

Minutes for Public Consultation Process

Proposed Construction of a Petroleum Depot in Katima Mulilo Town

1. Introduction

Regulation 21 to 24 of the EIA Regulations (GN 30 of 2012) of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) presents the requirements for the public participation process. Key requirements in these regulations are:

- Regulation 21 - Notification of interested and affected parties through various channels including
 - notice boards in conspicuous places
 - written notices to authorities and neighbours
 - advertisement in widely circulated newspapers
- Regulation 22 - Open and keep a register of interested and affected parties, accessible to public
- Regulation 23 Liberty to comment on the report and any other information about the project
- Regulations 24 - ensure that the comments of interested and affected parties are recorded in reports submitted to the Environmental Commissioner.

To comply the above requirements, the EAP undertook several efforts in public participation process. These efforts included the following:

| Regulation | Requirements | Effort |
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| 21 | Notification of interested and affected parties | Advertisements, directed notifications and public notice posters |
| 22 | Open and keep a register | A register of those notified and register of those engaged |
| 23 | Comment on the report and any other information | Meeting minutes and directed engagement sessions comments |
| 24 | Comments of interested and affected parties are recorded in reports | Referral within the Scoping Reports and redressal of issues in EMP |

This document provides the details on the public participation process engaged by the consultant on the project.

2. Notifications

In preparation for the meetings, notices were placed in two forms: physical notices and publications.

| Type of Notifications | I&AP |
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| Correspondences | Zambezi Regional Council, Katima Urban Constituency, Katima Mulilo Town Council |
| Advertisement and Public notice posters | Public |
| Directed Engagement | Neighbours and Public |

2.1 Correspondences

Letters were written to the stakeholders above provided to notify and request for an opportunity for a meeting to engagement on the project. The letter of notifications is provided in the Appendix XX and registers upon receipt of the letters.

2.2 Public notices

Poster notices were placed at the project site and around in the town of Katima Mulilo, providing project information and inviting comments.



2.3 Advertisements Notices

Publications were placed in the New Era Newspaper (9 & 15 July) and Windhoek Observer (9th & 17th July). These publications are circulated both as printed papers and electronically for a wider reach. Commenting period opened from 9 July 2025 to 21 July 2025.

location and description: The Proponent intends to expand the existing abattoir current slaughtering capacity to 30,000 broilers per day to 30,000 per day. It is further intended to build a facility for the treatment of the solid waste and effluent of the abattoir on Farm 1328. An Environmental Clearance Certificate is required for the abattoir, the waste management activities of the abattoir continue with the operations of the abattoir.

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Activity Name: EIA for the Proposed Petroleum Depot

Project Location: Portion 113 of farm Katima Mulilo Townlands No. 1328, located within the Katima Mulilo Town, Zambezi Region

Project Description: The Proponent proposes to establish and operate a petroleum depot. The Depot will handle and store diesel servicing bulk consumers (>200 litres).

Proponent: Mairienge Service Station CC

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Namib Consulting Services CC

Public Meeting:
Date: 21 July 2025
Time: 10h00
Venue: Ngweze Community Hall

Registration as I&APs: To obtain BID or submit comments, please register as I&APs at the following details:
Contact: 0866549742 or 0812910649
Email: namibconsulting@gmail.com

Closing Date for Submitting of Comments: before or on the 22 July 2025

is being finalized.

Erf 5373 is situated in Eyambala, Ongwediva. In behind Guava Shopping Center. The erf is 2864m² in extent and zoned Single Residential with a density of 1:500. The proposed new zoning will allow the owner to construct a total of 1 units on each proposed property. Access to the erf will be obtained from the existing entrance. Parking will be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Ongwediva Town Council Town Planning Scheme.

Further note that the land title plan of Erf 5373 is being finalized.

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CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Environmental Impact Assessment for a Proposed Logistics Base for Oil and Gas Activities

Lüderitz, Karas Region, Namibia

This notice serves to inform all interested and affected parties that an application for the environmental clearance certificate will be launched with the Environmental Commissioner in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Regulations (GN 30 of 2012).

Project: The proposed logistics base is designed to support offshore oil

2.4 Other Unconventional Notifications

Circulation on newspaper notices to WhatsApp developments groups of the region were also made to further increase chances of awareness of the meeting and development proposal.

3. Records of Comments

3.1 Public Meeting

The public meeting was set for the Ngweze Community Hall on the 21 July 2025 at a time of 10H00. The meeting was unsuccessful in that the consulting team waited at the venue up to 11h30, without members of the public coming forth except those working at the hall. This effort was abandoned based on this outcome.

3.2 Consulting of Site Neighbours

Much of the site surroundings of the site is undeveloped except for the northern parts where of the four nearby erfes that are adjacent, only two are developed and occupied. These were consulted notified and informed of the proposed activity and requested to indicate their view through consent letter. They expressed welcome to the project and highlighting prioritizing neighbours to the site for any opportunities. (see appendix Z).

3.3 Engagement of Authorities

3.3.1 Zambezi Regional Council and Katima Urban Constituency

Were engaged on 23 March 2026 at meeting in held at Council premises. The meeting was informed of the proposed activity and its scope as well as potential impacts both beneficial and adverse.

The ZRC commented on two key aspects;

1. That although they do not have direct authority in the area, there is observed re-invasion of the area by some settlers. It is unclear if these are allowed by local council but it is prudent to secure the area with a fence. If occupied in whatever way, the process that follows to reclaim the area may become complicated.
2. The development is welcome on the basis that all processes of the local council are fulfilled and with careful protection of the environment and people.

3.3.2 Despite receiving notifications and subsequent follow-ups, no responses were provided by the Constituency Office. Nonetheless, these entities are encompassed within the provisions of the ZRC.

3.3.3 The Katima Town Council

The meeting with the local authority was held on 27 March 2026, at Council premises with officials of community services, overseeing health and environment and town planning. At this meeting, the main comments were raised on the proposed activity:

1. The entire site will need to be interlocked to effectively manage dust from traffic movement off the highway.
2. Extreme caution must be exercised during all underground construction activities due to the water table being shallow.
3. The area must be fenced off to prevent unauthorised access, particularly from local individuals smoking near the site.

3.3.4 Public comments

Following the unsuccessful outcome of initial efforts, a subsequent phase of targeted outreach was conducted involving individuals located near the site (refer to register). Feedback from these community members highlighted interest in potential employment opportunities stemming from the project, as well as inquiries about competitive fuel pricing compared to local stations. It was clarified that the depot's operations will exclusively cater to bulk purchasers requiring quantities exceeding 200 litres.

4. Conclusion

Significant efforts were undertaken to inform and publicize the Proponent's proposed activity and development plan. Although initial attempts were not successful, subsequent actions yielded valuable input from stakeholders, which has been instrumental in identifying key concerns and areas of interest. These insights have been integrated into the reassessment process to address issues effectively, ensuring the project's sustainability across social, economic, and environmental dimensions.

Appendix

Register of Notifications

Register of KMTC meeting

Register of ZRC Meeting

Register of Member of Public engaged

Advertisements notices