Environmental & Social Impact Assessment Report (ESIAR)

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Development of a Net Zero Industrial Park: Environmental & Social Impact Assessment for the Solar Energy Facility at Arandis Townlands, Erongo Region, Namibia

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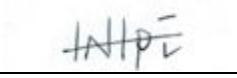
Megameno Hamukwaya	Environmental Practitioner	

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Environmental & Social Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)

Introduction

This report presents the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report (ESIA) for the **Development of a Solar Energy Facility** within the Net Zero Industrial Park at Arandis Townlands 170, Erongo Region, Namibia. The ESIA is prepared in accordance with the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007) and specifically Regulation No. 29, Section 21.

Project Description

Afri-Track Namibia Holdings (Pty) Ltd, a company operating under the name Zero Carbon Namibia, is proposing a significant development in the Arandis Townlands area, Erongo Region, Namibia. This project aims to create a completely sustainable industrial park powered by renewable energy sources.

The key elements of the project include:

- **Clean Energy Generation:** Construction of a modern **solar and wind power plant** with a capacity of up to 150 megawatts (MW). This plant will utilize wind and solar energy to generate clean and renewable electricity.
- **Multi-Industry Facility:** Establishment of an industrial park designed to house various businesses.
- **Net Zero Emissions Goal:** The entire development, including the power plant and industrial park, is designed to achieve net zero emissions. This means the project will operate without releasing harmful greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

The Solar Energy Facility is a pivotal component of the Net Zero Industrial Park, contributing to the overall sustainability and efficiency of the project. This development will:

- Support the park's energy needs.
- Enhance Namibia's capabilities in green energy and sustainable practices.
- Contribute to job creation and economic growth in the Arandis region.

An Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) was conducted to thoroughly evaluate the potential environmental and social effects linked to both the construction and operation of the **Solar Energy Facility**.

Stakeholder Engagement

This report is submitted for the Environmental Commissioner's review and subsequent approval.

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Title:

Development of a Net Zero Industrial Park: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for the Solar Energy Facility at Arandis Townlands, Erongo Region, Namibia

Purpose:

This report is intended for all registered and potentially interested parties (I&APs). It serves as the first document in a series related to the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (EISA) process for the Net Zero Industrial Park project developed by Afri-Track Namibia Holdings (Pty) Ltd, trading as Zero Carbon Namibia (ZCN).

EISA Process:

This EISA process involved a series of reports available for public comment, including:

- Draft Scoping Report
- Draft Environmental & Social Impact Assessment Report
- Draft Environmental & Social Management Programme
- Final Environmental & Social Impact Assessment Report

The EISA process aims to achieve the following objectives through stakeholder consultation:

1. **Identify and Assess Impacts:** Evaluate potential environmental and social consequences (both positive and negative) arising from the project.
2. **Engage Stakeholders:** Involve affected communities, relevant authorities, and other stakeholders to gather their input and address concerns.
3. **Mitigate Negative Impacts:** Develop strategies to avoid, minimize, or lessen any identified negative environmental and social impacts.
4. **Enhance Positive Impacts:** Identify opportunities to maximize the project's positive effects on the environment and local communities.
5. **Ensure Compliance:** Guarantee the project adheres to all applicable environmental and social regulations, standards, and guidelines.
6. **Promote Sustainable Development:** Integrate environmental and social considerations into project planning and decision-making to support sustainable development.
7. **Improve Project Design:** Provide recommendations to refine the project's design and implementation for better environmental and social outcomes.
8. **Monitor and Manage Impacts:** Establish a framework to monitor and manage environmental and social impacts throughout the project lifecycle.

Public Review Period:

The Public Review period ran from mid-June to late July, 2024.

Additional Information:

- An application for the proposed development has been submitted online to the Department of Environmental Affairs within the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism (MEFT).

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Date:

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PROJECT LOCATION

Specific Location

The proposed Development of a Solar energy facility will be situated within the Arandis Townlands of the Erongo Region, Namibia. The site is located near several key landmarks:

- Monument Regimental Badges
- Business Multi Service
- TransNamib Railway Line (confirmed by nearby presence)
- B2 Road (confirmed to be near the site)

The surrounding area is characterized by a desert landscape with limited surface water and sparse vegetation. Mountains are visible in the background, indicating some variation in topography.

Geographic Coordinates

- Latitude: -22.4798814
- Longitude: 14.9048488

General Description

- Elevation: Approximately 368.83 meters above sea level

Proximity to Nearby Locations:

- Arandis Town: Approximately 10.1 kilometers
- Swakopmund: Approximately 45.9 kilometers
- Rossing Uranium Mine: Approximately 32.6 kilometers

Environmental Characteristics:

- Arid desert environment with minimal observed vegetation or fauna.
- An extensive ecological survey was conducted to definitively characterize the existing flora and fauna within the project site. This survey, along with any other specialist studies deemed necessary, inform the environmental impact assessment.
- Rugged terrain

Infrastructure:

- Adjacent to the TransNamib Railway line
- Located near the B2 Road

Estimated Site Area:

525 hectares for the whole Development of a Net Zero Industrial Park, with the Region, Namibia, with about 100 hectares dedicated to the solar energy facility.

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Abbreviation	Full Form	Explanation
AC	Alternating Current	An electric current that periodically reverses direction.
ATC	Arandis Town Council	The local governing body responsible for the administration of Arandis Town.
BID	Background Information Document	A document providing key information about a project to stakeholders during the EIA process.
BREEAM	Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method	A leading sustainability assessment method for infrastructure and buildings.
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism	A framework under the Kyoto Protocol allowing emission-reduction projects in developing countries to earn certified emission reduction credits.
CPM	Critical Path Method	A project modeling technique used in project management to identify essential tasks and their timelines.
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility	A company's commitment to manage the social, environmental, and economic effects of its operations responsibly.
DBSA	Development Bank of Southern Africa	A development finance institution wholly owned by the government of South Africa.
DC	Direct Current	An electric current flowing in one direction only.
ECC	Environmental Clearance Certificate	A certificate issued by the relevant authority granting permission to proceed with a project following an EIA.
ECG	Erongo Consulting Group	A consulting firm involved in the project development and EIA process.
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment	A process of evaluating the likely environmental impacts of a proposed project.
EIAR	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report	A comprehensive report detailing the environmental and social impacts of a proposed project.
EIR	Environmental Impact Report	A document detailing the likely environmental impacts of a proposed project and measures to mitigate them.
EMA	Environmental Management Act, 2007	Namibian legislation governing environmental management and assessments.
EMP	Environmental Management Plan	A detailed plan developed to ensure the environmental objectives of a project are met.
ERC	Erongo Regional Council	The regional authority for the Erongo region in Namibia.
Erongo RED	Erongo Regional Electricity Distribution Supplier	The primary electricity distribution company for the Erongo region in Namibia.
ESIA	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment	An assessment process that evaluates the environmental and social effects of a proposed project.
ESMP	Environmental and Social Management Plan	A plan outlining how identified environmental and social impacts will be managed and mitigated throughout the project lifecycle.
GIS	Geographic Information System	A system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present spatial or geographic data.

GHG	Greenhouse Gases	Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere, contributing to global warming.
HAWTs	Horizontal-Axis Wind Turbines	Wind turbines where the rotor shaft is parallel to the ground.
HVAC	Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	Systems used to regulate indoor environmental comfort.
IAIA	International Association for Impact Assessment	An international organization for the impact assessment community.
I&APs	Interested and Affected Parties	Stakeholders who are interested in or affected by a project.
IISR	Institute for Impact Sciences and Research Design	A partner organization involved in the project development and EIA process.
IPP	Independent Power Producer	A private entity that generates electricity for sale to utilities and end users.
ISO	International Organization for Standardization	An independent, non-governmental international organization that develops standards to ensure quality, safety, efficiency, and interoperability.
LED	Light Emitting Diode	A highly energy-efficient lighting technology.
MEAs	Multilateral Environmental Agreements	Treaties between three or more countries regarding environmental issues.
MEFT	Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism	The Namibian governmental body responsible for environmental management and tourism.
MME	Ministry of Mines and Energy	The Namibian governmental body responsible for overseeing the mining and energy sectors.
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	Documents that provide information on the properties of chemical products to ensure safe handling and use.
NamPower	Namibia Power Corporation	The national electricity utility company of Namibia.
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations	Independent organizations that are not part of the government and typically operate on a non-profit basis.
PPP	Public-Private Partnership	A cooperative arrangement between one or more public and private sectors, typically of a long-term nature.
PV	Photovoltaic	Technology that converts sunlight directly into electricity.
REIPPPP	Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme	A South African initiative to procure renewable energy from private producers.
SADC	Southern African Development Community	An inter-governmental organization aimed at promoting socio-economic cooperation and integration among Southern African states.
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals	A collection of 17 global goals set by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 for the year 2030.
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment	A systematic decision support process aiming to ensure that environmental and possibly other sustainability aspects are considered effectively in policy, plan, and program making.
ToR	Terms of Reference	A document specifying the scope and framework for conducting an EIA or other assessment processes.
TransNamib	TransNamib Holdings Limited	The state-owned railway company of Namibia.
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme	A program of the United Nations responsible for coordinating responses to environmental issues.

UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	An international environmental treaty to combat climate change.
VAWTs	Vertical-Axis Wind Turbines	Wind turbines where the rotor shaft is perpendicular to the ground.
WHO	World Health Organization	A specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for international public health.
ZCN	Zero Carbon Namibia	The company developing a multi-industry facility within the Arandis Townlands in the Erongo Region, Namibia.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project Overview

Afri-Track Namibia Holdings (Pty) Ltd t/a Zero Carbon Namibia, a Namibian company, is developing a cutting-edge, multi-industry facility within the Arandis Townlands, Erongo Region, Namibia. This project aims to create a sustainable industrial park powered by renewable energy sources.

