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CALL FOR REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING IN RESPECT TO BASE & RARE METALS, INDUSTRIAL MINERALS AND PRECIOUS METAL ON EPL 19170, OTJOZONDJUPA REGION

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Red Line Removal ...

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Heathcote said should the redline be removed, Namibia's export to the EU could plummet to zero.

He made these remarks in the High Court yesterday when he cross examined Affirmative repositioning leader Job Amupanda, who brought the case before court who is challenging the legality of the VCF.

Amupanda's case originated in 2021 after officials at the Oshivelo checkpoint allegedly confiscated meat valued at N\$1,000 from him while he was en route to Windhoek.

Since Independence, the government has used the VCF as an animal disease control tool and has imposed a ban on the transportation of meat, milk, livestock, or any animal products from the north across its southern boundary.

Among other things, the decision by the government to maintain the redline in its current form was taken to protect Namibia's access to various export markets including the EU.

Amupanda now contends that the government's decision to maintain the red line after Independence is illegal and that it infringes on the rights of some citizens.

"We are a unitary state and cannot uphold colonial-era policies disguised as economic necessities. The red line undermines national cohesion and equality," Amupanda said.

Heathcote questioned Amupanda on the legal basis for the red line, challenging its relevance to Namibia's economic and political stability.

In response, the AR leader highlighted the economic disparity attributed to the red line, referencing livestock statistics from a 2020 – 2021 annual report.

"Clearly, the red line stifles the economic potential of the majority – over 60% of the population that resides north of the VCF, while disproportionately benefiting a minority. That cannot be constitutional in our system. There are over 1.5 million cattle in the northern region, compared to just about 900 000 in the south. There are 16,000 pigs in the south versus 68,000 in the north," he said.

He added that: "To continue erecting and preserving a fence that discriminates against the majority is fundamentally misaligned with our constitutional principles of equality".

Amupanda suggested that Namibia could diversify its export market for beef, warning against over-reliance on European buyers for the country's beef.

"What if the Ghanaians or people in the Democratic Republic of Congo start buying our meat? Why should we base our policies solely on European interests?" Amupanda questioned.

What's Special About the EU Markets?

Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Calle Schlettwein explained the factors sustaining Namibia's access to the EU market.

"Currently, we have quota-free, tariff-free access to the EU for our beef, and there's no change in that arrangement for now."

He also highlighted that Namibia is actively exploring additional markets for its meat beyond the EU.

During the third quarter of 2024, beef exports reached 17,635,903 kilograms, according to the Livestock and Livestock Products Board of Namibia (LLPBN).

This represents a 66.2% increase compared to the same period in 2023, driven primarily by strong demand from the European Union (EU) and steady contributions from other key markets.

The Board reported that the EU accounted for 50.2% of Namibia's total beef exports, solidifying its position as the top destination, followed by South Africa at 22.7%, the United Kingdom at 16.4%, and Norway at 8.3%.

Last month, the Board reported a 44% increase in the country's beef exports, reaching 20.7 million kilograms year-to-date.

Fransina Angula, a statistician for trade and strategic marketing at the Board, highlighted that while annual growth has been significant, October exports totaled 1.4 million kilograms, marking an 11.3% decline compared to October 2023.

Year-to-date, the European Union (EU) remains Namibia's largest market for beef exports, accounting for 55.3% of total exports.

South Africa followed with 20.4%, the United Kingdom with 14.5%, and Norway with 7.21%, securing their positions as top destinations.

Farmers have expressed mixed reactions to the potential removal of the red line.

Potential Loss

Economist Lameck Odada, said meat exports have been a vital source of foreign currency for Namibia, contributing significantly to stabilising the economy and supporting the country's trade balance.

"The foreign exchange generated through meat exports has bolstered Namibia's economic resilience while ensuring a steady flow of revenue into the agricultural sector," he said.

He stated that Namibia's livestock farming has thrived thanks to access to the European market, where farmers are incentivised to maintain high production and quality standards to comply with EU regulations.

"Access to lucrative markets like the EU pushes farmers to adopt best practices, ensuring sustainability and competitiveness," Odada emphasised.

He went on to say that the meat export industry has created numerous employment opportunities along the value chain, spanning farming, veterinary services, processing, and logistics.

