, 380 V, and Siemens TEFC motors running at 980 rpm. All the pumps are switched on and off manually from the plant.

### **3.5.5 Filter Pumps**

Two filter pumps are installed at the Ogongo purification plant in parallel in a duty / standby configuration and are automatically operated. Both pumps are KSB; one is a KSB ETA 125/33 K model, whilst the other is a KSB ETA-B 150-250 BPK model. Both are driven by 22 kW, 380 V, Siemens motors running at 1 460 rpm.

## **3.6. Scheme Processes/Operation**

There are fulltime NamWater operators based at the Outapi/Ombalantu purification plant in Zone 4.

### **3.7. Maintenance**

Maintenance is done by a permanent NamWater team.

#### **3.7.1 Pumps**

All motors bearings should be lubricated with a high-temperature lithium-based grease after 3000 hours.

If a pump/s were out of operation for six months, lubrication is required before service commence on all motor bearings.

#### **3.7.2 Air Valves**

The valves must be opened monthly to be descaled and cleaned to ensure effective operation. The service intervals will depend on the severity of the conditions.

#### **3.7.3 Pressure Gauges and Transducers**

The gauge cocks must be turned monthly to bleed-off air and ensure accurate readings. Turning prevents scale accumulation which prevents the gauge cock from functioning. The operational or service intervals will depend on the severity of the conditions.

#### **3.7.4 Reservoirs**

The reservoirs should be checked for leaks and other damages on a monthly basis. If leaks are detected, it should be fixed immediately.

#### **3.7.5 Pipe Breaks/leaks**

Monthly monitor of pipes should be done to avoid wastage of water in an event a major pipe break. The pipeline corridor for maintenance work is 10 m by 5 m.

