



EIA Study for Proposed exploration on EPL8643 & 8722

Minutes of Public Participation Process



Minutes of Meeting

1. Introduction and Welcoming

Mr. Chris Ailonga from Matrix Consulting Services (MCS) opened the meeting and welcomed all the individual stakeholders. The purpose of the meeting was highlighted and participants were encouraged to comment on the proposed development in order to improve the project relevance to stakeholders' needs and expectations. Participants were asked to complete the attendance register.

2. Overview of the Meeting

Mr. Chris Ailonga from MCS gave an overview of the proposed development. He emphasised the need for proactive participation during the meeting as it was the right platform to provide information, recommendation and to receive feedback from the project developers and consultants.

Key aspects during the introductory remarks:

- Meetings agenda
- Meetings rules
- Described the project's team and its roles and responsibilities
- Summarised the project activities
- Explained the project progress
- Explained the impacts expected

The participants were given the opportunity to comment on the agenda and to ask clarification questions.

3. Project Overview

Mr. Chris Ailonga from MCS gave a presentation on the project. His presentation highlighted the following:

- Background on the project and the key project implementers
- Overview of the project programme
- Overview of the technical details of the project.
- Potential impacts



5. Summary of Comments

Most of the concerns were about job opportunities for locals, and the emphasis was placed on the proponent to consider the historical mining bad practices, improve on them. Most of the identified impacts could be mitigated through good environmental management practice.

6. Meeting Closure

Mr. Chris Ailonga thanked the participants for attending the meeting, and for being conversant during the meeting.

Interested parties were invited to send any comments relating to the proposed project via letters or email:

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EPL 8634 & 8722

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NWR expects resort renovations completed by January

• BY ERASMUS SHALIHAXWE

THE Namibia Wildlife Resort (NWR) begun refurbishing its aging infrastructure in September this year after it availed N\$ 16 million for the exercise and renovations are expected to be completed by the end of January 2023.

In an interview with Confidante this week, NWR Corporate Communications Manager, Nelson Ashipala, said NWR was currently renovating a total of six resorts around the country namely Onkoshi, Okaukuejo, Halali, Waterberg, Ai Ais and Sossus Dune Lodge.

He however, could not revealing how much has been spent on the renovations so far stating reconciliation had not be conducted yet.

“What I can say however is that, we are almost done with renovations, we expect this exercise to bring added value which will result in business growth. We are optimistic and hope that tourism grows at a faster rate because of ‘revenge tourism’ as most people are looking to travel after the lockdown. We are already seeing an uptick in car rental and companies are having to accommodate a big number of self-drive services and this shows things are and will continue to get better,” Ashipala said.

Meanwhile NWR reached wage negotiation agreement with Namibia Public Workers Union (NAPWU)



Nelson Ashipala

for the 2022 to 2023 financial year.

The two institutions agreed that the basic salaries for employees in the bargaining unit, Patterson Job Grades A-D be increased with employees at the Grade A getting an increment of 13 percent while those in the Grade B will get a 7 percent increment, Grade C 4.6 percent and those in Grade D will have a 2.5 percent increment.

Staff members who were promoted were not being paid as per their new grades and the Voluntary Separation Package did not make the situation any better.

“The cost of living has gone

up by two folds since NWR’s last salary increment, which was in 2019. The current annual inflation rate stands at 7.1 percent, while the annual inflation rate for Goods is estimated at 9.7 percent. As it stands, the 12-month average yearly inflation rate from November 2021 to October 2022 was estimated at 5.6 percent. Not only has life become costly, but it has also created a financial strain on our staff. Our employee’s hard work and understanding as we navigated these troubled times is something we at NWR are proud of,” Ashipala explained.



Namibia, Botswana to fast-track Trans-Kalahari Railway project

• BY ERASMUS SHALIHAXWE

THE minister of Works and Transport, John Mutorwa and his Botswana counterpart, Eric Molale (Minister of Transport and Public Works), recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which reaffirmed their governments’

commitment to fast-track the development of the Trans-Kalahari Railway project that aims to link the two countries.

The two ministers agreed to speed up the implementation of the project, in order to boost trade and tourism, while contributing to employment creation in both countries.

