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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Green Earth Environmental Consultants* were appointed by the Proponent, Markus Arno Batz, to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment to obtain an Environmental Clearance to create public roads in the form of an extension of an existing "right of way servitude" over Portion 1 of the Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 (Khomas Region) to provide access to newly created Portions 2 to 5 and the Remainder of Portion 1 of the Farm Paulinenhof No. 492. The right of way servitude link Portion 1 with Main Road C23 – the road linking Windhoek and Dordabis. The land within the immediate vicinity of the project site is predominately characterized by farms and farming activities. The Urban and Regional Planning Board (URPB) per Item 338/2024 of the meeting held on <u>13 November 2024 deferred that application to back to submit the Environmental Clearance Certificate for the extension of the Right of Way Servitude.</u>

In terms of the Regulations of the Environmental Management Act (No 7 of 2007), an Environmental Impact Assessment must be done to address the following 'Listed Activities':

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

The construction of:

- Public roads.

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- It is a public road;
- The road reserve is wider than 30 meters;
- The road caters for more than one lane of traffic in both directions.

IMPACTS DURI	NG OPERA	<b>ATIONAL PHASE</b>	
Aspect	Impact Type	Significance of impacts Unmitigated	Significance of impacts Mitigated
Ecology Impacts	-	М	L
Dust and Air Quality	-	М	L
Groundwater Contamination	-	М	L
Waste Generation	-	М	L
Failure of Reticulation Pipeline	-	М	L
Fires and Explosions	-	М	L
Safety and Security	-	М	L

The environmental impacts during the operational phase of the proposed project:

IMPACT	EVALUATION	CRITERION (DEAT 2006):
Criteria	Rating (Severity)	
Impact Type	+	Positive
	0	No Impact
	-	Negative
Significance of	L	Low (Little or no impact)

impacts	М	Medium (Manageable impacts)
	Н	High (Adverse impact)

The negative impacts associated with the project are the impact on the vegetation, the natural drainage systems, noise and dust during construction and operation, the danger of residents and visitors being injured during construction, the transmission of diseases from people or to people involved in construction and the loss of land. However, mitigation measures will be provided that can control the extent, intensity, and frequency of these named impacts in order not to have substantial negative effects or results.

The type of activities that will be carried out on the site will not negatively affect the amenity of the locality and the activities do not adversely affect the environmental quality of the neighbouring erven or areas. None of the potential impacts identified are regarded as having a significant impact to the extent that the proposed project should not be allowed. However, the operational activities further on need to be controlled and monitored by the assigned subcontractors and the proponent.

The Environmental Impact Assessment which follows upon this paragraph was conducted in accordance with the guidelines and stipulations of the Environmental Management Act (No 7 of 2007) meaning that all possible impacts have been considered and the details are presented in the report. Based upon the conclusions and recommendations of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Environmental Management Plan following this paragraph, the Environmental Commissioner of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism is herewith requested to:

- 1. Accept the Environmental Impact Assessment;
- 2. Approve the Environmental Management Plan;
- 3. Issue an Environmental Clearance to create public roads in the form of an extension of the "right of way servitude" over Portion 1 of the Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 (Khomas Region) to provide access to newly created Portions 2 to 5 and the Remainder of Portion 1 of the Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 for the following "listed activities":

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

The construction of:

- Public roads.

The route determination of roads and design of associated physical infrastructure where:

- It is a public road;
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- The road caters for more than one lane of traffic in both directions.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CAN	Central Area of Namibia
EC	Environmental Clearance
ECO	Environment Control Officer
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
I&APs	Interested and Affected Parties
MEFT	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
SQM	Square Meters
URPB	Urban and Regional Planning Board

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Proponent, Markus Arno Batz, appointed Green Earth Environmental Consultants to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment and develop an Environmental Management Plan to obtain an Environmental Clearance to create public roads in the form of an extension of a "right of way servitude" over Portion 1 of the Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 (Khomas Region) to provide access to the newly created Portions 2 to 5 and the Remainder of Portion 1 of the Farm Paulinenhof No. 492. The right of way servitude link Portion 1 of the Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 and the other newly subdivided Portions 2 to 5 with Main Road C23 – the road linking Windhoek and Dordabis. The Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GN 30 in GG 4878 of 6 February 2012) stipulates that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and management plan is required as the following 'Listed Activities' are involved:

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

The construction of:

- Public roads.

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- It is a public road;
- The road reserve is wider than 30 meters;
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The Environmental Impact Assessment below contains information on the proposed project and the surrounding areas, the proposed activities, the applicable legislation to the study conducted, the methodology that was followed, the public consultation that was conducted, and the receiving environment's sensitivity and any potential ecological, environmental, and social impacts.

### 2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

To be able to implement the proposed project, an Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Clearance is required. For this environmental impact exercise, Green Earth Environmental Consultants followed the terms of reference as stipulated under the Environmental Management Act.

The aim of the environmental impact assessment was:

- To ascertain existing environmental conditions on the site to determine its environmental sensitivity.
- To inform I&APs and relevant authorities of the details of the proposed development and to provide them with an opportunity to raise issues and concerns.
- To assess the significance of issues and concerns raised.
- To compile a report detailing all identified issues and possible impacts, stipulating the way forward and identify specialist investigations required.

- To outline management guidelines in an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) to minimize and/or mitigate potentially negative impacts.
- To comply with Namibia's Environmental Management Act (2007) and its regulations (2012).

The tasks that were undertaken for the Environmental Impact Assessment included the evaluation of the following: climate, water (hydrology), vegetation, geology, soils, socio economic impact, cultural heritage, groundwater, sedimentation, erosion, biodiversity, sense of place, socio-economic environment, health, safety and traffic.

The methods that were used to assess the environmental issues and alternatives included the collection of data on the project site and surrounding area, info obtained from the proponent and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism and identified and affected stakeholders. Consequences of impacts were determined in five categories: nature of impact, expected duration of impact, geographical extent of the event, probability of occurring and the expected intensity.

All other permits, licenses or certificates that are further on required for the operation of the proposed project still needs to be applied for by the proponent.

### 3. MOTIVATION, NEED AND DESIRABILITY

The owner intends to subdivide Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 into 4 new portions and the remainder as follows:

Portions	Size
Portion 2	± 5,0078ha
Portion 3	± 5,0178ha
Portion 4	± 5,0868ha
Portion 5	± 5,5996ha
Re/Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492	± 155,9763ha

The City of Windhoek has approved the application in a letter dated 28 August 2024. In terms of the Urban and Regional Planning Act, 2018 (Act 5 of 2018), the application was then submitted to the URPB for final approval by the Minister. The application served on the meeting of 13 November under Item 338/2024 and was subsequently deferred to a next meeting.

The proposed subdivision to create Portions 2 to 5 for Mr Batz are motivated as follows:

- A large portion of Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 is vacant and thus underutilised.
- Due to the Portion's close proximity to Windhoek and the Hosea Kutako International Airport, this area is popular for people/investors who wants to reside on larger portions of land with a farming/rural character and who also want to be close to the workplace and amenities as offered by City of Windhoek and the Hosea Kutako Airport.

- The owner has been approached by various people who are interested in obtaining a land portion for these purposes.
- Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 is located within the Windhoek Municipal Boundaries which permits that it can be subdivided into smaller portions.
- The portions to be created will be large enough to be used for small intensive agricultural production which is in line with the uses permitted under the Title Conditions.
- The site has access to its own ground and surface water from existing boreholes and surface dams from where the proposed new portions will receive water.
- Electricity will be supplied from green technologies like solar and wind to be installed by each of the prospective owners which means that no grid connection is required.
- Sewer will be collected and treated in French drains and soakaways and the solid waste will be collected on site and separated in recyclable (glass, metal, plastic, paper and others) and non-recyclable waste for collection by a professional waste collector for further processing and disposal.

