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NOTICE

Take notice that Messrs. M and N Planning & Property Development Cc (Town and Regional Planners) on behalf of owner of Erf 6924, Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab Street No. 44, Windhoek has applied to the Windhoek Municipal Council and intends applying to the Urban & Regional Planning Board in terms of the stipulations of the Urban & Regional Planning Act, 2018 (Act No. 5 of 2018) for:

- the rezoning of Erf 6924, Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab Street No. 44, Windhoek from 'residential' with a density of 1 per Erf to 'office' with a bulk of 0.5 in terms of Section 105 (1) of the Urban & Regional Planning Act, 2018 (Act No. 5 of 2018).
- Consent to use and develop Erf 6924, Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab Street No. 44, Windhoek for office and residential purposes while the rezoning is in process.
- Consent in terms of Section 23(1) of the Windhoek Zoning Scheme to allow for an additional floor area (free bulk), which shall be devoted solely to residential use in the form of dwelling units.

Erf 6924, Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab Street No. 44, Windhoek is zoned 'residential' with a density of 1 per Erf and is approximately 1,324m² in extent. The proposed rezoning to 'office' with a bulk of 0.5 will allow the owner to use Erf 6924, Windhoek for office and additional floor area not exceeding 50% of the allowable bulk for residential purposes. The number of vehicles for which parking must be provided on-site will be provided in accordance with the Windhoek Zoning Scheme.

Further take notice that the plan of the Erf lies for inspection on the Town Planning notice board in the Customer Care Centre, Main Municipal Offices, Rev. Michael Scott Street, Windhoek and with applicant. Further take notice that any person objecting to the proposed use of the land as set out above may lodge such objection together with the grounds thereof, with the City of Windhoek, Urban Policy Division and with the applicant in writing. The last day for objections is 05 December 2024.

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NOTIFICATION AND CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR (4) TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS IN SELECTED SITES ZAMBESI AND OSHIKOTO REGION, NAMIBIA



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The proposed projects for which the Environmental Clearance Certificate will be applied for are as follows:

Project Title: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
 Study for the Proposed Construction and operation
 of a Telecommunication Tower at Maluta Combined
 School, Zambesi Region

Location: Maluta Combined School, Zambesi Region
 Coordinates: 17°32'40.0"S, 24°18'54.5"E

Project Title: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
 Study for the Proposed Construction and operation
 of a Telecommunication Tower at Linyanti, Zambesi
 Region

Location: Linyanti, Zambesi Region
 Coordinates: 18°04'19.7"S, 24°10'26.2"E

Project Title: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
 Study for the Proposed Construction and operation
 of a Telecommunication Tower at Ginkose, Zambesi
 Region

Location: Ginkose, Zambesi Region
 Coordinates: 17°41'38.9"S, 24°13'24.9"E

Project Title: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
 Study for the Proposed Construction and operation
 of a Telecommunication Tower at Oshanaanga, Oshikoto
 Region

Location: Oshanaanga, Zambesi Region
 Coordinates: 18°00'48.3"S, 16°03'38.3"E

Project Title: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
 Study for the Proposed Construction and operation of a
 Telecommunication Tower at Lusakili, Zambesi Region.

Location: Lusakili, Zambesi Region
 Coordinates: 17°33'01.9"S, 24°29'28.3"E

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) Registration
 and submission of comments: To comment or receive
 further information on the project, please register with
 the consultant (contact details below) as an I&AP before
 end of 17 December 2024. A background information
 Document (BID) has been compiled for the project
 and is available upon request to the consultant, contact
 below.

