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## **PREAMBLE**

The easiest way to represent all the data available / needed for this report is in table format. Great effort was done to ensure that it is comprehensible to the widest forum possible.

### **1. INTRODUCTION:**

Overall Namibia is a dry country and water is very scarce. Therefore it is of the utmost importance for the country that the limited resources it possesses are utilised as effectively and sustainably as possible. The country is surrounded by perennial rivers bordering it (of which the Okavango river is one), but none flow through the country. Thus, the Government of Namibia must seek to build good relationships with its' neighbouring countries in an effort to utilise these shared resources in a sustainable way and to mutual benefit.

## **2. CURRENT AND FUTURE IRRIGATION SITUATION:**

Currently there are only a few irrigation projects in existence, but the Government of the Republic of Namibia (GRN) has embarked on a course to utilise most of the potentially irrigable land within Namibia by the year 2030 to reach its Vision 2030. To reach this, the Government will endeavour to develop an additional 27 000 ha over the next 16 years with the biggest emphasis on the Kavango Region.

Potentially unlimited land is available for this in the Kavango Region, if distance from the river were not a factor, but development is restricted to the volume of water available. A further restriction (and the most severe) is the seasonal flow pattern of the Okavango River, in that the flow upstream of the Cuito is highly seasonal, whereas the downstream flow is more uniform due to the smoother inflow from the Cuito.

During deliberations between the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Water Affairs (Policy Document No. 7/2/10/3), a decision was reached that limited the abstraction rate out of the Okavango River upstream of the confluence with the Cuito to 5.5 m<sup>3</sup>/s, and downstream to 27 m<sup>3</sup>/s, for use by Namibia. Taking that into account, a development scenario was developed by the Green Scheme Agency which allowed for the equal and fair distribution of this water allocation between the different Tribal Areas.

Much more water is available downstream of the confluence with the Cuito than upstream, thus more development can take place downstream of the Cuito. To calculate the area that can be developed, a figure of 125 m<sup>3</sup>/day/ha (ETO = 12.5 mm per day) was used to ensure a safe margin. However, to be on the safe side and to be more realistic about the volume that would actually be likely to be abstracted during peak demand periods, a figure of 100 m<sup>3</sup>/day/ha was used. The current and future irrigation development together with the abstraction rate each represents, is shown in Tables 1 & 2. A map showing the present irrigation water demands, is attached as Appendix A.

**The current area under irrigation is 2,197 ha and future possible area is 13,462 ha, totalling 15,659 ha.**

Table 1: Water Demand Upstream of the Cuito

| No   | Tribal Area       | Place (If Known)              | Existing Area under irrigation (ha) | Future Planned Irrigation (ha) | Abstraction Rate m /s 3 | Flow Balance m /s 3 |  |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--|
| <b>Maximum Abstraction Rate</b>              |                   |                               |                                     |                                |                         | 5.50                |  |
| <b>1</b>                                     | <b>Kwangali</b>   | <b>a. Musese &amp; Maguni</b> | 300                                 | 200                            | 0.58                    | 4.92                |  |
|  |                   | <b>b. Simanya</b>             | 0                                   | 200                            | 0.23                    | 4.69                |  |
|  |                   | <b>c. Sihete</b>              | 0                                   | 200                            | 0.23                    | 4.46                |  |
|  |                   | <b>d. Other</b>               | 0                                   | 200                            | 0.23                    | 4.23                |  |
|  | <b>Total</b>      |                               | 1,100                               |                                | 1.27                    |                     |  |
| <b>2</b>                                     | <b>Mbunza</b>     | <b>a. Sikondo</b>             | 0                                   | 800                            | 0.93                    | 3.30                |  |
|  |                   | <b>b. Other</b>               | 0                                   | 300                            | 0.35                    | 2.95                |  |
|  | <b>Total</b>      |                               | 1,100                               |                                | 1.27                    |                     |  |
| <b>3</b>                                     | <b>Sambyu</b>     | <b>a. Rundu</b>               | 60                                  | 0                              | 0.07                    | 2.88                |  |
|  |                   | <b>b. Kaisosi</b>             | 36                                  | 0                              | 0.04                    | 2.84                |  |
|  |                   | <b>c. Vungu-Vungu</b>         | 285                                 | 0                              | 0.33                    | 2.51                |  |
|  |                   | <b>d. Mashare Irrigation</b>  | 60                                  | 0                              | 0.07                    | 2.44                |  |
|  |                   | <b>Training Centre</b>        |                                     |                                |                         |                     |  |
|  |                   | <b>e. Mashare CFU</b>         | 80                                  | 30                             | 0.13                    | 2.32                |  |
|  | <b>f. Mashare</b> | 0                             | 574                                 | 0.66                           | 1.65                    |                     |  |
|  | <b>Total</b>      |                               | 1,125                               |                                | 1.30                    |                     |  |
| <b>4</b>                                     | <b>Gciriku</b>    | <b>a. Ndonga Linena</b>       | 400                                 | 400                            | 0.93                    | 0.73                |  |
|  |                   | <b>b. Shankara</b>            | 20                                  | 0                              | 0.02                    | 0.70                |  |
|  |                   | <b>c. Shitemo</b>             | 400                                 | 0                              | 0.46                    | 0.24                |  |
|  | <b>Total</b>      |                               | 1,220                               |                                | 3.38                    |                     |  |
|  |                   |                               | 1,641                               | 2,904                          |                         |                     |  |
| <b>Total Development Upstream from Cuito</b> |                   |                               | 4,545                               |                                |                         |                     |  |

