

# MINUTES OF THE STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON THE PROPOSED FOR 30MW SOLAR (PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) PANEL POWER PLANT FACILITY (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) WAREHOUSE & STORAGE IN LISELO COMMUNAL AREA, ZAMBEZI REGION.

**VENUE:** Liselo sub-khuta **DATE:** 28 August 2025

### 1. Introduction

The minutes are a reflection of the discussions that took place Liselo sub-khuta in Zambezi region for the meeting that was held on the 28 August 2025. The meeting was organized by the consultant & the proponent SSN Investments Cc who intends to start and/or develop a Solar Panel Power Plant in Zambezi region in the area of Liselo within Katima Rural Constituency. Different ministries and stakeholders were informed and invited to the meeting, however only none of the invited stakeholders attended the public meeting. A total number of 12 people attended the meeting as per the attached attendance register.

# **PROGRAM**

# TIME ACTIVITY RESPONSIBILITY

Opening prayer: No opening prayer given (Opening remarks by consultant)

10:00-10:15 Registration / Consultants

10:15- 10:30 Introductions Facilitator-Mr Obrien Sinkolela (Secretary of Subkutha)

10:30-11:00 EIA Project background - Consultant

11:00-11:15 Questions and discussions Facilitator- all stakeholder present

11:30 Way forward: Nyepez Consultant

11:30-12:00 Closing Remarks: (Liselo Alifeli Richwell) Senior Headman of Liselo sub-khuta

traditional authority

Closing Prayer: Mr Matongo Postrick (Head man)

#### Absent with apology

No apology was given by identified absent stakeholders

# 2. Registration of Participants

The people who attended the Consultation meeting came from the various organizations, project area surrounding residents, traditional authority and headmen from Liselo communal area

# 3. Introduction of Participants



The Consultant chaired and the facilitator was Mr. Obrien Sinkolela, a community member and secretary of Liselo Sub-khuta from Liselo area (was nominated by the general public present at meeting to facilitate the meeting). Participants to the Public Consultation at the meeting introduced themselves indicating the organizations they represented. Most of the attendees and participants were from Liselo community and members of the traditional authority. They indicated that they were aware of the proposed solar panel power plant that was previously allocated in Liselo and that they were very much aware of the changes in project sites as they are the custodians that identified and allocated the new alternative project site. They stated that they were of the view that the project was a good initiative as it will and would bring more socioeconomic development to the people of Liselo and Zambezi region.

# Support to the community

The business investor for SSN Investment Cc representatives was present at the meeting to defend, support and respond to comments and questions raised by the community members and other stakeholders. The proponent SSN Investment Cc informed the audience or stakeholders that attended the meeting of the socio-economic benefits the project will give to the community and the region at large. He gave examples of employment creation, infrastructure development, effective and efficient food or product distribution health products, training and financial contributions as some of the benefits that communities will benefit to the development.

# Project Location & Land use

The proponent of SSN Investment Cc further I formed the general public of the locality of the project, where he explained that the project is situated on the outskirt or periphery of the town of Katima Mulilo in the Liselo communal land on 50 hectares, next to NAM Power substation. He informed the public that the Company had applied for a new leasehold with the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform to acquire a new leasehold over the newly allocated 50 hectares land. He explained that the land was allocated to this development by the Liselo Sub-khuta as the custodians of the land. He also informed the public that the Liselo sub-khuta and Mafwe



traditional authority gave consent to change the land use from Customary land right to Leasehold land right which permits the development of business on communal land.

Questions and views from members of the Liselo Community & line ministries

Mr Kingsley Joy - Informed the public that attended the meeting that, the initiative of a Solar Panel Power plant was an important and vital initiative as there was high demand of in affordable electricity among liselo residents and vulnerable communities in Zambezi region. He thanked and welcomed the proposed development to continue as it will uplift the livelihood of people in the Zambezi region. No objections were received.

COMMENTS FROM HEAD LISELO AREA HEADMEN OF LISELO SUB-KHUTA AUTHORITY:

The Head of all headmen of Liselo area who was present at the meeting explained that the mafwe traditional authority was in full support of the project as the traditional authority had consented to the commencement of the project on the newly allocated land which was sufficient land that could accommodated the proposed project. He further stated that the project will support both the Liselo sub-khuta & the Mafwe traditional authority annual through financial assistance and social assistance, as well as the community contributions. He was also pleased to know that there were no land disputes over the area that was re-allocated for the project Solar panel power park.

Based on the above, there were no negative impact raised, and no objections or questions that were asked from the present members at the meeting and there were no environmental, social, economic, biodiversity and political problems raised by the public over the proposed Solar power plant light industrial development. However, a few issues were identified as important for consideration during the development phase of the project and these relate to: Socio economic, Noise, Traffic, Visual, Air quality, Archaeology, Groundwater, Wastewater and waste material.

Closing Prayer: Mr Matongo Postrick

Minutes signed by A JERE signature date 29/8/2025

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