

DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP NAMIBIA

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED BULK URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN URBAN AREAS IN NAMIBIA: OKAHAO, OMUSATI REGION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

February 2025

1. INTRODUCTION

The Development Workshop Namibia (DWN) is implementing the Project “Poverty-Oriented Development of Infrastructure in urban areas of Namibia” with financial support from KfW. The project seeks to contribute to more sustainable and inclusive urban development in Namibia by supporting DWN to plan and develop low-cost residential land with titles in 15 towns across Namibia.

The objective is to transform current informal settlement growth into formal urban growth and to initiate and contribute to changing the way urban planning is done towards a more holistic and participatory planning approach to create socially and economically conducive living environments.

The project is implemented by three distinct components:

Component one: Planning and developing low-cost residential land with title.

Component two: Providing “pro-poor” infrastructure investments in four selected towns.

Component three: Improving public hygiene and access to appropriate sanitation.

DWN has planned to deploy part of the KfW grant through Component 2 of the project to hire Lund Consulting Engineers (LCE) to design and supervise the construction of various pro-poor infrastructure components in (amongst others) the town of Okahao (See Figure 1).

The proposed Bulk Urban Infrastructure include the construction of a power supply line; construction of a pump station; construction of a sewer line; gravelling of the main roads and construction of a water reservoir.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE APPLICATION

Prior to commencement of phase 2 of the proposed Bulk Urban Infrastructure Development Project (i.e. in Okahao), an application will be submitted to the Competent Authority and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) in terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 and associated Environmental (and Social) Impact Assessment (ESIA) Regulations (January 2012). An ESIA process will be conducted in terms of the above-mentioned Act and Regulations. Namisun Environmental Projects & Development (Namisun) has been appointed by LCE as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to undertake the ESIA process for the proposed Project.

3. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document has been prepared by Namisun to inform you about:

- The proposed Bulk Urban Infrastructure Development Project relating to Okahao (Sections 1 and 5).
- The ESIA process (Section 6).
- Key environmental issues (i.e. aspects and potential impacts) (Section 7).
- How you can register as an interested and / or affected party (I&AP) (Sections 4 and 8).

4. PARTICIPATION IN THE ESIA PROCESS

Public participation is an essential part of the ESIA process. If you want to register as an I&AP and have input into the ESIA process, please refer to the box below. All comments / questions / concerns will be recorded and addressed in the ESIA process.

HOW TO REGISTER AS AN I&AP AND COMMENT

Please register as an I&AP and submit any questions or comments through communication with Namisun.

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If you would like your comments to be addressed in the report, please submit them by **14 March 2025**.

All comments received will be recorded and responded to in the ESIA Scoping Report.



FIGURE 1: LOCATION OF OKAHAO TOWN (REF. GOOGLE EARTH)

5. OKAHAO's PROPOSED PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Rapid Bulk Infrastructure Assessments (BIAs) conducted in the town of Okahao culminated in various provisional infrastructure requirements. The following sections provide a description of the proposed infrastructure and its associated activities, as part of the Development Project for Okahao. Information from these sections were copied from the BIA of Okahao, prepared by Om'Kumoh Consulting Engineers (March 2023).

5.1 CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LINE

Okahao Town is connected to the national power grid via NORED's 1 MVA substation which is fed from a 33 kV overhead powerline. At the substation the 33 kV is stepped down to 11 kV which is then distributed to different miniature substations (minisubs) and pole mounted transformers within the town. The 11 kV reticulation from the substation is mostly underground and few of the overhead lines. The minisubs and the pole mounted transformer in the town steps down the 11 kV to 420 volts for 3-phase and 230 volts for 1-phase that is used for household and other applications.

The construction of a 0.9 km 11 kV underground electricity supply line with 2 substations are planned.

5.2 SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

5.2.1 Construction of a Pumpstation

The existing sewer reticulation system contains ten (10) catchment areas with sewer pump stations as a lowest draining input.

Due to the topographic nature of the area being relatively flat, the sewer network requires additional pump capacity to convey the sewer to the treatment work.

The construction of a new pumpstation and a 0.5 km rising main for Kashenda Proper is proposed.

5.2.2 Construction of a new Sewer Line

The construction of 0.8 km gravity sewer line for the new DWN extension is proposed.

5.4 GRAVELLING OF ROADS

Okahao Town has a formalized road network of approximately 32.2 km comprising 24.3 km gravel roads and 7.9 km of surfaced roads in the six (6) out of 20 Extensions that have been serviced.

The gravelling of 2.1 km of the main roads in the DWN project area is proposed.

5.5 CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER RESERVOIR

The evaluation of the bulk storage reservoir and elevated water tanks confirmed that the existing capacity is sufficient for the current demand but will not be able to accommodate the future development scenarios.

The construction of a 500 m³ ground steel reservoir and 250 m³ elevated tank for DWN project area are proposed.

Refer to Figure 2 for the location of the proposed new infrastructure proposed for Okahao.