**Table 2: Water Demand Downstream of the Cuito**

| No                                      | Tribal Area | Place (If Known)   | Existing Area under irrigation (ha) | Future Planned Irrigation (ha) | Abstraction Rate m <sup>3</sup> /s <sup>3</sup> | Flow Balance m <sup>3</sup> /s <sup>3</sup> |
|---|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
|   |             |                    | Maximum Abstraction Rate            |                                |   | 21.50                                       |
| 4                                       | Gciriku     | a. Other           | 0                                   | 3,500                          | 4.05  | 17.45                                       |
|   | Total       |                    | 3,500                               |                                | 4.05  |   |
| 5                                       | Mbukushu    | a. Shadikongoro    | 400                                 | 0                              | 0.46  | 16.99                                       |
|   |             | b. Bagani Gardens  | 40                                  | 0                              | 0.05  | 16.94                                       |
|   |             | c. Divundu Prisons | 116                                 | 40                             | 0.18  | 16.76                                       |
|   |             | d. Katondo         | 0                                   | 4,000                          | 4.63  | 12.13                                       |
|   |             | e. New Projects    | 0                                   | 3,018                          | 3.49  | 8.64  |
|   | Total       |                    | 7,614                               |                                | 8.81  |   |
|   |             |                    | 556                                 | 10,558                         |   |   |
| Total Development Downstream from Cuito |             |                    | 11,114                              |                                |   |   |



### 3. ESTIMATED DEMAND

To calculate the estimated demand for low, medium and high irrigation development scenarios, two different crop mixes were used, to present a worse case scenario and an average scenario. The peak water demand and the average water use per hectare per year are calculated for both crop mixes. Table 3 shows the peak daily demand and average volume of water used per hectare per year whilst Table 4 shows the area for different scenarios on either side of the Cuito confluence.

**Table 3: Peak daily demand and Volume of water used per hectare annually**

|  | Peak Demand<br>(mm/day) | Volume of Water<br>needed per hectare per<br>year |
|--|-------------------------|---|
| Crop mix 1:                                    |                         |   |
| Full area planted with Maize & Wheat           | 10.0                    | 15,000  |
|  |                         |   |
| Crop mix 2:                                    |                         |   |
| 1/3 of area with Maize & Wheat                 | 10.0                    | 15,000  |
| 1/3 of Area with Fruit Trees                   | 6.7                     | 12,000  |
| 1/3 of Area with Vegetables &<br>Aromatic Oils | 6.7                     | 12,000  |
| Average  | 7.8                     | 13,000  |

The following development were accepted for the different irrigation development scenarios: Low development scenario Y 2 x Current Situation = 4,394 ha Medium development scenario Y 9,000 ha High development scenario Y 15,659 ha

**Table 4: Different Development Scenarios**

| Scenario | Irrigation Development in hectare |  |            | Total  |
|----------|-----------------------------------|--|------------|--------|
|          | Upstream                          |  | Downstream |        |
| Low      | 2,461                             |  | 1,933      | 4,394  |
| Medium   | 3,600                             |  | 5,400      | 9,000  |
| High     | 4,545                             |  | 11,114     | 15,659 |

To calculate the percentages of the different scenarios against low flow conditions and average flow the flow rates given in Table 5 were used:

**Table 5: Characteristics of Okavango River flow 2**

| Site         | Min Daily Flow       |                       | Annual Flow in Mm /a <sub>3</sub> |         |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
|              | in m /s <sub>3</sub> | in Mm /a <sub>3</sub> | Average                           | Minimum |
| <b>Rundu</b> | 11                   | 345                   | 5,200                             | 2,260   |
| <b>Mukwe</b> | 80                   | 2,520                 | 9,350                             | 5,635   |

Table 6 gives projected water volumes and flow rates needed for each crop mix for each development scenario and calculates the percentages that this is of total average flow, minimum flow and minimum daily flow rates.