The owner appointed Du Toit Town Planning Consultants to attend to the town planning procedures to create Portions 2 to 5 and the Remainder of Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492. City of Windhoek approved the subdivision of the Portion 1 of the Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 per delegated authority applicable to the granting of subdivision applications per Council Resolution 283/11/2017 in a letter dated 28 August 2024.

As mentioned above, the application was then submitted by the City of Windhoek to the URPB for final approval of the subdivision by the Minister of Urban and Regional Development. The URPB deferred the application to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate for the extension of the right of way servitude.

According to the information mentioned above, it is believed that there is a need and desirability for the project.

Determining what the impact of the operations would be are broken down into different categories and environmental aspects and dealt with in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP). As per the ISO 14001 definition: *an environmental aspect is an element of an organization's activities, products and/or services that can interact with the environment to cause an environmental impact e.g., land degradation or land deterioration among others, that will cause harm to the environment.* 

All concerns and potential impacts raised during the public participation process and consultative meetings were evaluated. Predictions were made with respect to their magnitude and an assessment of their significance was made according to the following criteria:

The Nature of the activity: The possible impacts that may occur are that water will be used in the construction and operational phases, wastewater will be produced that will be handled either by the Municipality or by the proponent, land will be used for the proposed activities, a sewage system might be constructed, and general construction activities will take place, namely the building of infrastructure.

The Probability of the impacts to occur: The probability of the above-named impacts to occur and have a negative or harmful impact on the environment and the community is small since the Environmental Management Plan will also guide these activities. Water will still be used, and wastewater produced, however guidelines will be set that will ensure the impact is minimum.

The Extent of area that the project will affect: The specific project will most likely only have a small impact on the proposed project site itself and not on the surrounding or neighbouring land except for noise, traffic, roads, electricity and dust and there may be a visual impact because of the size of the proposed development. Therefore, the extent that the project will have a negative impact on is not extensive.

The Duration of the project: The duration of the project is uncertain. Water will still be used, and waste produced on a continuous basis and the structures that were constructed will remain and may be visually unpleasing to surroundings.

The Intensity of the project: The intensity of the project is mostly limited to the site however for the above-named items/processes where the intensity of the project will be felt outside the borders of the project site.

According to the information that was present while conducting the Environmental Impact Assessment for the construction and operation of the project, no high-risk impacts were identified and therefore it is believed that the operations will be feasible in the short and long run. Most of the impacts identified were characterized as being of a low impact on the receiving and surrounding environment and with mitigation measures followed, the impacts will be of minimum significance or avoided.

### 4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT

#### **4.1.HISTORY OF THE SITE**

Mr Batz purchased Portion 1 of the Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 in 2019 and is occupying the original farmhouse located on the southern part of the portion. He was approached by a number of friends and relatives that wish to purchase smaller portions of land from him.

The beautiful, natural environment, as well as easy accessibility from the Hosea Kutako International Airport and Windhoek, emphasise the suitability for the creation of the new portions.

To be able to finalise the subdivision process, an Environmental Clearance must be obtained for the creation/extension of the public roads (right of way servitude which are used as access to Portions 2 to 5 and the Remainder of Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492).

### 4.2. SITE INFORMATION (LOCALITY, SIZE AND ZONING)

<u>Locality and use</u>: Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492, Windhoek is 176,6883ha in extent and does not have a zoning as it falls outside of the boundaries of the Windhoek Zoning Scheme. There is only a farmhouse on Portion 1 -located in the southern part of the portion.

Access to Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 is via a 13m wide right of way servitude, registered over Consolidated Farm Voigtland No. 472 which link up with Road C23 linking Windhoek with Dordabis. The right of way servitude is shown on the diagram below. Notarial Deed of Servitude of the No. 500/2019S confirms the right of way servitude access. The locality of the site is shown on the *Plan* below:



Figure 1: Locality of Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 within Windhoek area

The *Photo* below shows the proposed new portions 2 to 5 as well as the location of the farmhouse:



Figure 2: Locality of farmhouse on Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 and the location of Portions 2-5 (numbered A to D)

Zoning: Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 does not fall under the Windhoek Zoning Scheme, nor the Kapps Farm Zoning Scheme. With the extension of Windhoek Local Authority boundaries, the farms were included but the Scheme boundaries not yet extended.

A condition pertaining to the use was registered in the Title Deed, namely that the land may only be used for rural residential or agricultural purposes.

A. SUBJECT to the following conditions imposed in terms of Section 21 of the Townships and Division of land Ordinance 1963 (Ordinance 11 of 1963) as amended, namely:

#### IN FAVOUR OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

The land must only be used or occupied for rural residential and agricultural purposes.

**B. SUBJECT** to a Right of Way 13 metres wide over and along the south-eastern border represented by line C-D on Diagram SG no A849/2018 of the within transferred property in favour of the Remainder of Consolidated Farm Paulinenhof no 492, "K", held by the aforesaid Deed of Transfer no T2982/2002

**C. ENTITLED** to a servitude of right of way, 13 metres wide over and along the full length of the eastern boundary represented by line B-L on the on annexed Diagram SG no A849/2018 over Consolidated Farra Voigtland no 472, "K, created in Notarial in Notarial Deed of Servitude no K 500 /2019S

Figure 3: Extract from Title Deed conditions

<u>Topography and vegetation</u>: The natural terrain is a mixture of flat, hilly and steep areas, with a few valleys and riverbeds which act as drainage systems.



Figure 4: Entrance to Consolidated Farm Paulinenhof No. 492



Figure 5: Contour Map

### 5. BULK SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Project Site is not connected to any municipal infrastructure. All the necessary services are provided by the owner in the following manner.

### **5.1.ACCESS AND PARKING**

As explained above, the main access to Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 is via a 13m wide right of way servitude, registered over Consolidated Farm Voigtland No. 472 which link up with Road C23 linking Windhoek with Dordabis. This was approved by the Roads Authority in 2018 when the subdivision for the creation of Portion 1 was made. See below the Roads Authority letter.



Figure 6: Nature of the right of way servitude

The right of way servitude is shown on the diagram below. A plan, date stamped by City of Windhoek in 2017 indicating the entire right of way is also shown below. The servitudes are described in Notarial Deed of Servitude No. K500/2019S.



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Servitude Notes:
1) The Line B C represents the eastern boundary of a 13m wide servitude.
2) The Line B L represents the southern boundary of a 13m wide servitude over the Consolidated Farm Voigtland No. 472.



Figure 7: Extract from 2017 plan indicating the RoW giving access to Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492

Access to the newly created portions and Remainder will be via a revision/extension of the existing 13m wide right of way servitude as is indicated on the subdivision plan.

It follows the northern boundary of Portion 1 to provide access to the proposed Portion A and then the southern boundary up to an existing tract to provide access to Portion B, C and D:



Figure 8: Extension of Right of Way Servitude to new Portions

The accesses are supported by the Roads Authority as can be seen from their letter below:



Figure 9: Confirmation of access from Roads Authority

### **5.2.WATER SUPPLY**

Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 as well as the newly created portions A to D has access to its own ground and surface water from existing boreholes and surface dams from where the proposed new portions will receive water.