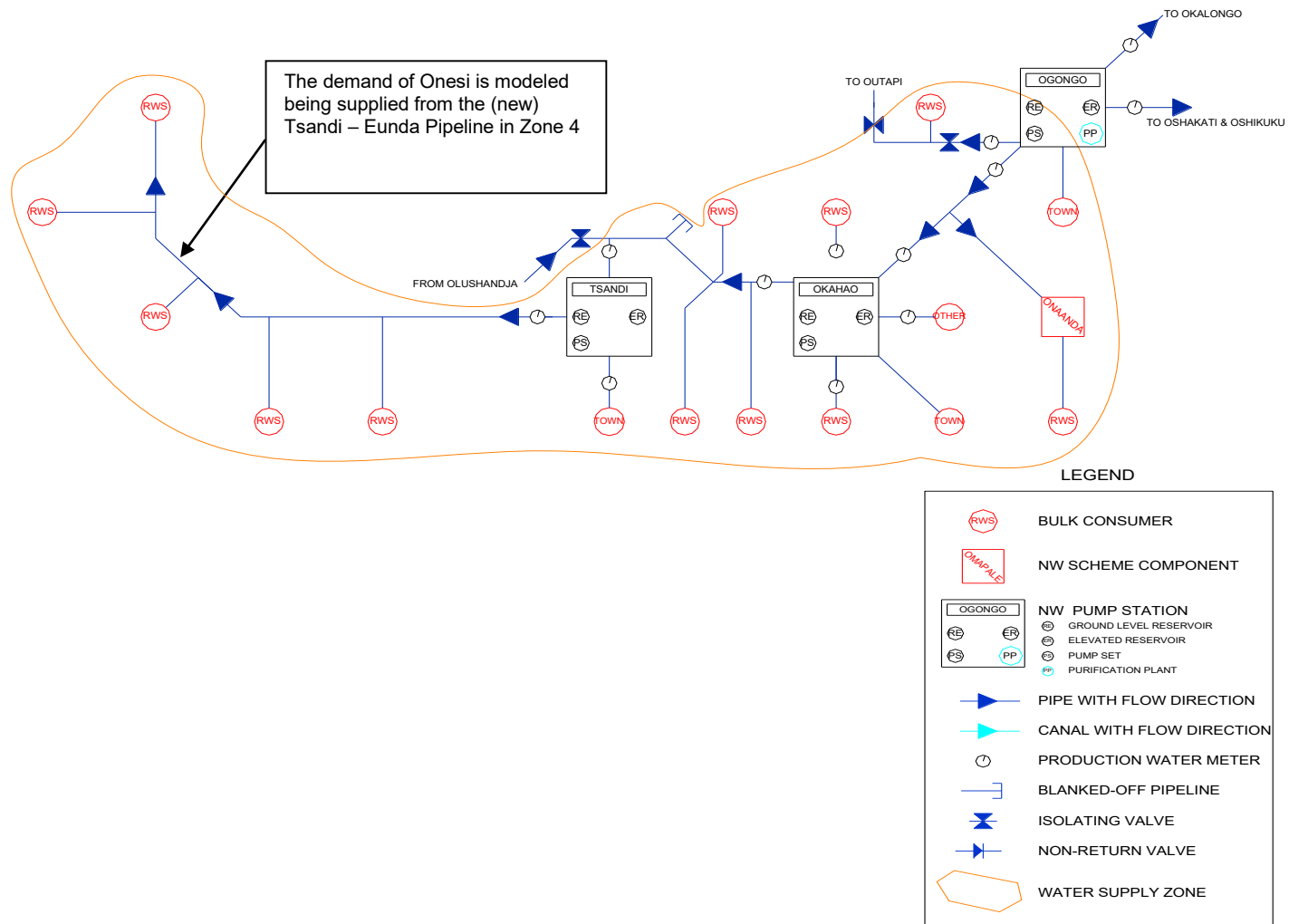


Figure 2: CNWSA: Zone 4 Schematic Layout

LEGEND

- RAW WATER
- POTABLE WATER
- WASTE WATER

NOTE

FOR CLARITY NOT ALL COMPONENTS SUCH AS PUMPS AND PIPES HAVE BEEN SHOWN WHERE THERE ARE MULTIPLE COMPONENTS

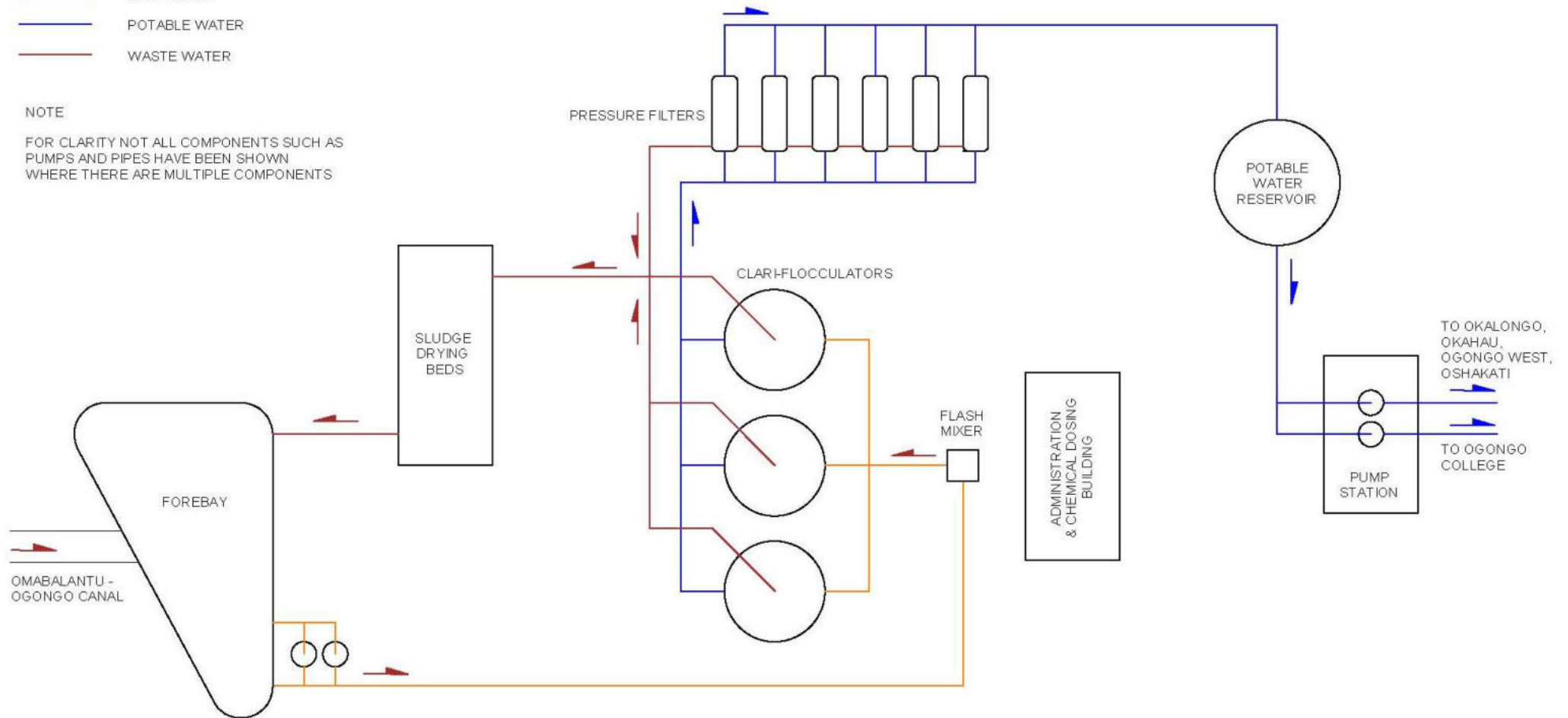


Figure 3: Schematic Layout of the Ogongo Purification Plant



## 4. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

The baseline description provided below focuses on the receiving environment:

### 4.1 Climate

The CNWSA: Zone 4 area has a semi-arid climate, which is characterised by hot summers and semi cool winter's (Mendelsohn *et. al.*, 2000).

#### 4.1.1 Precipitation

The wettest months in Zone 4 are November and March, whereas the driest months are from May to October. July is typically the driest month in the Zone while January is the wettest. The CNWSA: Zone 4 Area has an annual average rainfall of 350-450 mm (Mendelsohn, *et al.*, 2002).

#### 4.1.2 Temperature

The temperatures are highest on average in October, and mid-year, the average temperature reaches the lowest average temperature of the whole year. The maximum summer temperatures are expected to be between 34 °C to 36 °C on average winters in this area have a minimum temperature of between 6 °C to 8 °C, (Mendelsohn *et. al.*, 2002).

### 4.2 Geology

The geological properties for CNWSA: Zone 4 is part of the much larger Kalahari Basin covering parts of Angola, Namibia, Zambia, Botswana and South Africa. It contains very thick series of rocks of various ages. The Geology of CNWSA Zone 4 area is found in the northern Cuvelai hydrogeological Basin (Christelis, *et. al.*, 2011).

The Cuvelai hydrogeological Basin is bordered in the south and west by the surface water divide running from Otavi to Outjo. Groundwater within the basin flows towards the Etosha Pan, due to the structure of the basin and because as the pan, the deepest point, is the base level of the groundwater flow system.

A major part of this northbound groundwater flow is shallow, and discharges south-east of Namutoni through numerous springs along the southern margin of the Etosha Pan and through the bottom of the pan from where it rapidly evaporates (Christelis, *et. al.*, 2011).

### 4.3 Natural Fauna and Flora

The CNWSA: Zone 4 area supports unusual cases of wildlife such as Helmeted Guinea fowl (*Numida meleagris*), Riverrine rabbit (*Bunolagus monticularis*), Lion (*Panthera Leo*) and Leopard (*Panthera pardus*).

Tree and savannah landscape dominates the CNWSA: Zone 4, however the areas closer to the oshana pans are devoid of woodland. Tree types found in the area include the camelthorn tree (*Acacia erioloba*), baobab tree (*Adansonia digitata*), bird plum (*berchemia discolor*), marula (*Sclerocarya birrea*) with a combination of mopane woodlands (*Colophospermum mopane*) and shrub lands, saline Kalahari sands support Mopane scrubland and various larger trees. Grass types such as crabgrass (*digitaria*), Wool grass (*Anthephora*), African lovegrass (*Eragrostis*), creeping panic grass (*Brachiaria*) are found in the area (Mendelsohn et. al., 2000).

## 5. THE LEGAL ENVIRONMENT

A legal review was done and the key laws of concern include those which protect the ecological integrity of the CNWSA: Zone 4 ecosystem and its water resource, including the Water Act of 1954 and the Water Resources Management Act of 2004, and applicable international treaties such as the Convention on Biological Diversity. These laws and conventions place Namibia under an obligation to conserve the ecological integrity of the CNWSA: Zone 4 ecosystem for the sustainable use by Namibians.