**Table 6: Water Demand for different Scenarios**

| Scenario   | Crop Mix 1 | Crop Mix 2   |
|--|------------|--------------|
| <b>UPSTREAM OF Cuito</b>                           |            |              |
| <b>LOW DEVELOPMENT - 2,461 ha</b>                  |            |              |
| Volume of Water Needed per year (Mm ) <sub>3</sub> | 36.92      | 32.00        |
| As % of Total Average Flow Volume                  | 0.71%      | 0.62%        |
| As % of Minimum Flow Volume                        | 1.63%      | 1.42%        |
| Peak Abstraction Rate (m /s) <sub>3</sub>          | 2.85       | 2.22         |
| As % of Minimum Daily Flow                         | 25.91%     | 20.20%       |
| <b>MEDIUM DEVELOPMENT - 3,600 ha</b>               |            |              |
| Volume of Water Needed per year (Mm ) <sub>3</sub> | 54         | 46.8         |
| As % of Total Average Flow Volume                  | 1.04%      | 0.90%        |
| As % of Minimum Flow Volume                        | 2.39%      | 2.07%        |
| Peak Abstraction Rate (m /s) <sub>3</sub>          | 4.17       | 3.25         |
| As % of Minimum Daily Flow                         | 37.91      | 29.55        |
| <b>HIGH DEVELOPMENT - 4,545 ha</b>                 |            |              |
| Volume of Water Needed per year (Mm ) <sub>3</sub> | 68.18      | 59.09        |
| As % of Total Average Flow Volume                  | 1.31%      | 1.14%        |
| As % of Minimum Flow Volume                        | 3.02%      | 2.61%        |
| Peak Abstraction Rate (m /s) <sub>3</sub>          | 5.26       | 4.10         |
| As % of Minimum Daily Flow                         | 47.82      | 37.27        |
| <b>DOWNSTREAM OF Cuito</b>                         |            |              |
| <b>LOW DEVELOPMENT - 4,394 ha</b>                  |            |              |
| Volume of Water Needed per year (Mm ) <sub>3</sub> | 65.91      | 57.12        |
| As % of Total Average Flow Volume                  | 0.71%      | 0.61%        |
| As % of Minimum Flow Volume                        | 1.17%      | 1.01%        |
| Peak Abstraction Rate (m /s) <sub>3</sub>          | 5.09       | 3.97         |
| As % of Minimum Daily Flow                         | 6.36%      | 4.96%        |
| <b>MEDIUM DEVELOPMENT - 9,000 ha</b>               |            |              |
| Volume of Water Needed per year (Mm ) <sub>3</sub> | 135        | 117          |
| As % of Total Average Flow Volume                  | 1.44%      | 1.25%        |
| As % of Minimum Flow Volume                        | 2.40%      | 2.08%        |
| Peak Abstraction Rate (m /s) <sub>3</sub>          | 10.42      | 8.13         |
| As % of Minimum Daily Flow                         | 13.03%     | 10.16%       |
| <b>HIGH DEVELOPMENT - 15,659 ha</b>                |            |              |
| Volume of Water Needed per year (Mm ) <sub>3</sub> | 234.89     | 203.57       |
| As % of Total Average Flow Volume                  | 2.51%      | <b>2.18%</b> |
| As % of Minimum Flow Volume                        | 4.17%      | 3.61%        |
| Peak Abstraction Rate (m /s) <sub>3</sub>          | 18.12      | 14.14        |
| As % of Minimum Daily Flow                         | 22.65%     | 17.68%       |

From Table 6 it is clear that even under the High Development Scenario, the total volume of water abstracted is relatively little of the available water in the system. For the most likely situation, that of the Crop Mix 2, it will only amount to 2.18% of the total average flow per year.

## **4. IRRIGATION AND SOIL**

### **4.1. SOILS:**

Geologically most of the Kavango soils comprise Cenozoic deposits of the Kalahari Group that overlay extensive basalt sheets of the Stormberg Series. The deposits of the Kalahari Group consist mostly of light coloured sands, chalcedonic limestones, silicified sandstones and ochreous sands. The last mentioned forming the Kalahari Sandveld in Namibia. 3

The Okavango River area consists out of two distinguishable landforms namely, the inland sand plateau and, the river terrace system. The riverine landform consists out of a floodplain that is partially under water during the rainy season and therefore not considered suitable for intensive irrigation purposes. The terrace is situated  $\pm 6$  to 7 metres above the riverbed. The parent material of the inland sand plateau is composed predominantly of infertile aeolian sands of the Kalahari Group with a low organic matter content. Along the terraces the sandy soil is enriched with clay and silt deposits by seasonal floods.

Due to the sandy nature of the soils and low clay and organic matter content, the soils are well drained, have a high infiltration rate and a low water retention capability. This can be mitigated by incorporating a good deal of compost and other organic material into the soil. Typically, this soil has a useful water retention capability of  $\pm 30$ mm which is just enough water for three to four days during the peak demand periods. The farmer and irrigation designer therefore has to take this into account when designing the irrigation systems and irrigation scheduling. On the other hand, this also makes it a very easy soil to manage because drainage is not a problem and the right amount of water and fertilizer can be applied when needed. A good deal of initial fertilizer however is needed to bring the soil fertility a good level after which only regular maintenance fertilizer application is needed.

### **4.2. DRAINAGE:**

Due to the high drainage capacity of the sandy soils, the farmer must take care that no over-irrigation takes place, because he will leach his expensive fertilizers out of the soil. In seasons with abnormal rainfall, this will happen naturally in the sandy soils and therefore, the essential application of organic matter cannot be over emphasised. To manage the scheduling of his irrigation correctly, he is advised to gauge soil moisture regularly to indicate when and how much to irrigate. Continued over-irrigation will also lead to contamination of groundwater and high return-flows to the river. The danger for this can however be reduced dramatically if the farmer applies only the right amount of water when it is needed.