### **5.3. ELECTRICITY**

Electricity will be supplied from green technologies like solar and wind to be installed by each of the prospective owners which means that no grid connection is required.

#### **5.4.SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

Sewer will be collected and treated in French drains and soak-aways.

#### 5.5.SOLID WASTE

Solid waste will be collected on site and separated in recyclable (glass, metal, plastic, paper and others) and non-recyclable waste for collection by a professional waste collector for further processing and disposal.

#### **5.6.FIRE PROTECTION**

The Proponent will put in the necessary fire protection infrastructure / extinguishers as per requirements. It is advised that a specialist Fire Protection Specialist is contracted to introduce a proper fire protection plan with the required infrastructure and to oversee the annual auditing and maintenance of the infrastructure.

#### 5.7.STORMWATER

The natural flow of storm water and drainage must be minimally disturbed, and the natural flow accommodated where possible. Any new structures or developments on the site must be planned to accommodate surface water/stormwater and ensure that it does not endanger neighbouring structures.

#### 6. APPROVAL ALREADY OBTAINED

City of Windhoek recommended that application for approval to the Urban and Regional Planning Board vide Council Resolution 283/11/2017 and letter of approval dated 28 August 2024.

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Figure 10: City of Windhoek cover letter to the URPB reflecting approval

The application served on the URPB meeting of 13 November 2024 per Item 338/2024 where it was deferred for the reason to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate for the extension of the Right of Way Servitude.



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#### SUBJECT: ITEM 338/2024: WINDHOEK: SUBDIVISION OF PORTION 1 OF THE CONSOLIDATED FARM PAULINENHOF NO. 492 INTO PORTIONS 2 TO 5 AND THE REMAINDER

Your application letter dated 09 September 2024 has reference.

Kindly be informed that the Urban and Regional Planning Board has during its meeting held on 13 November 2024, recommended that the application must be deferred to a next meeting.

Please find attached the Urban and Regional Planning Board minutes of the above mentioned meeting.

Yours faithfully,

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WINDHOEK: SUBDIVISION OF PORTION 1 OF THE CONSOLIDATED FARM PAULINENHOF NO. 492 INTO PORTIONS 2 TO 5 AND THE REMAINDER (MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF WINDHOEK / DU TOIT TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANTS)

The Board recommended that the matter be deferred to a next meeting to enable the applicant to submit the Environmental Clearance Certificate for the extension of the right of way servitude.



To be able to finalise the subdivision process, an Environmental Clearance must be obtained for the creation/extension of the public roads (right of way servitudes which are used as access to Portion 2 to 5 and the Remainder of Portion 1 of the Farm Paulinenhof No. 492).

### 7. APPROACH TO THE STUDY

The assessment included the following activities:

a) Desktop sensitivity assessment

Literature, legislation, and guidance documents related to the natural environment and land use activities available on the portion and area in general were reviewed to determine potential environmental issues and concerns.

b) Site assessment (site visit)

The proposed project site and the immediate neighbourhood and surrounding area were assessed through several site visits to investigate the environmental parameters on site to enable further understanding of the potential impacts on site.

#### c) Public participation

The neighbouring properties were informed of the proposed subdivision and extension of the right of way servitude in terms of the new Urban and Regional Planning Act, 2018 (Act 5 of 2018), Part 7 of sub regulation 10(4).

Proof of the emails sent to the neighbours are attached as well as an example of the letter. No objections were received.

The closing date for the Background Information Document was 14 March 2025.

d) Scoping

Based on the desk top study, site visit and public participation, the environmental impacts were determined in five categories: nature of project, expected duration of impact, geographical extent of the event, probability of occurring and the expected intensity. The findings of the scoping have been incorporated in the environmental impact assessment report below.

e) Environmental Management Plan (EMP)

To minimize the impact on the environment, mitigation measures have been identified to be implemented during planning, construction, and implementation. These measures have been included in the Environmental Management Plan to guide the planning, construction and operation of the development which can also be used by the relevant authorities to ensure that the project is planned, developed, and operated with the minimum impact on the environment.

### 8. ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

It is assumed that the information provided by the proponent (Markus Arno Batz), the Roads Authority and Du Toit Town Planning Consultants is accurate. No alternative site for the proposed project was examined as this road was approved by the Roads Authority. The site was visited several times and any happenings after this are not mentioned in this report. (The assessment was based on the prevailing environmental conditions and not on future happenings on the site.) However, it is assumed that there will be no significant changes to the proposed project, and the environment will not adversely be affected between the compilation of the assessment and the implementation of the proposed activities.

### 9. LEGAL AND POLICY REQUIREMENTS

To protect the environment and achieve sustainable development, all projects, plans, programs and policies deemed to have adverse impacts on the environment require an EIA according to Namibian legislation. The administrative, legal and policy requirements to be considered during the Environmental Assessment are the following:

- The Namibian Constitution
- The Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007)
- Other Laws, Acts, Regulations and Policies

#### THE NAMIBIAN CONSTITUTION

Article 95 of Namibia's constitution provides that:

"The State shall actively promote and maintain the welfare of the people by adopting, inter alia, policies aimed at the following:

Management of ecosystems, essential ecological processes and biological diversity of Namibia and utilization of living natural resources on a sustainable basis for the benefit of all Namibians, both present and future; in particular, the Government shall provide measures against the dumping or recycling of foreign nuclear and toxic waste on Namibian territory." This article recommends that a relatively high level of environmental protection is called for in respect of pollution control and waste management.

Article 144 of the Namibian Constitution deals with environmental law and it states:

"Unless otherwise provided by this Constitution or Act of Parliament, the general rules of public international agreements binding upon Namibia under this Constitution shall form part of the law of Namibia". This article incorporates international law, if it conforms to the Constitution, automatically as "law of the land". These include international agreements, conventions, protocols, covenants, charters, statutes, acts, declarations, concords, exchanges of notes, agreed minutes, memoranda of understanding, and agreements (*Ruppel & Ruppel-Schlichting, 2013*). It is therefore important that the international agreements and conventions are considered (see section 4.9).

In considering these environmental rights, the Proponent, should consider the following in devising an action plan in response to these articles:

- Implement a "zero-harm" policy at that would guide decisions.
- Ensure that no management practice or decision result in the degradation of future natural resources.
- Take a decision on how this part of the Constitution will be implemented as part of the Proponent's Environmental Control System (ECS).

#### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (NO. 7 OF 2007)

The Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GN 30 in GG 4878 of 6 February 2012) of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) that came into effect in 2012 requires/recommends that an Environmental Impact Assessment and an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) be conducted for the following listed activities to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate:

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

The construction of:

- Public roads.

The route determination of roads and design of associated physical infrastructure where:

- It is a public road;
- The road reserve is wider than 30 meters;
- The road caters for more than one lane of traffic in both directions.

Cumulative impacts associated with the development must be included as well as public consultation. The Act further requires all major industries and mines to prepare waste management plans and present these to the local authorities for approval.

The Act, Regulations, Procedures and Guidelines have integrated the following sustainability principles. These need to be given due consideration, particularly to achieve proper waste management and pollution control:

#### Cradle to Grave Responsibility

This principle provides that those who handle or manufacture potentially harmful products must be liable for their safe production, use and disposal and that those who initiate potentially polluting activities must be liable for their commissioning, operation and decommissioning.

#### **Precautionary Principle**

It provides that if there is any doubt about the effects of a potentially polluting activity, a cautious approach must be adopted.