### 5.1 The Constitution of the Republic of Namibia

There are two clauses contained in the Namibian Constitution that are of particular relevance to sound environmental management practice, viz. articles 91(c) and 95(l). In giving effect to articles 91(c) and 95(l) of the Constitution of Namibia, general principles for sound management of the environment and natural resources in an integrated manner have been formulated. The formulation of these general principles resulted in the Namibia's Environmental Assessment Policy of 1994. To give statutory effect to this Policy, the Environmental Management Act was approved in 2007, and gazetted as the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007) (herein referred to as the EMA. As the organ of state responsible for management and protection of its natural resources, MEFT: DEA is committed to pursuing the 13 principles of environmental management that is set out by Part 2 of the Act.

To summarise, Articles 91(c) and 95(l) refer to:

- Guarding against over –utilisation of biological natural resources;
- Limiting over-exploitation of non-renewable resources;
- Ensuring ecosystem functionality
- Protecting Namibia's sense of place and character;
- Maintaining biological diversity and
- Pursuing sustainable natural resource use.

### 5.2 Environmental Assessment Policy (1995)

Cabinet endorsed Namibia's Environmental Assessment Policy in 1995 as the first formal effort in Namibia to regulate the application of environmental impact assessments and environmental management. Amongst others, the Policy provides a procedure for conducting EIA's which sets out to:

- Better inform decision makers and to promote accountability of decisions taken;
- Strive for a high degree of public participation and involvement of all sectors of the Namibian community during the execution of the EIA;
- Take into account the environmental costs and benefits of projects and programmes;
- Promote sustainable development in Namibia;

- Ensure that anticipated adverse impacts are minimized and that positive impacts are maximized.

### **5.3 Environmental Management Act (No 7 of 2007) (EMA)**

The Environmental Management Act (EMA) was promulgated in 2007 by Parliament and gives effect to the Environmental Assessment Policy. The Act specifies the environmental assessment procedures to be followed as well as the listed activities (activities that require an EIA).

Of relevance to this project are the following listed activities, as provided in Section 27 of this Act, which include:

- Water use and disposal;
- Transportation

### **5.4 EIA Regulations Government Notice No. 30, promulgated on 6 February 2012**

The regulations, promulgated in terms of the EMA, were promulgated on 6 February 2012 and indicated certain activities that require an Environmental Clearance from MEFT: DEA prior to commencing.

### **5.5 Water Act 54 of 1956 and Water Resources Management Act 11 of 2013**

The Water Resources Management Act 11 of 2013 is presently without regulations; therefore the Water Act 54 is still in force. The Act provides for the management and protection of surface and groundwater resources in terms of utilisation and pollution.

## 6. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

NamWater's Environmental Manager is primarily responsible for the implementation of the EMP during the operational and maintenance phases.

### 6.1 NamWater

NamWater, as the implementing agency, is responsible for:

- Ensuring that the objects of the EMP are being obtained;
- Ensuring that all environmental impacts are managed according to the environmental principles of avoiding, minimizing, mitigating and rehabilitation. This will be achieved by successful implementation of the EMP;
- Ensuring that appropriate monitoring and compliance auditing are executed;
- Ensuring that the environment is rehabilitated to its natural state as far as possible.

NamWater shall ensure that all employees attend an Environmental, Awareness Training Course. This course shall be structured to ensure that attendees:

- Become familiar with the environmental controls contained in the EMP;
- Are made aware of the need to conserve water and minimise waste;
- Are made aware of NamWater's Code of Conduct;
- Are aware that a copy of the EMP is readily available at the plant and that all staff are aware of the location and have access to the document;
- Are informed that employee information posters, outlining the environmental "do's" and "don'ts" (as per the environmental awareness training course) will be placed at prominent locations throughout the site.

### 6.2 Contractor

The Contractor shall conduct his/her activities so as to cause the least possible disturbance to the existing amenities, whether natural or man-made, in accordance with all the current statutory requirements. Special care shall be taken by the Contractor to prevent irreversible damage to the environment. The Contractor shall take adequate steps to educate all members of his workforce as well as his supervisory staff on the relevant environmental laws and protection requirements. The Contractor shall supplement these steps with prominently displayed notices and signs in strategic locations to remind personnel of environmental obligations.

A suitably qualified independent ECO shall be appointed by NamWater/Contractor to undertake the following tasks:

- Liaison with Contractor, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and Engineer regarding environmental matters.
- Monitoring of all of the Contractor's activities for compliance with the various environmental requirements at regular intervals.
- Routine environmental auditing and reporting of the Contractor's performance against the EMP.
- Reporting of environmental incidents and routine reporting of environmental issues associated with construction activities to NamWater, the Contractor and any relevant environmental authority.
- Identifying environmental non-conformances and initiating measures to remedy such issues, including the institution of fines against the Contractor.

The Contractor shall ensure that all employees attend an Environmental Awareness Training Course. This course shall be structured to ensure that attendees:

- Become familiar with the environmental controls contained in the EMP.
- Are made aware of the need to conserve water and minimise waste.
- Are made aware of NamWater's Code of Conduct.
- Are aware that a copy of the EMP is readily available at the plant and that all staff are aware of the location and have access to the document.
- Are informed that employee information posters, outlining the environmental "do's" and "don'ts" (as per the environmental awareness training course) will be placed at prominent locations throughout the site.

The Contractor shall construct and/ or implement all the necessary environmental protection measures in each area before any construction work may proceed. The Engineer/ ECO may suspend the Works at any time should the Contractor, in the Engineer/ Eco's opinion, fail to implement, operate or maintain any of the environmental protection measures adequately. The costs of such suspension shall be to the Contractor's account.

## 7. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

An Environmental Management Plans (EMP) is an important tool focusing on the management actions that are required to ensure environmental compliance of a particular project.

EMP implementation is a cyclical process that converts mitigation measures into actions and through cyclical monitoring, auditing, review and corrective action, ensures conformance with stated EMP aims and objectives. Monitoring and auditing, feedback for continual improvement ensures that environmental performance has been provided and corrective action is taken for an effective EMP.

