

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION & DECOMMISSIONING OF A KARTING CIRCUIT AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES ON PORTION 48 (Portion of Portion B), SWAKOPMUND.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Organized motorsport and recreational facilities contribute to structured sporting activities, skills development, and youth engagement. Karting requires a designated and controlled environment to ensure safety, manage noise, and minimise environmental disturbance.

The Swakop Karters Sports Club (Proponent) proposes the establishment of a formal karting circuit to accommodate organized karting activities, training, and events within the Swakopmund area. The proposed development seeks to replace informal or ad hoc activities with a purpose-built facility that can be appropriately managed and regulated. An Environmental Impact Assessment is required to evaluate potential environmental and social impacts associated with the proposed activity and to identify mitigation measures to ensure environmentally responsible development.

SandSea Consulting was appointed to undertake the EIA process and to apply for an ECC, in terms of the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its Regulations of 2012.

### 2. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This background information document provides a brief description of the project and EIA process to be followed and identifies the potential broad environmental impacts, and invites Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) for comments and input on the proposed project.

### 3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed activity entails the construction and operation of a karting circuit and associated facilities, which may include:

- A karting track and safety barriers;

- Paddock and pit areas;
- Support infrastructure such as parking, spectator areas, and ablution facilities; and
- Access roads and internal circulation areas.

### 4. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed karting circuit will be located on Portion 48 (Portion of Portion B), Swakopmund, in Erongo Region, Namibia. The coordinates of the site are 22°35'56.09" S; 14°33'06.57" E and the area cover 9 hectares.

The site is situated outside established residential areas as shown in Figure 1 and was identified based on land availability, accessibility, and compatibility with surrounding land uses.

### 5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS

This BID forms part of the environmental assessment process. A scoping report will be drafted and presented to the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) during the consultation period, based on the comments received and the findings of the assessment. The finalized report will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT): Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for approval.

The scoping study provides information on the proposed project and the environment in which it is situated. It identifies, in consultation with I&APs/stakeholders, the potential negative as well as positive impacts of the project. It reports on management measures required to mitigate such impacts to an acceptable level.

The Scoping Report will include an assessment and Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The EMP will detail measures to be implemented during the lifecycle of the proposed activities to ensure that all issues and impacts are monitored, managed and mitigated.

The following are the initial broad potential impacts expected from the construction and operation phases of the proposed project:

- **Waste management;**
- **Traffic & access impacts;**
- **Noise and dust pollution,**
- **Health & Safety impacts,**
- **Visual & aesthetic impacts and**
- **Socio-economic impacts**

## **6. PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

This includes anyone that will be directly or indirectly involved, affected and/or interested by the proposed project. This may include but is not limited to adjacent landowners around the proposed project's location, and all relevant authorities. Stakeholders and I&APs are invited to participate in the public participation process that enables them to raise any issues, comments and/or concerns regarding the proposed project.

### **Registering as an I&AP can be done by:**

- Completing the attached registration/comment form and emailing it to the email address below;
- Directly consult or contact the consultant on the contact details below.

Once registered, your comments/concerns will be addressed in the EIA report.

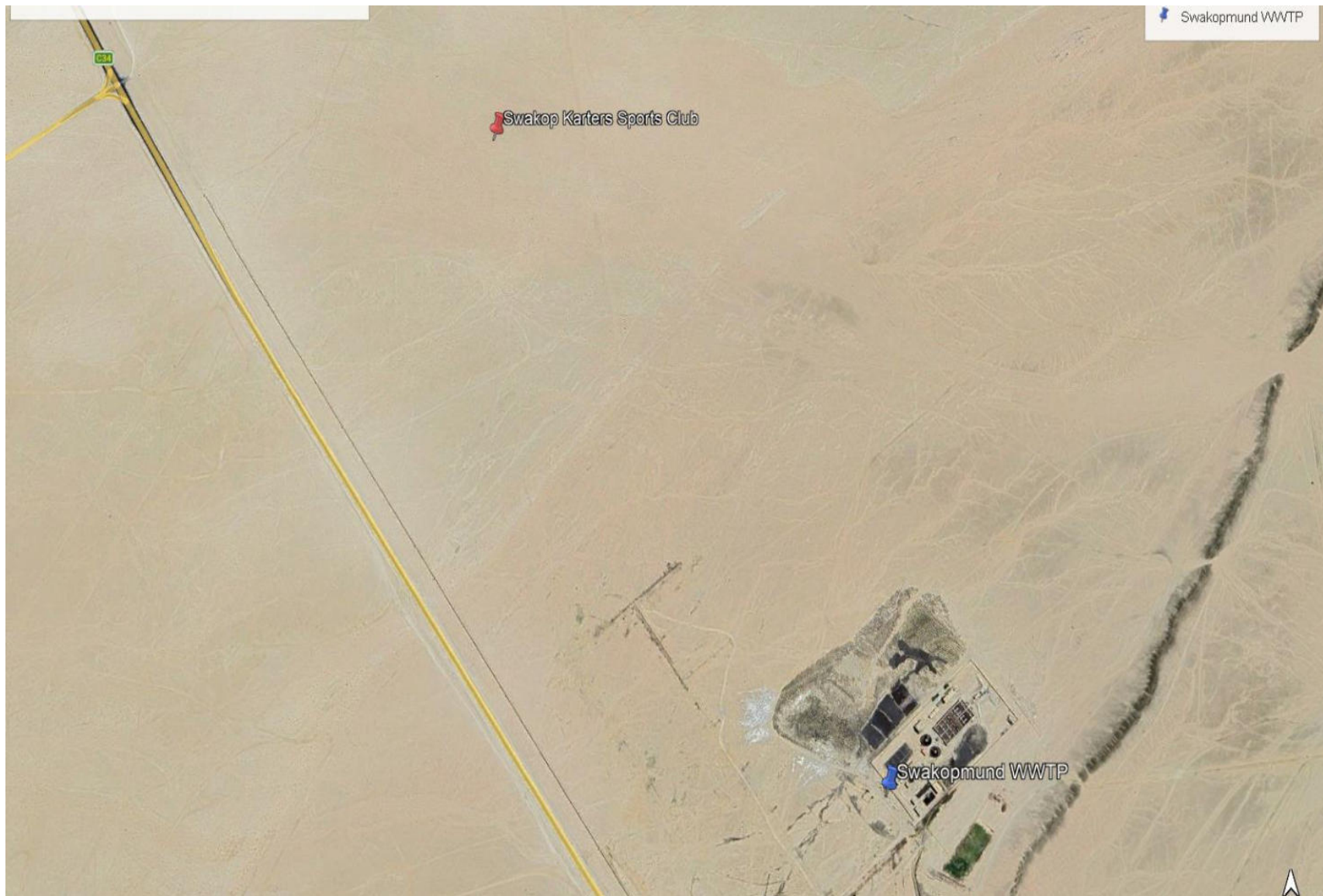
All comments and concerns must be submitted to the email below by **25 February 2026**.

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**Figure 3: Map depicting project locality along the C34 Road *Red pin* (Google Earth,2026)**