#### The Polluter Pays Principle

A person who generates waste or causes pollution must, in theory, pay the full costs of its treatment or of the harm, which it causes to the environment.

#### **Public Participation and Access to Information**

In the context of environmental management, citizens must have access to information and the right to participate in decisions making.

#### CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

The proposed activity will fit in with the surrounding activities and not have a negative impact on the prevailing environment. It will be ensured that all protected trees and plant species will be retained where possible.

#### OTHER LAWS, ACTS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

The laws, acts, regulations, and policies listed below have also been considered during the Environmental Assessment.

Electricity ActIn accordance with the ElectricityThe Proponent must abide to the Electricity Act.(No. 4 of 2007)Act (No. 4 of 2007) which provides for the establishment of the Electricity Control Board and provide for its powers and functions; to provide for the requirements and conditions for obtaining licenses for the provision of electricity; to provide for theThe Proponent must abide to the Electricity Act.
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obtaining licenses for the provision of electricity; to provide for the
of electricity; to provide for the
powers and obligations of
licenses; and to provide for
incidental matters: the necessary
permits and licenses will be
obtained.
Pollution The Pollution Control and Waste The Proponent must adhere
Control and Management Bill is currently in to the Pollution Control and
Waste preparation and is therefore Waste Management Bill.
Management included as a guideline only. Of
Bill (guideline reference to the mining, Parts 2, 7
only) and 8 apply. Part 2 provides that
no person shall discharge or
cause to be discharged, any
pollutant to the air from a process
except under and in accordance
with the provisions of an air
pollution license issued under
section 23. Part 2 also further
provides for procedures to be
followed in license application.
fees to be paid and required terms
of conditions for air pollution
licenses. Part 7 states that any
person who sells, stores,
transports or uses any hazardous
substances or products containing
hazardous substances shall notify
the competent authority, in
accordance with sub-section (2).
of the presence and quantity of
those substances. The competent
authority for the purposes of
section 74 shall maintain a register
of substances notified in

Table 1: Laws. Acts, Regulations and Policies

	accordance with that section and	
	the register shall be maintained in	
	accordance with the provisions.	
	Part 8 provides for emergency	
	preparedness by the person	
	handling hazardous substances.	
	through emergency response	
	plans.	
Water	The Water Resources	The Act must be consulted.
Resources	Management Act (No. 11 of	Fresh water abstraction and
Management	2013) stipulates conditions that	waste-water discharge
Act	ensure effluent that is produced to	permits should be obtained
	be of a certain standard. There	, when required.
	should also be controls on the	·
	disposal of sewage, the	
	purification of effluent, measures	
	should be taken to ensure the	
	prevention of surface and	
	groundwater pollution and water	
	resources should be used in a	
	sustainable manner.	
Solid and	Provides for management and	The Proponent must abide to
Hazardous	handling of industrial, business	the solid waste management
Waste	and domestic waste.	provisions.
Management		
Regulations:		
Local		
Authorities		
1992		
Hazardous	The <b>Ordinance</b> applies to the	The Proponent must abide to
Substances	manufacture, sale, use, disposal	the Ordinance's provisions.
Ordinance	and dumping of hazardous	
(No. 14 of	substances, as well as their import	
1974)	and export and is administered by	
	the Minister of Health and Social	
	Welfare. Its primary purpose is to	
	prevent hazardous substances	
	from causing injury, ill-health or	
	the death of human beings.	
Atmospheric	Part 2 of the Ordinance governs	The proponent should adhere
Pollution	the control of noxious or offensive	to the stipulations of the
Prevention	gases. The Ordinance prohibits	Atmospheric Pollution
Ordinance of	anyone from carrying on a	Prevention Ordinance.
Namibia (No.	scheduled process without a	
11 of 1976)	registration certificate in a	
	controlled area. The registration	
	certificate must be issued if it can	
	be demonstrated that the best	
	practical means are being adopted	

	for preventing or reducing the	
	escape into the atmosphere of	
	noxious or offensive gases	
	produced by the scheduled	
	process.	
Nature	The Nature Conservation	The proposed project
Conservation	Ordinance (No. 4 of 1975) covers	implementation is not located
Ordinance	game parks and nature reserves,	in a demarcated conservation
	the hunting and protection of wild	area, national park or unique
	animals, problem animals, fish and	environments.
	indigenous plant species. The	
	Ministry of Environment, Forestry	
	and Tourism (MEFT) administer it	
	and provides for the establishment	
	of the Nature Conservation Board.	
Forestry Act	The Forestry Act (No. 12 of	No removal of protected tree
	2001) specifies that there be a	species or removal of mature
	general protection of the receiving	trees should happen. The
	and surrounding environment.	Ministry of Environment,
	The protection of natural	Forestry and Tourism should
	vegetation is of great importance,	be consulted when required.
	the Forestry Act especially	
	stipulates that no living tree, bush,	
	shrub or indigenous plants within	
	100m from any river, stream or	
	watercourse, may be removed	
	without the necessary license.	
EU Timber	Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)	The Proponent is advised to
Regulation:	came into effect in March 2013,	adhere to the regulation.
FSC (2013)	with the aim of preventing sales of	
	illegal timber and timber products	
	in the EU market. Now, any actor	
	who places timber or timber	
	products on the market for the first	
	time must ensure that the timber	
	used has been legally narvested	
	and, where applicable, exported	
Labour Act	The Labour Act (No. 11 of 2007)	The propagant and contractor
	anteine regulations relating to the	should adhere to the Labour
	Health Safety and Welfare of	
	employees at work These	AGI.
	regulations are prescribed for	
	among others safety relating to	
	hazardous substances exposure	
	limits and physical hazards	
	Regulations relating to the Health	
	and Safety of Employees at Work	
	are promulgated in terms of the	

	Labour Act 6 of 1992 (GN156,	,			
	GG1617 of 1 August 1997).				
Communal	Communal land is land that	Consent should be obtained			
Land Rights	belongs to the State and is held in	from Traditional Authorities,			
	trust for the benefit of the	Communal Boards, Chiefs,			
	traditional communities living in	Kings, Queens etc. if			
	those areas. Communal land	required.			
	cannot be bought or sold, but one				
	can be given a customary land				
	right or right of leasehold to a part				
	of communal land in accordance				
	with the provisions of the				
	Communal Land Reform Act				
	(No. 5 of 2002) and Communal				
	Land Reform Amendment Act				
	(No. 13 of 2013). The Communal				
	Land Reform Act provide for the				
	allocation of rights in respect of				
	communal land to establish				
	Communal Land Boards to				
	provide for the powers of Chiefs				
	and Traditional Authorities and				
	boards in relation to communal	1			
	land and to make provision for				
	incidental matters. Consent and				
	access to land for the proposed				
	project should be requested from				
	the relevant traditional authority				
	through the Regional Council and				
	Regional Communal Land Boards.				
Traditional	The Traditional Authorities Act	Traditional Authorities should			
Authorities	(No. 17 of 1995) provide for the	be consulted when required.			
Act (No. 17 of	establishment of traditional				
1995)	authorities, the designation and				
	recognition of traditional leaders;				
	to define their functions, duties				
	and powers; and to provide for				
Dublic and	The Dublic and Environmental				
Public and	The Public and Environmental	should adhere to the Dublic			
Environmental	provides with respect to matters of	and Environmental Health			
nealth Act	public health in Namibia The				
	objects of this Act are to: (a)				
	promote public health and				
	wellbeing: (b) prevent injurice				
	diseases and disabilities: (a)				
	protect individuals and				
	communities from public health				
	risks: (d) encourage community				
	communities from public health risks; (d) encourage community				