This Report provides an overview of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the **Solar Energy Facility**, which is part of the Net Zero Industrial Park project by Afri-Track Namibia Holdings (Pty) Ltd t/a Zero Carbon Namibia. The ESIA is essential for assessing the environmental impacts of the solar energy facility, ensuring compliance with regulations, and integrating sustainable practices into the project.

Project Description

A **state-of-the-art solar power plant** with a capacity of up to 150 MW will be constructed to generate clean and renewable electricity for the facility.

Additional facilities include a Green Hydrogen production facility, a Green Ammonia/Green Hydrogen export facility, and a **locomotive and wagon workshop**.

Project Location

The project site is situated within the Erongo Region of Namibia, specifically under the Arandis Townlands. The area is characterized by a desert landscape with limited surface water and sparse vegetation.

Objectives of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The primary objectives of the ESIA for this project include:

- **Assessment of Environmental Impacts:**
    - Detailed Assessments: Specific focus on potential environmental impacts related to the construction and operation of the **solar energy facility**, including waste generation, emissions, and resource consumption.
    - Impact Evaluation: Analysis of impacts on local ecology, air quality, noise levels, and other environmental factors.
    - Mitigation Measures: Development of strategies to minimize adverse impacts and enhance positive effects.
    - Reporting: Preparation of a comprehensive ESIA report detailing findings, methodologies, and stakeholder feedback.
- **Social Impact Analysis:**

    - Analyze potential social impacts on local communities, including job creation, displacement, and changes in land use resulting from the **solar energy facility**.
    - Evaluate community perceptions and attitudes towards the project and its implications for their quality of life.
- **Mitigation Strategies Development:**
    - Develop effective mitigation strategies to minimize adverse environmental and social impacts identified during the assessment.
    - Propose measures for managing and monitoring the impacts associated with the **operation of the solar energy facility**.
- **Compliance with Legal and Regulatory Framework:**
    - Ensure the project adheres to relevant environmental laws, regulations, and policies at the national and local levels.
    - Identify necessary permits and approvals required for the successful implementation of the **solar energy facility**.
- **Evaluation of Renewable Energy Potential:**
    - Explore the integration of renewable energy technologies within the overall operational framework of the **solar energy facility**.
- **Stakeholder Engagement and Public Participation:**
    - Facilitate meaningful engagement with stakeholders, including local communities, government agencies, and environmental organizations, to gather input and concerns about the project.
    - Promote transparency and inclusivity throughout the ESIA process to build community support and trust.
- **Long-Term Sustainability Considerations:**
    - Evaluate the long-term sustainability of the proposed development in terms of economic viability, environmental stewardship, and social responsibility.
    - Consider potential future impacts of climate change and resource availability on project operations and sustainability.
- **Knowledge Transfer and Capacity Building:**
    - Identify opportunities for knowledge transfer and capacity building among local communities, with a focus on solar energy technologies and sustainable practices.

Scope of Work

The project involved a comprehensive Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) to evaluate potential environmental and social effects throughout the project lifecycle (construction, operation, decommissioning).

Public Engagement

The project team was committed to open communication with the Arandis community and other relevant stakeholders. Opportunities for public participation include:

- Public meetings
- Comment and response forms
- Dedicated project social media page

Project Timeline

The development is a multi-stage project with an ongoing commitment to community engagement. The current stage focuses on planning and development, including securing permits including the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC), conducting the ESIA, and finalizing project designs.

Conclusion

This project has the potential to significantly benefit the Arandis region by:

- Creating job opportunities and stimulating economic growth.
- Promoting a more sustainable future.
- Contributing to Namibia's sustainable development goals.

Afri-Track Namibia Holdings (Pty) Ltd, through the EAP, encourages active participation and feedback from the community.

1 INTRODUCTION

This document outlines the details of the Afri-Track Namibia Holdings (Pty) Ltd project, Development of a Net Zero Industrial Park: Environmental Impact Assessment for the Solar Energy Facility at Arandis Townlands, Erongo Region, Namibia.

1.1 Project Objectives

- **Assessment of Environmental Impacts:**
  - Examine potential environmental impacts arising from both the construction and operation phases of the **Solar Energy Facility**. This includes analyzing waste management, emissions, and resource usage.
  - Evaluate how the **Solar Energy Facility** may affect local ecosystems, air and water quality, noise levels, and overall environmental health.
  - Develop strategies to mitigate identified environmental impacts and enhance positive outcomes.
- **Social Impact Analysis:**
  - Investigate potential social impacts on the local community, such as job creation, displacement effects, and changes in land use resulting from the **Solar Energy Facility**.
  - Assess how the **Solar Energy Facility** might affect community attitudes and quality of life, ensuring that local voices are heard and considered.
- **Mitigation Measures:**
  - Develop detailed strategies to address and minimize both environmental and social impacts associated with the **Solar Energy Facility**.
  - Propose systems for ongoing monitoring and management of impacts throughout the **Solar Energy Facility's** lifecycle.
- **Legal and Regulatory Compliance:**
  - Ensure compliance with national and local environmental regulations and policies.
  - Identify and secure all necessary permits and approvals required for the **Solar Energy Facility's** development and operation.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:**
  - Engage with stakeholders, including local communities, governmental bodies, and environmental organizations, to gather input and address concerns.
  - Maintain transparency and inclusivity throughout the ESIA process to build community support and trust.
- **Sustainability Considerations:**
  - Assess the long-term sustainability of the **Solar Energy Facility** in terms of economic viability, environmental stewardship, and social impact.
  - Evaluate potential future impacts related to climate change and resource availability on project operations and sustainability.
- **Knowledge Transfer and Capacity Building:**
  - Identify opportunities for knowledge transfer and capacity building within the local community, ensuring benefits from the **Solar Energy Facility's** operations.

1.2 Project Components and Infrastructure

The Afri-Track Namibia Holdings (Pty) Ltd project will encompass various key components and infrastructure elements:

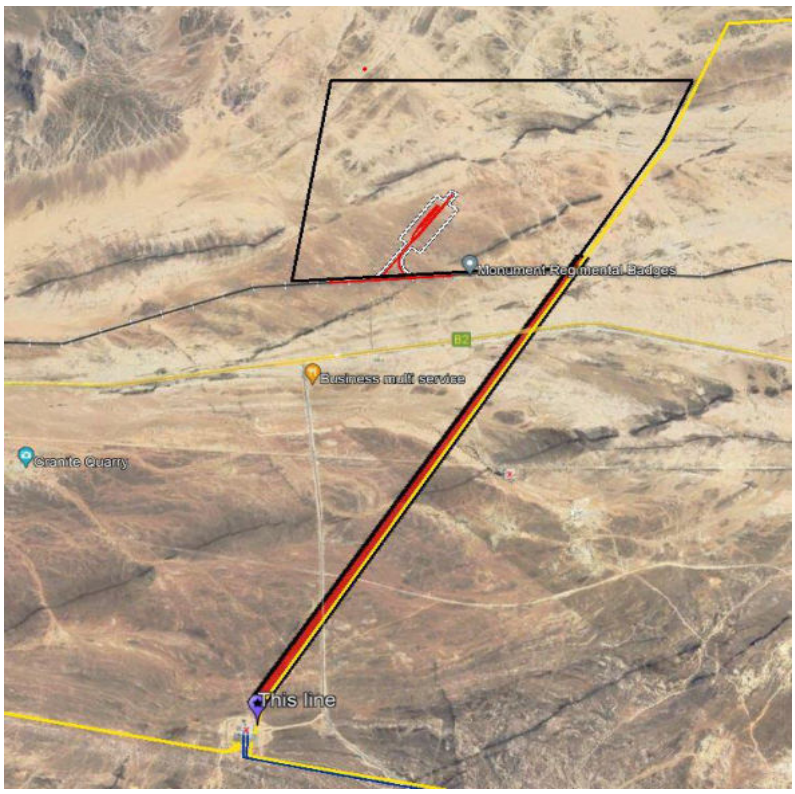
1.2.1 Solar Energy Facility

- **Solar Panels:** Installation of solar panels to capture solar energy and convert it into electricity.
- **Inverters:** Equipment to convert DC power from the solar panels into AC power for grid connection.
- **Energy Storage:** Potential inclusion of battery storage systems to store excess energy for later use.
- **Supporting Infrastructure:** Grid connection, electrical substations, and other necessary components.

1.3 Site Selection Process

- **Land Zoning:** The site is currently zoned as "undetermined" within the portion of Arandis Townland 170. This zoning status implies that the land use is not yet defined, which may allow for flexibility in its development for industrial purposes.
- **Access:** The site is accessible and can accommodate the infrastructure needs of the **Solar Energy Facility**.
- **Landowner Support:** The Arandis Town Council, as the landowner, has expressed support for the project. This is documented through consent letters and is crucial in facilitating development.

Figure 1: Site Location in relation to existing landmarks, infrastructure, etc. (Courtesy, Google Maps, ZCN 2024)



1.4 Consideration of Alternatives

- **Layout Alternatives:** Refine a single layout within the chosen site to maximize efficiency, considering specialist input (e.g., avifaunal and biodiversity studies) and stakeholder engagement.
- **Access Route Alternatives:** Evaluate three viable access road options bordering the site, considering traffic flow and oversized vehicle constraints.
- **No-Go Alternative:** Evaluate the implications of not proceeding with the project, including missed opportunities for job creation, economic development, and clean energy benefits in Namibia.