The main aim of this EMP is to ensure that the project complies with the goals of the Namibian Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007); and, more specifically, to provide a framework for implementing the management actions as described in the EMP for the operational and maintenance phases of the scheme. Best practice is proposed for the operation of the scheme.

There are some environmental impacts that cannot be avoided. These environmental impacts require mitigation, and in order to mitigate against these impacts an EMP is required. The EMP aims to ensure best practises are implemented and environmental degradation is avoided through appropriate environmental protection, adherence to legal requirements and maintaining good community relationships.

MEFT indicated that EMP's for existing operations are sufficient.

The project activities are grouped according to the different operational processes and stages. Most of the impacts can be reduced through good housekeeping.

## **8. MANAGEMENT ACTIONS**

### **8.1 Operation and Maintenance phase of the CNWSA: Zone 4 Water Supply Scheme**

#### **8.1.1 Introduction**

The Operational Phase Section relates to the management and mitigation measures required to ensure that the continuation of the bulk water supply network and the maintenance of the infrastructure is operated in a manner that demonstrates responsible, precautionary environmental management.

The EMP will address specific areas of concern in terms of the long-term environmental management of the affected environment and is intended to serve as a guide to the on-going management of the water supply scheme site as well as the affected environment. The EMP will therefore aim to provide NamWater with the necessary tools to ensure that the potential impacts on the natural environment of the site during the operation of the water supply scheme are minimised. Moreover, it will aim to ensure that the infrastructure is operated and maintained according to Best Practice, in an environmentally sensitive and sustainable manner, and that the operation of the infrastructure does not result in reasonably avoidable environmental impacts.

#### **8.1.2 Maintenance Procedures**

The optimal operation and effective maintenance of all the scheme components is important in protecting the environment and ensuring that resources are not wasted and environmental incidents arising out of equipment or infrastructure failures, are avoided. Operation and Maintenance Manuals are available for the CNWSA: Zone 4 Scheme. The manuals provide a detailed guidance on the operation of all machinery and associated systems as well as related maintenance procedures, including maintenance schedules. Implementation of this manuals by NamWater will facilitate the proactive management of potential risks and thus result in impacts on the receiving environment being averted.

The maintenance procedures set out in the manuals, provides specific guidance in terms of the monitoring and maintenance of the scheme components. These procedures will specify the equipment item and specific component of each piece of equipment requiring checking, the scope and nature of the check that is to be carried out including detailed instructions related to the specific check, and the programme for conducting each check.



**Table 1: Operation and Maintenance Phase Management Table**

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
<p>a. Minimize the loss of rare/ endangered fauna and flora species.</p>	<p>Loss of rare / endangered fauna or flora species.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid small mammal / reptile and bird nesting where possible. Do not hurt, kill or unnecessarily disturb birds or animals.</li> </ul>	<p>Ensure scheme operations and maintenance is limited to the area next to the pipeline and reservoir corridors.</p> <p>Visual checks to ensure that no disturbance occur outside the pipeline corridor.</p> <p>Frequency: Monthly.</p> <p>Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.</p>
<p>b. Prevent unnecessary removal of trees/plants of importance.</p>	<p>Unnecessary removal of trees/plants of importance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not remove any vegetation unless it is absolutely necessary. Make sure that operation and maintenance team is well informed.</li> <li>• Do not disturb, deface, destroy or remove plants or natural features, whether fenced or not.</li> </ul>	<p>Visual inspection/checks to prevent, as well as to ensure the unnecessary removal of trees/plants.</p> <p>Frequency: Monthly.</p> <p>Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.</p>

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
c. Minimize the loss of rare/ endangered fauna and flora species.	Loss of rare / endangered fauna or flora species.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid small mammal / reptile and bird nesting where possible. Do not hurt, kill or unnecessarily disturb birds or animals.</li> </ul>	<p>Ensure scheme operations and maintenance is limited to the area next to the pipeline and reservoir corridors.</p> <p>Visual checks to ensure that no unnecessary disturbance occur outside the pipeline and reservoir corridors.</p> <p>Frequency: Monthly.</p> <p>Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.</p>
d. Prevent the poaching of flora and fauna.	Poaching of fauna and flora.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employees who poach fauna and/or flora will be handed to the authorities for prosecution.</li> <li>Regular checks of the surrounding environment must be undertaken to ensure no traps or snares have been set. Any snares or traps found on or adjacent to the site must be disposed of.</li> </ul>	<p>Visual inspection.</p> <p>Frequency: Weekly visual checks.</p> <p>Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor</p>
e. Minimise the creation and use of	Creation of tracks outside existing roads.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use existing roads.</li> <li>Traffic shall be controlled to ensure minimal disruption to other road users.</li> </ul>	<p>Visual checks to ensure that no off-road driving exists.</p> <p>Frequency: Weekly.</p>

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
tracks outside existing roads.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not construct new roads when the quality of existing roads deteriorates. Where possible, repair or upgrade existing roads.</li> <li>• Ensure that adequate vehicle turning areas are allowed for.</li> <li>• Enforce speed limits at all times. Unless otherwise specified, the speed limit on access roads is 50km/h.</li> <li>• Runoff from roads must be managed to avoid erosion and pollution problems.</li> <li>• Roads not required for further use shall be rehabilitated immediately.</li> <li>• Use 3-point turns and not U-turns. Confine turning to the road.</li> <li>• Prevent shortcuts between roads.</li> </ul>	Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
f. Minimise the damage and destruction of important palaeontological	Disturbance to sites of palaeontological and archaeological importance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not disrupt any archaeological or palaeontological sites. Inform NEM (J Kamburona at cell no 081 144 1528) who will take the necessary action.</li> <li>• All workers will be educated about the importance of preserving archaeological sites.</li> </ul>	Monitoring can and should involve field induction of key scheme personnel so that they will be able to recognize the important palaeontological and