National Heritage Act (No. 27 of 2004)	participation in order to create a healthy environment; and (e) provide for early detection of diseases and public health risks. All protected heritage resources discovered need to be reported immediately to the National Heritage Council (NHC) and require a permit from the NHC before it may be relocated. This should be applied from the NHC.	The National Heritage Council should be consulted when required.
National Monuments Act of Namibia (No. 28 of 1969) as amended until 1979	No person shall destroy, damage, excavate, alter, remove from its original site or export from Namibia: (a) any meteorite or fossil; or (b) any drawing or painting on stone or a petroglyph known or commonly believed to have been executed by any people who inhabited or visited Namibia before the year 1900 AD; or (c) any implement, ornament or structure known or commonly believed to have been used as a mace, used or erected by people referred to in paragraph; or (d) the anthropological or archaeological contents of graves, caves, rock shelters, middens, shell mounds or other sites used by such people; or (e) any other archaeological or palaeontological finds, material or object; except under the authority of and in accordance with a permit issued under this section.	The proposed site for development is not within any known monument site both movable or immovable as specified in the Act, however in such an instance that any material or sites or archeologic importance are identified, it will be the responsibility of the developer to take the required route and notify the relevant commission.
Act (No. 36 of 1919)	Under this act, in section 119: "No person shall cause a nuisance or shall suffer to exist on any land or premises owned or occupied by him or of which he is in charge any nuisance or other condition liable to be injurious or dangerous to health."	that all legal requirements of the project in relation to protection of the health of their employees and surrounding residents is protected and will be included in the EMP. Relevant protective equipment shall be provided for employees in construction. The development shall follow

specifications in relation to
water supply and sewerage
handling and solid waste
management so as not to
threaten public health o
future residents on this piece
of land.
Soil The objectives of this Act are to: Only the area required for the
<b>Conservation</b> Make provisions for the combating operations should be cleared
Act (No. 76 of and prevention of soil erosion; from vegetation to ensure the
<b>1969)</b> Promote the conservation, minimum impact on the soi
protection and improvement of the through clearance for
soil, vegetation, sources and construction.
resources of the Republic;
Air Quality Act The Air Quality Act (No. 39 of The proponent and contractor
(NO. 39 OI 2004) Interiors to provide for should adhere to the All
regulating air guality monitoring
management and control by all
spheres of government for
specific air quality measures; and
for matters incidental thereto.
Vision 2030 Namibia's overall development The proposed project is an
and National ambitions are articulated in the important element in
<b>Development</b> Nation's Vision 2030. At the employment creation.
Plans operational level, five-yearly
national development plans
(NDP's) are prepared in extensive
consultations led by the National
Planning Commission in the Office
of the President. Currently the
Ath NDP which pursues three
overarching goals for the
Namibian nation: high and
sustained economic growth:
increased income equality: and
employment creation.

#### CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

It is believed the above administrative, legal and policy requirements which specifically guide and governs development will be followed and complied with in the planning, implementation and operations of the activity.

A flowchart indicating the entire EIA process is shown in the Figure below.



Figure 12: Flowchart of the Impact Process

### **10. AFFECTED RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT**

#### **10.1. BIODIVERSITY AND VEGETATION**

The project site is located in the Tree and Scrub Savanna Biome. Although Windhoek in general contains a large diversity of annual and perennial grass, it is estimated that there is up to 101 grass species. Four of these species are endemic namely *Eragrostis omahekensis, Eragrostis scopelophila, Pennisetum foermeranum* and *Setaria finite (Mannheimer & Curtis, 2009)*. See *Map* below:



Figure 13: Biomes in Namibia (Atlas of Namibia, 2002)

The road has already been constructed and is in use. It is already wide enough and will not be widened any further and the use of the road is expected to have a low impact on the natural environment. There are a few large trees along the road that has been retained.

#### CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

The activities will have a low impact on vegetation, shrubs and trees.

### 10.2. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

The project site area is located in the Khomas Trough on a geological area classified as Damara Supergroup and Gariep Complex. See *Map* below:



Figure 14: Geology of Namibia (Atlas of Namibia Project, 2002)

#### CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

The activities will not have a large impact on the geology, soils and geohydrology of the area. The surface drainage canals have been kept open in order that water can flow through.

# **10.3. SOCIO ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT**

The proposed right of way will have a positive impact on the socio-economic environment because additional infrastructure will be constructed. This will create additional employment during construction and after construction for workers. The infrastructure will be built with little disturbance to the environment and towards the individuals that are residing in the area. People will benefit from employment created during planning, construction and operation. The construction impacts will be little if mitigated by the Environmental Management Plan.

#### **CONCLUSION AND IMPACT**

The activities will have a positive impact on the community since employment and a right of way will be created.

### 10.4. CLIMATE

No specific climate data is available for the site however Windhoek and surroundings in general is characterized with a semi-arid highland savannah climate typified as extremely hot in summer and moderate dry in winter. The highest temperatures are measured in December with an average daily temperature of maximum 31°C and a minimum of 17°C. The coldest temperatures, conversely, are measured in July with an average daily maximum of 20°C and minimum 6°C (*Weather - the Climate in Namibia*, 1998 – 2012). The area therefore has low frost potential.

Rainfall in the form of thunderstorms is experienced in the area during the summer months between October and April. The annual average rainfall for Windhoek and surroundings is 350mm to 400mm however the average evaporation rate is 3 400mm a year (*Weather - the Climate in Namibia*, 1998 – 2012). Over 70% of the rainfall occurs in the in the summer months' period between November and March. Rainfall in the area is typically sporadic and unpredictable however the average highest rainfall months are January to March.

The prevailing wind direction is expected to prevent the spread of any nuisance namely noise and smell. The predominant wind in the region is easterly with westerly winds from September to December (*Weather - the Climate in Namibia*, 1998 – 2012). Extreme winds are experienced in the months of August and September and thus significant wind erosion on disturbed areas is visible.

#### CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

The activities will not have an impact on the climate.

## 10.5. CULTURAL HERITAGE

The proposed project site on which the road was aligned and constructed is not known to have any historical significance prior to or after Independence in 1990. The specific area does not have any National Monuments and the specific site has no record of any cultural or historical importance or on-site resemblance of any nature. No graveyard or related article was found on the site.

#### CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

No heritage resources or graveyards were observed on the site or in the area.

### 10.6. SENSE OF PLACE

The proposed right of way will not have a large/negative impact on the sense of place in the area. An untidy or badly managed site can detract from the ecological wellbeing and individuality of the area. Unnecessary disturbance to the surroundings could be caused by poorly planned or poorly managed operational activities. The project site should be kept neat and clean where possible. Vegetation should not be removed or harmed if not necessary since it covers topsoil which prevents erosion. Noise and dust should be limited because of the neighbouring activities.

#### CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

The impact on the sense of place will be low.

## 10.7. HEALTH

The safety, security and health of the labour force, employees and neighbours are of great importance, workers should be orientated with the maintenance of safety and health procedures and they should be provided with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). A health and safety officer are employed to manage, coordinate and monitor risk and hazard and report all health and safety related issues in the workplace. The introduction of external workers into the area is sometimes accompanied with criminal activities posing security risks for neighbours. However, the proponent will take certain measures to prevent any activity of this sort. The welfare and quality of life of the neighbours and workforce needs to be considered for the project to be a success on its environmental performance. Conversely, the process should not affect the overall health of persons related to the project including the neighbours.