1.5 Project Schedule

The development of the **Solar Energy Facility** within the Net Zero Industrial Park will be executed in a phased approach, each focusing on distinct project milestones:

Phase 1 (Year 1): Pre-construction Activities

- Finalize Project Design and Engineering Plans
- Obtain Necessary Permits and Approvals
- Secure Project Financing
- Pre-qualify and Select Contractors

Phase 2 (Year 2-3): Construction

- Site Preparation and Groundwork
- Construction of the Solar Energy Facility
- Installation of Utilities and Infrastructure

Phase 3 (Year 4): Project Completion and Handover

- Commissioning and Testing
- Recruitment of Staff
- Official Opening Ceremony and Handover

1.6 Project Team

The Afri-Track Namibia Holdings (Pty) Ltd **Solar Energy Facility** project requires a diverse team of experts. Here's a table outlining some of the key players involved:

Table 1: key players involved in the Project

Role	Entity	Responsibilities
Project Owner	Afri-Track Namibia Holdings (Pty) Ltd	Provides overall direction and management, secures financing, and ensures alignment with Namibia's development goals.
Lead Engineer	(To Be Appointed)	Oversees design and engineering of the **Solar Energy Facility**, ensuring technical feasibility and regulatory compliance.

Environmental Consultant	Erongo Consulting Group	Conducts ESIA, recommends mitigation measures for environmental and social impacts.
Solar Energy Specialists	(To Be Appointed)	Design and construct the **Solar Energy Facility**, ensuring it meets industry standards for renewable energy generation.
Construction Contractors	(To Be Selected Through Bidding)	Physically construct the **Solar Energy Facility**, adhering to approved designs, quality standards, and safety regulations.
Regulatory Bodies	Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Ministry of Works and Transport	Ensure compliance with environmental, energy, and transportation regulations.
Local Stakeholders	Arandis Community, Businesses	Engage with local communities and businesses to address concerns and explore job creation opportunities.
Financial Institutions	(To Be Announced)	Provide financial support for the **Solar Energy Facility** and conduct due diligence on financial viability.

2 POLICY, LEGAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK

This chapter outlines the essential policy, legal, and administrative framework that will guide the successful development and operation of the Net Zero Industrial Park: Locomotive and Wagon Workshop at Arandis Townlands, Erongo Region, Namibia. The framework encompasses national and local environmental laws, international standards and guidelines, and any specific requirements of potential financing partner.

2.1 National and Local Environmental Laws

Namibia boasts a well-established legal framework for environmental protection and sustainable development. Here's a breakdown of some key national environmental laws and regulations likely applicable to the Net Zero Industrial Park:

Table 2: Namibian Legislation and Potential Relevance

Legislation	Description	Potential Relevance
Constitution of the Republic of Namibia (Articles 91(c) & 95(l))	Establishes the Ombudsman's role in environmental issues. Mandates the State to promote environmental sustainability and responsible utilization of natural resources.	• The EIA process should address potential environmental concerns raised by the public through established channels. • The project should strive for sustainable practices throughout construction and operation, minimizing environmental impact. This aligns with the constitution's mandate for environmental responsibility.
Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007)	Sets principles for environmental decision-making. Requires EIAs for development projects. Promotes public participation in environmental matters.	• The project will require a comprehensive EIA to assess and mitigate potential environmental and social impacts, following the act's requirements. • Public participation opportunities should be provided throughout the EIA process to ensure transparency and address community concerns.
Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Act, 1976 (Act No. 45 of 1976)	Regulates air pollution prevention and control.	• Construction dust and potential industrial emissions need to comply.
Water Act, 1956 (Act No. 54 of 1956)	Governs water resource management and use.	• Water conservation strategies are crucial in an arid region. May require permits for water usage.
Waste Management Act, 2000 (Act No. 18 of 2000)	Regulates waste management practices.	• Construction and operational waste must be handled according to this legislation.
Parks and Wildlife Management Act, 1975 (Act No. 56 of 1975)	Protects wildlife and designated conservation areas.	• Depending on the project's location, this act may be relevant to ensure minimal disruption to wildlife and protected habitats.
Roads Act, 1972 (Act No. 57 of 1972)	Regulates construction and maintenance of roads.	• Access roads need to be built and maintained according to this act. Traffic impact assessments might be required.

Building Regulations	Establish standards for construction safety, accessibility, and fire safety.	• Design and construction need to comply with these regulations to ensure a safe working environment.
Occupational Health and Safety Act	Ensures a safe working environment for construction workers and park employees.	• Crucial for implementing safety protocols during construction and operation to prevent accidents and injuries.
Labour Act	Outlines employee rights, working conditions, and minimum wage requirements.	• The park's employment practices need to comply with labor laws to ensure fair treatment of workers.
Electricity Act, 2007	Regulates the energy sector in Namibia, including generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity.	• Depending on the project's energy sources and potential for on-site generation, compliance with this act might be necessary. • The act may also provide guidance on energy efficiency measures that align with the net zero goal.
Local Government Act, 1992 (Act No. 23 of 1992)	Defines the powers and functions of local authorities in Namibia.	• Consultation with the relevant local authority is crucial throughout the development process to obtain necessary permits and ensure alignment with local zoning regulations. • The local authority may also have a role in facilitating service provision (e.g., waste collection) to the park.
Road Traffic and Transport Act, 1999 (Act No. 22 of 1999)	Governs the regulation of traffic on public roads, the licensing of drivers, and the registration and licensing of vehicles.	• Depending on the transportation of materials or goods within the park, compliance with this act might be necessary for any vehicles used.
National Transportation Service Holding Company Act, 1998 (Act No. 28 of 1998)	Established the TransNamib - The Namibian Transport Corporation.	• Relevant since the project involves using Namibia's railway network for transportation of goods or materials. TransNamib might have regulations or requirements for such use.

2.2 Arandis Town Council's Sustainable Development Framework

Understanding Arandis's specific legislative framework for sustainable development is crucial. This ensures the project aligns with:

- **Zoning regulations**: Verifying the project's location aligns with designated land-use categories for educational institutions.
- **Long-term development vision:** Assessing the project's harmony with Arandis's long-term goals for sustainable growth.
- **Local governance procedures:** Following established processes for project approval and collaboration with the Town of Arandis.

***Table 3**: Arandis Municipal Specific Legislation*

Legislation	Description	Potential Relevance to the Project	Action Items
Arandis Town Planning Scheme	This scheme outlines zoning regulations and land-use designations	The project's location should be compliant with the zoning designated for the development	• Verify project site zoning compliance through the Arandis Town Council

	within Arandis Townlands	(institutional use in this case).	
The Strategic Plan (2019 – 2024) - Arandis Town Council	This plan provides a long-term vision for Arandis, including infrastructure, land use, and social development goals.	The project should be assessed for its alignment with the structure plan's vision and objectives.	• Evaluate the project against the goals and objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan (2019 – 2024) - Arandis Town Council
Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act No. 23 of 1992)	Defines the powers and functions of local authorities in Namibia. Establishes legal framework for Arandis Town Council's involvement (e.g., issuing building permits).	This act outlines procedures for development applications and approvals. Consultation and collaboration with the Town Council on various project aspects might be required, potentially including adherence to aesthetics guidelines.	• Familiarize with development application procedures established by the Town Council. • Initiate contact with the Town Council to discuss project details and potential consultation requirements, including architectural design.

2.3 Regional Considerations: Expanding the Project's Impact

The Development of a Net Zero Industrial Park can extend its positive impact beyond Namibia by considering the Southern African context. Here's an exploration of key regional frameworks and protocols:

Table 4: Regional Consideration

Institution/Protocol	Description	Potential Relevance
Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)	Provides financial support for development projects in Southern Africa.	• **DBSA Frameworks:** The DBSA has established Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies that set requirements for projects they finance. • These policies address issues like environmental and social impact assessments, stakeholder engagement, and labor practices. • The project's development process should ensure compliance with these safeguard policies.
SADC Protocol on Environment and Sustainable Development (2002)	Emphasizes environmental protection and sustainable development practices within the region.	• The project's environmental impact assessment (EIA) should demonstrate its commitment to aligning with SADC's environmental sustainability goals. • This might include considerations for water conservation, waste management, energy efficiency, and potential impacts on local ecosystems.

2.4 International Considerations: Expanding the Project's Global Impact

The Development of a Net Zero Industrial Park has the potential to transcend national borders by embracing a wider international context. Here's an exploration of key institutions, agreements, and frameworks that can shape the project's approach:

Table 5: United Nations (UN) - SDGs

Category	Institution/Agreement	Description	Potential Relevance
International Institutions	United Nations (UN) - SDGs	A global blueprint for sustainable development.	The project's design and operation should strive to align with relevant SDGs, particularly: • **SDG 7:** Affordable and Clean Energy • **SDG 8:** Decent Work and Economic Growth • **SDG 9:** Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure • **SDG 12:** Responsible Consumption and Production • **SDG 13:** Climate Action
			• Prioritize renewable energy sources and energy-efficient technologies. • Create sustainable jobs and promote responsible business practices. • Foster innovation in clean technologies and sustainable industrial practices. • Encourage sustainable waste management and resource use. • Minimize greenhouse gas emissions.
International Agreements	Rio Declaration on Environment and Development (1992)	Emphasizes sustainable development principles.	The project's EIA should demonstrate commitment to these principles, focusing on: • Responsible resource use. • Environmental protection throughout the park's lifecycle.
	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (1992)	Combats climate change.	The project's design and construction should consider:

	Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)	Depending on specific industries within the park, compliance with relevant MEAs might be necessary (e.g., Montreal Protocol, Basel Convention).	• Energy efficiency. • Maximizing use of renewable energy sources (aligns with Zero Carbon Namibia's wind and solar project). • Minimizing greenhouse gas emissions.
International Partnerships	Collaboration with international research institutions	Foster innovation in clean technologies and sustainable industrial practices relevant to the park's focus.	
	Knowledge sharing with developing countries	The Net Zero Industrial Park can serve as a model for sustainable development, offering opportunities to share knowledge and expertise.	

