## DECLARATION: NOTICE TO LAND OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

This serves as a formal declaration that **no written notice was provided to individual owners or occupiers of land adjacent to the proposed site** for the Epembe Secondary School and Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), located at coordinates 17°47′27″S17°47′27″S, 16°27′04″E16°27′04″E in the Ohangwena Region, Namibia, for the following reasons:

- 1. The project site is situated on communal land under the custodianship of the Ohangwena Regional Council, administered on behalf of the community. There are no individual titled landowners in the immediate vicinity.
- 2. The area is **remote and sparsely populated**. The nearest homesteads are located **approximately 500 metres northwest** of the site boundary. There are **no permanently occupied structures or agricultural operations** on the land adjacent to the project footprint.
- 3. **Traditional Authorities**, as the recognised representatives of the community and custodians of the communal land, were extensively consulted throughout the process. Their consent and guidance were obtained on behalf of the community, as documented in the Stakeholder Engagement chapter (Chapter 7) of the ESIA Report (Ref: PC-250505, FGD-250515).
- 4. Public notification was instead executed through alternative methods appropriate for a communal land context, as mandated by the Environmental Management Act Regulations. This included:
  - o Direct engagement with residents within a 500-metre radius.
  - o Focus group discussions with community representatives.
  - Public notices displayed at the Ohangwena Regional Council offices and through local media outlets.

Therefore, it is confirmed that the requirement for notification has been fulfilled through consultation with the legitimate representatives of the communal landholders, in lieu of individual notices which are not applicable or feasible in this specific context.

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