All registered I&APs will be informed throughout
 the assessment process and will be provided with
 further opportunities for review and submission of
 comments. Comments can also be lodged via the online
 form given: <https://shorturl.at/2CWhg>

Contact Details: D&P Engineers and Environmental Consultants

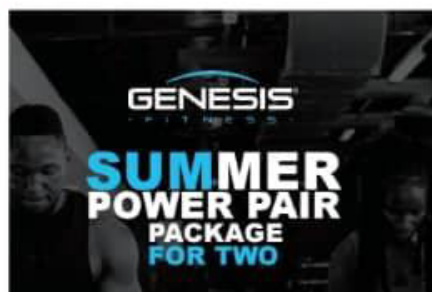
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CALL FOR REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MINERAL EXPLORATION AND MINING ACTIVITIES ON MINING CLAIMS NO. 74242 - 74245 IN RESPECT TO BASE AND RARE METALS, PRECIOUS METALS & SEMI- PRECIOUS STONE - SOUTH-WEST OF OMARURU ERONGO REGION

1. PROJECT SITE AND DESCRIPTION

Mr. Ronnie Kanaob (the Proponent), intends to apply to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate for its proposed prospecting activities in respect to Base and Rare Metals, Precious Metals, and Semi-Precious Stone (area of 63.6 Ha) in the Erongo Region. The key component of the proposed activity entails geological mapping and survey and manual sample collection for laboratory analysis with long-term plans to establish a marble quarry. Access to the sampling or survey sites will be by existing tracks and on foot where vehicle access is limited.



COP29 Reaches Boiling Point ...

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Tensions reached a breaking point when representatives from the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and the Least Developed Countries (LDC) walked out of the extended negotiations, citing frustrations over being excluded from critical discussions.

Cedric Schuster, Samoa's Minister for Natural Resources and Environment and chairperson of AOSIS, expressed the collective's grievances, stating, "We came to this COP to achieve a fair deal.

"We feel that we have not been heard. There is a deal to be made, but we are not being consulted."

His sentiments were echoed by Evans Njewa, Malawi's Chief Environmental Officer and chair of the LDC, who emphasised the disproportionate impacts faced by their nations.

"Our countries are the most affected by climate change. We have contributed the least to the problem, yet bear the brunt of its impacts. We've made our needs clear, but they are being ignored—that's why we walked out," he explained.

The LDC bloc, comprising 45 countries primarily in Africa, and AOSIS, which represents small island nations threatened by rising sea levels, have repeatedly called for urgent and meaningful action.

Schuster, in a statement posted on the AOSIS website, warned of the dire consequences of inaction: "We are literally sinking. Understand this—I am not exaggerating. How can we return to our people with a poor deal that will plunge them into further peril?"

As negotiations faltered, frustration grew over the proposed financial target.

The draft text called for mobilising USD 300 billion by 2035, a figure far below the USD 1.3 trillion per year needed by 2030 for mitigation alone.

India, a major developing nation, voiced its disappointment, with Leena Nandan, Secretary of India's Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, accusing the presidency of stifling dissent.

"We object to this means of unfair adoption. Gavelling through decisions without hearing objections undermines the UNFCCC system," she said, adding that the process had been "stage-managed."

Meanwhile, Annalena Baerbock, Germany's Foreign Affairs Minister, pointed to fossil fuel-producing nations as key obstacles to progress.

Speaking on behalf of the European Union, she described the situation as a geopolitical power play.

"We are in the midst of a geopolitical power play by a few fossil fuel states, using the backs of the poorest and most vulnerable as their playing board," she said.

Baerbock also vowed that the EU would not support any deal that came at the expense of vulnerable nations, particularly small island states.

"We will not allow the most vulnerable to be ripped off by the few rich fossil fuel emitters," she declared.

Adding to the controversy were allegations against Azerbaijan, the COP29 host nation.

Reports emerged that officials had attempted to market oil during the UN event, a scandal reminiscent of similar accusations levelled at the United Arab Emirates during COP28.

The host nation also faced criticism over alleged arrests of climate activists and journalists, further tarnishing the event's credibility.

As COP29 concluded, the deep divisions between developed and vulnerable nations were laid bare.

For many, the contentious negotiations served as a stark reminder of the urgent need for climate action and the challenges of achieving consensus in an increasingly fractured global climate regime.



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Project Title: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Construction and operation of a Telecommunication Tower at Linyant, Zambesi Region.