3 NET ZERO INDUSTRIAL PARK PROJECT PHASES AND TIMELINES

This chapter outlines the key stages, milestones, and estimated durations for developing the solar energy facility within the Net Zero Industrial Park. The timelines provided will guide stakeholders through the project's progression, from initial planning through to construction and operational readiness.

3.1 Project Phases

Table 6: Project Phases and Timelines

Phase	Duration	Key Activities
Pre-Development	(Months 1-6)	• Finalize scoping study • Conduct environmental impact assessment (EIA) • Obtain permits and approvals • Develop project design and engineering plans
Development	(Months 7-24)	• Prepare construction site • Construct solar energy facility infrastructure • Implement quality control and inspection procedures
Post-Construction	(Months 25-30)	• Test and commission solar energy systems • Establish operational procedures • Launch and initiate operations

Important Considerations

- **Duration Estimates**: The listed durations are approximate and may vary based on project complexity, funding, and unforeseen issues.
- **Buffer Periods**: Include buffer periods in the schedule to accommodate potential delays.
- **Critical Path Method (CPM)**: Develop a CPM schedule to identify key tasks and dependencies for timely completion.
- **Regular Monitoring**: Continuously monitor progress and update the schedule to address any deviations proactively.

3.2 Project Management Tools

Effective project management tools will be crucial for tracking progress and ensuring successful delivery. Software such as Gantt charts or Primavera P6 will be used to:

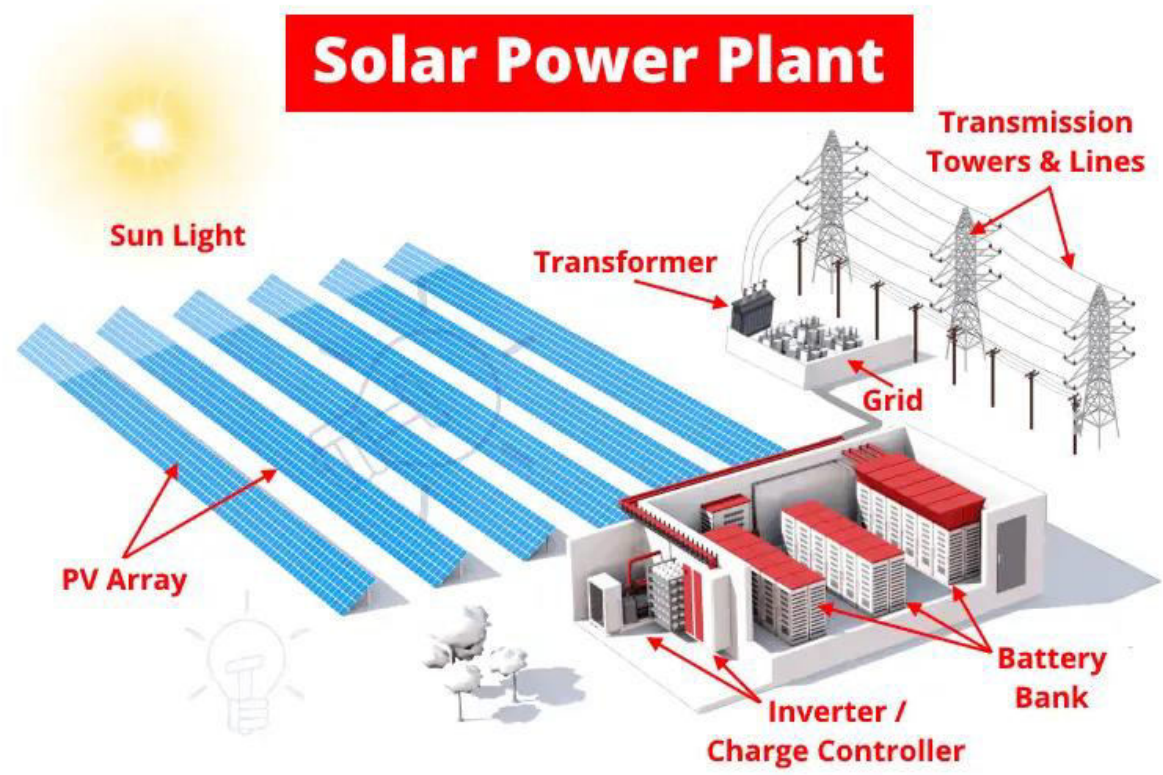
- Visualize the project timeline.
- Track progress and resource allocation.
- Identify and address potential issues promptly.

By adhering to this structured project plan and timeline, the project can be developed efficiently, supporting the broader goals of the Net Zero Industrial Park and contributing to the region's industrial capabilities.

4 PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

This chapter provides a detailed overview of the Solar Energy Facility project within the Net Zero Industrial Park at Arandis Townlands 170, Erongo Region, Namibia. The project aims to harness solar energy to generate clean electricity and contribute to the sustainability of the industrial park.

Figure 2: Illustration of a Solar Power Plant



The following sections outline the key components, implementation plans, and technical specifications of the Solar Energy Facility:

- **Project Components:** Details the specific components of the facility, such as solar panels, inverters, substations, and transmission lines.
- **Project Implementation:** Outlines the key stages of project implementation, including site preparation, construction, commissioning, and testing.
- **Grid Connection:** Explains the process of connecting the Solar Energy Facility to the Erongo Red grid.
- **Monitoring and Control:** Describes the monitoring and control systems that will be used to track the performance of the facility.
- **Maintenance and Operations:** Provides information on the maintenance and operations plan for the Solar Energy Facility.
- **Safety and Security:** Highlights the safety and security measures that will be implemented.

This chapter provides a comprehensive understanding of the Solar Energy Facility project and its technical aspects.

4.1 Project Components

Component	Quantity	Specifications
Solar Panels	100,000	350W monocrystalline, Tier 1 manufacturer
Inverters	100	1 MW capacity, central inverter
Substations	5	10 MVA capacity, outdoor-type
Transmission Lines	10 km	33 kV, overhead lines
Energy Storage	20 MWh	Lithium-ion battery system
Monitoring and Control	SCADA system with real-time data monitoring and control	[Manufacturer, features, capabilities]

4.2 Project Implementation

4.2.1 Environmental Impact Mitigation

- **Biodiversity Conservation:**
  - Establish a 10-meter buffer zone around the solar farm to protect sensitive habitats.
  - Conduct regular biodiversity surveys and implement habitat restoration measures if necessary.
- **Land Use Management:**
  - Avoid construction in areas with high ecological value, such as wetlands or protected areas.
  - Implement soil erosion control measures to prevent degradation of the land.
- **Water Conservation:**
  - Use low-water-consuming landscaping plants and implement efficient irrigation systems.
  - Collect and reuse rainwater for non-potable purposes.
- **Noise and Light Pollution:**
  - Use low-noise equipment and noise barriers to mitigate noise pollution.
  - Implement lighting controls to minimize light pollution and its impact on wildlife.

4.2.2 Construction and Installation

- **Site Preparation:** Clear the site of vegetation and debris, and prepare the ground for the installation of solar panels and infrastructure.
- **Foundation and Support Structures:** Install foundations and support structures for the solar panels, ensuring stability and durability.
- **Solar Panel Installation:** Carefully install the solar panels according to the approved design and specifications, ensuring proper orientation and spacing.
- **Electrical Infrastructure:** Install inverters, substations, and transmission lines to connect the solar panels to the grid.
- **Safety Measures:** Implement strict safety measures throughout the construction process, including wearing personal protective equipment (PPE), following safety protocols, and conducting regular safety inspections.

4.2.3 Commissioning and Testing

- Conduct thorough testing of the Solar Energy Facility to ensure proper operation and performance.
- Verify that the system meets all design specifications and regulatory requirements.

- Assess the efficiency and output of the solar panels and inverters.
- Test the grid connection and ensure seamless integration with the Erongo Red grid.

4.3 **Grid Connection**

- The Solar Energy Facility will be connected to the Erongo Red grid through a 33 kV transmission line.
- A grid connection agreement will be established with the relevant authorities, outlining the terms and conditions for interconnection.
- Grid integration studies will be conducted to assess the technical feasibility of integrating the Solar Energy Facility into the existing grid infrastructure.

4.4 **Monitoring and Control**

- **Monitoring Systems:** Install a state-of-the-art SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system to monitor the performance of the Solar Energy Facility in real-time.
- **Data Collection:** Collect data on energy production, solar irradiance, inverter efficiency, and other relevant parameters.
- **Data Analysis:** Analyze the collected data to identify trends, optimize system performance, and detect any anomalies or issues.
- **Remote Monitoring:** Implement remote monitoring capabilities to allow for real-time monitoring and troubleshooting.

4.5 Maintenance and Operations

- **Maintenance Schedule:** Develop a comprehensive maintenance schedule for regular cleaning, inspection, and repair of the Solar Energy Facility.
- **O&M Personnel:** Hire and train qualified personnel to oversee the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the facility.
- **Spare Parts Inventory:** Maintain an adequate inventory of spare parts and components to ensure timely repairs and minimize downtime.
- **Performance Optimization:** Continuously monitor and optimize the performance of the Solar Energy Facility to maximize energy production and efficiency.

4.6 Safety and Security

- **Safety Protocols:** Implement strict safety protocols to protect workers and the public during construction and operation.
- **Emergency Response Plan:** Develop and implement an emergency response plan to address potential hazards and incidents.
- **Security Measures:** Implement security measures to protect the Solar Energy Facility from vandalism, theft, and other security threats.