The agreement includes capacitating the

project as a matter of urgency and also approved the project’s operational budget, establish a technical team from TransNamib and Botswana Railways.

Estimated to cover 1 447 kilometers, the project was conceived in 2010 with the commissioning of a feasibility study and bilateral agreement signed in 2014.

It is planned to run from Mmamabula, Rasesa, towards Phuduhudu, following the Trans-Kalahari Highway through Mamuno border into Namibia at Bueitepos boarder post, into Gobabis, through Omitara to Okahandja and to Walvis Bay, which will be its final destination.

“TransNamib will cooperate with Botswana Railways to grow freight volumes between Walvis Bay and Gobabis to support imports and exports for Botswana,” reads a statement from the Ministry of Works and Transport.

TransNamib CEO Johny Smith last month told Reuters that the company plans to move around 50,000 tonnes of coal a month off trucks carrying it from coal mines in Botswana and onto the trains in Gobabis, with a service between Walvis Bay and Gobabis expected to resume soon.

The two rail companies signed an agreement which will see Botswana Railways investing in the upgrading of warehousing facilities at the Gobabis Station.

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Rest easy DJ Soso

Industry Loop

DJ Soso joins a long line of Namibian creatives who gave this country their all, but did not get the monetary appreciation and respect back from their countrymen. The fact that we have so many Namibian entertainers who have passed on without getting the respect and monetary appreciation while still alive, is exceptionally worrisome.

Whether you liked his methods or not, you cannot deny that the man created a style so unique that it had taxi drivers and 'tates' all over this country listening to his material for hours. DJ Soso, real name Sos-Pan Amadhila, may have not been on the line-up of the coolest events in the capital, but you will not deny the fact that this man had influence and immeasurable power.

His ability to fuse politics with entertainment is something that needs to be studied at arts institutions, going forward.

However, DJ Soso was your typical Namibian story of having fame, but no financial status to show for it. When he was alive, I was one of very few in the media circles who gave this man his flowers.

I wrote about his brand in 2021 during the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic, in which I mentioned that he deserved to be a millionaire. But because we, as a people, suck at supporting our own, we are comfortable with seeing entertainers like DJ Soso suffer until his very last day. This trend has to stop – this trend of expecting to consume art without having to pay for it or being comfortable with paying peanuts for it; the trend of not recognising and respecting entertainers while they are still alive; this trend of not supporting our own; this trend of being comfortable with being anti-Namibian.

Will it stop, though? I've been anchoring this column since 2014, and this trend has been well and alive since. In my brutally honest opinion, I don't think this trend will buckle anytime soon.

Rest well, DJ Soso. You deserved so much more, but your own people did not appreciate you until your last breath. However, your work will live forever.

Until the next Loop, we say #GMTM.
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Human Rights' Day Festival

Dancing with purpose... The OYO Dance Troupe will be celebrating Human Rights Day with a show at the FNCC tonight. The group will present three pieces, looking at rights and responsibilities. Their performance is called 'Transformation', which celebrates pieces that have evolved and question humanity on their responsibilities to make this world a better place for all. Entry is free. Human Rights Day is celebrated around the world on 10 December each year. Photo: Contributed

College of the Arts students exhibit

■ Staff Reporter

An exhibition of the 2022 progress work of the first, second and third-year visual arts, fashion design and new media design students from the College of the Arts (Cota) is currently running at the Namibian Arts Association.