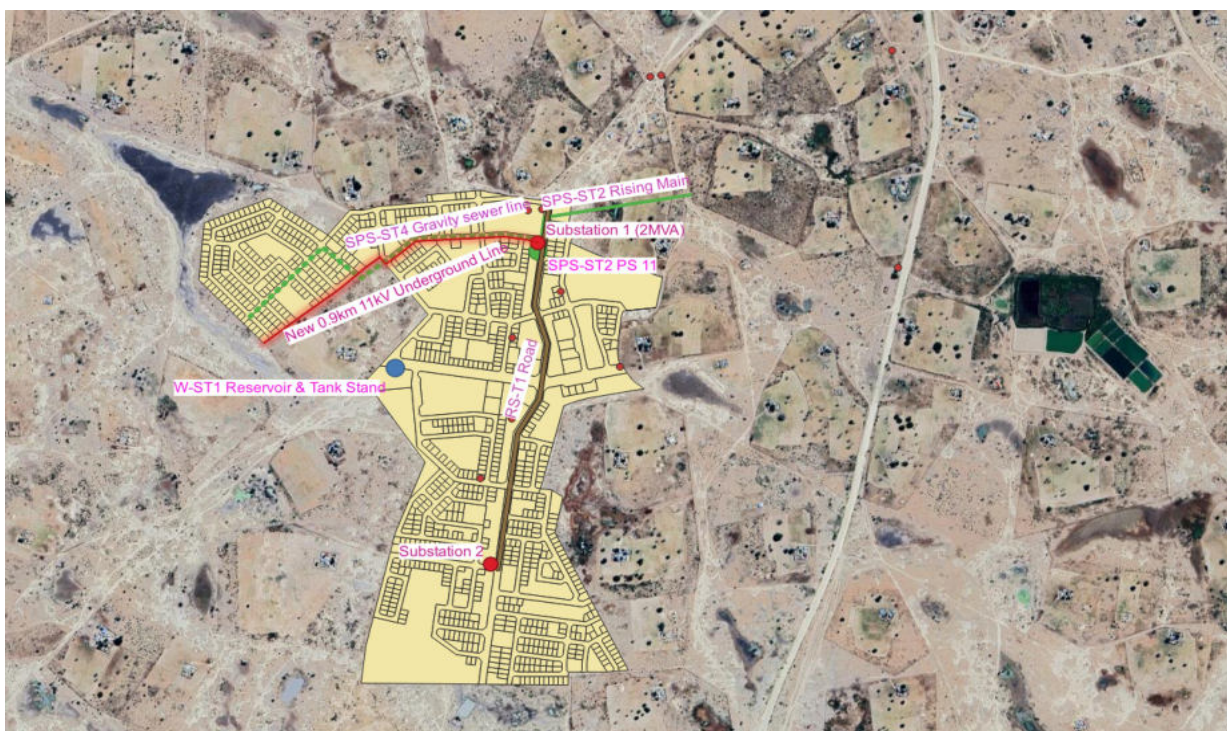


FIGURE 2: MAP OF PROPOSED BULK URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE IN OKAHAO

6. ESIA PROCESS

The main objectives of this ESIA process are to:

- Provide information on the proposed project activities and facilities / infrastructure in Okahao.
- Describe the current environment in which it will be situated.
- Identify, in consultation with I&APs, the potential negative and positive environmental & social aspects.
- Assess the associated potential impacts of the proposed project activities.
- Report on measures required to avoid impacts or mitigate such impacts to acceptable levels; and to enhance potential positive impacts.

The likely process steps and timeframes are provided in Table 1.

Table 1: ESIA Process

STEPS IN THE ESIA PROCESS
PHASE I: Project initiation and internal screening (February – March 2025)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESIA project initiation and register the Application for environmental clearance with MEFT.• Initial Identification of environmental and social aspects.• Prepare information sharing documents.• Identify key stakeholders.
PHASE II –Scoping & Assessment Phase and ESMP (March – May 2025)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notify regulatory authorities and I&APs of the proposed project (via newspaper advertisements, this document, emails, site notices, telephone calls and other possible media).• Site visit and conduct focus group meetings with key Stakeholders:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Further identification of key environmental and social aspects and potential impacts.• Assess the potential impacts of the proposed “Bulk Urban Infrastructure Project: Okahao” activities and compile an ESIA Scoping (including Impact Assessment) Report and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP).• Distribute the ESIA reports to I&APs for review and comments.• Compile the final reports considering comments received.• Submit the final reports to the Competent Authority and MEFT for their review and decision-making.

A draft ESIA Scoping (including Impact Assessment) Report (including an ESMP) for the proposed Infrastructure Development Project in Okahao will be made available for a public review and comment period. Registered I&APs will be notified via e-mail of the review period and the availability of the draft Report. The final ESIA report, along with all IA&P comments, will be submitted to the MEFT (Environmental Commissioner) for review and a final decision.

7. KEY ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED BULK URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT ON OKAHAO TO BE CONSIDERED

The key potential environmental and social issues (i.e. aspects / potential impacts), that need to be assessed as part of the ESIA process, associated with the proposed Project, are summarised below.

However, due consideration will be given during the assessment of potential impacts of the nature and scale of activities, and the fact that it will be undertaken in areas which have largely been disturbed (i.e. townlands).

- Biodiversity – potential loss of biodiversity, specifically relating to the ground water reservoir.
- Visual impact – change to the visual landscape and impact on sense of place, specifically relating to the water reservoir.
- Surface and groundwater impacts – alteration of drainage patterns and pollution of groundwater and surface water due to hydrocarbon spills during construction.
- Waste management – general waste generated from construction activities.
- Traffic and Road Safety – increase in construction and light vehicles may cause congestion, accidents, incidents; and exacerbate air and noise pollution.
- Socio-economic – positive impacts associated with improved infrastructure in the town. Also, positive impacts (short term) relating to employment, income, and expenditure during construction. Potential negative impacts due to labor issues and social ills relating to more people in the town.

8. INVITATION TO REGISTER AND COMMENT

If you would like to register as an I&AP to the proposed project and ESIA application process, or if you have any questions / comments, please contact Namisun.

For comments to be included in the Scoping (including Impact Assessment) Report they must reach Namisun by no later than **14 March 2025**.




JOB VACANCY

ACCOUNTANT

JOIN OUR TEAM!