Location: Linyant, Zambesi Region
Coordinates: 18°04'19.7"S, 24°01'26.2"E



Educators Urged to Prioritise Financial Education

 Mathias Hangula

Trade economist Chuma Siboleka has called on educators to offer financial education to help individuals make sound financial decisions.

Siboleka emphasised the importance of financial literacy, which she noted is often overlooked until people face critical financial challenges. Siboleka argued that, in general, the impact of the education one has received is only noticeable after over a year, stressing the need to identify where education is lacking.

Siboleka suggested that in order to ensure the fruition of these efforts, there is a need to incorporate it into the national school curriculum as early as grade 4 or even at pre-primary grades to ensure sound financial knowledge at an early stage.

"We take on financial education lessons on a daily basis without labelling them as such. We are counting money, why? How?" added Siboleka.

Studies conducted at the University of Namibia define financial literacy as the ability to make informed judgments and decisions regarding the use and management of money.

This includes budgeting, spending, saving, borrowing, investing, and planning for the future.

Despite various national programs aimed at improving financial literacy, Siboleka questioned whether these initiatives effectively reach and resonate with their intended audience.

Many people continue to make uninformed financial decisions, highlighting the need for enhanced education and awareness.

Last year, Prime Minister Sarah Kuugongelwa-Amadhila expressed concern about the low levels of financial literacy in Namibia. She emphasised that a robust financial system is essential for the country's economic growth and stability.



Photo: Contributed

Data from the Financial Literacy Initiative (FLI) in Namibia revealed a disparity between financial knowledge and behaviour.

While Namibians scored an average of 51.2% on the Financial Knowledge Index in 2016, their Financial Behavior Index score was significantly lower, at just 32.4%.



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Location: Mafula Combined School, Zambezi Region
Coordinates: 17°32'40.0"S, 24°18'54.5"E

Project Title: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Construction and operation of a Telecommunication Tower at Linyant, Zambezi Region.

Location: Linyant, Zambezi Region
Coordinates: 18°04'19.7"S, 24°01'26.2"E

Project Title: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Construction and

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Environmental Impact Assessment and Public Participation process: The proposed construction and operation of a telecommunication tower at
GUNKWE, KATIMA, MUKO, RURA CONST., ZAMBESI, REGION

Date: 13.12.2024 Time: 09:30

Venue: EKUTA, GUNKWE

No	Name and Surname	Name of Organization or village	Phone Number	Email address	Signature
1	Bo Sililo mandalle	Gunkwe	081 22 36 465		<i>[Signature]</i>
2	Bo Tawana Samuele	Gunkwe	081 764 8647		T.S
3	Bo Apache Vulluzi	Gunkwe	081 369 3520		<i>[Signature]</i>
4	Nchinda vivian	Gunkwe	081 2913119		Nchinda <i>[Signature]</i>
5	Bo Mesho V.	Gunkwe	081 6072195		<i>[Signature]</i>
6	Simatya maina	Gunkwe	081 360 1294		<i>[Signature]</i>
7	Siywa Trendy	Gunkwe	081 4928950		S.T
8	Sibeso Ransungu	Gunkwe	081 850 1999		<i>[Signature]</i>
9	Simukuta Tebuho	Gunkwe	081 850 2005		S.T
10	Mutumuswanga Mushobila	Gunkwe	-		M.M
11	Maswabi Mnyunda	Gunkwe	-		M.M