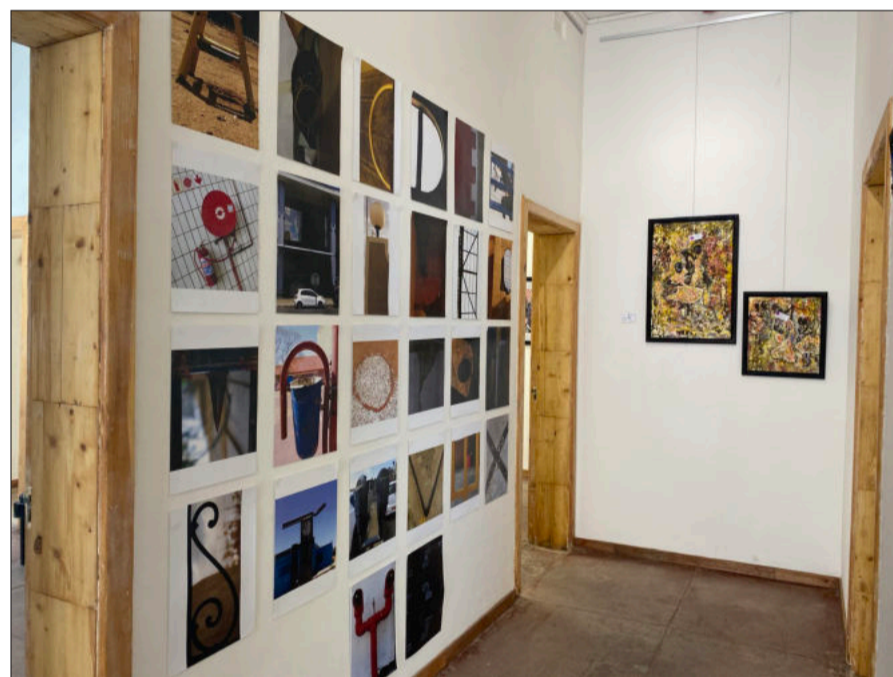
The exhibition titled 'ArtSplash' opened on Tuesday, and will run until 13 February 2023.

It showcases printmaking, ceramics, textiles, mixed media paintings, sculptures, object-making, drawings, photography and digital art.

Under visual arts, sculpture students exhibit diverse artworks inspired by carving, assembling and modelling techniques reflecting themes of identity, traditions, technology and nature.

Relieve print-making students explored with Lino cut, ABS Plastic sheets, Tetra Pak Cartons and Mono prints, while the advanced print-making students explored cubism techniques to create cardboard prints by applying different colours to express themes of corruption within our politics, culture and the environment.

Under fashion design, first-year students explored and produced garments from collected recycled materials, whilst drawing inspiration from African and



Creative... Some of the pieces on display at the Namibian Arts Association along Robert Mugabe avenue. Photo: Kristan Capp

Namibian fashion designs. The second-year collection was based on Western fashion design and cultures around the world, while the third years worked on their own inspiration, depicting stories from their reality and surroundings as well as the gained knowledge during their studies.

Under new media design, students explored design elements, particularly that of colour in digital illustrations, and explored photography topics in abstraction, post-colonialism, digital storytelling, still-life, portraiture and sustainability initiatives in Namibia.

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Editorial deadline: **25 November 2022**

Artwork deadline: **28 November 2022**

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This supplement will, among others, highlight the important role agriculture plays in our economy, including the much-needed employment prospects.

The publication will include features and profiles of farmers, unions representing the interests of farmers, funding options, supply chain dynamics as well as challenges and opportunities.

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Crime rate up by 7 percent

... Police warn the public to take caution

• BY UAUEZA KANGUATJIVI

A total of 98 640 criminal cases were reported countrywide during the 2021/2022 financial year, representing a crime rate increase of 7 percent from the previous financial year.

This was revealed by the Namibian Police (NAMPOL) Inspector General, Joseph Shikongo, during the commemoration of the 32nd Anniversary of Police Day.

"I must emphasise that out of the 98,640 cases reported in 2021/22 financial year, Khomas, Oshana and Otjozondjupa regions have the highest crime rates, representing 32.8 percent, 10.7 percent and 8.6 percent, respectively, whereas, Kavango West, Kunene and Omaheke regions recorded the least cases representing 1.3 percent, 1.5 percent and 2.9 percent, of the total reported cases respectively," Shikongo said.

The reported cases, Shikongo said, include 10 631 housebreaking and theft cases, 4 783 gender-based violence (GBV) cases and 3 278 stock theft cases. These represent the majority of the serious crimes reported.



Shikongo also disclosed that 2 743 robberies with aggravating circumstances cases, 2 171 drug trafficking cases, 1 288 rape cases, 506 attempted murder cases, 389 vehicle theft cases, 324 murder cases and 249 cases of pointing a firearm, were also reported during 2021/2022 year.

"Despite the prevalence of crime, the Namibian Police Force also recorded a number of successes during the same financial year, which also

contributed to the number of crimes recorded," Shikongo added.