The relatively high rainfall, coupled to the high drainage capacity of the soils, has also led to natural leaching of most of the calcium in the soils. This also needs to be rectified before cultivation of the land can begin.

At certain sites, an impermeable layer of calcium or other hard rock may underlay the topsoil and will prevent the drainage of irrigation water as well as rain water. Such soils are clearly not suitable for irrigation purposes as it will clearly pose a problem with drainage and drowned conditions will occur. To avoid this, proper site investigations must be executed before any development starts. Despite this, if such an impermeable layer is encountered, it can be rectified with sub-surface drainage or

surface drainage but at a high cost to the project. Subsurface drainage water must be treated before it is allowed to flow back into the river. This can be done by directing it into a settling dam where the excess water can evaporate and the salt can be collected and removed or by diverting the water through a reed bed, which will take care of the nutrients in the water.

### **4.3. EROSION:**

In such a flat area, it is not foreseen that irrigation will pose a problem regarding erosion as such, but the fact that an irrigation project is at a certain place, may attract more people to the surrounding area. Their land-use practices can lead to erosion during heavy rainfall or even wind-erosion because of over-grazing and deforestation. This can be mitigated by good Agricultural Extension work and awareness campaigns, to show farmers the results of such unsustainable land-uses practices and to teach ways to prevent it. It will also be good practice to prevent any land clearing within 150m from the river bank for cultivation purposes. This will ensure that if erosion does start, soil and nutrients will not wash into the river with subsequent detrimental results to the ecology downstream.

Another good practice will be to teach farmers to incorporate all organic material harvested on the land back into the soil, instead of burning it or using it as fodder for their livestock. (This also applies to the initial land clearing operation). In this way, they will enhance the water holding capacity of the soil and the soil will not be prone to wind or water-erosion. A better practice still will be to manufacture compost from this material and the manure from cattle. This will also lead to higher crop yields due to the higher nutrient content and better water holding capacity of the soils which will be an added benefit for subsistence farmers.

## **5. FINANCIAL VIABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

The first irrigation projects in the Kavango were started during the 1960's - 70's. These schemes had their ups and downs as far as financial sustainability was concern. One of the main reasons for this was the approach followed to manage the projects. All of them were managed by a salaried manager from the Development Corporation. The staff/labourers were all under a typical Government organizational structure which resulted in a very expensive labour force for the projects after a few years. Furthermore, the Corporations overheads were pushed down onto the projects, which overburden the projects. Another constraint was that the managers worked under instruction from the Head Office and could not respond to an emergency as quickly as they should have. Further, the managers worked for fixed salaries and had no incentive to do more (or anything other than grain production) on the project because of no direct benefits.

It was only during the late nineties that the projects were leased out to private entrepreneurs or managers that received no salary, but only shared in the profit, that this has changed. Even so, the projects did not necessarily immediately turn into success stories.

One of the reasons for this is that the managerial skills of the manager on the ground, must be of the highest quality and he must have a free hand as to the day to day decisions and purchases to be made. The success of any irrigation project/farm depends mostly on these skills, more than on technical knowledge and skills. A manager should have a sound understanding of financial matters or the right staff in service to cater for that. A further prerequisite is a clear understanding of the market systems into which the farm is producing. This is especially true for entering into some niche market opportunities.

One such project's audited income statements showed a turnover of N\$ 60 million over 10 years, while the operational profit was N\$ 14 million during the same period. This means a gross margin of N\$ 1.16 mil per year or N\$ 3,800 per hectare. This can be increased by utilising the equipment available to cultivate additional land under rain-fed (dryland) conditions or to supply services to the surrounding communities.

Although it is commonly known that it is not really viable to produce any staple food under irrigation, it is still done, because it has some strategic value for the Government to have producers irrigate staple food crops. Two reasons for this are:

A.

To have food readily at hand and not be dependent on imports (Strategic importance);

B.

The variety of downstream benefits derived from the production of food.

To demonstrate the financial viability/or non-viability of irrigation in the region, a pre-feasibility study was carried out with maize and wheat as main crops and as an alternative crop, aromatic oils (essential oils). The production of vegetables, fruits, nuts and many other crops can also prove to be profitable, some more than others, but to execute this exercise, more than the available time would be needed. Some of these crops will fetch a higher price on the international markets if it is organically produced. This study indicated that it is possible to produce a crop under irrigation

and make a profit from it, and again proved that production of staple foods under irrigation is not viable, although the gross margin is positive.

In each case a 100 ha unit was taken and all development costs calculated. All operational costs were estimated and a profit/loss balance sheet created for a 20-year period. As a departure point it was assumed that all capital for the development, as well as all operational cost were borrowed at a 10% interest rate. Any positive balance was also invested at an interest rate of 5%.

This exercise showed that for a higher value crop, like aromatic oils, the project can recover all of its capital costs at market related prices within 13-years, while staple foods like maize and wheat are not capable of recovering their capital development costs. (Although, if a person develops such a project with his own capital, it will also be viable, but the return on investment will be very low.) (Appendix B & C).



