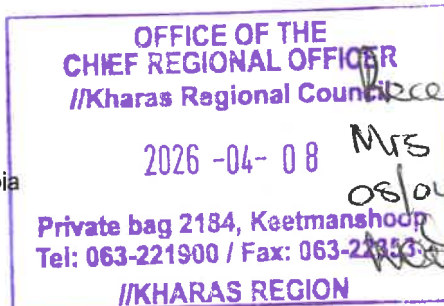


Date: 08 April 2026

The Office of the Chief Regional Officer

!Kharas Regional Council

Private Bag 2184 Keetmanshoop, Namibia



Attention: Mr. Megameno Shikongo (Acting Chief Regional Officer)

Dear Sir

Re: Notice of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Dune Sand Collection Activities Within Tses Village Council Jurisdiction of the !Kharas Region – Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) to the Environmental Commissioner, ECC Application No. APP-007179

Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants cc (*Serja HGE Consultants*) has been appointed by the Tses Village Council (*the project Proponent*) to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Dune Sand Collection Activities Within the Tses Village Council Jurisdiction of the !Kharas Region. **Please refer to the attached Background Information Document (BID) for the dune sand collection locality and further project information.**

Please note that the sand mining (extraction) and any works associated with mining activities are listed in the 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 as an activity that cannot be implemented without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner upon evaluation and approval of an EIA Study. Therefore, the proposed dune sand collection is subject to an ECC.

The dune sand collection (mining) is needed to support the development of infrastructures and other industries in and around the Tses Village, as well as the !Kharas Region at large. Obtaining dune sand from the local and regional sources will greatly reduce transportation costs, limit associated carbon emissions, and improve project efficiency.

Moreover, the proposed project will also present socio-economic benefits through local job creation and opportunities for local construction contractors and suppliers. Thus, contributing to regional economic development. If properly managed and in line with environmental regulations and best practices, the operation can be undertaken sustainably with minimal long-term environmental impact.

It is therefore, against this background, that Serja HGE Consultants hereby notify the Office of the Chief Regional Officer that the EIA Study has commenced and an application for the ECC on behalf of the Tses Village Council has been launched (assigned ECC Number APP-007179). The EIA Scoping Report (comprising project information, issues/concerns, comments, and assessed potential impacts and the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) with management and mitigation measures will be compiled. The two documents (EIA Scoping Report and EMP) with associated appendices will be submitted to the Office of the Environmental Commissioner for consideration of the project ECC.

Should you or the Ikharas Regional Council have comments on the EIA Study, please send these to us **in writing to us before or on Friday, the 8th of May 2026. After the 8th of May 2026, all comments or inputs will be submitted directly to the office of the Environmental Commissioner at the MEFT.**

Yours sincerely,



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Ms. Fredrika Shagama: Principal Environmental Assessment Practitioner & Hydrogeologist

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BID CIRCULATION TO STAKEHOLDERS / INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&APS)

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED DUNE SAND COLLECTION ACTIVITIES WITHIN TSES VILLAGE COUNCIL JURISDICTION, BERSEBA CONSTITUENCY OF THE IKKHARAS REGION - APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC)

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 Fredrika Shagama - Serja HGE Consultants <fredrika@serjaconsultants.com>

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Dear Stakeholder/Interested & Affected Party (I&AP)

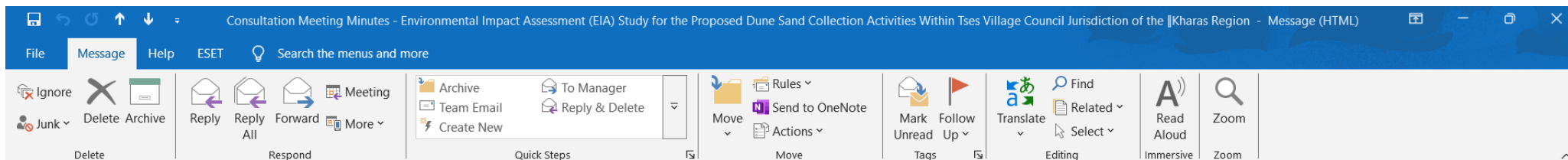
This email serves to inform you that due to the growing demand for suitable construction materials to support regional infrastructure development, including road and railway projects in the Region, the Tses Village Council (*the Proponent*) proposes to extract (collect) and supply dune sand from its jurisdiction at the site located about 1.7km south of the Village Centre (approximate GPS coordinates: -25.897748, 18.118933) - **Please refer to the attached Background Information Document (BID) for further information.**

Please note that the sand mining (extraction) is listed and associated activities are listed in the 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 as projects that require an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner upon evaluation and approval of an EIA Study. Should the ECC be issued by the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT), the Proponent will then prepare for the project's operational activities and site maintenance.

Subsequently, to fulfill the requirements of the EMA and its EIA Regulations, the Tses Village Council appointed Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants (*Serja HGE Consultants*) to conduct the required EIA Study and apply for the ECC. The ECC application for the proposed project has been registered with the MEFT and assigned application number APP-007179. The EIA Study entails Public & Stakeholders' Consultation – sharing information and recording of issues/concerns and comments (potential impacts) to be incorporated, and assessed in the EIA Scoping Report with management and mitigation measures provided in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The two documents (EIA Report and EMP) with associated appendices will be submitted to the Office of the Environmental Commissioner for evaluation and consideration of the project ECC.

Should you have any comments that you would like us to note for consideration in the EIA Scoping Report and EMP, please send these to us in writing before the end of business on **Friday, 8 May 2026**.

Kind regards,
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Consultation Meeting Minutes - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Dune Sand Collection Activities Within Tses Village Council Jurisdiction of the Kharas...



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Reply Reply All Forward ...

Thu 09/04/2026 9:58 am



Dear Mr. Xarageb and Mr. Goliath, Good day

Thank you very much for your participation in the consultation meeting we had with you and your fellow community members (who do not have email addresses) last Tuesday (7 April in Tses). We highly appreciate all your contributions.

As promised, please find attached the meeting minutes with your comments as recorded.

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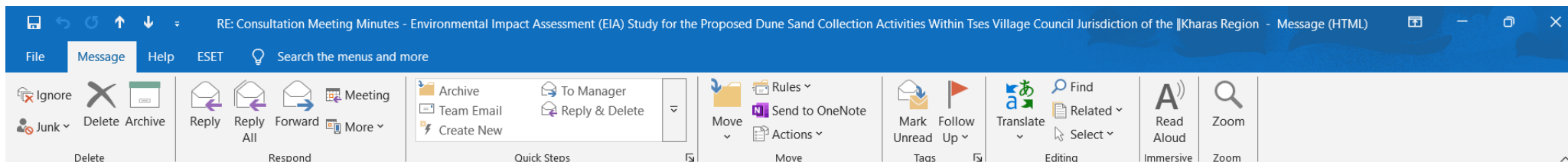
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RE: Consultation Meeting Minutes - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Dune Sand Collection Activities Within Tses Village Council Jurisdiction of the ||Kharas Region



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Reply Reply All Forward ...

Mon 13/04/2026 1:19 pm

Good day Mr. Goliath

This is well noted. No problem.

We shall wait for you because it is important that we include the community comments in the EIA documents to the Office of the Environmental Commissioner at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT). Thank you.

Kind regards

Fredrika

From: Samuel Goliath <[redacted]@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, 13 April 2026 2:01 pm

To: Fredrika Shagama - Serja HGE Consultants <fredrika@serjaconsultants.com>

Cc: x[redacted]@eias.public@serjaconsultants.com

Subject: Re: Consultation Meeting Minutes - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Dune Sand Collection Activities Within Tses Village Council Jurisdiction of the ||Kharas Region

Sorry latest Fryday

On Mon, 13 Apr 2026, 13:00 Samuel Goliath, <[redacted]@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Fredrika we will send it Thursday please

On Thu, 09 Apr 2026, 08:58 Fredrika Shagama - Serja HGE Consultants, <fredrika@serjaconsultants.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Xarageb and Mr. Goliath, Good day

