

Date: 03 June 2025

## CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES

### Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Study for the Proposed Construction and Operation of Wind Resource Assessment (WRA) Meteorological Masts and Associated Activities in the Tsau //Khaeb National Park, //Kharas Region, Namibia - Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC)

**Date:** Tuesday, 03 June 2025

**Time:** 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**Venue:** MEFT: Parks Board room, Rosh Pinah

**Project Proponent:** Namibia Power Corporation (Pty) Ltd (NamPower)

#### Meeting Attendance

The meeting was attended by seven (7) people, comprising four (4) Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) from Serja HGE Consultants and SRK Consulting South Africa and three (3) representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism's (MEFT) Directorate of Parks in Rosh Pinah – Figure 1. The signed attendance register is attached hereto. The list of participants is provided in Table 1:

**Table 1: List of Participants for the Consultation Meeting in Rosh Pinah on 03 June 2025**

No.	Participant Name	Name of Institution	Email address
1	Nicola Rump	SRK Consulting South Africa	nrump@srk.co.za
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**Figure 1: Proceedings of the WRA ESIA consultation meeting in Rosh Pinah on the 03rd of June 2025**

## **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING**

Ms. Nicola Rump (Principal Environmental Assessment Practitioner / Consultant), SRK Consulting South Africa, opened the meeting and thanked the meeting attendees for making time. Ms. Rump presented the meeting agenda, which is based on the requirements of the 2012 EIA Regulations, specifically the Namibian Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007, Sections 21 to 24, regarding the proposed WRA Met masts.

Copies of the ESIA Background Information Document (BID) were distributed among the attendees for self-reading and reference throughout the meeting proceedings. The attendance register was circulated for attendees to sign, confirming their meeting attendance as proof of consultation to be appended to the ESIA Scoping Report.

## **2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION**

The Principal Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) presented the agenda of the meeting, which included the following main points:

### **2.1 Explanation of what an ESIA is, its Process, and the Stakeholder/Public Role in the Process**

Ms. Rump explained that the ESIA process is done in compliance with the Environmental Management Act (EMA), as the proposed project (masts) are one of the listed activities that cannot be undertaken without applying and obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner, which is subject to an ESIA process and ESIA Scoping Report as well as an Environmental & Social Management Plan (ESMP). The ESIA process requires that the consultation meeting be held with the key stakeholders where the project activities will be undertaken.

### **2.2 Brief Description of the Project**

A brief description of the planned project activities was presented as per the provided BID copy, and Ms. Rump emphasized the importance of understanding that the conducted ESIA Study at the moment and subsequent ECC are for the WRA Met Masts and not the actual Wind Energy Facility (WEF) yet as a separate ESIA Study will be undertaken for the WEF later on.

### **2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts**

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, the Principal EAP also presented the potential pre-identified positive and negative environmental impacts anticipated from the proposed project activities. This will establish the basis for developing mitigation measures for the project activities outlined in the ESMP.

## **2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)**

The meeting attendees were provided with an opportunity to add inputs, ask questions, and/or raise concerns about the proposed project activities to be incorporated into the meeting minutes and used as the basis for the compilation of the ESIA Scoping Report and ESMP. The key comments and issues made in the meeting were recorded and noted for consideration and inclusion in the ESIA Scoping Report. These issues and comments are presented in Table 2.

**Table 2: Issues, suggestions, and comments received during the Consultation Meeting in Rosh Pinah on the 03<sup>rd</sup> of June 2025**