## **6. COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:**

An interesting point to discuss is the multiplier effect of any development in a region. This means that for every dollar that is created in a development project, whether it is agriculture, industry or tourism, additional value is created in the surrounding area and the country as a whole. In case studies all over the world, different multiplier coefficients have been calculated but they differ widely.

In a study in Oklahoma, United States of America, the following statements were made:

*Multiplier analysis is useful to determine the total impact on an economy of some change caused by an external force or decision, such as location of a new business or government facility. The total impact of any basic industry on an economy consists of direct, indirect, and induced impacts. Direct impacts are the immediate effects of the impacting industry; for example, the jobs created to fill certain positions within the firm and the payroll to pay those new employees. Indirect impacts are the effects that occur in the sectors as a result of the input purchases made by the impacting industry. Induced effects are the changes in other sectors brought about by the increased consumer spending, due to the initial direct and the following indirect effects. In brief, the initial jobs are created and income is spent in ways that tend to create further employment and income in other sectors of the local economy.*

In this study a coefficient of 2.51 were calculated for Agriculture Crop Production. This means that for every dollar created, an additional 1.51 dollars is created in the direct, indirect and induced effects around such development. This however does not mean that this figure will be accurate for the Kavango Region or Namibia, but in the absence of a proven local figure, it can be used to illustrate this example.

In Table 7 the multiplier factor is applied to the information obtained from the feasibility studies in Appendixes B & C.

Tables 8 & 9 show, Cost/Benefits matrixes created to show the more obvious benefits derived from Irrigation Development, but there are many benefits that can not be predicted, because opportunities in further processing to be done or services that can be delivered down the line, are not always seen and maximized by each entrepreneur.

These matrixes are developed for grain production on the one hand and for high value crops on the other, using the figures from the aromatic oils as basis. Please take note that although the transport cost for aromatic oils is almost non-existent, it is a huge factor with vegetables and some fruits because their volume of produce far outstrips that of grains. Tomatoes for instance have a yield of between 100 to 200 tons per hectare. Couple this to the fact that they need special transport to prevent spoilage, it is clear that this will also have huge costs associated with it as well as downstream benefits for other people.

The downstream benefit to the Government form sales of fuel to transport the products, fertilizer and fuel alone is given in Appendix D.

**Table 7: Total Cost Benefit from Irrigation comparing irrigation of aromatic oils to grain production.**

| <b>Description:</b>   | <b>Aromatic Oils 5</b> | <b>Grain Production</b> |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Development Cost in N\$ per ha</b>   | 230882                 | 131740                  |
| <b>Operational cost in N\$ per ha</b>   | 37097                  | 40792                   |
| <b>Income per ha (N\$)</b>  | 74629                  | 45850                   |
| <b>After multiplier effect</b>  | 187319                 | 115084                  |
| <b>Years to break even</b>  | 13                     | -                       |
| <b>Job opportunities per ha (permanent)<sup>1</sup></b>                       | 0.28                   | 0.07                    |
| <b>No of Casual working days per Year per ha</b>                              | 24                     | 1                       |
| <b>Benefit for the region/Country per 100 ha unit per year (N\$)</b>          | 18731900               | 11508400                |
| <b>Benefit for the region/Country for 15,659 ha development per year(N\$)</b> | 2,933 mil              | 1,802 mil               |
| <b>Possible Permanent Job opportunities with 15,659 ha of development</b>     | 4384                   | 1096                    |
| <b>Possible Casual work days per year with 15,659 ha of development</b>       | 375816                 | 15659                   |

## **7. CONCLUSION:**

It is clear from this report, that such water use from the Okavango River could have huge benefits, not only for the irrigation farmers, but for the region and country as well. However, development of any irrigation project should be undertaken with caution and only after a detailed feasibility study that includes an environmental impact assessment is done to ensure that all relevant options are fully addressed. This should include detailed sustainable management and environmental management plans. Evaluation and monitoring of these plans should be done at regular intervals to ensure that the projects is managed on sound and sustainable principles. It is advisable that only high value crops like aromatic oils, vegetables, nuts, fruits, pineapples, etc., be irrigated to ensure that the water is used as efficiently as possible.

This is for large commercial farming with aromatic oils. For small scale farmers, where they will do the harvesting by hand, a much higher figure of  $\pm 1$  job per hectare could be reached.

The total area that can be irrigated with minimal effect on the river in low flow conditions, is  $\pm 16,000$  hectares. Of this, only 4,545 ha may be upstream of the confluence with the Cuito. The rest must be downstream of the confluence. This will result in an abstraction of  $\pm 2.17$  % of the average flow per year and a maximum low flow abstraction rate upstream of the Cuito confluence of 37.27 % (i.e. more than a third of the water flowing in the river at low flow.)

The most likely development scenario that will happen is a scenario where different crop mixes are cultivated with grain production as an integral part of it. For the best use of the water however, it is not recommended that grain be irrigated. If only high value crops are planted, the return on investment will be highest and the water used the most beneficially.

