

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT (CRR)



Community Meeting, Dimab Pos, Boupoort Farm, Twyfelfontein (10.08.24)

CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE PROPOSED TWYFELFONTEIN LODGE, UIBASSEN CONSERVANCY, KUNENE REGION

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1. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

1.1 EIA Regulations

Section 21 of the EIA regulation outlines the Public Participation Process (PPP). PPP is an important process, because it gives members of the public and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), an opportunity to comment or raise concerns that may affect the socio-economic or general environment because of the project.

1.2 Newspaper Adverts

Section 21 (c) stipulates that ECC applications should be advertised once a week for two consecutive weeks in two newspapers that are widely circulated in Namibia.

The ECC application was advertised in the New Era and Republikein Newspapers (Appendix 2 and 3).

1.3 Public Meetings

Section 21 (5,6) requires that public meeting/s should be held near the project site to inform the public about the project and subsequent submission of the ECC application to the Environmental Commissioner.

A community meeting was held on 10th August 2024, at the Community Settlement, Dimab Pos, Bloupoort Farm, Twyfelfontein (figure 1.1 to 1.3).



Figure 1.1: Community meeting held at Dimab Pos, Twyfelfontein 10 August 2024



Figure 1.2: Community meeting held at Dimab Pos, Twyfelfontein 10 August 2024



Figure 1.3: Community support for the project (raise of hands), 10 August 2024

1.3.1 General Public / Stakeholder Engagement Meeting

Tortoise Environment Consultants (TEC) did a power presentation outlining the following (Presentation attached – **Appendix 6**):

- a) Project scope proposed construction of the Solar and Electrolysis Plants
- b) EIA framework and ECC application process
- c) Environmental and Social aspects to be assessed
- d) National socio-economic benefits
- e) Envisaged community benefits (to be negotiated through the Traditional Authority and the Conservancy)

2. STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

2.1 Comments from the Community Meeting (10 August 2024, Twyfelfontein)

No.	Question / Comment	Description	Response (Consultant / Developer / Investor)	Relevant ESR EMP Section
1.	Employment for Locals	There is strong outcry to ensure employment opportunities for locals	Employment opportunities for locals will be prioritised and employment will comply with conditions of the Labour Act of Namibia	Socio-Economic Development and Labour
2.	Capacity development	The employer should consider on the Job Training to improve employee skills	Yes, on the job training and capacity development will be provided to enhance employee skills	Socio-Economic Development and Labour
3.	Community Shareholding	Will community members get shares in the project?	<p>A leasehold was issued to a Community Member (in her personal capacity) and the community member secured investors for the tourism development</p> <p>The community benefits will be outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Traditional Authority and the Conservancy</p>	Socio-Economic Development and Labour
4.	Water Source	Will the lodge / camp get water from the community borehole?	No, the developer will drill their own borehole	Water Abstraction Permits

3. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Leasehold Certificate – Kunene Communal Land Board



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LAND REFORM
CERTIFICATE OF LEASEHOLD FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN
AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES OUTSIDE A DESIGNATED AREA
As in the Communal Land Reform Act, 2002 (Section 33, Regulation 16)

Certificate No: **KUNCLB-ROL-006152**

It is hereby certified that a Right of Leasehold has been granted to:

Right holder: **MOREEN SHIRLEY HOES**
National ID 85041010587

Residential address: ERF-I-9, KHORIXAS
Postal address: P.O BOX 62, KHORIXAS

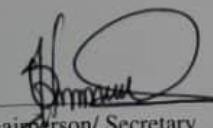
Nature of right holder: Individual

Description of portion of land in respect of which land right has been granted:


UPI:	BLAWP1100341	Constituency:	Khorixas
Area:	Twyfel Fontein	Traditional Authority:	Aodaman
Parcel size:	42.0 ha	Traditional	nn
Region:	Kunene	Administrative Area:	

Description of land right which has been granted:

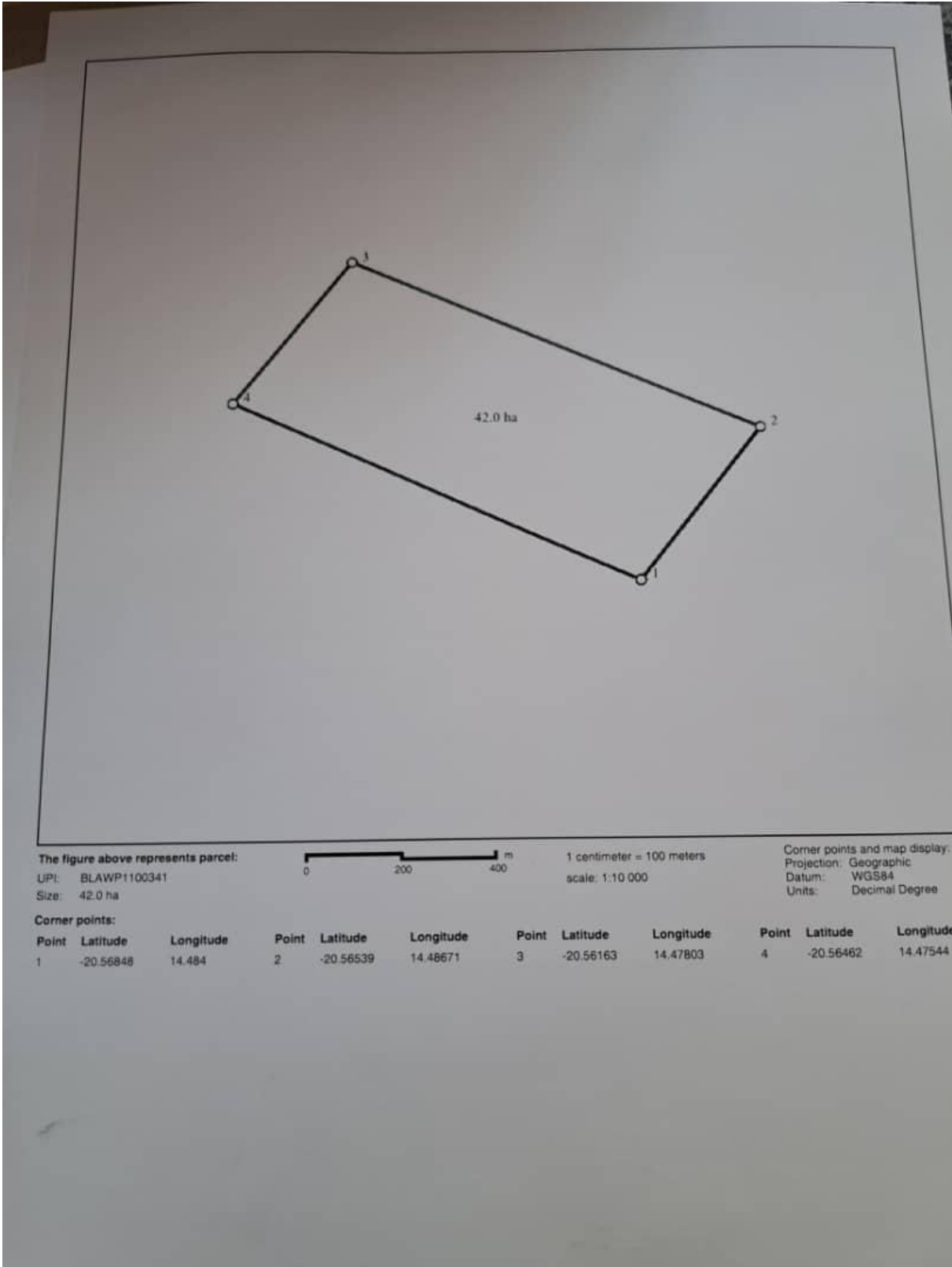
Approved land use:	Tourism (Lodge & Camping Site)	approval date:	28.09.2023
Leasehold period:	09.10.2023 until 09.10.2033	approval date:	
Other right on parcel:			



Signature of CLB Chairperson/ Secretary



Date



Appendix 2: New Era Newspaper Adverts

Chelva Wells

The Capricorn Foundation recently donated 10 infusion pumps valued at N\$264 500 to the Gobabis State Hospital paediatric ward. These pumps are essential for administering fluids to malnourished children admitted to the ward. Veripura Muukua, Capricorn Foundation coordinator, in an interview with Nampa on Tuesday said the pumps were handed over last week.

She said approximately 2 000 cases of malnutrition were registered in Namibia this year, with 300 cases in the Omaheke region alone between January and June 2024. The Capricorn Foundation's health focus area strives to improve health outcomes by improving nutrition and increasing access to healthcare, she noted.

"We are grateful that we can make a difference in the lives of Namibians, especially children. Our support for the Gobabis State Hospital paediatric ward falls under our health focus area, where we address health-related issues and support better health outcomes," she said. Muukua said in March 2024, representatives from the foundation visited the Gobabis State Hospital paediatric ward

to understand the malnutrition situation in the Omaheke region, and identify ways to provide support. In response to the hospital's urgent needs, the Capricorn Foundation purchased 10 infusion pumps for the paediatric ward.

This donation builds on previous support, including providing nutritional and protein-rich food items, valued at N\$291 000 in February 2024 through a partnership with the Nutrition and Food Security Alliance of Namibia.