By following this detailed project design and implementation plan, the Solar Energy Facility within the Net Zero Industrial Park will ensure efficient, reliable, and sustainable energy generation.

Additional Details:

- **Solar Panel Layout:** The solar panels will be arranged in a fixed-tilt configuration, with a tilt angle of 25 degrees.

Figure 3: Large Photovoltaic Powerplant Design[1]

- **Energy Storage:** The lithium-ion battery system will have a capacity of 20 MWh and will be used for peak shaving and energy arbitrage.
- **Grid Connection:** The Solar Energy Facility will be connected to the Erongo Red grid at the Arandis substation.
- **Monitoring and Control System:** The SCADA system will be equipped with real-time data visualization, remote control, alarm management, and data analysis capabilities.
- **Maintenance and Operations:** A dedicated team of technicians will be responsible for the day-to-day maintenance and operation of the Solar Energy Facility. Regular inspections, cleaning, and repairs will be conducted to ensure optimal performance.

[1] https://avilasolar.com/a-guide-to-large-photovoltaic-powerplant-design/

5 BASELINE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

This chapter of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Report provides an in-depth analysis of the baseline environmental and social conditions at the proposed development site in Arandis, Namibia, and the broader Erongo Region. Establishing these baseline conditions is vital for evaluating the project's potential impacts and crafting effective mitigation strategies in subsequent chapters. The assessment encompasses a wide range of environmental and social factors, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the current state of the project area.

5.1 Environmental Conditions

5.1.1 Climate and Meteorology

- **Arandis:** Arandis experiences a semi-arid climate characterized by low rainfall, high evaporation rates, and significant temperature fluctuations. The average annual rainfall is approximately 80 mm, and temperatures can range from 5°C during winter nights to 40°C during summer days.
- **Erongo Region:** The broader Erongo Region has similar climatic conditions, with coastal areas experiencing milder temperatures due to the Atlantic Ocean's moderating influence. Inland areas, including Arandis, tend to be hotter and drier. The average annual rainfall in the region varies from 20 mm along the coast to 200 mm inland.

Table 7: Climate Characteristics of Arandis and the Erongo Region, Namibia

Climate Aspect	Arandis	Erongo Region
Average Annual Rainfall	80 mm	20-200 mm
Temperature Range	5°C to 40°C	Coastal: 10°C to 25°C, Inland: 5°C to 40°C
Humidity	Low	Coastal: Moderate, Inland: Low

5.1.2 Air Quality

Arandis: The current air quality in Arandis is generally good due to low industrial activity and a sparse population. Baseline air quality measurements provide a benchmark to monitor any changes resulting from the development of the industrial park, particularly in terms of particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, and other potential pollutants.

Erongo Region: The Erongo Region also enjoys relatively good air quality, particularly in less industrialized areas. Coastal areas benefit from clean ocean air, while inland areas are subject to dust and particulate matter, especially during the dry season.

5.1.3 Geology and Soils

Arandis: The geology of the Arandis area includes various rock formations such as schists, quartzites, and granites. Soil types range from sandy soils to rocky outcrops, influencing construction practices and site stability.

Erongo Mountains: Further east, the landscape transitions dramatically. The Erongo Mountains were formed hundreds of millions of years ago through volcanic activity and subsequent erosion. The remnants of this ancient volcanic activity are evident in the rugged peaks and exposed rock formations of the Erongo Range.

Figure 4: Erongo Mountains, Erongo Region, Namibia (Courtesy: Erongo Consulting Group, 2024)

Erongo Region: The Erongo Region is geologically diverse, featuring the Namib Desert's iconic sand dunes, coastal plains, and rugged mountains. The soil types vary significantly, with fertile soils found in river valleys and more arid, less fertile soils dominating the inland desert areas.

Figure 5: Arandis Coastal Plain, Arandis occupies a relatively young geological feature

Figure 6: Arandis Coastal Plains, Courtesy: Institute of Impact Sciences, 2024

Table 8: Geological Characteristics of Arandis and Erongo Region

Geology Aspect	Arandis	Erongo Region
Rock Formations	Schists, Quartzites, Granites	Namib Desert Sand Dunes, Coastal Plains
Soil Types	Sandy Soils, Rocky Outcrops	Fertile River Valley Soils, Arid Desert Soils

5.1.4 Water Resources

Arandis: Arandis has limited water resources, with groundwater being the primary source of water for the community and potential industrial use. Baseline studies assessed the quantity and quality of groundwater, as well as the availability of surface water sources, to ensure sustainable water management practices are implemented.

Erongo Region: The region relies heavily on groundwater and occasional surface water sources. The Omaruru River is a significant water source, albeit intermittent. Desalination plants along the coast, such as the one near Swakopmund, supplement water supply.

Table 9: Water Resources of Arandis and Erongo Region

Water Resource	Arandis	Erongo Region
Primary Source	Groundwater	Groundwater, Surface Water, Desalination Plants
Major Water Bodies	None	Omaruru River

5.1.5 Flora and Fauna

Arandis: The Arandis region hosts a variety of plant and animal species adapted to the arid environment. Baseline ecological surveys identified key species and habitats, including any

endangered or protected species, to develop conservation strategies and minimize habitat disruption.

Erongo Region: The broader Erongo Region is home to unique flora and fauna, including the Welwitschia mirabilis, a plant endemic to the Namib Desert. Wildlife includes oryx, springbok, and various bird species. Coastal areas support marine life and bird colonies.

Table 10: Biodiversity of Arandis and Erongo Region

Biodiversity Aspect	Arandis	Erongo Region
Key Plant Species	Various Arid-Adapted Plants	Welwitschia mirabilis, Coastal Flora
Key Animal Species	Various Arid-Adapted Animals	Oryx, Springbok, Various Birds

5.2 Social Conditions

5.2.1 Demographics

Arandis: Arandis has a small, close-knit community with a population of approximately 5,000 people. The population is diverse, with various ethnic groups represented. The town's demographics include a mix of ages, with a significant proportion of young people.

Erongo Region: The Erongo Region has a population of around 150,000 people, with major towns including Swakopmund, Walvis Bay, and Omaruru. The population is diverse, with significant ethnic and cultural diversity. The region has seen population growth due to its economic opportunities.

Table 11: Biodiversity of Arandis and Erongo Region, Namibia

Demographic Aspect	Arandis	Erongo Region
Population	~5,000	~150,000
Major Towns	Arandis	Swakopmund, Walvis Bay, Omaruru
Ethnic Diversity	High	High

5.2.2 Economic Activity

Arandis: The local economy of Arandis primarily revolves around mining and small-scale agriculture. Baseline economic assessments examined employment rates, income levels, and economic dependencies to evaluate how the industrial park can contribute to local economic development.

Figure 7: Sign Welcoming visitors to Husab Mine, near Arandis Town Council

Figure 8: Arandis Town Fish Shop

Figure 9: Dantago Clothing, Garment factory that closed in 2014

Erongo Region: The economy of the Erongo Region is diverse, with key sectors including mining, fishing, tourism, and agriculture. The region is known for its uranium mines near Arandis and the bustling port of Walvis Bay. Tourism is also a significant contributor, with attractions such as the Namib Desert and Skeleton Coast.

Table 12: Economic Aspects of Arandis and Erongo Region, Namibia

Economic Aspect	Arandis	Erongo Region
Key Sectors	Mining, Small-Scale Agriculture	Mining, Fishing, Tourism, Agriculture
Major Industries	Uranium Mining	Uranium Mines, Port of Walvis Bay

5.2.3 Infrastructure and Services

Arandis: Existing infrastructure in Arandis includes basic amenities such as roads, electricity, water supply, and healthcare services. The town is connected by a tarred road to Swakopmund and Walvis Bay. Infrastructure assessments determine the capacity to support the new industrial park and identify any necessary upgrades.

Erongo Region: The Erongo Region boasts relatively well-developed infrastructure. Key infrastructure includes:

- **Road Network:** Extensive road network with major highways connecting towns.
- **Airports:** Walvis Bay Airport and Swakopmund Airport provide regional and international connectivity.
- **Railway:** The railway line connects Walvis Bay to the rest of Namibia, facilitating cargo transport.
- **Ports:** Walvis Bay is the principal port, handling significant maritime traffic.

- **Utilities:** Well-established utilities infrastructure supports economic activities.

Figure 10: Arandis Airport, Coordinates: 22°27′44″S 14°58′48″E

Table 13: Infrastructure Aspects of Arandis and Erongo Region

Infrastructure Aspect	Arandis	Erongo Region
Roads	Basic, connected to main towns	Extensive network
Airports	yes	Walvis Bay, Swakopmund
Railway	yes	Connected to national network
Ports	None	Walvis Bay
Utilities	Basic amenities	Well-established

5.2.4 Cultural Heritage

Arandis: Arandis and its surroundings may have cultural and historical sites of significance. Baseline cultural heritage studies didn't identify any such sites on the identified site and its immediate environmens. However, should any sites get discovered to ensure they are preserved and respected during the development process.

Erongo Region: The Erongo Region is rich in cultural heritage, with historical sites, traditional communities, and significant archaeological finds. Rock art sites and colonial-era architecture in towns like Swakopmund are notable.

Table 14: Cultural Aspects of Arandis and Erongo Region

Cultural Aspect	Arandis	Erongo Region
Key Sites	Colonial architecture	Rock Art Sites, Colonial Architecture

5.2.5 Community Health and Safety

Arandis: Baseline health assessments will identify prevailing health conditions and risks within the community. Understanding the current health status and safety concerns will help mitigate any potential health impacts associated with the industrial park.