The Namibia Estate Agents Board (NEAB) is seeking a highly skilled and proactive Accountant to join our Administrative and Finance Division. If you have a passion for financial integrity and compliance, we encourage you to apply.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:
The Accountant at NEAB will manage payroll, accounting, and the Fidelity Fund, ensuring compliance and accurate financial records. Responsibilities include reconciliations, reporting, audits, and administrative support, while maintaining stakeholder engagement and regulatory adherence.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
Degree in Accounting, Business Administration, or a related field
3+ years of experience in Accounting or Payroll Management.
Proficiency in Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, etc.) and accounting software (Pastel, Etc.).

HOW TO APPLY:
Submit your CV, cover letter, copies of qualifications, and NQA Evaluation (for foreign qualifications) via email to: recruitment@neab.co.na

CLOSING DATE:
• Friday, 07 March 2025
• Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND (SOCIAL) IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

ESIA FOR THE PROPOSED BULK URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE TOWNS OF OKAHAO (OMUSATI REGION) AND OPUWO (KUNENE REGION), NAMIBIA

Development Workshop Namibia (DWN) herewith gives notice in terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 and Regulation 21 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (January 2012) to implement the Project "Poverty-Oriented Development of Infrastructure in urban areas of Namibia" with financial support from KfW. DWN has planned to deploy part of the KfW grant to hire Lund Consulting Engineers (LCE) to design and supervise the construction of bulk urban infrastructure in the towns of **Okahao** and **Opuwo**, Namibia.

Prior to the commencement of the proposed bulk urban infrastructure activities, a parallel ESIA process will be conducted and two applications for Environmental Clearance Certificates (ECCs) will be submitted to the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development as the competent authority who will review the applications and the relevant reports, and submit their comments to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (Environmental Commissioner) in terms of the above-mentioned regulations. This advertisement forms part of the ESIA public participation process.

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Registration to receive notifications / information and opportunity to comment:
To register as an interested and / or affected party for the proposed activities, please submit your name and contact details to Namisun by e-mail, or by contacting Namisun. Background Information Documents (BIDs) are available for a review and comment period from **26 February – 14 March 2025**. Electronic copies of the BIDs are available on request from Namisun as per above details. An Open Public meeting will be arranged in each of the two towns as follows:

Town	Date	Time	Venue
Okahao	11 March 2025	09H00	Fire Station (Town Council)
Opuwo	12 March 2025	09H00	Open Market

If you would like your comments to be addressed in the ESIA Scoping (including Impacts Assessment) Report, please submit them to Namisun by **no later than 14 March 2025**.



Public Accountants' and Auditors' Board (PAAB)

The PAAB is a statutory body governing the public accounting and auditing profession in Namibia. The legal mandate of the Board, as derived from the establishing Act, PAA Act No.51 of 1951 as amended, is to regulate Public Accountants and Auditors in Namibia.

INSPECTOR

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION:

The Inspector will be working in the inspections department and be responsible for performing audit and quality management inspections under the direct supervision of the Inspections Manager. The role includes but not limited to handling administrative and technical matters relating to inspections.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

- Excellent problem solving and conflict management skills
- Mature with a positive and professional attitude
- Good negotiator/mediator skills
- Excellent project management skills
- Be able to always maintain a high level of confidentiality and independence
- Excellent communication skills (written and verbal)
- Excellent knowledge and understanding of the latest relevant professional standards and pronouncements
- Keen interest in auditing and quality management aspects
- Ability to work under pressure to meet tight deadlines and targets without compromising quality of work
- Ability to interact with other team members
- Strong analytical skills and attention to detail
- Enthusiastic, innovative and capable of taking initiatives
- Function optimally without or with very limited supervision

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:


- Scheduling inspection visits
- Preparing and sending out pre-inspection paperwork
- Scheduling of pre and post inspection meetings
- Performing firm and engagement file inspections in line with the PAAB's quality assurance methodology guidelines
- Compiling quality inspection reports for every inspection assignment performed
- Assisting in the presentation of inspection reports to the Quality Assurance Committee
- Assisting in the preparation of Annual Inspections Reports
- Keeping abreast with the latest accounting, auditing and other relevant standards and pronouncements
- Attend/participate in working groups when required by the Inspections Manager
- Assist the Inspections Manager on special projects and tasks

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:

- A fully completed professional accounting qualification (CA, ACCA or equivalent)
- Active membership of a recognized professional body (ICAN, ACCA or equivalent)
- Strong external auditing background obtained from recognized auditing firms
- At least 1 year post-qualification auditing experience
- Fresh from an auditing environment, or should not have been outside of external auditing for a period of more than a year
- Above average performance and behavioral track record
- Strong leadership / stakeholder relationship / team management / mentorship qualities
- Excellent technical knowledge and experience in auditing and financial reporting standards

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This position requires an individual who is a South African citizen and must reside in the office hours from 9am to 5pm.
Applications with a detailed CV, accompanied by certified copies of academic and professional qualifications and identity documents should be sent to the attention of:
Human Resources, PAAB, PO Box 1993, Windhoek.
Physical Address: 22 Netherland Street, Assagapits, Windhoek, Namibia 08.
By email to: hr@paab.co.na
Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
Enquiries should be addressed to the Inspections Manager, Mr. Egon Madsen, Tel: 081 727 2506 or enquiries@paab.co.na
Closing date: 07 March 2025



TENDER

TENDER NO: 01/2025

PROVISION OF REFURBISHMENT SERVICES

Namibia Medical Care is pleased to invite qualified and experienced contractors to submit proposals for the Provision of Refurbishment Services. This tender presents a unique opportunity to enhance our business and ensure the delivery of high-quality services to Namibia.