#### CONCLUSION AND IMPACT

The proposed activities will have a low impact on the health of the community.

#### 11. IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

The Environmental Impact Assessment sets out potential positive and negative environmental impacts associated with the proposed project site. The following assessment methodology will be used to examine each impact identified, see *Table* below:

Criteria	Rating	g (Severity)
Impact Type	+	Positive
	0	No Impact
	-	Negative
Significance of	L	Low (Little or no impact)
impact being	М	Medium (Manageable impacts)
either	н	High (Adverse impact)

 Table 2: Impact Evaluation Criterion (DEAT 2006)
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Probability:	Duration:
5 – Definite/don't know	5 - Permanent
4 – Highly probable	4 – Long-term (impact ceases)
3 – Medium probability	3 – Medium term (5 – 15 years)
2 – Low probability	2 – Short-term (0 – 5 years)
1 – Improbable	1 - Immediate
0 - None	

Scale:	Magnitude:
5 – International	10 – Very high/don't know
4 – National	8 - High
3 – Regional	6 - Moderate
2 – Local	4 - Low
1 – Site only	2 - Minor
	0 - None

The impacts on the receiving environment are discussed in the paragraphs below:

# **11.1.IMPACTS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY**

Some of the impacts that the project will have on the environment includes water will be used for the construction and operation activities, electricity will be used, a sewer system might be constructed and wastewater will be produced on the site that will have to be handled.

### 11.1.1. WATER USAGE

Water is a scarce resource in Namibia and therefore water usage should be monitored and limited in order to prevent unnecessary wastage. The proposed project might make use of water in its construction phase and operations.

Impact Evaluation

Aspe	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significance	
ct	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Water	-	2	2	4	2	М	L

### 11.1.2. ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS

The proposed infrastructure will be constructed in a semi disturbed natural area which is partly covered with vegetation. Special care should be taken to limit the destruction or damage of the vegetation. However, impacts on fauna and flora are expected to be minimal. Disturbance of areas outside the designated working zone is not allowed.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significance	
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Ecology	-	1	2	4	2	М	L

## 11.1.3. DUST POLLUTION AND AIR QUALITY

Dust generated during the transportation of building materials; construction and installation of bulk services, and problems thereof are expected to be low and site specific. Dust is expected to be worse during the winter months when strong winds occur. Release of various particulates from the site during the construction phase and exhaust fumes from vehicles and machinery related to the construction of bulk services are also expected to take place. Dust is regarded as a nuisance as it reduces visibility, affects the human health and retards plant growth. It is recommended that regular dust suppression be included in the construction activities, when dust becomes an issue.

Impact evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significance	
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Dust & Air Quality	-	2	2	2	2	М	L

#### 11.1.4. NOISE IMPACT

An increase of ambient noise levels at the proposed site is expected due to the construction activities. Noise pollution due to heavy-duty equipment and machinery might be generated. It is not expected that the noise generated during construction will impact any third parties due to the distance of the neighbouring activities. Ensure all mufflers on vehicles are in full operational order; and any audio equipment should not be played at levels considered intrusive by others. The construction staff should be equipped with ear protection equipment.

Impact evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significance	
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Noise	-	2	1	4	2	М	L

### 11.1.5. HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY

The safety, security and health of the labour force, employees and general public are of great importance. Workers should be orientated with the maintenance of safety and health procedures and they should be provided with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). A health and safety officer should be employed to manage, coordinate and monitor risk and hazard and report all health and safety related issues in the workplace.

Safety issues could arise from the earthmoving equipment and tools that will be used on site during the construction phase. This increases the possibility of injuries and the contractor must ensure that all staff members are made aware of the potential risks of injuries on site. The presence of equipment lying around on site may also encourage criminal activities (theft). Sensitize operators of earthmoving equipment and tools to switch off engines of vehicles or machinery not being used. The contractor is advised to ensure that the team is equipped with first aid kits and that these are available on site, at all times. Workers should be equipped with adequate personal protective gear and properly trained in first aid and safety awareness.

No open flames, smoking or any potential sources of ignition should be allowed at the project location. Signs such as 'NO SMOKING' must be prominently displayed in parts where inflammable materials are stored on the premises. Proper barricading and/or fencing around the site especially trenches for pipes and drains should be erected to avoid entrance of animals and/or unauthorized persons. Safety regulatory signs should be placed at strategic locations to ensure awareness. Adequate lighting within and around the construction locations should be erected, when visibility becomes an issue.

Impact evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Signi	ficance
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Safety & Security	-	1	2	4	2	М	L

#### 11.1.6. CONTAMINATION OF GROUNDWATER

Care must be taken to avoid contamination of soil and groundwater. Use drip trays when doing maintenance on machinery. Maintenance should be done on dedicated areas with linings or concrete flooring. The risk can be lowered further through proper training of staff. All spills must be cleaned up immediately. Excavations should be backfilled and sealed with appropriate material, if it is not to be used further.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Signifi	icance
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Groundwater	-	2	2	2	2	М	L

### 11.1.7. SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION

Vegetation is stabilizing the area against wind and water erosion. Vegetation clearance and creation of impermeable surfaces could result in erosion in areas across the proposed area. The clearance of vegetation will further reduce the capacity of the land surface to slow down the flow of surface water, thus decreasing infiltration, and increasing both the quantity and velocity of surface water runoff. The proposed construction activities will increase the number of impermeable surfaces and therefore decrease the amount of groundwater infiltration. As a result, the amount of storm water during rainfall events could increase. If proper storm water management measures are not implemented this will impact negatively on the water courses close to the site.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Signific	cance
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Erosion and	-	1	2	4	2	М	L
Sedimentation							

# 11.1.8. GENERATION OF WASTE

This can be in a form of rubble, cement bags, pipe and electrical wire cuttings. The waste should be gathered and stored in enclosed containers to prevent it from being blown away by the wind. Contaminated soil due to oil leakages, lubricants and grease from the construction equipment and machinery may also be generated during the construction phase.

The oil leakages, lubricants and grease must be addressed. Contaminated soil must be removed and disposed of at a hazardous waste landfill. The contractor must provide containers on-site, to store any hazardous waste produced. Regular inspection and housekeeping procedure monitoring should be maintained by the contractor.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Signific	ance
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Waste	-	1	2	4	2	М	L

### 11.1.9. CONTAMINATION OF SURFACE WATER

Contamination of surface water might occur through oil leakages, lubricants and grease from the equipment and machinery during the installation, construction and maintenance of bulk services at the site. Oil spills may form a film on water surfaces in the nearby streams causing physical damage to water-borne organisms.