No.	Name of the speaker/commenter & Capacity	Comment/Issue/Suggestion	Response provided by:
1.	Ms. Nicola Rump (Principal Environmental Assessment Practitioner)	Does this MEFT Office (the nearest to the TKNP and managing the area) foresee any visual impact, or are there any sensitive areas of importance that might be visually affected by the WRA masts?	<b>Mr. Wayne Handley (Chief Warden at MEFT: Parks, Rosh Pinah):</b> In terms of visual impact, the impact on and near the site is low because tourists only go near the Beach (Bogenfels). Tourists also go to the Roker Kamm crater east of the proposed site, where there is a viewpoint overlooking the crater, but I think this is far from the site in terms of visual intrusion. Therefore, I think the impact is not that significant.
2.		Are there any people or indigenous groups living in the National Park or anywhere near the site that you are aware of? This might trigger their displacement or resettlement from there.	<b>Mr. Wayne Handley (Chief Warden at MEFT: Parks, Rosh Pinah):</b> The TKNP (at the time Sperrgebiet National Park) was demarcated in 1908, and since the 1960s, no one has been allowed to settle or live in the area. Therefore, there are no indigenous people currently occupying the area/National Park. Thus, it is entirely state land.  <b>Ms. Nicola Rump (Principal Environmental Assessment Practitioner):</b> This is well noted and good to know that there is no issue of resettlement or displacement of people from or near the site
3.	<b>Mr. Wayne Handley (Chief Warden at MEFT: Parks, Rosh Pinah)</b>	In terms of night operations in the TKNP, these are allowed; however, consent for such needs to be obtained from the MEFT: Parks Directorate before operations can commence. The Consent is issued with certain conditions that must be complied with at all times.	<b>Ms. Nicola Rump (Principal Environmental Assessment Practitioner):</b> This is well noted and will be incorporated into the ESMP.
4.	<b>Ms. Nicola Rump (Principal</b>	Are there any known developments currently going on in the area?	<b>Mr. Wayne Handley (Chief Warden at MEFT: Parks, Rosh Pinah):</b> There is currently a NamPower-owned solar project under construction by a Chinese Company. Furthermore, there is also a Power Africa overhead

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	<b>Environmental Assessment Practitioner)</b>		powerline under construction west of Rosh Pinah, and you will see it on your way to the WRA Met mast site area.
5.	<b>Ms. Fredrika Shagama (Environmental Assessment Practitioner)</b>	What is the source of water supply to Rosh Pinah and potential supplying the project? Or are there boreholes somewhere in the National Park?	<p><b>Mr. Wayne Handley (Chief Warden at MEFT: Parks, Rosh Pinah):</b> Rosh Pinah is supplied with water by NamWater via a pipeline from the Orange River. There is a booster pump in Rosh Pinah to pump water further to the Skorpion Zinc Mine.</p> <p>The National Park is a dry area, and boreholes in there would not sustainably supply a project due to low potential, and the water quality is poor too (salty). We have some old boreholes that were rehabilitated to supply wild animals, but it is salty.</p> <p><b>Ms. Fredrika Shagama (Environmental Assessment Practitioner):</b> This is well noted.</p>
6.	<b>Mr. Wayne Handley (Chief Warden at MEFT: Parks, Rosh Pinah)</b>	Overall, we do not have major concerns or objections to the project. We will only require the effective implementation of management and mitigation measures of operations while onsite, as well as compliance with legal requirements and TKNP management requirements.	

### 3. FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

#### 3.1 What is the way forward after this meeting?

Ms. Rump thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She informed them that the inputs and recommendations will be included in the ESIA Scoping Report and ESMP that will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) of the MEFT for evaluation and consideration of the ECC. The ESIA documents (including meeting minutes) will be shared with registered I&APs for review and further comments. In other words, once the review of the draft documents by I&APs is completed, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the DEAF/MEFT for evaluation and consideration for an ECC.

The team (Environmental Consultants and MEFT: Parks) will be proceeding for a 2-to-3-day site visit and will report back to the Chief Warden (Mr. Handley) upon returning.

The meeting adjourned at noon (12:30 PM).





**STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION REGISTER:**




**ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF WIND RESOURCE ASSESSMENT (WRA) WIND METEOROLOGICAL MASTS AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES IN THE TSAU IKHAEB NATIONAL PARK, IKKHARAS REGION, NAMIBIA – APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE**

**Project Proponent:** NamPower NamPower

**Date & Time:** 03 June 2025 : 11:45

**Venue:** METF Pines Rash Pinah (METF office)




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Project Proponent: NamPower  
 Date & Time: Friday, 06 June 2025  
 Venue: Olanjemand Town Council

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