Tender Levy: N\$200 per tender document

Delivery Address:
The submission will be delivered in a marked sealed envelope to The Principal Officer, NMC, NMC House, 8 Newton Street, Windhoek.

Enquiries
Any enquiries related to the tender may be directed to The Principal Officer, Jo-Anne Crossmann.
Tel: (061) 233 575 or e-mail: po@nmcfund.com

Description
We seek reputable service providers with a proven track record in refurbishment projects.

Tender Documents
After payment of a non-refundable tender levy, tender documents for the above tender may be collected at NMC Head Office, NMC House, 8 Newton Street, Windhoek.

Disclaimer: Namibia Medical Care does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any offer nor provide justification for accepting or rejecting any particular offer received.

Closing Date & Time: 07 March 2025 @ 16h00



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Economic Indicators

Exchange Rates

Currency	Spot	Currency	Spot	Currency	1M	3M	6M	12M
USD/NAD	17.893	NAD/AUD	0.086	USD/ZAR	18.379	18.604	18.098	18.516
EUR/NAD	20.389	NAD/NZD	0.092	EURO/ZAR	20.629	19.486	19.007	20.177
GBP/NAD	24.129	NAD/BWP	0.741	GBP/ZAR	24.369	23.605	22.92	23.695
NAD/CHF	0.047	NAD/JPY	7.869	ZAR/JPY	8.054	8.003	8.248	8.409

*Effective rate (withholding tax still to be applied)

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O&L Energy as a catalyst for socio-economic transformation

Recognised

As O&L Energy celebrates this recognition from the Development Bank of Namibia, it remains steadfastly committed to its caring mission of creating sustainability for all Namibians.

STAFF REPORTER

O&L Energy proudly announces that its OLC Arandis Solar Energy Corporation has been honoured as the winner in the Large Enterprise Category at the 2025 Good Business and Innovation Awards, hosted by the Development Bank of Namibia. This esteemed recognition,

presented under the theme "Celebrating Innovation and Impact," acknowledged O&L Energy's steadfast commitment to renewable energy and its pioneering contributions to Namibia's sustainable future.

O&L Energy managing director, Bernd Vincent Walbaum, expressed the company's gratitude.

"O&L Energy is extremely proud and humbled by this recognition. While deeply grateful for this prestigious award, we are even more thankful for the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the development of Namibia and its people. Through world-class innovation and a caring approach to sustainability, O&L Energy has demonstrated that renewable energy is an environmental imperative and a powerful catalyst for socio-economic transformation."

Namibia's renewable energy trajectory, guided by visionary policies includ-

ing the White Paper on Energy Policy, the National Renewable Energy Policy, the MSB Regulations and the Namibia Green Hydrogen and Derivatives Strategy, positions the nation as a significant participant in the global renewable energy transition. "We know that O&L Energy's breakthrough thinking aligns perfectly with government initiatives that recognise renewable energy as a powerful tool for national development, energy security and economic growth," added Walbaum.

"By owning the entire value chain from development and engineering to procurement, construction and operations, we contribute to reducing Namibia's dependence on expensive electricity imports while creating local jobs and stimulating economic opportunities across communities."

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WELL DONE: Willy Mertens, Development Board of Namibia deputy board chairperson, Wilko Düvel, financial director at O&L Energy and finance minister Erika Shafuda.

mitted to its caring mission of creating sustainability for all Namibians. Through its authentic approach to renewable energy development, the company is generating clean electricity and fostering a more resilient and sustainable economy that benefits every citizen.

"Looking forward, we remain passionate about playing our role in Namibia's renewable energy future, leveraging our world-class exper-

tise and breakthrough thinking to ensure that the nation can continue to play a prominent role in the global transition to clean energy," explained Walbaum. The impact of renewable energy extends far beyond environmental benefits, enhancing energy security, driving economic growth, creating jobs and promoting the sustainable development that will define Namibia's prosperous future for generations to come.

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Availability of ESIA scoping (including impact assessment) reports:
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Following stakeholder consultations and the completion of the studies related to the two applications, the ESIA Scoping (including Impact Assessment) Reports will be available for review and comment by I&APs from 16 June to 7 July 2025. Hard copies of the two reports will be made available at the Okahao and Opuwo Town Councils for review. The executive summary of the reports will be emailed to all parties registered on the ESIA database. In addition, electronic copies of the reports will be made available on request to Namisun.

If you would like your comments to be addressed in the final reports for submission to the above-mentioned Ministries for final review and decision making, please submit them to Namisun by no later than 7 July 2025.

Vacancy

Become a Connector of Positive Change
and be part of our vibrant and dynamic team.

Position: Branch Manager
Department: Lifestyle Branch, Windhoek

Purpose of Role:
Responsible for the performance and routine running of the branch as per set objectives in the Balanced Scorecard. Provide management and leadership capability to the branch by optimising resources and effectively managing risks to achieve the Bank's objectives.

Minimum Requirements:

- Degree in a commercial field or related.
- Adequate knowledge of bank products and services, credit principles, sales, and administration.

Experience:

- 5 years' banking experience of which 2 years should be at management level.

Closing date: 13 June 2025

We are a diverse and inclusive organisation, and encourage individuals who are driven by results, analytical, digitally savvy, and perceive challenges as stimulating to kindly submit their application to <http://careers.bankwindhoek.com.na>

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Namfisa ploughs back through CSI initiatives

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The Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority (Namfisa) has set aside N\$447 239 as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility and Investment (CSRI).

The funding will go towards educational, cultural and social programs to uplift and empower individuals and communities across the country.