12	Melodine Mandoile	Gunkwe	0817695214		K.A
13	Melodine Miretse	Gunkwe	0813472917		M.M
14	Kalumba Anglinah	Gunkwe			K.A
15	Mtelamo Mwangila	Gunkwe	0814557212		N.M.
16	Mandoile Ashanty	Gunkwe	0814248487		MMA
17	Mubeyana Bennett	Gunkwe	PH		M.B
18	Ukonah Kolofei	Gunkwe	08167585019		Ukolofei
19	Mubita Susan	Gunkwe	0812920018		MS
20	Matiti Nash	Gunkwe			MA
21	Kolofei mubjama	Gunkwe	0814991669		mk
22	Kolofei mubita	Gunkwe	0813492436		mm
23	Mulling Susan	Gunkwe	0814302200		MA
24	Mukwa Patricia	Gunkwe	08181166316		Pat
25	JOSEPH Wandindha	Gunkwe	0818116697401		J.W
26	Maldosa Zita	Gunkwe	08146		M.Z
27	Situka Tumelo	Gunkwe	0813538044		Situka.T
28	Mulyakela mercy	Gunkwe	0818495226		M.M
29	Kabende Tiled	Gunkwe	0816340917		KT
30	Siywa Libuku	Gunkwe			SL
31	Mesha Salifu	Gunkwe			M.S
32	Mamela Obbymamela	Gunkwe			MA
33	Yakaye Mubambwa	Gunkwe	-		J.M
34	Mubila Joseph	Gunkwe	0818086525		J.M
35	CHRIS Kakoma	Gunkwe	0818247628		C.K
36	Situmbeko situmbeko	Gunkwe	0816316360		S.S
37	Mandoile Maseho	Gunkwe	0815622583		MM
38	Mukushi Bernard	Gunkwe	0816403261		MB
39	Mandoile litotoli	Gunkwe	0810360991		ML
40	Saini Kazina	Gunkwe			SK

1. REGISTRATION AND COMMENTS FORM

ENVIRONMENTAL AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT: CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN GINKWE, KATIMA MULILO CONST, ZAMBESI REGION,
NAMIBIA RURAL

KINDLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IN DETAIL AND RETURN TO:

D&P Engineers and Environmental Consultants

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Email: Tkasinganeti@dpe.com.na

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name & Surname Susan Mubita
Postal Address Email Susanmubita@gmail.com
Town Ginkwe Phone Number 0812920018

Does the proposed project affect you or your property in any way?

NO

Do you have any points of concern or support regarding the proposed projects? If "yes", please briefly list these in point format:

YES / NO

Yes NO Concerns we want electrification
of nearby villages

1. REGISTRATION AND COMMENTS FORM

ENVIRONMENTAL AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT: CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN GRANKWE, KATHMANA, NAMIBIA, REGION,
NAMIBIA RURAL

KINDLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IN DETAIL AND RETURN TO:

D&P Engineers and Environmental Consultants

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Name & Surname Nyambe Silishebo

Postal Address _____ Email _____

Town Grankwe Phone Number 085 78 68 905

Does the proposed project affect you or your property in any way?

NO

Do you have any points of concern or support regarding the proposed projects? If "yes", please briefly list these in point format:

YES / NO

no concern we want electrification in
near villages

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: THE PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER AT GUNKWE IN ZAMBEZI REGION – NAMIBIA.

UNDERTAKING OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

PROJECT: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS IN OSHIKOTO AND ZAMBEZI REGION, NAMIBIA

VENUE: GUNKWE VILLAGE, EKUTA, ZAMBEZI REGION – NAMIBIA.

DATE: FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 2024

TIME: 09:00 – 12:00

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER (EAP)/ CONSULTANT:

Ms. Erikka Mokanya – D & P Engineers and Environmental Consultants

Mr. Longeni Ndjaleka – D & P Engineers and Environmental Consultants

Attendees:

Please refer to the Attendance register attached at the end of this document.

Proceedings:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PERSON
1	Welcome remarks and Introductions	
	All members of the public including the whole D & P Engineers and Environmental Consultant team were welcomed by the local leadership who urged the community to listen attentively and ask questions pertaining to the project.	Local Leadership