Machinery should not be serviced at the construction site to avoid spills. All spills should be cleaned up as soon as possible. Hydrocarbon contaminated clothing or equipment should not be washed within 25m of any surface water body.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Signific	ance
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Surface water	-	2	2	4	3	М	L

### 11.1.10. TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY

All drivers of delivery vehicles and construction machinery should have the necessary driver's licenses and documents to operate these machines. Speed limit warning signs must be erected to minimise accidents. Heavy-duty vehicles and machinery must be tagged with reflective signs or tapes to maximize visibility and avoid accidents.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Signific	cance
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Traffic	-	2	2	4	3	М	L

## 11.1.11. FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS

There should be sufficient water available for firefighting purposes. Ensure that all fire-fighting devices are in good working order and they are serviced. All personnel have to be trained about responsible fire protection measures and good housekeeping such as the removal of flammable materials on site. Regular inspections should be carried out to inspect and test firefighting equipment by the contractor.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Signific	ance
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Fires and	-	2	2	4	2	L	L
Explosions							

## 11.1.12. SENSE OF PLACE

The placement, design and construction of the proposed infrastructure should be as such as to have the least possible impact on the natural environment. The proposed activities will not have a large/negative impact on the sense of place in the area since it will be constructed in a manner that will not affect the neighbouring erven / portions and it will not be visually unpleasing.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Signific	ance
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Nuisance	-	1	1	2	2	L	L
Pollution							

# 11.2. IMPACTS DURING THE OPERATIONAL PHASE

### 11.2.1. ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Staff and visitors should only make use of walkways and existing roads to minimise the impact on vegetation. Minimise the area of disturbance by restricting movement to the designated working areas during maintenance and drives.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significa	ance
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Ecology Impacts	-	1	2	4	2	М	L

## 11.2.2. DUST POLLUTION AND AIR QUALITY

Vehicles transporting goods and staff will contribute to the release of hydrocarbon vapours, carbon monoxide and sulphur oxides into the air. Possible release of sewer odour, due to sewer system failure of maintenance might also occur. All maintenance of bulk services and infrastructure at the project site has to be designed to enable environmental protection.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significance	
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Dust & Air	-	2	2	4	4	М	L
Quality							

### 11.2.3. CONTAMINATION OF GROUNDWATER

Spillages might also occur during maintenance of the sewer system. This could have impacts on groundwater especially in cases of large sewer spills. Proper containment should be used in cases of sewerage system maintenance to avoid any possible leakages. Oil and chemical spillages may have a heath impact on groundwater users. Potential impact on the natural environment from possible polluted groundwater also exits.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significance	
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Groundwater	-	2	2	4	2	М	L
contamination							

### 11.2.4. GENERATION OF WASTE

Household waste from the activities at the site and from the staff working at the site will be generated. This waste will be collected, sorted to be recycled and stored in on site for transportation and disposal at an approved landfill site.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Signific	ance
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Waste Generation	-	1	2	2	2	М	L

### 11.2.5. FAILURE IN RETICULATION PIPELINES

There may be a potential release of sewage, stormwater or water into the environment due to pipeline/system failure. As a result, the spillage could be released into the environment and could potentially be health hazard to surface and groundwater. Proper reticulation pipelines and drainage systems should be installed. Regular bulk services infrastructure and system inspection should be conducted.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Signific	ance
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Failure of Reticulation Pipeline	-	1	1	4	2	М	L

### 11.2.6. FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS

Food will be prepared on gas fired stoves. There should be sufficient water available for firefighting purposes. Ensure that all fire-fighting devices are in good working order and are serviced. All personnel have to be trained about responsible fire protection measures and good housekeeping such as the removal of flammable materials on site. Regular inspections should be carried out to inspect and test firefighting equipment by the contractor.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Signific	ance
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Fires and	-	2	1	4	2	М	L
Explosion							
S							

### 11.2.7. HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY

The safety, security and health of the labour force, employees and neighbours are of great importance, workers should be orientated with the maintenance of safety and health procedures and they should be provided with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). Workers should be warned not to approach or chase any wild animals occurring on the site. No open flames, smoking or any potential sources of ignition should be allowed at the project location. Signs such as 'NO SMOKING' must be prominently displayed in parts where inflammable materials are stored on the premises.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significa	ance
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Safety &	-	1	2	4	2	М	L
Security							

### 11.3. CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

These are impacts on the environment, which results from the incremental impacts of the construction and operation of the proposed project when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of what person undertakes such other actions. Cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time. In relation to an activity, it means the impact of an activity that in it may not become significant when added to the existing and potential impacts resulting from similar of diverse activities or undertakings in the area.

Possible cumulative impacts associated with the proposed project include sewer damages/maintenance, vegetation and animal disturbance, uncontrolled traffic and destruction of the natural environment. These impacts could become significant especially if it is not properly supervised and controlled. This could collectively impact on the environmental conditions in the area. Cumulative impacts could occur in both the operational and the construction phase.

Impact Evaluation

Aspect	Impact	Scale	Duration	Magnitude	Probability	Significance	
	Туре					Unmitigated	Mitigated
Cumulative Impacts	-	1	3	4	3	L	L

## 12. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Environmental Management Plan (EMP) provides management options to ensure impacts of the proposed construction are minimised. An EMP is an environmental management tool used to ensure that undue or reasonably avoidable adverse impacts of the operations are prevented, and the positive benefits of the projects are enhanced.

The objectives of the EMP are:

- ✓ to include all components of the proposed project.
- ✓ to prescribe the best practicable control methods to lessen the environmental impacts associated with the project.
- ✓ to monitor and audit the performance of the project personnel in applying such controls.
- ✓ to ensure that appropriate environmental training is provided to responsible project personnel.

The EMP acts as a document that can be used during the various phases of the proposed project. The contractor as well as the management and staff should be made aware of the contents of the EMP. See Appendix for EMP.

### 13. CONCLUSION

The EIA has been completed in line with the requirements of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 and Regulations and it is concluded and recommended that the specific site identified has the full potential to be used for the proposed activities. The identified environmental and social impacts can be minimized and managed through implementing preventative measures and sound management systems. It is recommended that the environmental performance be monitored regularly to ensure compliance and that corrective measures be taken if necessary.

In general, the construction and operation of the proposed project would pose limited environmental risks, provided that the EMP for the activity is used properly. The EMP should be used as an onsite tool during the construction and operation of the project. Parties responsible for non-conformances of the EMP should be held responsible for any rehabilitation that has to be undertaken. After assessing all information available on this project, Green Earth Environmental Consultants are of the opinion that the proposed project site is suitable for the proposed activities. The accompanying EMP will focus on mitigation measures that will remediate or eradicate the negative or adverse impacts.

### 14. **RECOMMENDATION**

It is therefore recommended that the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism through the Environmental Commissioner support and approve the Environmental Impact Assessment to create public roads in the form of an extension of an existing "right of way servitude" over Portion 1 of the Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 (Khomas Region) to provide access to newly created Portions 2 to 5 and the Remainder of Portion 1 of the Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 and to issue an Environmental Clearance for the following 'Listed Activities':

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

The construction of:

- Public roads.

The route determination of roads and design of associated physical infrastructure where:

- It is a public road;
- The road reserve is wider than 30 meters;
- The road caters for more than one lane of traffic in both directions.

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#### APPENDIX A: CURRICULUM VITAE OF CHARLIE DU TOIT

1. 2. 3. 4.	Position: Name/Surname: Date of Birth: Nationality:	Environmenta Charl du Toit 29 October 19 Namibian	al Practitio 960	ner		
5.	Education:	Name of Insti Degree/Quali	tution fication	University of Hons B (B Administrat	of Stellenbo + A) in Bus ion and Ma	osch, South Africa siness anagement
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		Name of Insti	tution	Boland Agr South Afric	icultural Hi a	gh School, Paarl,
		Degree/Quali	fication	Grade 12		
		Date Obtaine	d	1974-1978		
6.	Membership of Professional Association:	EAPAN Mem	ber (Mem	bership Nurr	ıber: 112)	
7.	Languages:	English Afrikaans	<u>S</u> G G	<u>peaking</u> iood iood	<u>Reading</u> Good Good	<u>Writing</u> Good Good
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		2003	2005	Pupkewitz		General Manager
		1995	2003	Agra Coop Limited	perative	Manager Trade
		1989	1995	Namibia Developm Corporatio	ent on	Chief Agricultural Consultant
		1005	1000	Ministry of	f	Agricultural
		1900	1988	Agriculture	5	nesearcher

#### Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

IM.