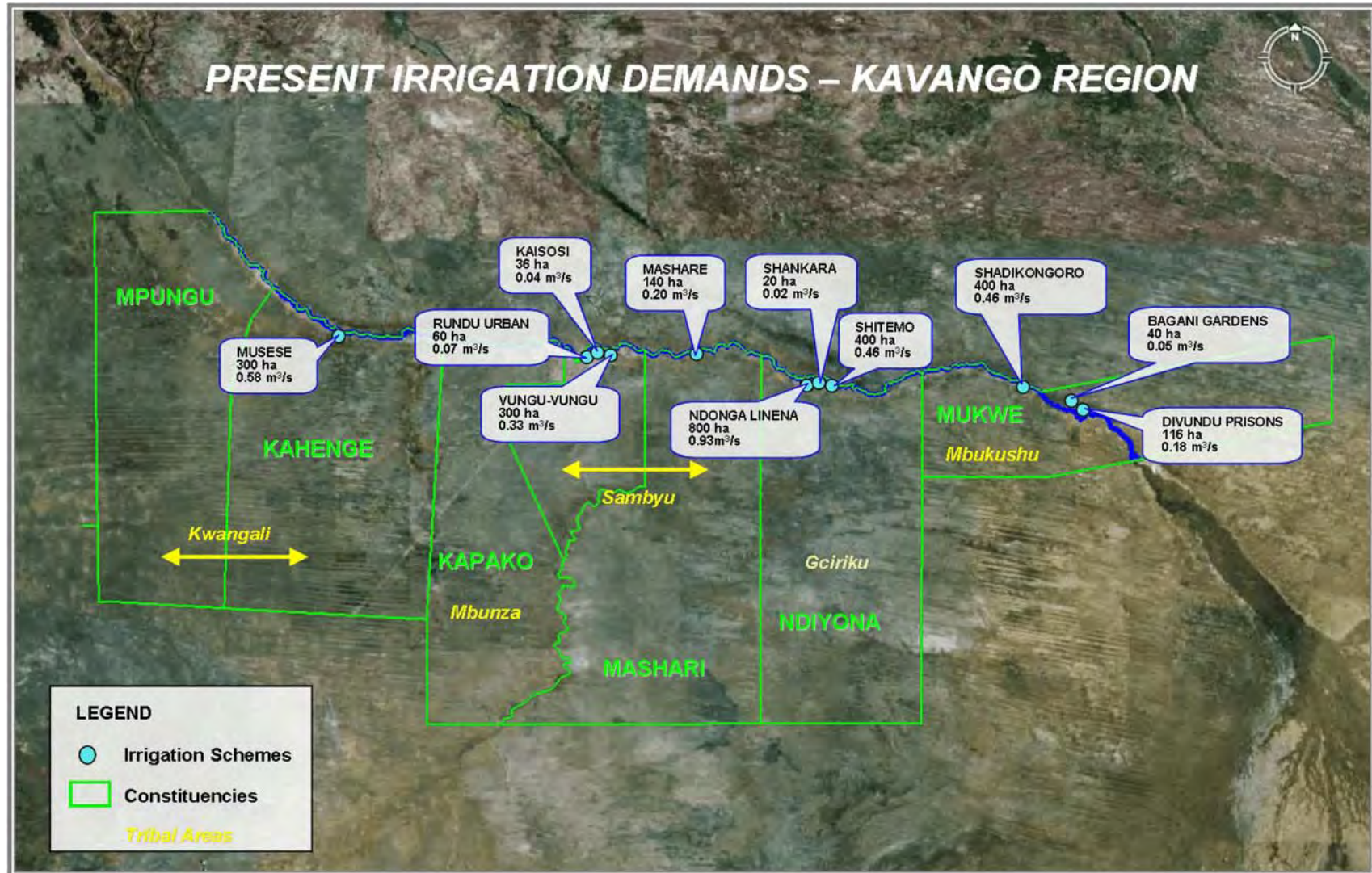
Erosion and drainage should pose no problems, but it is recommended that a detailed soil investigation be carried out, before an area is selected for a project. It is furthermore important that effective irrigation scheduling be implemented to ensure that no leaching of nutrients take place and that these do not wash down into the river as back flows that could let to future enrichment or even eutrophication of these nutrient poor waters.

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***Appendix A***  
**APPENDIX 1: Appendix A**