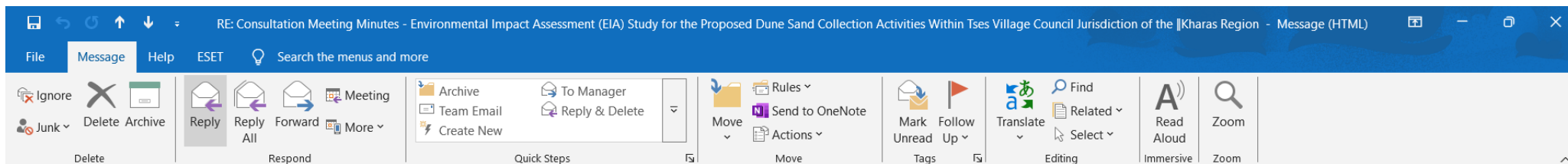
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Kind regards,

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RE: Consultation Meeting Minutes - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Dune Sand Collection Activities Within Tses Village Council Jurisdiction of the Kharas Region - Message (HTML)



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To: 'Samuel Goliath'

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Reply Reply All Forward ...

Wed 15/04/2026 7:08 am



Dear Mr. Goliath, Good morning

Thank you for letting me know. However, it is important that the community really compile a letter with comments and or concerns or even just suggestions again on how they want the project to be handled going forward (once the proper documentation is in place and the environmental clearance certificate (ECC) is issued by the Environmental Commissioner from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism (MEFT)). In the meantime, I am sharing the draft EIA Report and the project's Environmental Management Plan (EMP) that we have compiled after our visit in Tses last week.

The community inputs and comments are very important for the EIA Study to accompany the EIA Report and EMP in the application for the ECC for the dune sand mining/collection project.

Kind regards

Fredrika

From: Samuel Goliath <[REDACTED]@mail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 14 April 2026 10:39 pm

To: Fredrika Shagama - Serja HGE Consultants <fredrika@serjaconsultants.com>

Cc: xara <[REDACTED]@serjaconsultants.com>

Subject: Re: Consultation Meeting Minutes - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Dune Sand Collection Activities Within Tses Village Council Jurisdiction of the Kharas Region

Hi Fredrika we are very much sorry for the late reply but we can't provide you with that letter from the community becoz we understand that you wasn't call out from the council of Tses village,sorry the envertation was not from council but from the village secretary.

That reason why we can't provide you with letter madam Fredrika.

Thank you

Samuel Goliath

On Mon, 13 Apr 2026, 12:18 Fredrika Shagama - Serja HGE Consultants, <fredrika@serjaconsultants.com> wrote:

Good day Mr. Goliath

This is well noted. No problem.

We shall wait for you because it is important that we include the community comments in the EIA documents to the Office of the Environmental Commissioner at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT). Thank you.



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Date: 20 April 2026

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The Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry
Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
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Attention: Mr. Timoteus Mufeti

Dear Sir

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED DUNE SAND COLLECTION ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE TSES VILLAGE COUNCIL JURISDICTION OF THE IKKHARAS REGION: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) – ECC APPLICATION NO.: APP-007179

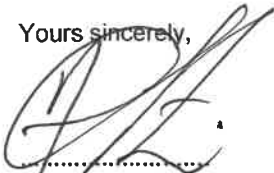
The Tses Village Council hereby acknowledges that we are hereby notifying your esteemed office that we intend to extract (collect) and supply dune sand from our local authority jurisdiction at the site located about 1.7km south of the Village Centre (approximate GPS coordinates: -25.897748, 18.118933). The collected dune sand from the Tses Village site will be supplied to the construction industry and other industries (consumers) in the IKKHARAS Region.

Added to that, we have also noted that the mining and quarrying-related activities fall under the listed activities that require an environmental clearance certificate (ECC). Consequently, we appointed independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners, i.e., Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC (*Serja HGE Consultants*), to apply for the required ECC by carrying out the EIA Scoping process and compiling associated documentation in an application for the environmental clearance.

It is against this background that we humbly request your office to receive the documents (ECC application, Scoping Report, EMP, and associated appendices) prepared and submitted by Serja HGE Consultants for evaluation and consideration of the ECC.

Should you have any questions or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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