In line with its pursuit of promoting inclusive growth, social well-being, and sustainable development, Namfisa has made significant national contributions to various organisations, schools, councils, and initiatives. These contributions are aimed at fostering community development, improving access to education, and supporting local enterprises to create positive change

and foster sustainable development in Namibia. Namfisa, as a responsible corporate citizen, plays a meaningful role in society by funding projects and activities that positively contribute to national development in Namibia, said Kenneth Matomola, Namfisa CEO said, "Namfisa's CSRI initiatives, guided by our CSRI Policy, prioritizes educational initiatives to promote financial literacy and empower consumers with knowledge to make informed financial decisions, support for sports, arts, and culture, addressing general concerns such as health and national issues, and promoting advancements in information communication technology (ICT), particularly FINTECH.

"As we move forward, NAMFISA will continue to align its CSRI efforts with national development goals, ensuring that our contributions have a lasting, positive impact on the lives of Namibians," said Matomola.



EMPOWERING: The Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority recently provided sponsorship towards prize giving for students in accounting, economics and mathematics towards Namcol's students.

FNB Namibia takes the win for Africa at the prestigious Banker



WINNER: FNB Namibia has been crowned the Africa winner at The Banker Technology Awards 2025.

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FNB Namibia is proud to announce that it has been named the Africa regional winner at the Banker's Technology Awards 2025, hosted by The Banker, a publication of the Financial Times Group.

The Banker's Technology Awards are widely considered the global benchmark for innovation in banking, honouring initiatives that deliver real impact – improving access, enhancing security, and

transforming the customer experience.

Judged by a panel of international experts, the awards recognise institutions that are setting new global standards through practical, scalable innovation. This year, a new record was set, with over 200 submissions showcasing bold ideas in technology and innovation from around the globe.

Among a field of world-class entries, FNB Namibia took the win for Africa.

"FNB Namibia has gained a leading position in Africa with a strategy focused on enhancing financial inclusion and delivering innovative solutions for customers across the country. Amongst the key elements that resulted in the win,

the judges noted that FNB Namibia stood out for 'the most meaningful initiative focused on financial inclusion', highlighting CashPlus as an incredibly important tool to make banking accessible across the country," The Banker said.

"FNB Namibia is honoured to be named the African winner in The Banker's

Technology Awards 2025. This prestigious recognition validates our mission to drive inclusive, innovative banking that empowers every Namibian. We believe that through technology, we are transforming access to financial services, making Namibia more globally competitive, and strengthening communities," FirstRand Namibia CEO Conrad Dempsey said.



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Namibia Airports Company to attend Aviadev Africa 2025

The Namibia Airports Company (NAC) will participate in the 2025 Aviadev Africa Summit, taking place from 11 to 13 June at the Golden Tulip Zanzibar Airport Hotel. The prestigious event is expected to bring together over 400 high-level stakeholders from across the aviation and tourism industries to shape the future of air connectivity on the continent.

As the official host of Aviadev Africa in 2024, NAC continues its strategic involvement as a key industry player by attending this year's summit. With a clear mandate to position Namibia as a regional aviation hub, NAC is leveraging platforms like Aviadev to promote greater connectivity, attract new airline partnerships, and support the growth of tourism and trade across Southern Africa.

"Participating in Aviadev Africa allows us to showcase Namibia's potential as a gateway to the continent," said Bisey /Uirab, NAC CEO.

"Our vision is to transform Namibia into a logistics and aviation hub for Southern Africa. Engaging with global stakeholders helps us strengthen existing routes, attract new airlines, and identify investment opportunities to enhance our airport infrastructure and contribute meaningfully



EXCITING: Aviadev member Josh Howell, Namibia Airports Company CEO Bisey /Uirab and former FlyNamibia MD, Andre Compion seen at the 2024 edition of Aviadev hosted in Windhoek, Namibia.

to national economic growth," he added.

Last year, NAC handled 1.1 million passengers, while Hosea Kutako International Airport has the capacity for 2 million passengers. Therefore, it is imperative to maximise capacity utilisation across NAC airports, starting with Hosea Kutako International Airport, to drive revenue, economic, and employment growth for NAC and Namibia.

"These opportunities speak to our strategic objective, by highlighting the need to increase connectivity to Namibia, open new routes and retain existing routes, we will be able to position Namibia as a regional aviation hub, that's supports leisure and business travel and ultimately create new employment opportunities," /Uirab said.

This year's edition features a dedicated Masterclass on air route

development, designed to equip stakeholders with the tools to establish sustainable and reliable air links across underserved regions. Additionally, a regional workshop organised in collaboration with the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Business Council Tourism Alliance will address the strategic expansion of air connectivity across Africa.

It will be the third consecutive time that NAC participates in this prestigious summit, and having hosted the Aviadev Africa 2024 in Windhoek, which brought together 36 airlines, 408 representatives from 46 countries, and more than 1200 meetings. Aviadev Africa 2025 provides an invaluable platform for Namibia to strengthen its aviation ties and support the national vision of a connected, accessible, and thriving transport network.

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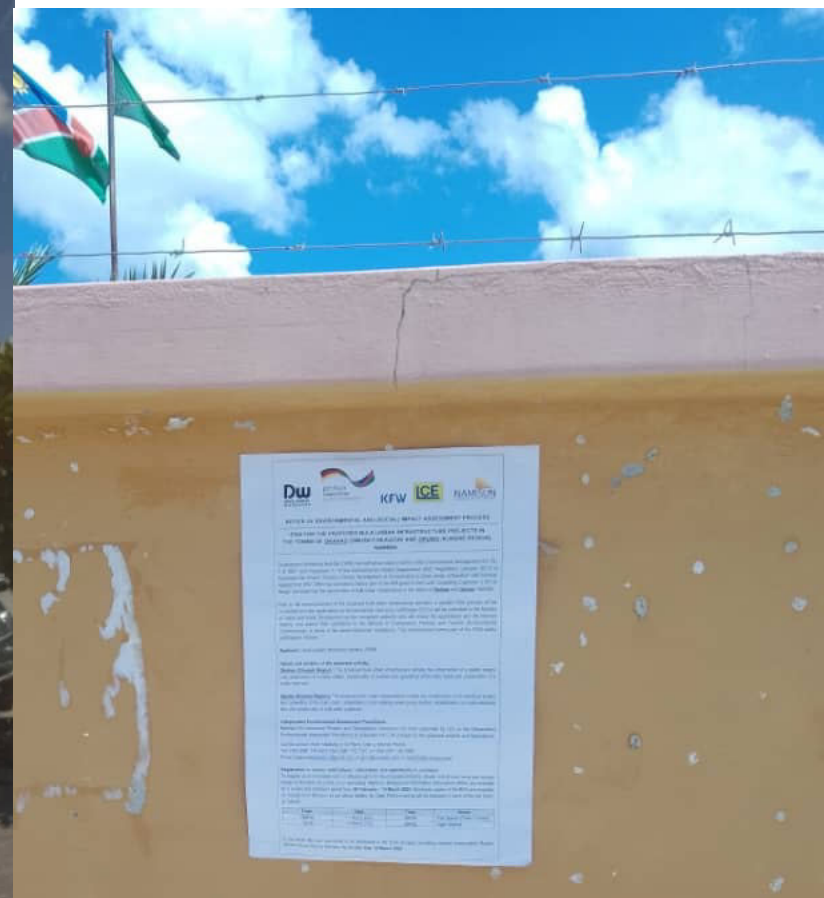
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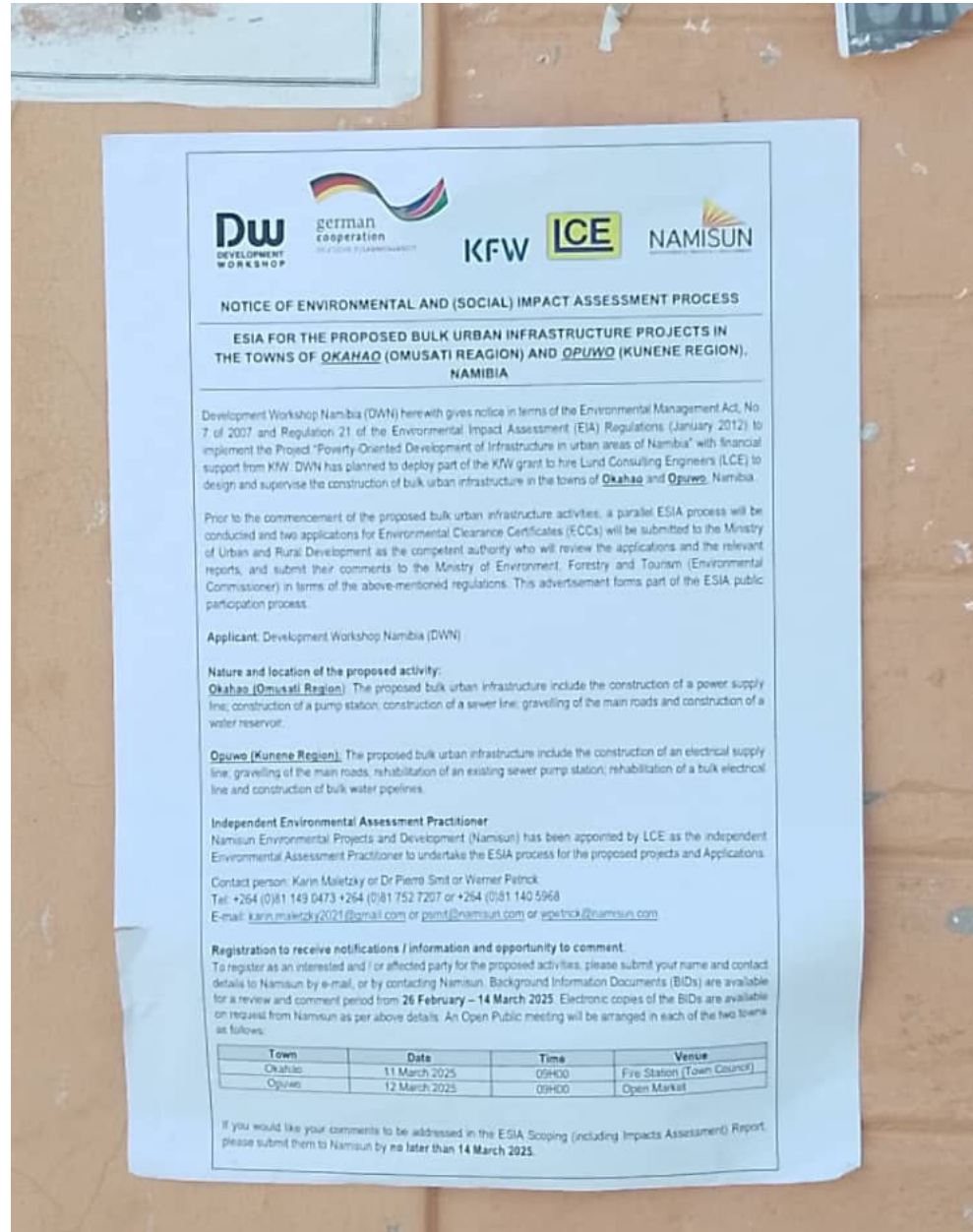
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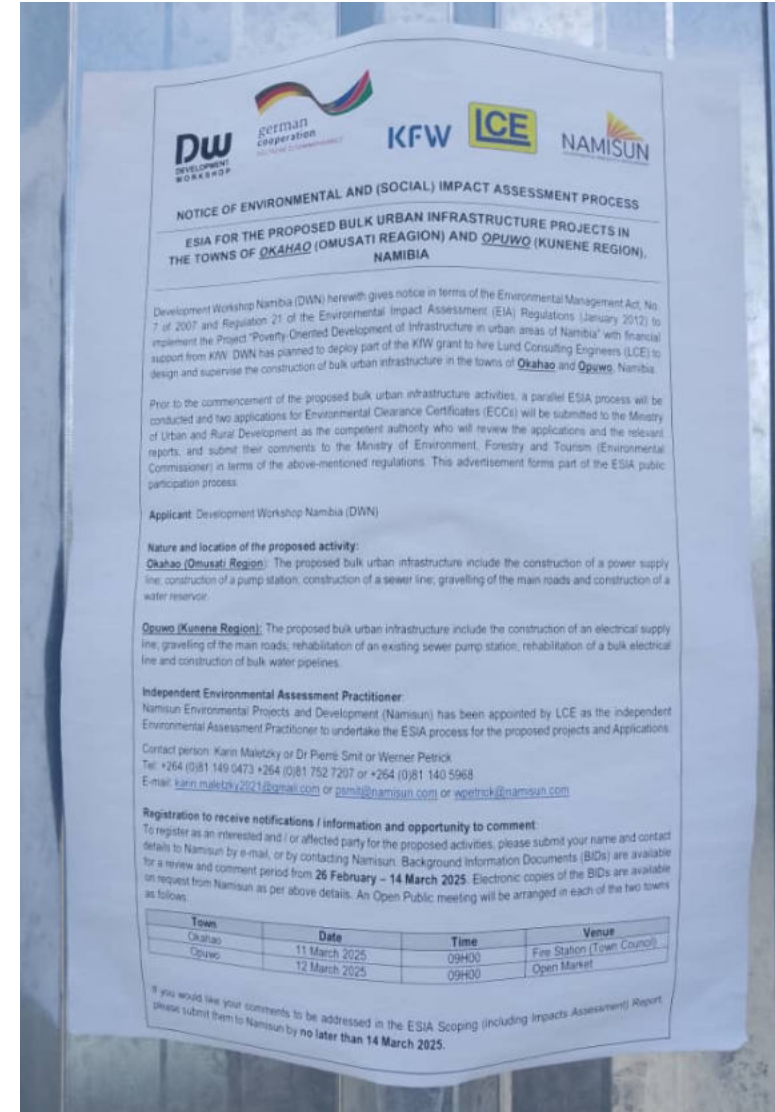
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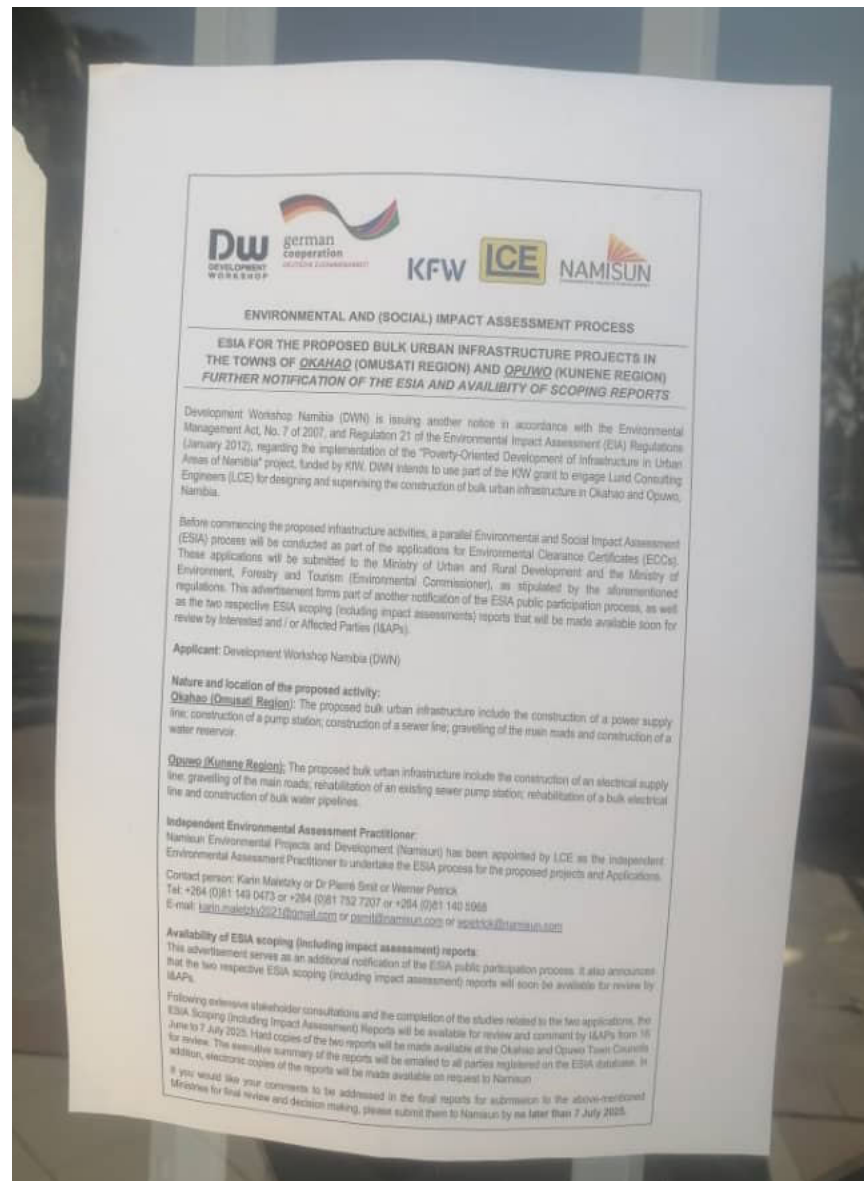
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Sent: Saturday, 1 March 2025 1:30 am

Cc: psmit@namisun.com; Werner Petrick <wpetrick@namisun.com>

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Date: 16 June 2025 at 3:15:42 PM CAT

To: Younes Seghrouchni <y.seghrouchni@dw-namibia.org>, Salmi Neshila <s.neshila@dw-namibia.org>

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With reference to previous correspondence, Development Workshop Namibia (DWN) is implementing the overall Project “Poverty-Oriented Development of Infrastructure in urban areas in Namibia” and intends to proceed with the construction of bulk urban infrastructure in Okahao and Opuwo with Lund Consulting Engineers (LCE) appointed for the design and supervision of the construction activities.

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The construction activities are scheduled to commence in January 2026 to December 2026.

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Date: 17 March 2025 at 8:37:40 AM CAT
To: "'Werner Petrick'" <wpetrick@namisun.com>, "'Karin Maletzky'" <karin.maletzky2021@gmail.com>

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From: Dunn, G <gdunn@nbc.na>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 4:02 PM
To: Sugnet Smit <smit.sugnet@gmail.com>
Cc: Pierré Smit <oudoring@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Afrikaans_Fwd: Community Radio Announcements_Okahao and Opuwo March 2025

Good day Sugnet,

I trust all is well.

As per your request, this is to confirm that the English and Afrikaans public announcements were aired on our National and Hartklop radio stations.

I trust your public meetings were a huge success.

Regards,
Grizelda Dunn

From: Sugnet Smit [<mailto:smit.sugnet@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, 04 March 2025 3:57 PM
To: Dunn, G <gdunn@nbc.na>
Cc: Pierré Smit <oudoring@gmail.com>
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Dear Grizelda

Thank you for your verbal commitment to air these invitations to communities on your esteemed radio stations.

As per request, herewith the Afrikaans version as well.

KENNISGEWING VAN N OMGEWING- EN SOSIALE IMPAKSTUDIE VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE INFRASTRUKTUUR PROJEKTE IN OKAHAO IN DIE OMUSATI STREEK EN OPUWO IN DIE KUNENE STREEK VAN NAMIBIË

Development Workshop Namibia gee hiermee kennis volgens die Omgewingswet en sy regulasies vir die implementering van die “Armoede-gefokusde ontwikkeling van infrastruktuur in stedelike gebiede in Namibië, met finansiële hulp van die KfW Ontwikkelingsbank.

Lund Konsulerende Ingenieurs is aangestel vir die ontwerp en toesighouding oor die konstruksie van die infrastruktuur in die dorpe Okahao en Opuwo.

Die voorgestelde infrastruktuur in Okahao sluit die bou van n kraglyn, n pompstasie, n rioollyn, n water opgaartenk en die gruis van die hoofpaaie in.

Die voorgestelde infrastruktuur in Opuwo sluit die bou van n kraglyn en hoof pyplyne, die gruis van die hoofpaaie en die rehabilitasie van die bestaande riool pompstasie en die rehabilitasie van die hoof kraglyn in.

Hierdie aankondiging het ten doel om inwoners en die algemene publiek in te lig oor die openbare vergaderings wat in die twee dorpe beplan word.

In Okahao vind die beplande vergadering op die 11de Maart 2025 om 09:00 by die Brandweerstasie plaas en in Opuwo vind die beplande vergadering op die 12de Maart 2025 om 09:00 by die Opemark plaas.

Alle belangstellendes word vriendelik uitgenooi vir hul deelname aan hierdie proses en om die vergaderings by te woon.

Thanks again for assisting with the announcements on NBC Radio.

Would it be possible to have a possible time/and or proof of announcement to share with the relevant parties involved please?

Kind regards,
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From: **Sugnet Smit** <smit.sugnet@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Subject: Community Radio Announcements _Okahao and Opuwo March 2025

To: Dunn, G <gdunn@nbc.na>

Cc: Pierré Smit <oudoring@gmail.com>

Dear Grizelda

I trust this email finds you well.

Could you kindly advise/assist to provide me with the appropriate contact for community radio reads for two upcoming information sessions in Okahao (11th March) and Opuwo (12th March)?

Subject:

The implementation of “Poverty-Oriented Development Infrastructure in urban areas of Namibia” with financial support from KfW Development Bank.

Lund Consulting Engineers has been hired to design and supervise the construction of bulk urban infrastructure in the towns of Okahao and Opuwo.

In Okahao, the proposed bulk urban infrastructure includes the construction of a power supply line, a pump station, a sewer line, a water reservoir and the graveling of the main roads.

In Opuwo, the proposed bulk urban infrastructure includes the construction of an electrical supply line and bulk water pipelines, the graveling of the main roads, and the rehabilitation of an existing sewer pump station and rehabilitation of a bulk electrical line.

This announcement serves to inform the residents / general public that an open public meeting will be arranged in each of the two towns as follows:

In Okahao the meeting is planned on the 11 March 2025 at 09H00 at the Fire Station (at the Town Council) and Opuwo the meeting is planned on 12 March 2025 at 09H00 at the Open Market.

Interested persons are cordially invited to participate in this process and to attend the meetings.

This would be a great opportunity for communities to engage and to be informed about future developments.

Kindly advise soonest in order to place these important community messages on your esteemed channels.

Warm regards,