These successes, he said, include the detection and seizure of various illicit drugs as well as the interception of a number of trafficking in persons syndicates. In this regard, he revealed that 2 521 suspects, which includes 134 foreign nationals, were intercepted and arrested, and drugs worth N\$41 419 413 were confiscated.

The statistics came out during a weekend which saw an OK Food in Khomasdal was robbed and burnt and a Manager working at a Puma Service Station in Dr. Kuaima Riruako and John Meinert Street was robbed of over N\$ 200 000.

In an interview with Confidante, NAMPOL Spokesperson warrant officer, Silas Shipandani warned members of the public to be cautious and aware of their

surroundings.

"The Namibian police has always been hard at work when it comes to curbing crime in our society. In Khomas Region, for example, we have ongoing operations at Station level where shifts run 24/7, we also have other operations that are run based on the situation on the ground as the intelligence is provided. Members of the public have to be aware as their surrounding as thieves are out for blood as the festive season comes into full swing," he said.

In November, NAMPOL recorded 107 robbery cases whereas 300 cases were recorded in August and 341 in September and 272 cases were ported in October.

Shipandani said, "Crime is mostly prominent when there is time, space and movement of people. Hence, let's avoid creating opportunities for criminal activities.

"People should avoid walking around alone at night, walking in riverbeds, carrying variable items which are easily exposed to criminals, be vigilant when withdrawing money and coming out of the bank or ATMS, make sure you have someone to look after your house whilst you are on holiday.

Over 170 people missing

...among them are 28 children

• BY TRACY TAFIRENYIKA

WITH the nation grappling with the high number of cases where missing persons later turn up murdered, the Namibian Police (Nampol) has exclusively revealed to Confidante they are yet to find and bring back 179 people including 29 children to their families.

According to the statistics sent to Confidante by Namibian Police Inspector General, Joseph Shikongo, Khomas region recorded the highest number of cases between 2021 and 2022, where 72 people including children, most of whom are of the male sex went missing. In the same period only 35 people were found and the rest are yet to be located.

On the Khomas region recording the highest number of missing people, Khomas police Spokesperson Warrant Officer, Silas Shipandeni stated that the responsibility does not lie in the hands of the police alone but with the public as well.

"When people are reported missing in our region, records are kept but what is more challenging is that people don't report back after finding their loved ones which makes the statistics difficult to maintain. We want to encourage the public to give feedback to the police and make sure they do not sit with cases of people that went missing and were found.

"The responsibility does not lie with the police only but also with the public, we as individuals or parents have the responsibility to make sure these cases are voided once a person is found. We keep advising people that whenever they are traveling they should notify their loved ones or people close to them. Some people go for a week without notifying anyone until something goes wrong. Some are only reported missing after a month and it will be very difficult for us to trace them," he stated.

Shipandeni furthermore added that, in most of the cases the people are either found dead or alive.

According to Shipandeni, most of the people who go missing are found alive and some are found dead, while in some case,

others are found murdered or having committed suicide."

Her sentiments were echoed by psychologist, Yvonne Stramiss who explained that one of the most heart-rending situations was hearing and experiencing the loss of a loved one.

"Making it worse is the anxiety and worry of trying to cope with the uncertainty about the fate of a missing person. This psychological distress causes people to suffer emotional distress long after the person has been found.

"What makes this hard is the Ying and Yang effect of hope yet at the same time the fear of loss being experienced while waiting. This is the worst kind of grief fluctuating between despair and hope," she said.

Stramiss advised people not to wait 24 hours before acting and reporting to the police.

"Make use of your network to find your missing person. We need to take responsibility for ourselves as well and be more aware and vigilant in light of this," she said.

NAMIBIAN POLICE FORCE

MISSING PERSON

The Namibian Police Force is tracing the whereabouts of Basile Ngwenze (24), an 170cm tall, speaking Setswana, 1.7m tall and light in complexion.

Last seen on Friday, 15/07/2022 in Dingle Street, Otjozondjupa. He was wearing a blue shirt, black hat and a black jacket.

Anyone with information regarding his whereabouts should contact his mother on 082 638 0862 or Sergeant Van Der Merwe on 082 299 4279 at the nearest Police Station.

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