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APP 240903- 004644: ZOVU ELEPHANT LODGE**

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Document 1: Appointment letter of EAP Dr E Klingelhoetter



The Environmental Commissioner
Mr Timothy Mufeti
Private bag 13306
WINDHOEK

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE for the operation of
ZOVU ELEPHANT LODGE, KASIKA CONSERVANCY, ZAMBEZI REGION

APPOINTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER
(EAP)

Dear Mr. Mufeti,

I make reference to the letter from the then EC Mr. T. Nghitila, dated 21 November 2018 (find attached). This is to inform your kind office, that due to COVID 19, our Lodge was closed and we only now as of 1 March 2024 have commenced with operation. During the past years we embarked on the following activities:

- extensive maintenance of the buildings
- upgrade of the solar power unit
- upgrade of the Waste Management Protocols
- implement extensive marketing strategies to attract clients

Project Name: Operation of ZOVU ELEPHANT LODGE, Zambezi Region

Nature of Activity: Operating Zovu Elephant Lodge on the Namibian side of the Chobe River next to Kasika Immigration office.

For Zovu Elephant Lodge to be accredited as an operating Lodge as prescribed by the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007, we are aware that our Environmental Clearance Certificate to operate as a Lodge needs to be reviewed every three years.

We hereby wish to inform your kind office that I have appointed Dr. Ekkehard Klingelhoetter of Atlantic Consulting Services CC/ 2021/03824 as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist my company to be re-issued an Environmental Clearance Certificate. His task will be as follows:

1. To ensure that the Environmental Management Plan is updated and implemented

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2. To ensure that a rigorous Waste Management Protocol is in place

I hereby also give permission to Dr Klingelhoefter to be provided with a copy of the EMP for Zovu Elephant Lodge, which has been submitted to your office in October 2018 by the Consultant Mr. G Sitengu.

Please let me know if there is any additional information that is required by your office to ensure that my Environmental Clearance Certificate is being re-issued for a period of 3 years.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Visagie", written over a horizontal dashed line.

Mr. Peter J. J. Visagie: Sole Owner

Date: 27 August 2024

Email: bookings@zovuelephantlodge.com.na

Cell no: 081-477 29 11

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Document 2: Allocation of APP number (as per e-mail received)

New application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate

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Ministry of Environment and Tourism <noreply@meft.gov.na>

to me

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism

2024-09-03

Dear Ekkehard Klingelhoefter,

Thank you for applying for an Environmental Clearance Certificate.

Your application has been registered with application
number **240903004644**

Thank you

Phillip Troskie Bulding

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Document 3: Screening Notification & Instructions received (as per e-mail)

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Ministry of Environment and Tourism <noreply@meft.gov.na> Thu, 5 Sept 2024,
17:10
to me

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism

2024-09-05

Dear Ekkehard Klingelhoefter,

This email serves to inform you that your application **APP-004644** has been verified

Taking the following into considerations:

- Location of the project
- Pollution potential
- Scale of operation of the project

Please upload the following documents:

- Updated EMP to effect amendment
- Confirmation of screening notice received (through email) in

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terms of assessment procedures (Section 35 (1)(a)(b) of the Environmental Management Act, No 7 of 2007)

- Preliminary Site Map with coordinates (decimal degrees) and a Legend
- Copy of the previous Environmental Clearance Certificate issued in terms of Section 37(1)(a) of EMA
- CV of Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)

Please login onto our portal to upload required documents, if any
<https://eia.met.gov.na>

NB- for the purpose of Section 38 of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 read with Regulation 4(d), kindly forward copies of all relevant documents i.e. (application forms, EIA, Scoping reports, EMP etc.) to the office of the Environmental Commissioner

Thank you

Phillip Troskie Bulding

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Document 4: Current elapsed Clearance Certificate



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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

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Namibia

21 November 2018

OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

The Managing Director
Zovu Elephant Lodge
P.O Box 98
Katima Mulilo
Namibia

Dear Sir

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE OPERATION OF ZOVU ELEPHANT LODGE, KASIKA AREA, ZAMBEZI REGION

The Environmental Assessment Scoping Report and Environmental Management Plan submitted is sufficient as it makes an adequate provision of the environmental management for the above mentioned project. From this perspective, regular monitoring and evaluation on environmental performance should be conducted. Targets for improvements should be established and monitored from time to time.