Erongo Region: The health infrastructure in the Erongo Region includes hospitals and clinics in major towns. Common health issues are related to respiratory conditions due to dust, and access to healthcare varies across the region.

Table 15: Health Aspects of Arandis and Erongo Region

Health Aspect	Arandis	Erongo Region
Health Infrastructure	Limited healthcare facilities, with basic services available	Hospitals and clinics in major towns, including Swakopmund and Walvis Bay
Common Health Issues	Respiratory conditions, waterborne diseases	Respiratory conditions, communicable diseases, access disparities

Table 16: Impact of Uranium Mining on Health

Impact	Description
Radiation Exposure	Increases risk of lung cancer and respiratory diseases due to inhalation of radon gas and uranium dust particles.
Contamination of Water Sources	Leads to heavy metals and radioactive substances entering water sources, causing kidney damage, gastrointestinal issues, and increased cancer risks.
Dust and Particulate Matter	Generates dust that can carry radioactive particles, causing respiratory issues and increasing the risk of diseases like silicosis and chronic bronchitis.
Chemical Exposure	Hazardous substances from uranium extraction can enter the environment, affecting health if they contaminate food or water supplies.

5.2.6 Summary of Baseline Conditions

The baseline environmental and social conditions in Arandis and the Erongo Region present a comprehensive understanding of the existing environment and communities. This information serves as a critical foundation for assessing potential impacts from the proposed Net Zero Industrial Park project.

Table 17: Summary of Baseline Environmental Conditions

Environmental Aspect	Arandis	Erongo Region
Climate	Semi-arid, 80 mm rainfall	Varies, 20-200 mm rainfall
Air Quality	Generally good, low industrial activity	Generally good, coastal areas benefit from ocean air
Geology	Schists, quartzites, granites	Diverse, including Namib Desert and coastal plains
Water Resources	Limited groundwater	Groundwater and surface sources, desalination
Flora	Arid-adapted species	Unique species, including Welwitschia
Fauna	Various arid-adapted animals	Oryx, springbok, marine life

Table 18: Summary of Baseline Social Conditions

Social Aspect	Arandis	Erongo Region
Population	~5,000	~150,000
Economic Activity	Mining, agriculture	Mining, fishing, tourism

Infrastructure	Basic amenities	Well-developed roads, airports, railways
Cultural Heritage	To be identified	Rich in historical and cultural sites
Community Health	Limited facilities	Hospitals and clinics, access disparities

Conclusion

Understanding the baseline environmental and social conditions is essential for evaluating the potential impacts of the Net Zero Industrial Park project. This chapter has provided a detailed overview of the existing conditions in Arandis and the broader Erongo Region, highlighting the key environmental factors and social dynamics that will influence project planning and implementation.

By establishing a comprehensive baseline, the project can develop targeted mitigation strategies to minimize negative impacts and enhance positive outcomes for the community and the environment. Further assessments and stakeholder consultations will be vital in refining these strategies and ensuring that the development is both sustainable and beneficial for the local population.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) FOR THE SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY

This chapter presents the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the **Solar Energy Facility** within the Net Zero Industrial Park at Arandis Townlands 170, Erongo Region, Namibia. The ESIA is prepared in accordance with the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007) and specifically Regulation No. 29, Section 21.

The ESIA process involved a comprehensive evaluation of the potential environmental and social effects linked to both the construction and operation of the **Solar Energy Facility**. This assessment was conducted to ensure that the project is developed in a sustainable and responsible manner, minimizing negative impacts and maximizing positive outcomes.

6.1 Methodology

The ESIA methodology for the **Solar Energy Facility** followed a systematic approach aligned with international best practices and Namibian environmental regulations. This approach ensured a comprehensive assessment of potential impacts and the development of effective mitigation measures.

6.1.1 Scoping

The scoping phase involved identifying key environmental and social aspects that require in-depth investigation. This included:

- **Stakeholder Identification and Engagement:** Identifying relevant stakeholders, gathering their concerns and interests.
- **Initial Project Description:** Developing a preliminary project description, outlining scope, objectives, and potential activities.
- **Potential Impact Identification:** Identifying potential environmental and social impacts based on the project description and stakeholder input.
- **Impact Significance Assessment:** Evaluating the significance of identified impacts and prioritizing for further analysis.
- **Scoping Report Preparation:** Documenting the scoping process and preparing a scoping report outlining key issues.

6.1.2 Baseline Studies

Baseline studies were conducted to provide a thorough understanding of the current environmental and social conditions in the project area. These studies served as a reference point for evaluating potential impacts and creating effective solutions.

Table 19: Baseline Studies

Baseline Study	Objectives	Methods
Ecology	Assess biodiversity, identify sensitive species, and evaluate habitat conditions.	Field surveys, vegetation analysis, wildlife monitoring.
Hydrology	Evaluate water quality, usage patterns, and resource availability.	Water sampling, hydrological modeling, assessment of water sources.
Socioeconomics	Analyze demographics, employment patterns, cultural heritage, and land use in the project area.	Census data, interviews, community surveys, land use mapping.
Climate	Collect data on local climate conditions, including temperature, rainfall, and wind patterns.	Meteorological records, climate modeling.
Land Use	Assess current land use patterns and zoning regulations in the project area.	Land use maps, interviews with local authorities.
Noise	Measure existing noise levels in the project area and surrounding communities.	Noise monitoring equipment, sound level measurements.

Air Quality	Assess baseline air quality levels, including particulate matter, ozone, and other pollutants.	Air quality monitoring stations, data analysis.
Soil	Evaluate soil quality, composition, and potential for erosion.	Soil sampling, laboratory analysis, erosion assessment.
Cultural Heritage	Identify and assess any cultural or historical sites within the project area.	Archaeological surveys, consultation with cultural heritage experts.
Infrastructure	Evaluate existing infrastructure, including roads, power lines, and water supply systems.	Infrastructure surveys, mapping.

6.1.3 **Environmental Scanning**

The environmental scanning process involved assessing key environmental factors such as climate, geology, land use, water resources, biodiversity, air quality, noise, infrastructure, and the regulatory framework. This analysis helped identify potential constraints and opportunities for the project.

Table 20: Key Environmental Factors

Environmental Factor	Objectives	Methods
Climate	Assess prevailing climatic conditions and potential impacts on the project.	Meteorological data analysis, historical records, climate modeling.
Geology	Identify geological features that may affect construction or operations.	Geological maps, field surveys, soil analysis.
Land Use	Evaluate current land use patterns and potential conflicts with the project.	Land use maps, satellite imagery, field observations.
Water Resources	Assess water availability, quality, and potential impacts on local water sources.	Hydrological data analysis, water quality testing, assessment of groundwater resources.
Biodiversity	Identify sensitive ecosystems and species that may be affected by the project.	Ecological surveys, species inventories, habitat assessments.
Air Quality	Evaluate baseline air quality levels and potential impacts of the project.	Baseline air quality measurements, historical data analysis.
Noise	Assess existing noise levels and potential noise impacts from the project.	Baseline noise level measurements, traffic data analysis.
Infrastructure	Evaluate existing infrastructure and identify potential requirements for the project.	Infrastructure mapping, assessment of utility networks.
Regulatory Framework	Identify relevant environmental and land use regulations that may affect the project.	Review of relevant regulations, consultation with regulatory authorities.
Community Perceptions	Understand community concerns and preferences regarding the project.	Public surveys, interviews, focus groups.

6.1.4 **Desktop Review**

The desktop review involved analyzing relevant documents and sources, such as EIAs, regulatory frameworks, previous studies, stakeholder reports, historical data, and expert opinions. This analysis provided valuable insights into potential impacts, best practices, and regulatory requirements.

Table 21: Desktop Review

Document Type	Purpose	Sources
Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs)	Identify potential impacts from similar projects, learn from best practices.	Government agencies, research institutions, industry publications.
Regulatory Frameworks	Understand applicable environmental and land use regulations.	Government agencies, legal databases.
Previous Studies	Identify relevant studies on the project area, related industries, or similar developments.	Academic journals, government reports, industry publications.
Stakeholder Reports	Gather information on stakeholder concerns and interests.	Community groups, NGOs, government agencies.
Historical Data	Analyze historical trends in environmental conditions and social factors.	Government agencies, research institutions, historical records.
Expert Opinions	Seek advice from experts in relevant fields (e.g., ecology, hydrology, sociology).	Academic institutions, consulting firms.

6.1.5 Field Surveys

Field surveys were conducted to collect data on specific environmental parameters and assess potential impacts. These surveys included:

- **Ecological Surveys:** Assessing biodiversity, identifying sensitive species, and evaluating habitat conditions.
- **Hydrological Surveys:** Evaluating water quality, usage patterns, and resource availability.
- **Land Use Surveys:** Mapping existing land use patterns and identifying potential conflicts.
- **Noise Surveys:** Measuring existing noise levels and potential noise impacts.
- **Air Quality Surveys:** Assessing baseline air quality levels and potential sources of pollution.
- **Soil Surveys:** Evaluating soil quality, composition, and potential for erosion.
- **Cultural Heritage Surveys:** Identifying and assessing any cultural or historical sites within the project area.

6.1.6 Public Participation

Public participation activities were conducted to engage with the community and gather feedback on the project. These activities included:

- **Community Meetings:** Gathering community input, addressing concerns, and informing the public about the project.

- **Surveys:** Collecting feedback from a wider range of stakeholders on project preferences and concerns.
- **Focus Groups:** Facilitating in-depth discussions with specific stakeholder groups to gather detailed feedback.
- **Community Advisory Board:** Establishing a platform for ongoing dialogue and collaboration with the community.
- **Public Comment Period:** Providing a formal opportunity for the public to submit written comments on the project.
- **Social Media Engagement:** Utilizing social media platforms to reach a wider audience and gather feedback.

6.2 Specific Location and Environmental Setting

The **Solar Energy Facility** is located within a 525-hectare site in the arid desert landscape of Arandis Townlands 170, in the Erongo Region, adjacent to the TransNamib Railway line and near the B2 Road. The site's elevation is approximately 368.83 meters above sea level.

6.3 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

6.3.1 Impact Prediction

Impact prediction was a critical process in the ESIA, involving the evaluation of potential effects on identified environmental and social receptors highlighted during the scoping phase. This step was essential for understanding how the **Solar Energy Facility** might alter the current state of the environment and communities, and it provided a foundation for developing strategies to mitigate adverse impacts.

By systematically forecasting these effects, stakeholders could make informed decisions, ensuring that project development aligns with sustainable and responsible practices. The methodologies and tools used in impact prediction varied, incorporating both qualitative and quantitative analyses to present a comprehensive view of potential outcomes.

6.3.2 Mitigation Measures

The following mitigation measures were proposed to address the potential environmental and social impacts of the **Solar Energy Facility**:

Environmental Component	Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures
Air Quality	Dust emissions from construction activities	Implement dust suppression techniques (water spraying, dust screens). Regular maintenance of construction vehicles to reduce emissions.
Water Resources	Increased water usage during construction and operation	Implement water conservation measures (low-flow fixtures, rainwater harvesting systems, greywater recycling). Regular audits of water usage.
Landscape Irrigation Impacts	Increased water demand for irrigation	Develop sustainable landscaping plans using native

7 CUMULATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

This chapter provides a comprehensive assessment of the potential cumulative environmental and social impacts of the **Solar Energy Facility** within the Net Zero Industrial Park at Arandis Townlands 170. The analysis considers the interactions between the **Solar Energy Facility** and other existing or planned projects in the region to evaluate the overall effects on the environment and community.

7.1 **Methodology**

The cumulative impact assessment (CIA) for the **Solar Energy Facility** employed a systematic approach that included the following steps:

7.1.1 **Identification of Relevant Projects and Activities:**

- Outlined existing, planned, and potential future projects (industrial, agricultural, infrastructure) within the defined geographical scope.
- Considered ecological boundaries and social/cultural spheres of influence.

7.1.2 **Characterization of Existing Environmental and Social Conditions:**

- Utilized baseline data from the Scoping Report to establish the current state of the environment and social context in the region.

7.1.3 **Evaluation of Potential Interactions:**

- Analyzed how the **Solar Energy Facility** interacts with other projects and activities, considering factors such as:
  - Spatial Overlap: Do project footprints coincide geographically?
  - Temporal Overlap: Do project timelines coincide, potentially amplifying impacts?
  - Synergistic or Antagonistic Effects: Do impacts of different projects worsen (synergistic) or lessen (antagonistic) each other?

7.1.4 **Prediction of Cumulative Impacts:**

- Based on the analysis, forecasted the potential cumulative environmental and social consequences.

7.2 **Potential Cumulative Impacts and Mitigation Strategies**

Environmental/Social Component	Potential Cumulative Impact	Mitigation Strategies
Water Resources	▪ Increased water demand from multiple projects could strain regional water resources.	▪ Explore and implement water conservation measures across all projects (treated wastewater reuse). Advocate for water management plans to ensure sustainable water use.
Biodiversity and Ecosystems	▪ Fragmentation of habitats and loss of species due to multiple development projects.	▪ Collaborate with other developers to establish ecological corridors and protected areas. Implement habitat restoration or creation programs to offset impacts.
Air Quality	▪ Combined emissions from various projects could lead to degraded air quality.	▪ Advocate for stricter air quality regulations and enforcement. Encourage sustainable transportation options (walking, cycling, public transport) to reduce traffic-related emissions.
Social Infrastructure	▪ Increased strain on social services (healthcare, education) due to population growth from multiple projects.	▪ Collaborate with local authorities to plan for and expand social services to meet growing demand. Partner with other developers to contribute to infrastructure development projects (schools, hospitals).
Cultural Heritage	▪ Cumulative impacts of various projects could threaten cultural heritage sites and traditional practices.	▪ Conduct comprehensive cultural heritage impact assessments for all projects. Integrate cultural considerations into project design and planning across all developments.
Public Health	▪ Increased strain on healthcare systems due to combined effects of population growth and potential pollution from other projects.	▪ Partner with other developers to improve healthcare infrastructure and service provision in the region. Advocate for improved sanitation and waste management practices across all projects.
Livelihoods	▪ Competition for resources and potential displacement due to multiple development projects.	▪ Develop inclusive planning processes that consider the needs of existing communities. Explore livelihood diversification opportunities for local residents potentially impacted by other projects.
Waste Management	▪ Increased waste generation from multiple projects could overwhelm existing waste management infrastructure.	▪ Advocate for and implement integrated waste management strategies (reduction, reuse, recycling) across all projects. Encourage investment in improved waste treatment and disposal facilities.
Traffic and Transportation	▪ Increased traffic congestion due to construction activities and population growth from multiple projects.	▪ Develop and implement comprehensive traffic management plans for all projects. Promote sustainable transportation options and infrastructure development (e.g., public transport, cycling lanes).
Soil	▪ Land use changes and construction activities from multiple projects could lead to soil degradation (erosion, compaction, contamination).	▪ Implement effective soil conservation measures across all projects (erosion control practices, topsoil segregation and storage). Advocate for regional land-use planning that promotes sustainable practices and minimizes soil degradation.

Renewable Energy Development	▪ Cumulative impacts from wind and solar energy projects, including land use changes and ecosystem alterations.	▪ Conduct thorough environmental assessments for all renewable energy initiatives. Implement measures to minimize habitat disruption and promote coexistence with local wildlife.
Solar Energy Facility	▪ Potential for increased land use, visual impact, and potential conflicts with other land uses.	▪ Minimize land disturbance, conduct visual impact assessments, and coordinate with other land users.
Grid Connection	▪ Potential impacts on the existing grid infrastructure, including increased demand and potential stability issues.	▪ Conduct grid integration studies and implement necessary upgrades to ensure grid stability.

8 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (ESMP) FRAMEWORK

The Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) for the **Solar Energy Facility** serves as a roadmap for ensuring that the project adheres to environmental and social safeguards throughout its lifecycle (construction, operation, decommissioning, if applicable).

8.1 ESMP Framework

Table 22: ESMP Framework

Component	Description
▪ **Mitigation Measures**	▪ Detailed strategies to address environmental and social impacts.
▪ **Implementation and Monitoring Plan**	▪ Plan outlining how mitigation measures will be implemented, monitored, and evaluated.
▪ **Institutional Arrangements**	▪ Defined roles and responsibilities for stakeholders involved in ESMP implementation.
▪ **Grievance Redress Mechanism**	▪ Transparent process for stakeholders to voice concerns and seek resolution.
▪ **Budgeting and Financing**	▪ Allocation of resources to support ESMP implementation.
▪ **Training and Capacity Building**	▪ Programs to equip personnel with skills for effective ESMP implementation.
▪ **Reporting**	▪ Regular reporting on ESMP implementation and effectiveness to stakeholders.

A detailed ESMP is included as Annex 1 of this report. The ESMP provides further details on the specific actions required to achieve environmental and social sustainability throughout the project lifecycle.

8.2 Importance of the ESMP

The ESMP is a critical component of the project's overall sustainability strategy. It provides a structured framework for:

- **Ensuring Compliance:** The ESMP helps ensure that the project adheres to all relevant environmental and social regulations and standards.
- **Managing Risks:** By identifying potential risks and developing mitigation measures, the ESMP helps to minimize negative impacts and avoid costly setbacks.
- **Building Stakeholder Trust:** A well-implemented ESMP demonstrates the project's commitment to environmental and social responsibility, fostering trust and support from local communities and regulatory agencies.
- **Promoting Sustainable Development:** The ESMP contributes to the project's overall sustainability by integrating environmental and social considerations into all aspects of the project lifecycle.

- **Demonstrating Good Corporate Citizenship:** A strong ESMP can enhance the project's reputation and contribute to a positive corporate image.

8.3 Roles and Responsibilities

Effective ESMP implementation requires collaboration from various stakeholders. Here's a breakdown of key roles and responsibilities:

Table 23: Roles and Responsibilities for ESMP Implementation

Stakeholder	Responsibility
▪ **Project Proponent**	▪ Overall responsibility, resource allocation, ensuring compliance.
▪ **Project Manager**	▪ Day-to-day oversight during construction, coordinating mitigation measures with contractors.
▪ **Environmental Consultant**	▪ Technical expertise and guidance on environmental mitigation and monitoring.
▪ **Social Development Specialist**	▪ Supporting social mitigation implementation, community engagement, grievance redress.
▪ **Contractors**	▪ Implementing mitigation measures outlined in construction contracts, adhering to safeguards.
▪ **Regulatory Authorities**	▪ Overseeing project compliance with environmental and social regulations, providing guidance, reviewing ESMP documents.
▪ **Community Liaison Committee**	▪ Platform for communication and information exchange between the project proponent and community regarding ESMP implementation.

8.3.1 Monitoring and Reporting

Regular monitoring and reporting are crucial for ensuring the ESMP's effectiveness. Here's an overview of the process:

- **Monitoring:** Regular monitoring of mitigation measures throughout the project lifecycle to identify any potential issues or unintended consequences (environmental monitoring, social performance monitoring, construction site inspections).
- **Reporting:** Preparation of regular reports summarizing monitoring results, corrective actions taken (if necessary), challenges encountered, and lessons learned. Reports will be submitted to relevant stakeholders (regulatory authorities, funding agencies, Community Liaison Committee).

8.4 Budgeting and Financing

Afri-Track Namibia Holdings (Pty) Ltd t/a Zero Carbon Namibia will allocate adequate financial resources to support the ESMP. This includes funding for:

- Mitigation measure implementation costs
- Monitoring and reporting activities
- Training programs for relevant personnel

Funding sources may include the project's budget, project financing, or grants specifically designated for environmental and social safeguards.

8.5 **Training and Capacity Building**

The project proponent will invest in training programs to equip relevant personnel (staff, contractors) with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively implement the ESMP. This may include training on:

- Environmental regulations and best practices
- Social impact assessment and mitigation techniques
- Community engagement strategies
- Grievance redress mechanisms

The ESMP framework presented in this chapter serves as a foundation for ensuring the **Solar Energy Facility** project is implemented in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. Through collaborative efforts, effective implementation of the ESMP, and continuous improvement, the project can contribute to a sustainable future for the region.

9 PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND DISCLOSURE

This chapter outlines the public consultation and disclosure strategy for the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of the **Solar Energy Facility** within the Net Zero Industrial Park at Arandis Townlands 170, Erongo Region, Namibia. The strategy is designed to be transparent, inclusive, and compliant with both Namibian regulations and international best practices.

9.1 Stakeholder Identification

The first step involved identifying stakeholders and potentially affected communities. Here's a breakdown of the stakeholders engaged:

Table 24: Stakeholders Engaged in the ESIA Process

Stakeholder Group	Description
▪ **Government Agencies**	▪ National and regional authorities with a regulatory interest in the project.
▪ **Ministry of Mines and Energy**	▪ Competent authority for energy projects and mineral resource management.
▪ **Roads Authority**	▪ Responsible for road infrastructure and potential improvements.
▪ **Erongo Regional Electricity Distribution Supplier (Erongo RED)**	▪ Authority for electricity provision and exploring future energy demands.
▪ **Arandis Town Council**	▪ Local authority overseeing the development within Arandis Townlands.
▪ **TransNamib (Namibia Railways)**	▪ Responsible for rail transport infrastructure and logistics, including the export facilities.
▪ **Erongo Regional Council**	▪ Regional government body.
▪ **Erongo Region Governor**	▪ Head of the Erongo Region.
▪ **Local Communities**	▪ Residents potentially affected by the project.
▪ **General Public**	▪ Interested individuals who may not live in the immediate vicinity.

9.2 Public Consultation Process

To ensure transparency and inclusivity, the following public consultation process was implemented:

- **Background Information Document (BID):** A BID was developed and shared with stakeholders via email and hand-delivered to ensure comprehensive dissemination of project information.
- **Notice Boards:** Posters were pasted on the notice boards of Arandis Town Council, local police stations, and the Erongo Regional Council.
- **Newspaper Adverts:** Newspaper advertisements appeared in the **New Era** on 12 July and 19 July 2024, as well as in the **Confidente**, to reach a wider audience.

- **Social Media:** The **Erongo Consulting Group** Facebook page was used to disseminate information and engage with the public.

9.3 Methods of Engagement

Various methods were employed to engage with stakeholders and gather their inputs:

- **Meetings and Workshops:** Meetings and workshops were conducted with key stakeholders, including government agencies, local authorities, and community representatives, to discuss the project and gather feedback.
- **Public Meetings:** Public meetings were organized in Arandis Town and surrounding areas to inform the local communities about the project and address their concerns.
- **Surveys and Questionnaires:** Surveys and questionnaires were distributed to collect detailed feedback from stakeholders and the general public.
- **Focus Group Discussions:** Focus group discussions were held with specific stakeholder groups, such as local business owners and community leaders, to understand their perspectives and address any specific issues.

9.4 Documentation and Reporting

All consultation activities were documented, and the feedback received was analyzed and incorporated into the ESIA. The key steps included:

- **Recording Meetings:** Detailed minutes of all meetings and workshops were recorded.
- **Feedback Analysis:** Feedback from surveys, questionnaires, and public meetings was systematically analyzed to identify common themes and concerns.
- **ESIA Report Integration:** Relevant feedback was integrated into the ESIA report to ensure that stakeholder perspectives informed decision-making.

9.5 ESIA Stakeholder Consultation Process Diagram

Project Notification

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2. Stakeholder Identification

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3. **Distribution of Background Information Document (BID)**

- Email
- Hand Delivery
- Notice Boards
- Newspaper Adverts

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4. Stakeholder Engagement

- Meetings and Workshops
- Public Meetings
- Surveys and Questionnaires
- Focus Group Discussions

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5**. Documentation and Reporting**

- Recording Meetings

- Feedback Analysis
- ESIA Report Integration

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6. **Continuous Communication and Feedback**

9.6 Response to Stakeholder Feedback

The feedback received from stakeholders during the consultation process has been carefully considered and addressed:

- **Acknowledgment:** All comments and concerns raised by stakeholders have been acknowledged.
- **Analysis:** The ESIA team thoroughly analyzed each comment to understand its implications for the project's environmental and social aspects.
- **Incorporation:** Relevant feedback has been incorporated into the ESIA process, ensuring that stakeholder perspectives inform decision-making.
- **Written Responses:** Significant comments have been addressed with written responses included in the final ESIA report, demonstrating transparency in addressing community concerns.
- **Revision:** The Draft Scoping Report and subsequent Draft ESIA Report have been revised based on public input, reflecting the adjustments made in response to stakeholder feedback.

Conclusion

The public consultation and disclosure strategy implemented for the **Solar Energy Facility** within the Net Zero Industrial Park aims to ensure transparency and inclusivity. By actively engaging stakeholders through various methods, including newspaper advertisements, social media, and public meetings, the project team has been able to gather valuable feedback and incorporate it into the ESIA process.

10 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The ESIA process for the **Solar Energy Facility** within the Net Zero Industrial Park at Arandis Townlands 170 has identified various potential environmental and social impacts. These impacts have been categorized based on the project phases and specific objectives:

Table 25: Key Environmental and Social Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Impact Category	Potential Impacts	Mitigation Measures
Air Quality	Dust emissions from construction, particulate matter from inverters	Implement dust control measures, use low-emission equipment, monitor air quality
Water Resources	Increased water demand for cleaning and maintenance	Implement water conservation measures, use recycled water
Biodiversity	Habitat fragmentation, impact on wildlife	Conduct biodiversity assessments, avoid sensitive areas, implement habitat restoration
Socio-economic Impacts	Job creation, local economic development, changes in community dynamics	Develop job training programs, support local businesses, engage with the community
Noise and Cultural Heritage	Noise pollution, impacts on cultural sites	Use low-noise equipment, implement noise mitigation measures, conduct cultural heritage assessments

10.1 **Feasibility**

Based on the findings of the ESIA Report and the proposed mitigation measures, the **Solar Energy Facility** is considered feasible from both environmental and social perspectives. The identified impacts can be effectively managed through the implementation of a robust Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP).

Key considerations supporting feasibility:

- **Technical Feasibility:** The proposed mitigation measures are technically feasible and have been successfully implemented in similar projects.
- **Resource Allocation:** Sufficient resources have been allocated in the project budget for environmental and social management, ensuring comprehensive implementation of the ESMP.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Consultations have identified substantial benefits to outweigh potential negative impacts, supporting the project's socio-economic contributions.

While residual impacts may remain, including temporary disruptions during construction and minor environmental changes, ongoing monitoring and adaptive management will mitigate these effects.

10.2 Recommendations

10.2.1 Project Implementation

- Implement the project in strict adherence to the ESIA findings and the finalized ESMP, ensuring all mitigation measures are effectively implemented.
- Establish clear roles and responsibilities for environmental and social management within the project team, promoting accountability and proactive management.
- Develop and implement a rigorous monitoring program to track the effectiveness of mitigation measures and promptly address any unforeseen impacts.
- Maintain transparent communication channels with stakeholders throughout the project lifecycle, fostering community engagement and addressing concerns promptly.

10.2.2 Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)

- The ESMP should be comprehensive, detailing specific actions and protocols for monitoring key environmental and social parameters.
- Regular reporting on environmental and social performance should be implemented, providing stakeholders with transparent updates on project impacts and mitigation efforts.
- Ensure the ESMP includes a clear grievance redress mechanism, allowing stakeholders to voice concerns and seek resolution in a fair and transparent manner.

10.2.3 Additional Management Plans

Specialist management plans tailored to specific environmental concerns should be developed and integrated into the ESMP:

- **Stormwater Management Plan:** Prevent soil erosion and manage stormwater runoff effectively.
- **Washwater Management Plan:** Minimize water usage and prevent contamination from construction activities.
- **Traffic and Transportation Management Plan:** Mitigate traffic disruptions and ensure safety during construction phases.
- **Biodiversity and Cultural Heritage Plans:** Protect and restore natural habitats and cultural sites affected by project activities.

Conclusion

The ESIA process has provided a comprehensive assessment of potential environmental and social impacts associated with the **Solar Energy Facility**. By addressing stakeholder feedback, implementing robust mitigation measures, and fostering ongoing monitoring and adaptive management, the project can achieve sustainable development goals. This approach ensures that economic growth is balanced with environmental protection and social equity, contributing to long-term prosperity in the region.

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APPENDICES

Appendix	Description
Appendix A:	Environmental & Social Management Plan
Appendix B:	Consent Letter / Support Documentation from the Arandis Town Council / Ministry of Local Government Namibia
Appendix C:	Public Participation Notices Newspaper Adverts
Appendix D:	Minutes of Stakeholders Meeting
Appendix E:	Layout Plans / Locality Maps Additional Supporting Documents
Appendix F:	Other support documentation