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
and archaeological sites.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educate specific workers about tell-tale signs of archaeological sites and the action to be taken if one is identified</li> </ul>	archaeological sites themselves. Frequency: Monthly. Person Responsible: Scheme Supervisor.
g. Minimise the number of heavy vehicles on the road.	Increased number of heavy vehicles on the road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heavy vehicles should be limited to numbers necessary.</li> </ul>	Checks to ensure that there is minimal heavy vehicle on the road. Frequency: Weekly. Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.
h. Minimise and if possible prevent the activities that accelerate erosion during operation or maintenance.	Erosion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Runoff on steep inclines should be diverted to prevent the formation of erosion gullies.</li> <li>Vegetative cover is the most efficient and economical means of controlling soil erosion.</li> <li>Berms should be constructed at selected intervals on long sloping areas to prevent erosion. Diversion berms should be reshaped as necessary to divert runoff.</li> </ul>	Visual inspection to ensure that activities that accelerate soil erosion are minimised and if possible prevented at all cost. Frequency: Weekly. Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Berms should be constructed with compacted soil, have a minimum top width of 60 cm and a minimum height of 30 cm, and should allow for 10% settlement. It should have side slopes with a gradient of at least 2:1.</li> <li>• Runoff should be guided to a point where it will not cause damage. Scour by the discharge of runoff should be prevented.</li> </ul>	
i. Minimise and if possible prevent the collection and removal of firewood during operation and maintenance.	Collection of firewood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No vegetative matter may be removed for firewood.</li> <li>• The collection and removal of firewood is not allowed.</li> </ul>	<p>Checks to ensure that there's no removal and collection of firewood by the employees.</p> <p>Frequency: Weekly.</p> <p>Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.</p>
j. Noise	Generation of noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install and maintain silencers on trucks and machinery.</li> <li>• Repair faulty brakes.</li> <li>• Operators should not use hooters for the purposes of general communication.</li> </ul>	<p>Visual inspection to ensure that activities that generate noise are minimised and if possible prevented.</p> <p>Frequency: Daily.</p> <p>Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.</p>

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
k. Driving	Increased risk for accidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No operator will operate any equipment when he is under the influence of alcohol.</li> <li>Adhere to safety rules.</li> <li>Always keep your headlights on.</li> <li>Drivers must have the correct licence for the vehicle they are driving.</li> </ul>	<p>Visual inspection to ensure that activities that generate noise are minimised and if possible prevented.</p> <p>Frequency: Weekly.</p> <p>Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.</p>
l. To avoid potential chemical /hazardous substance pollution	Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designated areas for the storage of potentially hazardous material will be lined with concrete and secured. The bunded area will be of adequate capacity to contain 1.5 times the volume of the hazardous material to be stored in the bunded area.</li> </ul>	<p>Visual checks to ensure chemical/hazardous substances are stored appropriately.</p> <p>Frequency: Monthly.</p> <p>Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.</p>
m. To ensure correct procedures are in place to avoid environmental impacts associated with maintenance	Environmental Degradation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish regular reporting procedures on maintenance</li> <li>Undertake regular inspection and maintenance of all infrastructure to ensure in working order and to assess damaged / deficient equipment, as per the Operations and Maintenance Manual.</li> <li>Review, and if necessary, revise maintenance manual.</li> </ul>	<p>A review of the Operations and Maintenance Manual.</p> <p>Frequency: Bi-annual</p>

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
<p>activities as well as proactive intervention to avoid, and if required, to respond to emergencies</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish emergency procedures guidelines for the blockage/failure, flooding, contaminant removal and disinfection, power failure and fire of the scheme.</li> <li>• Implement the response procedures when emergency incident occurs.</li> <li>• Complete the incident report checklist in the case of emergency and keep with monitoring records for submission.</li> <li>• Undertake annual education course for all operational staff.</li> <li>• Review, and if necessary revise emergency manual.</li> </ul>	<p>Responsible Person: NamWater Maintenance Team</p>

**Table 2: Waste Management Table**

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
<p>a. To prevent the improper disposal of waste</p>	<p>Pollution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforce a waste management programme.</li> <li>• All waste will be removed to an appropriate waste dump.</li> <li>• No waste should be buried.</li> <li>• General Waste: Includes waste paper, plastic, cardboard, harmless organic (e.g. vegetables) and domestic waste.</li> <li>• Hazardous Substances include: sewerage, fuels, lubrication oils, hydraulic and brake fluid, solvents, paints, anticorrosives, insecticides and pesticides, chemicals, acids etc. It should be disposed of at designated hazardous disposal sites.</li> <li>• Contaminated soil should be stored in drums and taken to the nearest appropriate waste dumpsite.</li> <li>• Do not change oil on uncovered ground. Drip trays will be used to catch oil when vehicles are repaired in the field.</li> </ul>	<p>Visual check to ensure wastes is managed according to the waste management plan</p> <p>Frequency: Weekly.</p> <p>Person Responsible: Scheme Supervisor.</p>



Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used oil and hydraulic fluids will not be discarded on the soil or buried. It will be removed from site and taken back to an appropriate dump.</li> <li>• In the event of a hazardous spill:</li> <li>• Immediately implement actions to stop or reduce the spill.</li> <li>• Contain the spill.</li> <li>• Arrange implementation of the necessary clean-up procedures.</li> <li>• Collect contaminated soil, water and other materials and dispose it at an appropriate waste dumpsite.</li> <li>• Used solvents and grease should be stored in drums or other suitable containers. It should be sealed and recycled or disposed at an appropriate disposal site.</li> <li>• Hazardous waste should not be burnt.</li> <li>• Bunding, concrete slabs and/or other protective measures should be installed where hazardous materials are handled.</li> <li>• Ensure that the staff are informed and have information pertaining to the management of spills or ingestion.</li> </ul>	

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
<p>b. Prevent diesel and oil spills during operation and maintenance and ensure adequate clean up.</p>	<p>Concrete, diesel and oil spills and inadequate clean up.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean up concrete, fuel and oil spills immediately.</li> <li>• Clean small oil or fuel spills with an approved/appropriate absorbent material.</li> <li>• Contain oil or fuel spills in water using an approved oil absorbent fibre.</li> <li>• In cases where oil spills cannot be cleaned up immediately, monitor seepage into deeper soils and groundwater.</li> <li>• Do not bury polluted soil, but rather dispose it at an appropriate dump site.</li> <li>• Provide bunding at fuel storage and transfer sites. The bunding should be big enough to contain 110% of the volume of the tank. Where a bund wall encloses a group of tanks, the bund wall must be able to contain 110% of the volume of the largest tank in the group. Tanks must stand on a concrete slab, or otherwise have a sealed, base in order to prevent the leakage of contaminants into the soil.</li> </ul>	<p>Checks to prevent and minimise oil and diesel spills and to ensure adequate clean up should spills occur.</p> <p>Frequency: Daily throughout the operation period.</p> <p>Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.</p>