Charl du Toit

#### APPENDIX B: CURRICULUM VITAE OF CARIEN VAN DER WALT

- Position: Environmental Consultant
   Name/Surname: Carien van der Walt
   Date of Birth: 6 August 1990
   Nationality: Namibian
- 5. Education:

Institution	Degree/Diploma	Years
University of Stellenbosch	B.A. (Degree) Environment and	2009 to 2011
	Development	
University of South Africa	B.A. (Honours) Environmental	2012 to 2013
	Management	

#### 6. Membership of Professional Associations:

EAPAN Member (Membership Number: 113)

#### 7. Languages:

Language	Speaking	Reading	Writing
English	Good	Good	Good
Afrikaans	Good	Good	Good

From	То	Employer	Positions Held
07/2013	Present	Green Earth Environmental Consultants	Environmental
			Consultant
06/2012	03/2013	Enviro Management Consultants Namibia	Environmental
			Consultant
12/2011	05/2012	Green Earth Environmental Consultants	Environmental
			Consultant

#### 8. Employment Record:

#### 9. Detailed Tasks Assigned:

Conducting the Environmental Impact Assessment, Environmental Management Plan, Public Participation, Environmental Compliance and Environmental Control Officer

#### **Certification:**

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engage.

Carien van der Walt

#### APPENDIX C: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

i oni.	Dorette Opperman <planner1@dutoitplan.com></planner1@dutoitplan.com>
Sent:	Friday, June 21, 2024 11:44 AM
To:	'alfred.oetker@aro-europa.com'; 'matthijs.hazen@aro-europa.com'
Subject:	Neighbour notification : Subdivision of Ptn 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 : Letter for owner of Hohewarte
Attachments:	Letter to Farm Hohewartepdf
Dear Dr Oetker and Mr	Hazen,
Your contact details was	provided to me by Mr Bernhard Vente.
Our office was appointe subdivision application (Act 5 of 2018) I need to	d by Mr Markus Batz, the owner of Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 to attend to a for the creation of 4 new portions. In terms of the Urban and Regional Planning Act, 2018 o contact the adjacent property owners to inform them about the application.
The attached letter and .10w if you have any co	plan give more information about the application and sizes of the new portion. Please let m mments at your earliest convenience but not later than 12 Julu 2024.
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Kind Regards Dorette Opperman	

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From: Sent: To: Subject:	Bernhard Vente <bvente@svanam.com> Friday, May 31, 2024 12:17 PM Dorette Opperman RE: Subdivision of Ptn 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 : Letter for owner of Hohewarte</bvente@svanam.com>
Dear Mrs Oppermar	าท
The beneficial owne I can forward your e Alfred Oetker alfred Or his secretary Matthijs Hazen mat	r of Farm Hohewarte is Dr Alfred Oetker. mail to him or you can directly contact him under: .oetker@aro-europa.com thijs.hazen@aro-europa.com
Kind regards,	
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Dear Mr Vente,	
I received your emai	il address from my client Mr Markus Batz, who proposed that I send the correspondence to you.
In the attached lette and Regional Planni obtained.	er address to the owner of Farm Hohewarte, the intended subdivision is explained. The Urban ng Act, 2018 (Act 5 of 2018) requires that neighbouring property owners' comments are
Please let me know letter accordingly ar	if you would be able to assist on behalf of the owner of Farm Hohewarte. If so, I can revise the nd also adjust the due date for comments.

Kind Regards

Dorette Opperman 'Stephan Voigts' <stephanvoigts@gmail.com> From: Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:48 AM Dorette Opperman To: Subject: Re: Subdivision of Ptn 1 Farm Paulinenhof- neighbour comments\_ Farm Voigtland 492 Attachments: Markus Batz Approval .pdf On 21-May-24 3:48 PM, Dorette Opperman wrote: Dear Stephan, Hope you are doing well! This subdivision application for Markus took a while to get going. It has been submitted to the City of Windhoek, and we now need to notify the neighbours. Attached is your letter as owner of Farm Consolidated Voigtland. Kindly complete the form and return to me. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. **Kind Regards** Dorette UToit POI Dorette Opperman Mobile: +264 81 835 2021 https://w3w.co/material.wicket.inhaler ---Kind regards Stephan Voigts +264 81 1244430 idland

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Enquiries: D Opperman Tel: +264 81 835 2021 Ref: Ptn 1 Paulinenhof_Letters
21 May 2024
The Owner Consolidated Farm Voigtland No. 472
Per email : stephanvoigts@gmail.com
Dear Mr. Voigts,
COMMENTS REQUIRED: SUBDIVISION OF PORTION 1 OF FARM PAULINENHOF NO. 492, WINDHOEK INTO PORTIONS A, B, C, D AND THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 1 OF FARM PAULINENHOF NO. 492, WINDHOEK
Our office is currently applying on behalf of the owner the portion, Markus Arno Batz in terms of the stipulations of the Urban and Regional Planning Act, 2018 (Act No. 5 of 2018), to the City of Windhoek and the Urban and Regional Planning Board for the:
<ul> <li>subdivision of Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492, Windhoek into Portion A (± 5,0078ha), Portion B (± 5,0178ha), Portion C (± 5,0868ha), Portion D (± 5,5996ha) and the Remainder of Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492, Windhoek (± 155,9763ha).</li> </ul>
In terms of the new Urban and Regional Planning Act, 2018 (Act 5 of 2018), you as the owner of an adjacent property (see attached locality plan) are hereby granted the opportunity to comment on the proposal. We kindly request that you provide us with your comments no later than <b>11 June 2024</b> .
Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492, Windhoek is 176,6883ha in extent and does not have a zoning as it falls outside of the boundaries of the Windhoek Zoning Scheme. Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 has been created from the subdivision of Consolidated Farm Paulinenhof No. 492.

Subdivision: The owner intends to subdivide Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 into 4 new portions and the remainder. A large portion of Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 is vacant and thus underutilised. Due to the Portion's close proximity to Windhoek and the Hosea Kutako International Airport this area is popular for people/investors who wants to reside on larger portions of land with a farming/rural character and who also want to be close to the workplace and amenities as offered by City of Windhoek and the Hosea Kutako Airport. The owner has been approached by family/friends who are interested in obtaining a land portion for these purposes.



See below and attached the proposed subdivision plan.



Figure 1 : Proposed subdivision

Access: the main access to Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 is currently via a 13m wide right of way servitude, registered over Consolidated Farm Voightland No. 472 which links up with Road C23 linking Windhoek with Dordabis.

Access to the newly created portions and Remainder will be via a revision/extension of the existing 13m wide right of way servitude as is indicated on the subdivision plan above.

It follows the northern boundary of Portion 1 to provide access to the proposed Portion A and then the southern boundary up to an existing tract to provide access to Portion B, C and D.

To conclude, the subdivision of Portion 1 of Farm Paulinenhof No. 492 will result in four additional portions, generally large in size. The intended activities will remain for farming and residential purposes.

In light of the above, your comments on the intended application will be highly appreciated. Kindly note that should we not receive any comments by the closing date of **11 June 2024**, we would assume you do not have any objection.

Kind regards

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#### APPENDIX D: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN