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Aspire Investment Group is conducting a service for Yo-Yo CC Investments.

The management of Aspire Investment Group shall appreciate your cooperation in the sand extraction from the Okakango River Basin.

1. What impact can sand extraction have on the inhabitants of Okahandja?

Noise Pollution; Dust; Theft
Trespassing
Environmental Damage

2. What advantage can the operation have on the local economy of Okahandja?

No advantage

3. Do you think sand mining will pollute the environment of the local authority?

Yes, there will be dust and
noise pollution

4. Do you think sand mining will contribute to noise pollution in the Okahandja local authority?

Definitely

5. Do you think sand mining can assist with employment creation in the Okahandja local authority?

No; mostly machines used.

6. Any other contributions or comments that you would like to make with regard to sand mining?

Sand mining should be done far
away from any town as it is
noisy, dusty and an eyesore.

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Sand extraction will cause dust, noise and heavy traffic. Mining in the dry riverbed risks exposing and damaging electricity, water and sewage lines.

2. What advantage can the operation have on the local economy of Okahandja?

Tyre and suspension companies will benefit, because heavy machinery will use residential roads that was not built for such loads. There will be a fuel supplier that benefit as well.

3. Do you think sand mining will pollute the environment of the local authority?

Yes. Mining cause erosion, habitat loss and water sedimentation. Destruction of vegetation, disturbance of the riverbed can cause the destabilisation of existing infrastructure.

4. Do you think sand mining will contribute to noise pollution in the Okahandja local authority?

Yes. The operation of heavy machinery, excavation equipment, sifting machines and heavy transport trucks will generate significant noise.

5. Do you think sand mining can assist with employment creation in the Okavango local authority?

Yes. It can create jobs, but must be balanced against infrastructure damage that will cost existing residents more money.

6. Any other contributions or comments that you would like to make with regard to sand mining?

Strong safeguards are needed to protect riverbed infrastructure and maintain roads. Sand mining can be done far away from residential areas, and not in municipalities.

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Mining of sand will have a negative impact on the ecology of the Town, due to the quicker run-off of water and less water draining into the underground water system. Trees and plants will become extinct in near future.

2. What advantage can the operation have on the local economy of Okahandja?

None. No job creation, due to the fact that the full operation is done mechanically. Several services are located through riverbed and same are already exposed, which will result in higher maintenance costs to the local authority.

3. Do you think sand mining will pollute the environment of the local authority?

Yes. All leakage of vehicles, noise pollution, dust, damage to the roads. Deeper riverbeds will result in higher water flow which will damage roads, bridges and infrastructures crossing the river.

4. Do you think sand mining will contribute to noise pollution in the Okahandja local authority?

Yes. The riverbed is adjacent to residential communities and sand mining will definitely have an enormous result in noise pollution in the area.

5. Do you think sand mining can assist with employment creation in the Okahandja local authority?

Not at all. All mining is done mechanically and sand will be used for and by already developed industries, mining at capacities as required already.

6. Any other contributions or comments that you would like to make with regard to sand mining?

Sand mining should not be done in Township areas, but rather in farming communities. Okahandja, known as the Garden Town, will be transformed into a desert Town within a few years. The riverbed is also used as recreation area by local people, which will not be possible if sand is removed.

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Removal of the sand creates / re-directs the river water flow into a narrow channel with increase in velocity & severe erosion. It will definitely expose all services (water, effluent, power) infrastructure under the river.

2. What advantage can the operation have on the local economy of Okahandja?

None at all. Removal of the sand is done mechanically with a JCB and loaded onto a tipper. No employment creation or any benefit for the community.

3. Do you think sand mining will pollute the environment of the local authority?

Yes. It will result in significant damage to services infrastructure & roads / bridges over the river. People are also at risk with increase in flow velocity resulting in possible drowning.

4. Do you think sand mining will contribute to noise pollution in the Okahandja local authority?

Yes. All JCB / Truck operations in the riverbed is a huge concern for all inhabitants. Noise, disturbance particularly in weekends and after hours.

4. Do you think sand mining can proceed with employment creation in the Okahandja local authority?

When all is done machinery & or labourers etc are needed.

5. Any other contributions or comments that you would like to make with regard to sand mining?

Sand mining in Township areas are not advisable for the negative result it will pass to nature

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Sand extraction from the river basin can have negative impact on the environment; lowered water table, habitat loss, water pollution. Changes to water can reduce irrigation of crops etc.

2. What advantage can the operation have on the local economy of Okahandja?

may have certain advantages. Benefits depend on how the activity is managed and the community genuinely included in the process.

3. Do you think sand mining will pollute the environment of the local authority?

Yes. See attached document!

4. Do you think sand mining will contribute to noise pollution in the Okahandja local authority?

Yes. It most certainly will. Especially to people living close to the river.

5. Do you think sand mining can assist with employment creation in the Okahandja local authority?

Not really. Sand mining is not labour intensive.

6. Any other contributions or comments that you would like to make with regard to sand mining?

See attached document.

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It will have a devastating effect on our development in terms of view, noise, industrialization. I will strongly object against a sand mining operation.

2. What advantage can the operation have on the local economy of Okahandja?

Not Applicable

3. Do you think sand mining will pollute the environment of the local authority?

Yes

4. Do you think sand mining will contribute to noise pollution in the Okahandja local authority?

Yes certainly

5. Do you think sand mining can assist with employment creation in the Okahandja local authority?

Yes it can

6. Any other contributions or comments that you would like to make with regard to sand mining?

I would strongly suggest that the operation must be relocated to a more suitable area where there is not residential housing developments.

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Okavango river Estate



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1. What impact can sand extraction have on the inhabitants of Okahandja?

- Air pollution

- Sand Air pollution

- Noise pollution

2. What advantage can the operation have on the local economy of Okahandja?

- More job will be created and unemployment rate will be reduce

- Population will increase and more schools will be build and unemployment rate will be reduce

3. Do you think sand mining will pollute the environment of the local authority?

- Don't think so because the mine will be abit far from the local authority unless its windy

4. Do you think sand mining will contribute to noise pollution in the Okahandja local authority?

Nd really Because it will be located far from the local authority.

5. Do you think sand mining can assist with employment creation in the Okahandja local authority?

Yes because there will be Jobs available in departments and people will be employed

6. Any other contributions or comments that you would like to make with regard to sand mining?

It will be the first mine in the mining industry of the Okahandja Constituency.

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land erosion and Trees are impacted also
changing of flow of river causes flooding

2. What advantage can the operation have on the local economy of Okahandja?

I don't see an advantage

3. Do you think sand mining will pollute the environment of the local authority?

Yes, it destroys the only recreational area
for local residence

4. Do you think sand mining will contribute to noise pollution in the Okahandja local authority?

It did in the past and will in
the future

5. Do you think sand mining can assist with employment creation in the Okahandja local authority?

Yes, but sand Mining should be done
outside Okahandja

6. Any other contributions or comments that you would like to make with regard to sand mining?

Last mining had a Okavango permit but
mined in the Okavango river.
Please get the location right.

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Noise pollution
Impact on dust pollution
Impact on eyes and pullmonia.

2. What advantage can the operation have on the local economy of Okahandja?

- Employment brings people to the environment
- Town extants
- factories are created, shchools will increase.

3. Do you think sand mining will pollute the environment of the local authority?

Yes, because it will cause pollution on the local authority, that may cause diseases.

4. Do you think sand mining will contribute to noise pollution in the Okahandja local authority?

Yes, cause it will be too crowded in the environment, and the sarroundings.

5. Do you think sand mining can assist with employment creation in the Okahandja local authority?

Yes, cause it will be of help and it will create jobs for the unemployed youth.

6. Any other contributions or comments that you would like to make with regard to sand mining?

Sand mining will create alot of opportunities for the community.

NEW ERA
NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE

THE NEW ERA
 01/08/2025

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO
 ESTABLISH AREA FOR SAND
 MINING OPERATIONS:**

Call for public Participation Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Sand Mining B. Aspire Investment group (PTY) LTD will apply to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of environmental Act. 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) And the EIA regulations (Act No 30 of 6 February 2012) for the sand mining process operations in the Okahandja municipal area, Okakango river basin. C.Call For Public Participation Stakeholders are invited to raise their comments on the proposed sand mining process.

The locality plan will be available for public inspection. At www.ela.mefl.gov.na and Okahandja Municipal Council. The locality plan will be available for public inspection at the respective Local Authority Offices. Objections or comments must be submitted in writing to the Environmental Commissioner at the Ministry of Environment and tourism at www.eisa.mefl.gov.na within 14 days of the last publication of this notice. D. Invitation for Registration and Submission of Comments Registration as interested and affected parties 1 x AP are invited to register to receive the background information documents and/or submit their written comments.

Questions, or concerns on
 01 August 2025 to A.S.Aspara

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A. Notice of intention to establish area for Sand Mining Operations:

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D. Invitation for Registration and Submission of Comments Registration as interested and affected parties 1 x AP are invited to register to receive the background information documents and/or submit their written comments. Questions, or concerns on 25 July 2025 to A.S. Aspara

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CURRICULUM VITAE (RESUME)

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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE SKILL AND COMPETENCIES

Role as a student:

- Public Relations Officer on the Student Representative Council (UNAM)
- President of the History Society (UNAM)
- Member of the Student Debating Society (UNAM)
- Executive Member of the Namibian National Student Organisation.

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

1. Logistics and Supply Chain .
2. Banking
3. Insurance
4. Education
5. Management Training and Assessment
6. Urban Planning and Rural Development

LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Senior Management Positions :

Office of the Prime Minister – Chief Human Resources Development Practitioner

Local Authority of Gobabis – Chief Executive Officer

Manager : Rosh Pinah Town

Technical Resource Director : National Planning, Office of the President

Associate Member : Plan Africa Consulting

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- Mercury Fishing
- Starlit Investments
- Mack Fishing
- Evangelican Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT

Seconded official from the Office of the Prime Minister to assist in Projects at:

- National Planning Commission – Rural Development Project
- Directorate of Elections- Election manual Review
- Water Resource Management Review – World Bank Sponsored Project

Human Resources Specialist.

Re- focusing Water Resources in rural areas .

Referee: Ambassador : Samuel Goagoseb.

CENORED

Human Resources Development Plan

Restructuring and repositioning of Cenored operations.

Restructuring of the Electricity Sector in Namibia.

Stream lining Electricity Supply Operations.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY DOCUMENT

Technical Resource Director

Formulation of a Rural Development Policy for Namibia.