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
c. Waste Management	Littering (Litter such as paper, plastic etc. can be blown away into the surrounding environment).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No littering will be allowed. The operation and maintenance areas will be kept free of waste at all times. All maintenance sites will be cleaned on a daily basis before leaving the site.</li> <li>• Provide sufficient waste bins at worksites. Make sure that all waste is removed from the worksites.</li> <li>• Bins should be placed in pairs to ensure that one is always present while the other is being emptied.</li> <li>• Areas likely to generate higher quantities of waste shall be equipped with additional bins.</li> <li>• Refuse bins must be stable, i.e. cannot be tipped by animals, and have scavenger and baboon proof lids.</li> <li>• Make sure that the bins are covered so that plastic bags, paper etc. are not blown away.</li> <li>• Make sure that the bins are regularly emptied and the waste taken to an appropriate waste dumpsite.</li> <li>• The central waste storage vessel shall be emptied weekly or as necessary.</li> </ul>	<p>Checks to ensure that litter is disposed of correctly in bins provided.</p> <p>Frequency: Daily, at the end of the work day.</p> <p>Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.</p>

**Table 3: Workshops, Vehicle and Equipment Management Table**

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
a. Appropriate storage of machinery, vehicles, and materials.	Inappropriate storage of machinery, vehicles and materials may result in the possible damage/disturbance of nearby undisturbed environments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Store machinery, vehicles and materials only in demarcated areas.</li> <li>• Do not leave machinery and equipment standing around if not in use.</li> <li>• Do not store machinery, vehicles, or materials in undisturbed or rehabilitating areas</li> </ul>	<p>Regular inspection to ensure that machinery, vehicles, and equipment are stored in designated areas.</p> <p>Frequency: Daily.</p> <p>Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.</p>
b. Minimize the leakage of fuels and lubricants from vehicles and equipment.	The use of vehicles and equipment that may leak fuel and lubricants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only service machinery and vehicles in designated areas.</li> <li>• Regularly check your vehicle for fuel and oil leaks.</li> <li>• Maintain vehicles and equipment in good conditions through regular and thorough servicing.</li> <li>• Inform the Foreman of leaking vehicles and machinery so that he can schedule repairs.</li> <li>• Only refuel on the bund created for that purpose.</li> <li>• Immediately clean any accidental fuel and oil spills – do not hose spills into the natural environment.</li> <li>• Dispose of contaminated soil as hazardous waste in the correct location on site.</li> </ul>	<p>Visual inspection to ensure that vehicles and equipment are in excellent condition and also to ensure that there is no leakage of fuels and lubricants.</p> <p>Frequency: Daily.</p> <p>Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.</p>

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a mobile fuel bowser is used, then all refuelling shall occur with appropriate measures in place to prevent spillages (drip trays, funnels, non-dripping dispensing nozzles etc.)</li> <li>• All mobile fuel browsers shall carry a spill kit that is adequately sized to contain at least a 200 litre spill.</li> <li>• Train staff in the correct procedure/technique to transfer fuels.</li> <li>• Make sure all vehicles are roadworthy. Repair faulty brakes, exhausts etc. immediately.</li> <li>• Fire extinguishers shall be present whenever undertaking any form of hot work, i.e. welding, gas cutting, angle grinding, etc.</li> </ul>	

**Table 4: Health and Safety Management Table**

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
a. Minimise the risk of HIV infection and the increase of STI's.	Risk of HIV infection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide an AIDS awareness programme to all the staff.</li> </ul>	<p>Verify that an awareness and education programme on the risks of HIV/AIDS and recommended preventative measures has been conducted.</p> <p>Frequency: Monthly</p> <p>Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.</p>
b. Minimise the occurrence of injuries.	Injuries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make sure that all staff are equipped and know how to use safety and protective gear. This includes hard hats, goggles, hearing protectors, dusk masks, steel-toed shoes etc.</li> <li>Keep a comprehensive first aid kit at the scheme offices and at maintenance sites.</li> <li>Establish an emergency rescue system for evacuation of serious injured people.</li> <li>Emergency procedures for accidents should be communicated to all employees.</li> </ul>	<p>Checks to ensure that correct procedures are followed and that protective clothing are worn at all times during scheme operations and maintenance.</p> <p>Frequency: Check weekly.</p> <p>Responsible Person: Scheme Supervisor.</p>

Objectives	Potential Impact	Management Action	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dangerous areas must be clearly marked and access to these areas controlled or restricted.</li> <li>• Good driving and adherence to safety rules will result in a minimum number of road and workplace accidents.</li> <li>• Fire extinguishers must be available at all refuelling sites. Staff should be trained to handle such equipment.</li> <li>• Nobody is allowed to dispose a burning or smouldering object in an area where it may cause the ignition of a fire.</li> <li>• Hazardous substances must be kept in adequately protected areas to avoid soil, air or water pollution.</li> <li>• Work areas, such as these for the maintenance of equipment, must be on concrete slabs.</li> <li>• Explosives should be stored according to the prescribed regulations.</li> </ul>	

## 9. SITE CLOSURE AND REHABILITATION

Rehabilitation is the process of returning the land in a given area that has been disturbed by operation and maintenance to its original state, or an otherwise determined state. Many projects, if not all, will result in the land becoming degraded to some extent. However, with proper rehabilitation most impacts associated with the operation and maintenance of the scheme and pipelines, could be mitigated and restored to an acceptable level. Poorly rehabilitated areas provide a difficult legacy issue for governments, communities and companies, and ultimately tarnish the reputation of companies as a whole.

Objectives of proper site closure and rehabilitation include the following:

- Reduction or elimination of the need for a long-term management program to control and minimise the long-term environmental impacts;
- Clean-up, treatment or restoration of contaminated areas (e.g., soils contaminated by oil or fuel spills, concrete spills, etc.). Excavation of contaminated material and disposal thereof in an acceptable manner.

Rehabilitation measures to implement:

- a. A site inspection will be held quarterly by the scheme supervisor after every maintenance work during operation of the scheme. Rehabilitation will be done to the satisfaction of the ENV section and MEFT.
- b. Frequent inspections of the scheme and effective follow-up procedures, to prevent minor defects from becoming major repair jobs.
- c. Make sure all soil polluted during maintenance work is properly stored in drums and removed to an appropriate waste dump.
- d. Make sure all windblown litter is removed once maintenance has seized.
- e. Make sure that all potential hazards (i.e., the sewerage pit) are properly closed and left in a safe and neat position.