"The sector not only uplifts rural economies but also provides critical job opportunities that improve living standards," he said.

Despite these benefits, Namibia's reliance on the EU market poses risks, such as potential demand fluctuations or changes in EU policies, he stated.

"Market dependency leaves Namibia vulnerable to external shocks, underscoring the need for diversification," Odada pointed out.

Additionally, he argues that meeting stringent EU standards requires significant investment, which can strain smaller farmers, adding that there are also environmental concerns associated with expanding livestock farming to meet export demand, including risks of overgrazing and environmental degradation.

When asked about the removal of the red line and disease control, Odada said to improve disease control, Namibia can implement nationwide vaccination campaigns to protect livestock against foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) while ensuring all regions are adequately covered.

"Effective disease control measures not only protect our livestock but also secure access to high-value markets," Odada added.

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REZONING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Afrishine Investment cc, intends to apply to the Rundu Town Council and the Urban and Regional Planning Board on behalf of the registered owner of Erf 9089, Rundu Extension 29, for the:

- Rezoning of Erf 9089 Rundu
- Extension 29 from Industrial to Institutional
- Consent to commence with the development while the rezoning is in process

The rezoning of Erf 9089, Rundu Extension 29 as well as the consent use sought, would enable the owner of the property to optimize the development potential of their property and thus cater towards the need to contribute towards the hospitality industry in the town.

Take note that a similar notice of the intent to rezone, have been posted on site, published in the Government Gazette as well as on the Notice Board of the Rundu Town Council. The consultation with neighboring erf owners duly took place too.

Take note that any person objecting to the proposed rezoning as set out above may lodge such objection together with the grounds thereof with the Chief Executive Officer, Rundu Town Council, Private Bag 2128, Rundu and/or the applicant in writing within 14 working days of the publication of this notice. The last date for comments/ objections is thus 20 February 2025.

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Germany to Offer More Training and Internship to Namibian Youth



By 2060, the workforce could fall even further, potentially reaching only 35.1 million workers.

The Goethe-Institut, a key partner in this initiative, provides language training and cultural exchange programs to help Namibian students integrate into the German education system and workforce.

Hutter emphasised that such programs are vital for strengthening long-term relationships and mutual understanding between the two countries.

This emphasis on youth engagement is part of a broader, long-term strategy that recognises the deep historical ties between Namibia and Germany, he said.

Despite diplomatic challenges experienced between the two countries in the past, Hutter said his country remains committed to reconciliation and mutual cooperation, especially in the context of the ongoing joint declaration aimed at healing historical wounds.

"Many young Namibians are not only eager to engage with Germany for education but also to participate in business and entrepreneurial activities," said Hutter.

He added that the interest shown in Germany by young Namibians reflects the growing desire among Namibians to build stronger, more diverse economic and cultural links with Europe.

Meanwhile, Namibia is currently facing an escalating unemployment crisis, compounded by a youth population that makes up a significant portion of the country's demographic.

With a population of approximately three million, 71.1% of Namibians are under the age of 35.

According to the Namibia Statistics Agency's (NSA) 2023 Labour Force Report, the total number of employed Namibians currently stands at 546,805, which represents just 29% of the country's working-age population.



Justicia Shipena

The German government says it intends to provide various opportunities including apprenticeships, university scholarships, and professional training to more Namibian youth in a bid to strengthen ties between the two nations.

German Ambassador to Namibia, Thorsten Hutter, revealed this initiative at a media briefing in Windhoek.

He said his country has noticed an increased demand for scholarship and other opportunities by Namibian youth, eager to receive training in Germany, to either contribute to the German economy or to return home and use their expertise to benefit Namibia.

"We are committed to attracting young Namibians to Germany, whether for apprenticeships, higher education, or professional training. This is not just about training for Germany's benefit but also about bringing back knowledge and skills to Namibia," he said.

In November of last year, German media reported that despite recent reforms to labor migration laws, Germany was still struggling with a significant shortage of skilled workers.

A study has highlighted the growing urgency of this issue, revealing that the country's workforce could shrink by as much as 10% by 2040 unless "substantial" immigration takes place.

The study, commissioned by the Bertelsmann Foundation, projects that without an influx of approximately 288,000 skilled foreign workers per year, the size of Germany's workforce could drop from its current level of 46.4 million to just 41.9 million by 2040.

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