**APPENDIX B****APPENDIX 2: Appendix B**

| CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT - MAIZE & WHEAT AS MAIN CROP |                                      |     |     |               |              |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------|--------------|
| ITEM   | UNIT                                 | QTY |     | RATE          | TOTAL (N\$)  |
| 1  | De-bush & Ripping                    | ha  | 100 | 7,000.00      | 700,000.00   |
| 2  | Initial Soil Preparation             | ha  | 100 | 3,000.00      | 300,000.00   |
| 4  | Pump Station                         | sum | 1   | 2,000,000.00  | 2,000,000.00 |
| 5  | Main Pipelines                       | sum | 1   | 820,000.00    | 820,000.00   |
| 7  | Power Connection - 1x200kVA          | sum | 1   | 800,000.00    | 800,000.00   |
| 8  | Irrigation System 25ha Centre Pivots | ea  | 4   | 418,500.00    | 1,674,000.00 |
| 9  | Roads                                | sum | 1   | 300,000.00    | 300,000.00   |
| 10   | Fencing                              | km  | 5   | 20,000.00     | 100,000.00   |
| 11   | Houses                               | ea  | 1   | 500,000.00    | 500,000.00   |
| 12   | Office Block                         | sum | 1   | 350,000.00    | 350,000.00   |
| 13   | Sheds                                | ea  | 3   | 300,000.00    | 900,000.00   |
| 15   | Tractor - 82 kW                      | ea  | 1   | 621,000.00    | 621,000.00   |
| 16   | Tractor - 58 kW                      | ea  | 1   | 418,000.00    | 418,000.00   |
| 18   | Trailer - 5Ton                       | ea  | 2   | 95,000.00     | 190,000.00   |
| 20   | Disc - 2.3m                          | ea  | 1   | 125,000.00    | 125,000.00   |
| 21   | Ripper - 2 tines                     | ea  | 1   | 21,000.00     | 21,000.00    |
| 22   | Chisel Plough - 7 tines              | ea  | 1   | 60,000.00     | 60,000.00    |
| 23   | Boom Sprayer - 12m                   | ea  | 1   | 60,000.00     | 60,000.00    |
| 24   | Workshop Equipment                   | ea  | 1   | 100,000.00    | 100,000.00   |
| 25   | Light Delivery Vehicle - 1 ton       | ea  | 1   | 180,000.00    | 180,000.00   |
| 27   | Combine Harvester                    | ea  | 1   | 2,400,000.00  | 2,400,000.00 |
| 28   | Meaze Planter                        | ea  | 1   | 230,000.00    | 230,000.00   |
| 29   | Wheat Planter                        | ea  | 1   | 325,000.00    | 325,000.00   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                     |                                      |     |     | 13,174,000.00 |              |
| <b>SALARIES &amp; WAGES</b>                      |                                      |     |     |               |              |
| 1  | Manager                              | ea  | 1   | 300,000.00    | 300,000.00   |
| 2  | Section Manager                      | ea  | 0   | 150,000.00    | 0.00         |
| 3  | Team Leader                          | ea  | 1   | 30,000.00     | 30,000.00    |
| 4  | Labourers                            | ea  | 5   | 24,000.00     | 120,000.00   |
| 5  | Admin Officer                        | ea  | 0   | 75,000.00     | 0.00         |
| 6  | Casuals - days                       | ea  | 100 | 50.00         | 5,000.00     |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |                                      |     |     | 455,000.00    |              |
| <b>RECURRENT COST</b>                            |                                      |     |     |               |              |
| Seed - Maize                                     |                                      | ha  | 100 | 1,033.85      | 103,385.00   |
| Seed - Wheat                                     |                                      | ha  | 100 | 288.00        | 28,800.00    |
| 1  | Fertilizer - Maize                   | ha  | 100 | 8,498.68      | 849,868.00   |
| 2  | Fertilizer - Wheat                   | ha  | 100 | 9,153.66      | 915,366.00   |
| Micro Elements - Maize                           |                                      | ha  | 100 | 119.58        | 11,958.00    |
| Micro Elements - Wheat                           |                                      | ha  | 100 | 358.74        | 35,874.00    |
| 3  | Pesticides - Maize                   | ha  | 100 | 2,063.83      | 206,383.00   |

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|------|--------|----------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| Pesticides - Wheat |                                | ha   | 100    | 488.81         | 48,881.00  |               |              |
| Herbicides - Maize |                                | ha   | 100    | 352.00         | 35,200.00  |               |              |
| Herbicides - Wheat |                                | ha   | 100    | 447.87         | 44,787.00  |               |              |
| Marketing - Maize  |                                | ha   | 100    | 3,830.00       | 383,000.00 |               |              |
| Marketing - Wheat  |                                | ha   | 100    | 2,500.00       | 250,000.00 |               |              |
| 4                  | Water & Electricity            | ha   | 100    | 2,637.08       | 263,708.00 |               |              |
| 5                  | Transport - LDV's              | km   | 36,000 | 1.63           | 58,680.00  |               |              |
| 6                  | Diesel                         | R    | 10,000 | 7.50           | 75,000.00  |               |              |
| 8                  | Maintenance- Pump Station - 2% | sum  | 1      | 40,000.00      | 40,000.00  |               |              |
| 9                  | - Main pipe line - 2%          | sum  | 1      | 16,400.00      | 16,400.00  |               |              |
| 10                 | Irrigation System - 3% -       | sum  | 1      | 50,220.00      | 50,220.00  |               |              |
| 11                 | Buildings - 1% -               | sum  | 1      | 17,500.00      | 17,500.00  |               |              |
| 12                 | Tractors & Equipment - 4% -    | sum  | 1      | 189,200.00     | 189,200.00 |               |              |
| Total              |                                |      |        | 3,624,210.00   |            |               |              |
|                    |                                |      |        |                |            |               |              |
| INCOME             |                                | Unit | Qty    | Yield - Ton/ha | Tons       | Price per ton | Total        |
| 1                  | Maize                          | ha   | 100    | 10.00          | 1,000      | 2,500.00      | 2,500,000.00 |
| 2                  | Wheat                          | ha   | 100    | 6.00           | 600        | 3,475.00      | 2,085,000.00 |
| Total              |                                | 200  |        | 1,600          |            | 4,585,000.00  |              |