Rehabilitation will be completed when the above have been achieved.



## 10. NAMWATER ENVIRONMENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT

### **What is an Environmental Code of Conduct?**

It is a set of rules that everybody has to follow in order to minimise damage to the environment.

### **What is the ENVIRONMENT?**

The ENVIRONMENT means the surroundings within which people live. The ENVIRONMENT is made up of the **soil, water, plants, and animals** and those characteristics of the soil, water, air, and plant and animal life that influence **human health and well-being**. **People and all human activities** are also part of the environment and have to be considered during the operation of the Scheme.

### **Do these ENVIRONMENTAL RULES apply to me?**

YES, The Environmental Rules apply to EVERYBODY. This includes all permanent, contract, or temporary workers as well as any other person who visits the Scheme. Every person will be required to adhere to the Environmental Code of Conduct.

### **ALL PERSONNEL must study and keep to the Environmental Code of Conduct**

The SCHEME SUPERVISOR will issue warnings and will discipline ANY PERSON who breaks any of the Environmental Rules. Repeated and continued breaking of the Rules will result in a disciplinary enquiry and which may result in that person being asked to leave the Scheme permanently.

### **What if I do not understand the ENVIRONMENTAL RULES?**

ASK FOR ADVICE, if any member of the WORKFORCE does not understand, or does not know how to keep any of the Environmental Rules, that person must seek advice from the SCHEME SUPERVISOR. The PERSON that does not understand must keep asking until he/she is able to keep to all the Environmental Rules.

### **Safety and Security**

1. Only enter and exit roadways and construction areas at demarcated entrances.
2. Wear protective clothing and equipment as per signboards at the Scheme and according to instructions from your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
3. Report to your SCHEME SUPERVISOR if you see a stranger or unauthorised person in the construction area.

4. Never enter any area that is out of bounds or that is demarcated as dangerous without permission of your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
5. Never climb over any fence or enter private property without permission of the landowner or your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
6. Do not remove any vehicle, machinery, equipment, or any other object from the maintenance site without the permission of your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
7. Keep clear of blasting sites. Follow the instructions of your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
8. Never enter or work in the Scheme while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances.
9. All staff should know the emergency procedures in case of accidents.

### **Waste Disposal**

10. Learn the difference between different types of waste, namely:
  - general waste, and
  - hazardous waste.

Containers will be provided for different types of wastes.

**General Waste includes waste paper, plastic, cardboard, harmless organic (e.g., Vegetables) and domestic waste**

**Hazardous Waste includes objects, liquids or gases that are potentially dangerous or harmful to any person or the environment. Sewage, fuel, tyres, diesel, oils, hydraulic and brake fluid, paints, solvents, acids, soaps and detergents, resins, old batteries, etc. are all potentially hazardous.**

11. Learn how to identify the containers for the different types of wastes. Only throw general waste into containers, bins or drums provided for general waste.
12. Recycle drums, pallets and other containers.
13. Never bury or burn any waste on site, all waste is to be disposed in allocated refuse disposal containers, bins or bags.
14. Never overfill any waste container. Inform your SCHEME SUPERVISOR if you notice a container that is nearly full.
15. Do not litter.
16. Do not bury litter or rubbish in the backfill trench.

### **Plants and Animals**

17. **Do not ever pick any plants, or catch any animal.** People caught with plants or animals in their possession will be handed to the authorities for prosecution.
18. Never feed, tease, play with, or set devices to trap any animal or livestock. Wild animals are not to be domesticated.
19. Keep off the rock outcrops unless given specific permission by the SCHEME SUPERVISOR to be there.
20. Never cut down any tree or branches for firewood.
21. Never leave rubbish or food scraps or bones where it will attract animals, birds, or insects.
22. Rubbish must be thrown into allocated waste disposal bins/bags.
23. Always close the gates behind you.

### **Preventing Pollution**

24. Only work with hazardous materials in bunded areas.
25. Never discard any hazardous substances such as fuel, oil, paint, solvent, etc. into stream channels or onto the ground. Never allow any hazardous substances to soak into the soil.
26. Clean up spills immediately.
27. Immediately report to your SCHEME SUPERVISOR when you spill, or notice any hazardous substance overflow, leak or drip or spill on site, into the streambeds or along the road.
28. Immediately report to your SCHEME SUPERVISOR when you notice any container, which holds hazardous substances overflow, leak or drip. Spillage must be prevented.
29. Only wash vehicles, equipment and machinery, containers and other surfaces at work site areas designated by your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
30. Do not change oil on uncovered surfaces.
31. If you are not sure how to transport, store, use, or get rid of any hazardous substances ask your SCHEME SUPERVISOR for advice.

### **Health**

32. Drink lots of clean water every day.
33. Use toilets that have been provided.
34. Take the necessary precautions to avoid contracting HIV / AIDS. Condoms are available at most Clinics.
35. Inform your SCHEME SUPERVISOR when you are sick.
36. Do not work with any machinery when you are sick.
37. If you are working in malaria areas, you must take the necessary precautions.

### **Dust Control**

38. Do not make any new roads or clear any vegetation unless instructed to do so by your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
39. Keep to established tracks and pathways.
40. Keep within demarcated work areas.

### **Saving Water**

41. Always use as little water as possible. Reduce, re-use and recycle water.
42. Never leave taps or hose pipes running. Close all taps after use.
43. Report any dripping or leaking taps and pipes to your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.

### **Working Hours**

44. You may only work on weekends and after hours with the consent of the SCHEME SUPERVISOR.

### **Archaeological and Cultural Objects**

45. If you find any archaeological, cultural, historical or pre-historical object on the maintenance site you must immediately notify your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
46. Never remove, destroy, or disturb any cultural, historical, or pre- historical object on site.

**Cultural and Historical Objects include old buildings, graves or burial sites, milestones, old coins, beads, pottery and military objects.**

**Pre-Historical objects include fossils and old bones, old human skeletal remains, pieces of pottery and old tools and implements.**

### **Sensible Driving**

47. Tracks and roads should be kept to a minimum. Where possible follow existing roads.
48. No off-road driving is allowed.
49. Never drive any vehicle without a valid licence for that vehicle class and do not drive any vehicle that is not road-worthy.
50. Never drive any vehicle when under the influence of alcohol.
51. **Always** keep your headlights on when driving on dusty roads.