	The D & P Engineers and Environmental Consultant team also thanked the community including the local leaders for availing themselves to attend this important meeting.	Ms. Erikka Mokanya
2	Purpose and objectives of the meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To comply with Namibia's Environmental Assessment Policy, Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) with its 2012 EIA Regulations and the; • Consult all interested and affected parties such as local residents and local authorities (and Traditional Authority), to ensure that their inputs are taken into account; • To set up a grievance redressal system; • To identify Environmental and Social safeguards and concerns prior to project implementation; • To assess the significance of issues and concerns raised; • Review the legal and policy framework and its relevance to this project; • To determine the environmental and social impacts of the development and assess site suitability; • To identify all environmental and social sensitivities that may be affected by the proposed development and monitoring requirements during construction thereto; • Develop a clear, concise and practical Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which includes recommendations and methods to minimise the identified negative environmental impacts of the proposed project; • To institute processes for Environmental monitoring and management for compliance to the developed Environmental and Social Management Plan. 	Ms Erikka Mokanya
3	Background and overview of the project	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The background information about the project was explained to the community members. • The project location was shown on the map document which was distributed to each individual that was present and a brief description of the structure of the tower was described (area or footprint, coverage and height). • All anticipated changes to the environment because of the project were thoroughly discussed by the consultant so that the community members would understand the implications of the project from both positive and negative angles. • The procedure of obtaining and need for an environmental clearance certificate for the project was explained. 	Ms. Erikka Mokanya

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Environmental and Social Management Plan will be crafted to give remediation and action measures thereof. 	
	<p>Brief Explanation of Questionnaire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each question in the questionnaire was explained. 	Mr. Longeni Ndjaleka
4	Q & A Session	
	<p>The community was afforded enough time to ask questions, make contributions and provide comments.</p> <p>All questioned and comments made during the meting session are captured below.</p>	

Q & A SESSION

Issue Category	Commentator/I& AP	COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, QUERIES, AND CONCERNS RAISED	RESPONSE
Impacts of tower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Velli Mesho 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will this tower have an effect on the environment? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Erikka Mokanya: It will have no effects, towers have non-ionizing radiation. It does not affect animals, vegetation, etc.
Duration of the project and Contractor of the tower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Velli Mesho Mr. Joseph Wamunima 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When will construction of this tower start? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Erikka Mokanya: It depends on how long the Environmental Consultant has all the complaints solved, then they will have to compile a report and submit it to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate which will give a green light for construction to start. It will also depend on other challenges involved. We cant give a definite answer right now

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Velli Mesho 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will the contractor of this tower be local or will they get someone from outside? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Erikka Mokanya: In many development projects, proponents are encouraged to contract local or regional contractors to ascertain that benefits are accrued to the local communities. However, there are certain instances such as the construction of towers where professional expertise is required. In cases like these, outside contractors are used, however, jobs requiring little to no expertise are often encouraged to be taken up by locals.
Position of the tower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Betty Mulako ● Mr. Joseph Musilizo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The placement of this tower is more on the side where there are few people, how will the other side get network? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Erikka Mokanya: The placement of the tower has been identified using radio planning tools. Meaning, PowerCom has identified this site to be a suitable spot for this area. Other factors have also been considered in the location of this tower such as the radius it covers, the distance to nearby infrastructures etc. Therefore, looking at the network coverage of this tower, the community of Gunkwe and beyond will be well served.
Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Nyambe Silishebo ● Mr. Vivian Nchindo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Who is the network provider? ● How will this tower improve the MTN network connectivity? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Erikka Mokanya: In this project, PowerCom is the developer of the network tower. So what happens when the tower is built, other service providers including MTN, MTC, Paratus etc. will rent space on the tower to provide the much needed services to the communities ensuring stable and reliable connectivity
General Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Velli Mesho 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We accept the proposed construction of the tower, we don't have a problem with the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms Erikka Mokanya: Well noted.
Where to from here and how to stay involved in the EIA process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Longeni Ndjaleka 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comments are still welcome on the project. A registration and comments form was provided during the meeting thus emphasising giving comments in writing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NOTED BY ALL IN ATTENDANCE
CONCLUSION AND CLOSING REMARKS			

- All people in attendance were asked if they agree with the proposed project, and they all clapped hands, which was a sign of acceptance and good will of the project.
- Local leadership thanked everyone for coming and urged PowerCom to fast track the construction process to ensure the community benefit from this project.
- The Consultant thanked the community for their attendance and input (comments, questions, and suggestions).
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Attachments to the Public Consultation Meeting Minutes: Attachment 1 – Public Meeting Attendance Register and Completed Questionnaire Forms (as received from the Public Consultation Meeting).