**APPENDIX C**  
**APPENDIX 3: Appendix C**

| BALANCING SHEET - MAIZE<br>AND WHEAT<br>YEA<br>R |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ITEM   | 0          | 1         | 2         | 3         | 4         | 5         | 6         | 7         | 8         | 9         | 10        | 11        | 12        | 13        | 14        | 15        | 16        | 17        | 18        | 19        | 20        |
| INCOME   |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Product Sold                                     |            | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 | 4,585,000 |
| OPERATIONAL COST                                 |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| 1 Capital Cost                                   | 13,174,000 |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| 2 Recurrent Cost                                 |            | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 | 3,624,210 |
| 3 Salaries                                       |            | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   | 455,000   |
| 5 Replacement of Equipment                       |            |           |           |           |           | 360,000   |           |           |           |           | 860,000   |           |           |           | 500,000   | 2,400,000 |           |           |           |           | 540,000   |
| TOTAL  | 13,174,000 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 | 4,079,210 |
| INTEREST   |            | 1,317,400 | 1,398,561 | 1,487,838 | 1,586,043 | 1,694,068 | 1,848,896 | 1,983,207 | 2,130,948 | 2,293,464 | 2,472,232 | 2,754,876 | 2,979,784 | 3,227,184 | 3,499,323 | 3,148,812 | 3,023,352 | 2,670,437 | 2,352,815 | 2,066,954 | 1,809,680 |

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|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Own Capital | 0              |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
|             |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| BALANCE     | 13,17<br>4,000 | 13,98<br>5,610 | 14,87<br>8,381 | 15,86<br>0,429 | 16,94<br>0,682 | 18,48<br>8,960 | 19,83<br>2,066 | 21,30<br>9,483 | 22,93<br>4,641 | 24,72<br>2,315 | 27,54<br>8,757 | 29,79<br>7,842 | 32,27<br>1,837 | 34,99<br>3,230 | 31,48<br>8,117 | 30,23<br>3,516 | 26,70<br>4,374 | 23,52<br>8,147 | 20,66<br>9,542 | 18,09<br>6,798 | 16,32<br>1,328 |
|             |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |

## Appendix D

## APPENDIX 4: Appendix D

| Product      | Yield/ha | Ha Planted | Total tons | No of 30 ton trucks loads | Down Stream benefit to the Transport Industry per annum |                  |                |                            | Litres/km | Liters of diesel used | Price per Litre | Total Cost N\$ | Tax N\$ on Fuel alone |
|--------------|----------|------------|------------|---------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
|              |          |            |            |                           | Freight km drive n per trip                             | Price per km N\$ | Total Cost     | Km Inside Namibia per trip |           |                       |                 |                |                       |
| Maize        | 10       | 15,659     | 156,590    | 5,220                     | 700   | 30               | 109,613,000.00 | 700                        | 0.5       | 3,653.767             | 7.50            | 27,403,250.00  | 13,701,625.00         |
| Wheat        | 6        | 15,659     | 93,954     | 3,132                     | 700   | 30               | 65,767,800.00  | 700                        | 0.5       | 2,192.260             | 7.50            | 16,441,950.00  | 8,220,975.00          |
| Fertilizer   | 1.3      | 15,659     | 20,357     | 679                       | 700   | 30               | 14,249,690.00  | 700                        | 0.5       | 474,990               | 7.50            | 3,562,422.50   | 1,781,211.25          |
| Fuel (R/ha)  | 100      | 15,659     | 1,566      | 52                        | 700   | 30               | 1,096,130.00   | 700                        | 0.5       | 36,538                | 7.50            | 274,032.50     | 137,016.25            |
| <b>Total</b> |          |            | 270,901    | 9,030                     | 2,100   |                  | 190,726,620.00 |                            |           | 6,357.554             |                 | 47,681,655.00  | 23,840,827.50         |

## The Okavango River Basin Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis Technical Reports

In 1994, the three riparian countries of the Okavango River Basin – Angola, Botswana and Namibia – agreed to plan for collaborative management of the natural resources of the Okavango, forming the Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission (OKACOM). In 2003, with funding from the Global Environment Facility, OKACOM launched the Environmental Protection and Sustainable Management of the Okavango River Basin (EPSMO) Project to coordinate development and to anticipate and address threats to the river and the associated communities and environment. Implemented by the United Nations Development Program and executed by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the project produced the

Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis to establish a base of available scientific evidence to guide future decision making. The study, created from inputs from multi-disciplinary teams in each country, with specialists in hydrology, hydraulics, channel form, water quality, vegetation, aquatic invertebrates, fish, birds, river-dependent terrestrial wildlife, resource economics and socio-cultural issues, was coordinated and managed by a group of specialists from the southern African region in 2008 and 2009.

The following specialist technical reports were produced as part of this process and form substantive background content for the Okavango River Basin Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis

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