52. Keep to the roads as specified by your SCHEME SUPERVISOR. Vehicles may only be driven on demarcated construction roads. Drivers should always use three points turns, “u-turns” are not allowed. Do not cut corners.
53. Do not drive on rocky outcrops.

### **Noise**

54. Keep noise levels as low as possible.
55. Do not operate noisy equipment outside normal working hours.

### **Fire Control**

56. Do not make open fires, use a drum or tin and do not collect any vegetation to burn.
57. Do not smoke or make fires near refuelling depots or any other area where fuel, oil, solvents, or paints are used or stored. Fireplaces should be at a safe distance from fuel and explosive storage sites as well as vehicle parking sites.
58. Cigarette butts should always be thrown in allocated refuse bins. Make sure that the cigarette butt is out before throwing it into the bin.
59. Immediately notify your SCHEME SUPERVISOR if you see an unsupervised fire at the campsite or maintenance site.

### **Dealing with Environmental Complaints**

60. If you have any complaint about dangerous working conditions or potential pollution to the environment, talk to your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.
61. If any person complains to you about noise, lights, littering, pollution, or any harmful or dangerous condition, immediately report this to your SCHEME SUPERVISOR.

**Jolanda Kamburona**

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**Cell: 081 144 1528**

**or**

**Fillemon Aupokolo**

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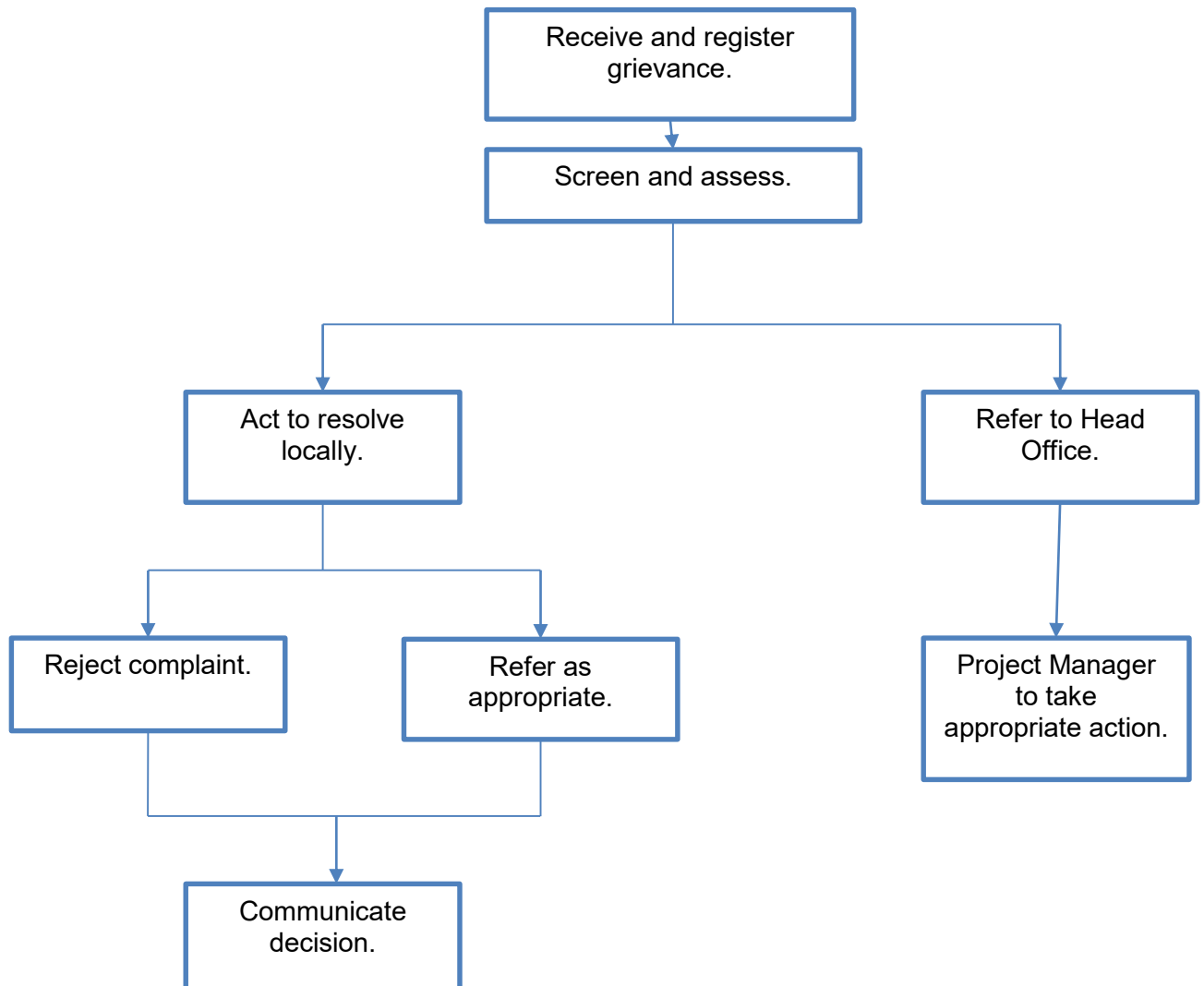
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## GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

All grievances should be submitted through the completion of the grievance registration form as presented below and submitted to the Scheme Supervisor during the construction phase and to the Scheme Superintendent during the operation and maintenance phase.



**Figure 4: Grievance response procedure**

Upon receipt of the registered grievance forms, the Scheme Supervisor shall screen and assess to either act to solve the grievance locally or refer it to head office. If the grievance is referred to the head office, the line manager should decide. If the grievance is to be solved locally, it should either be rejected or handled appropriately of which the decision should be communicated to the aggrieved person.

## GRIEVANCE REGISTRATION

Grievance Registration	
Case No:	Date:
Name of complainant:	Cell no:
	Email address:
Details of grievance: (Date, location, persons involved, frequency of occurrence, effects of ensuing situation, etc)	
Name of person recording grievance:	Cell number:
Proposed date of response:	
Signature of recording person:	Signature of complainant:
Date of redress:	