The infusion pumps and previous nutritional support are part of the Capricorn Foundation's broader effort to address health-related issues, and improve health outcomes in Namibia, particularly in regions severely affected by malnutrition. Governor of the Omaheke region Pijoo Nganate noted that the malnutrition crisis has been exacerbated by drought and food insecurity in the region. "I express my sincere gratitude to the Capricorn Foundation for donating these infusion pumps to the Gobabis District Hospital paediatric ward; our most vulnerable are children.

They cannot stand for themselves. This donation comes at a critical time, and demonstrates the importance of collaborative efforts in improving healthcare services," he said. -Nampa



Caption: Intervention... The Capricorn Foundation recently donated 10 infusion pumps to the Gobabis State Hospital paediatric ward.

Photo: Contributed

demonstrated an outstanding commitment to address housing challenges in Namibia.

The deputy minister said this during the groundbreaking ceremony of the Shack Dwellers Housing Project at Katjinakatji, a village between Rundu and Mururani along the Rundu-Grootfontein road.

It is in the Mankumpi constituency of the Kavango West region.

On Friday, 21 members of Katjinakatji Shack Dwellers, mainly women, received their plots as beneficiaries of Phase 1 of the project, while 42 will be constructed in second phase.

The project marks the beginning of modern houses in the village, which is set to be declared as a settlement soon.

"Housing is not merely a basic necessity, it is a fundamental right. A home provides security, dignity and a solid foundation upon which individuals and families can build their futures. Today, as we break ground, we are not just initiating the construction of new homes. We are laying the groundwork for hope, opportunity and an improved quality of life for many in our community," she said.

Nawases-Taeyele added: "This housing initiative is vital for several reasons. It aims to improve the living conditions of our people, as many currently endure inadequate housing".

The project, she hastened to note, will provide safe, stable and decent housing, which is essential for their health and well-being. It also embodies community development, as housing projects are about more than just constructing buildings – they are about fostering communities. "These new homes will cultivate a sense of belonging and community spirit among residents," she noted.

The housing initiative is expected to drive economic empowerment in the village by stimulating the local economy.

The deputy minister highlighted that construction projects create jobs, and improved living conditions enable residents to better pursue economic opportunities.



Housing... Deputy minister of urban and rural development Evelyn !Nawases-Taeyele alongside National Council chairperson Lucas Sinimbo Muha. The constituency councillor for Mankumpi constituency presided over a groundbreaking ceremony at Katjinakatji on Friday. Photo: MURD

NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A LODGE IN TWYFELFONTEIN, UIBASSEN CONSERVANCY, KUNENE REGION

& INVITATION TO A PUBLIC MEETING

Tortoise Environmental Consultants (TEC) hereby notifies all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that an application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and EIA Regulations (GN 30 of 2012) as follows:

Proponent:
Diamond Outdoor Experience (Moreen Hoes)

Project Location: Twyfelfontein Area

Public Meeting Venue: Dimab Post, Boupoort Farm, Twyfelfontein

Date: Saturday, 10 August 2024

Time: 11h00 – 12h00

Deadline to submit comments: 23 August 2024

For questions and comments:

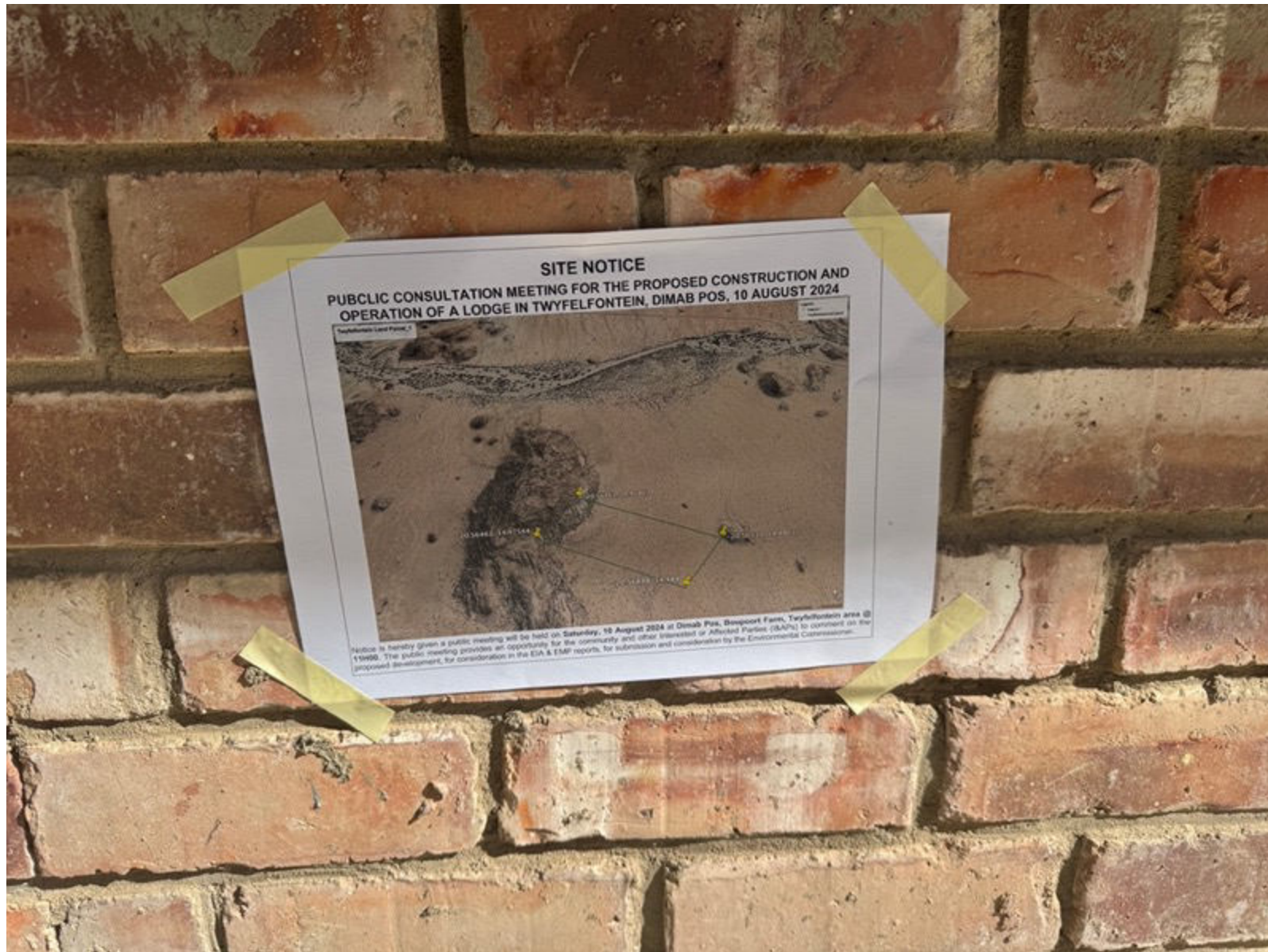
Contact: 0811220114,
Email: info@tec.com.na

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Environmental
Consultants(TEC)



Appendix 3: Republikein Newspaper Adverts

Appendix 4: Site Notice





Appendix 5: Attendance Register – Community Meeting

NAME	REPRESENTATION (e.g Community, TA, /Conservancy, etc)	TELEPHONE / E-MAIL	SIGANTURE
1. Angelita Cowaras	Community	0817540133	<i>[Signature]</i>
2. Lucia Thanises	Community	0814582983	Thanises
3. Tresia Karises	Community	0813134861	T. Karises
4. Josphe Thaniseb	Community		<i>[Signature]</i>
5. Jonathan Thaniseb	Community		Jonathan T
6. Anita Touros	Community	0816430888	Touros
7. Hilia Hochobes	Community	0816345506	Hochobes
8. Trufine Haraes		0813484684	Haraes

9.	Elias Haraeb Community	081 3484684	Eliaraeb
	Dezeline Hoes Community	081 3836918	Hoes
10.	Susana Tjongarero Community	081- 8876758	Tjongarero
11.	Thomas Tjongarero Community	081- 8876758	Tjongarero
12.	Emma Louw Community	081- 4330282	Louw
13.	Eliphas Areseb Community	0814856959	Areseb
14.	Simson Taniseb Community	0813781292	S. Taniseb
15.	Erlyn Tauras Community	0812962584	Tauras.
16.	Steven Maeb Community	0814034857	Maeb
17.	Angelbertina Gwanas Community	0812133246	Gwanas
18.	Theopoline Tauras Community	0816615047	Tauras.
19.	Jacky Taniseb Community	0813134861	T. Taniseb

20.	Ilona Hoes	Community	0814019519	Hoes
21.	Tysha Thanises	Community	0812425576	T. karises
22.	Silve Manuel	Community	0813234451	T. karises
23.	fernando Manuel	Community	0813995576	T. karises
24.	^{Hoes} Elma Elmonan	Community	0813866918	E.E. Hoes
25.	Brendon Thaniseb	Community	0813134801	T. karises
26.	Terrence kariseb	Community	0813134801	T. karises
27.	Benny kariseb	Community	0813134801	T. karises
28.	Charmain Thanises	Community	0813134801	T. karises
29.	^{Thanises} Alexsandr in	Community	0814335067	A. Tanises
30.	Johannes Taurab	Community	081	Taurab
	Merari Taurab	Community	—	Taurab

Appendix 6: Power Point Presentation – Community Meeting