This Ministry reserves the right to attach further legislative and regulatory conditions during the operational phase of the project.

On the basis of the above, this letter serves as an environmental clearance certificate for the project to proceed. However, this clearance letter does not in any way hold the Ministry of Environment and Tourism accountable for misleading information, nor any adverse effects that may arise from this project's activities. Instead, full accountability rests with Zovu Elephant Lodge and their Consultants.

This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, from the date of issue unless withdrawn by this office.

Yours sincerely,


Teofilus Nghitila
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

"Stop the poaching of our rhinos"

All official correspondence must be addressed to the Permanent Secretary

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Document 5: **Formal application to EC office – stamp duties for the Environmental Clearance Certificate**

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ANNEXURE 1
FORMS

Form 1

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 2007
(Section 32)
APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

Revenue stamp of
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REVENUE
N\$100

Revenue stamp of
NAMIBIA
REVENUE
N\$200

PART A: DETAILS OF APPLICANT

1. Name: (person or business)	MR. PETER J. J. VISAGIA
2. Business Registration / Identity No. (if applicable)	ZOVU ELEPHANT LODGE
3. Correspondence Address:	P.O. Box 98, KATIMA MULILO
4. Name of Contact Person:	DR. E. KLINGELHOEFFER
5. Position of Contact Person:	ENV. ASS. PRACTITIONER
6. Telephone No.:	+264 081 719 3939
7. Fax No.:	N/A
8. E-mail Address: (if any)	ekkehardwk@gmail.com

☐ Tick () the appropriate box

EAP
E.K.H.

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PART B: SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

1. The environmental clearance certificate is for:

☒ RENEWAL OF EXISTING/ELAPSED 3 YEAR
☐ CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR ZOVU
☐ ELEPHANT LODGE

2. Details of the activity(s) covered by the environmental clearance certificate:

[Note: Please attach plans to show the location and scope of the designated activity(s), and use additional sheets if necessary: Detailed report is attached]

Title of Activity: OPERATE A LODGE ON CHOBERIV, (NAMIBIA)
Nature of Activity: ZOVU ELEPHANT LODGE
Location of Activity: KASIKA VILLAGE NEAR IMPALILA ISL.
Scale and Scope of Activity: SMALL SCALE OPERATION OF 4X GUEST UNITS

PART C: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the particulars given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand the environmental clearance certificate may be suspended, amended or cancelled if any information given above is false, misleading, wrong or incomplete.

Signature of Applicant: PETER J. J. VISAGIE Full Name in Block Letters Position: SOLE OWNER

on behalf of EAP D. E. Klingelhoef Date: 4/02/2025

EAP
E. Klingelhoef

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Document 6 Abbreviated CV of EAP Dr E Klingelhoefter



Ekkehard Klingelhoefter

Domicile

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Swakopmund,
Erongo Region

Plot No 18
Kubu and Kwena, Kaliembeza Village
Katima Mulilo

Contact details

Email: ekkehardwk@gmail.com

Cell-phone: 081 719 3939

Marital status Married to Marion (Homeopathic Practitioner); and have a daughter and a son.

Higher Education Qualifications achieved:

- BSc degree major in Botany and Zoology
- BSc (Hons) in Wildlife Management
- MSc in Terrestrial Ecology: Tongaland Elephant
- PhD in Fishery Management and Oceanography
- Diploma in Tertiary Education (focus on Androgocis and Gerongocis)

Languages spoken

- a. English (fluent); b. German (fluent); c. Afrikaans (fluent) ;
d. Numerous Nguni dialects (basic to fluent)

Positions held to date

- Student researcher: on human elephant conflict amongst the Tonga community (30 months), Kwa Zulu Natal

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- Regional Conservation Ecologist (4 years), Mpumalanga
- Lecturer to future teachers (2 years) at Mgwenya Teachers College: Biology
- Lecturer to future wildlife conservationists (3 years) at NUST (Polytechnikon of Namibia)
- Principal scientist of the horse mackerel research unit: Swakopmund, Atlantic Ocean (7 years)
- Chief scientist of the oceanographer research unit: Swakopmund, Atlantic Ocean (6 years)
- Director & Deputy Director: Aquaculture & Inland Fisheries (8 years) for MFMR
- Regional Training Officer for: Angola, Namibia, South Africa: BCC (Benguela Current Commission - 1 year)
- Lecturer & HoD: Department of Wildlife management and Tourism Studies -UNAM (10 years)
- Currently operating as a freelance Environmental Consultant

Atlantic Consulting Services cc

Director of this CC and as a team of professionals offer the following services with focus on Wildlife, Fisheries and Tourism:

- EIA/EMP with focus on Aquaculture & Aquaponics Projects and lately Waste Management at tourism facilities
- Guide for international students on educational tours in Namibia
- Part time lecturing and student support (research proposals, editing Hons, MSc and PhD Thesis)
- Logistics for student internships, practical and field excursions
- Aquaculture license application
- Business plans relating to Conservation and Aquaculture
- Consultancies in other related fields disciplines

Other fields of expertise

- a. Acquired skills in project implementation and management e.g. GRN capital projects (Aquaculture Units) and lately co-ordinated the development of infrastructure for a Wildlife/Tourism Campus at Katima Mulilo.
- b. Feasibility studies e.g. aquaponics for Hans Seidel Foundation.
- c. EIA/EMP consultancies: focus on aquaculture.
- d. Capacity building to staff and students within the Department of Wildlife Management and Tourism Studies (DWMTS), at Katima Mulilo UNAM Campus.
- e. Experience in staff structure development for different Divisions/Directorate based on expected outcomes/deliverables.
- f. Pre-planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of donor agency projects within the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources e.g. with GTZ/GIZ, JICA, VietNam, Cuba, Spain, Norway, Finland, Iceland and lately KfW (through UNAM).
- g. Gained experience in working with international / regional organizations such as GTZ/GIZ; KfW; NORAD; ICEDA; JICA; NNF; Spanish Agency (SAIDC); Benguela Current Commission - BCC (Angola, and South Africa).
- h. Represented Namibia at the:
 - International Whaling Commission in Grenada and Newfoundland
 - FAO in Rome, Italy on Fisheries related issues.
- i. Ability to teach and mentor students – at Polytechnic (NUST) and UNAM pertaining to conservation, wildlife management, HWC, plant taxonomy, entomology, ornithology, ecology, coastal and inland fishery research – to name a few.
- j. Instrumental in promoting and developing the aquaculture sector in Namibia; assist in drafting the Aquaculture Strategic Plan, Act and Regulations.

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- k. Curriculum development in Conservation, Wildlife management and Aquaculture programs.
- l. Develop the Field Attachment (Internship) Training Manual for students of the Polytechnikon (1988) and revised/updated for the Department of Wildlife Management and Tourism Studies (2014 and 2023).
- m. Conducted a feasibility study on the potential of aquaponics in the Zambezi Region as an alternative livelihood, for the Hans Seidel Foundation (Windhoek) in 2021.

Latest co-author Publication

Meyer, M., **Klingelhoefter, E.**, Naidoo, R., Wingate, V., and Börner, J...2021. Tourism opportunities drive woodland and wildlife conservation outcomes of community-based conservation in Namibia's Zambezi Region. *ECOLEC*, Vol. 180 (c). DOI: 10.1016/j.ecolecon.2020.1068638.

Currently in draft:

- i) Biannual bird counts in the Kasai Channel at Impalila Island, of the Zambezi Region.
- i) Vegetation mapping of Impalila Island, in the Zambezi Region.

Self-drive ambitions:

It is my ambition to contribute through new innovative approaches to:

the betterment of the livelihoods of communities in rural areas
lecture students and to ensure that they acquire the necessary skills to enter the job market or to be self-employed (entrepreneurship)
to continue to promote and to support the aquaculture industry (mariculture and aquaponics)
encourage Lodges to implement best practices in waste management
contribute to the sustainable management and utilization of the natural marine and terrestrial resources
to offer student support and mentorship in research projects, internship and field excursions.