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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND TOURISM
DIRECTORATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
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FOR ATTENTION: MR JOHNSON NDOKOSHO – DIRECTOR OF FORESTRY

COPY TO: MR TIMOTEUS MUFETI – ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER (MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND TOURISM)

RE – COMPETENT AUTHORITY SUBMISSION OF THE FOREST AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (FEMP) FOR BUSH THINNING ACTIVITIES ON FARM FINKENSTEIN NO. 526

Dear Mr Ndokosho,

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) has been retained by Farm Finkenstein no. 526 to undertake a biomass assessment and formulate a Forest and Environmental Management Plan (FEMP) for bush-thinning operations on the Farm Management Unit (FMU) Finkenstein no. 526, located in the Khomas Region of Namibia.

We are pleased to enclose the following documents with this cover letter:

- I. Completed Form 1
- II. Completed Forest and Environmental Management Plan (FEMP)
- III. A delineated and farm-specific map
- IV. Proof of notification with FMU's neighbours and relevant stakeholders, if applicable

In accordance with Section 32(1) of the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007, ECC hereby submits the FEMP and its appendices in hardcopy format for your consideration as the competent authority.

Should you or your office require any further elucidation or support concerning the contents of this submission, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are readily available to provide any assistance you may need. We eagerly await your prompt response.

Yours sincerely,


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COPY**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA****ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 2007 (Section 32)****APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE****PROJECT REGISTRATION**

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND TOURISM		NAMIBIA REVENUE N\$100
DIRECTORATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGISTRATION		NAMIBIA REVENUE N\$100
22 MAY 2026		NAMIBIA REVENUE N\$100
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PART A: DETAILS OF APPLICANT**1. Name: (person or business):**

Farm Finkenstein No.526

2. Business Registration / Identity No.:

Goldene Aue Farming cc: cc/2002/2507

Environmental Compliance Consultancy: CRN 2022/0593

3. Correspondence Address:**Consultant:**Environmental Compliance
Consultancy
P O Box 91193
Klein Windhoek
Namibia**Proponent:**Bernhard Finke
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Pioneerspark
Windhoek**4. Name of Contact Person:**

Mr Stephan Bezuidenhout

5. Position of Contact Person:

Principal Environmental Practitioner

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7. Fax Number:

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PART B: SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

1. The environmental clearance certificate is for

The bush thinning activities on the Farm Management Unit (FMU) identified as Finkenstein no. 526, located in the Khomas Region of Namibia.

Listed activities triggered by the project include:

LISTED ACTIVITY	EIA SCREENING FINDING
<p>FORESTRY ACTIVITIES</p> <p>(4) The clearance of forest areas, deforestation, afforestation, timber harvesting, or any other related activity that requires authorisation in terms of the Forest Act, 2001 (Act No. 12 of 2001) or any other law.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cutting (harvesting) of encroacher tree species (Senegalia mellifera, Vachellia karroo, Vachellia reficiens, and Tarchonanthus camphoratus). Bush control activities will stay within the boundaries of the farm which will be divided into smaller camps. The total area dedicated to bush thinning activities will cover less than 5000 ha.- The following harvesting methods will be implemented on the FMU: Manual harvesting by means of pangas and axes.

2. Details of the activity(s) covered by the environmental clearance certificate:

Title of activity:

Bush thinning activities on Farm Management Unit (FMU) Finkenstein no. 526, located in the Khomas Region of Namibia.

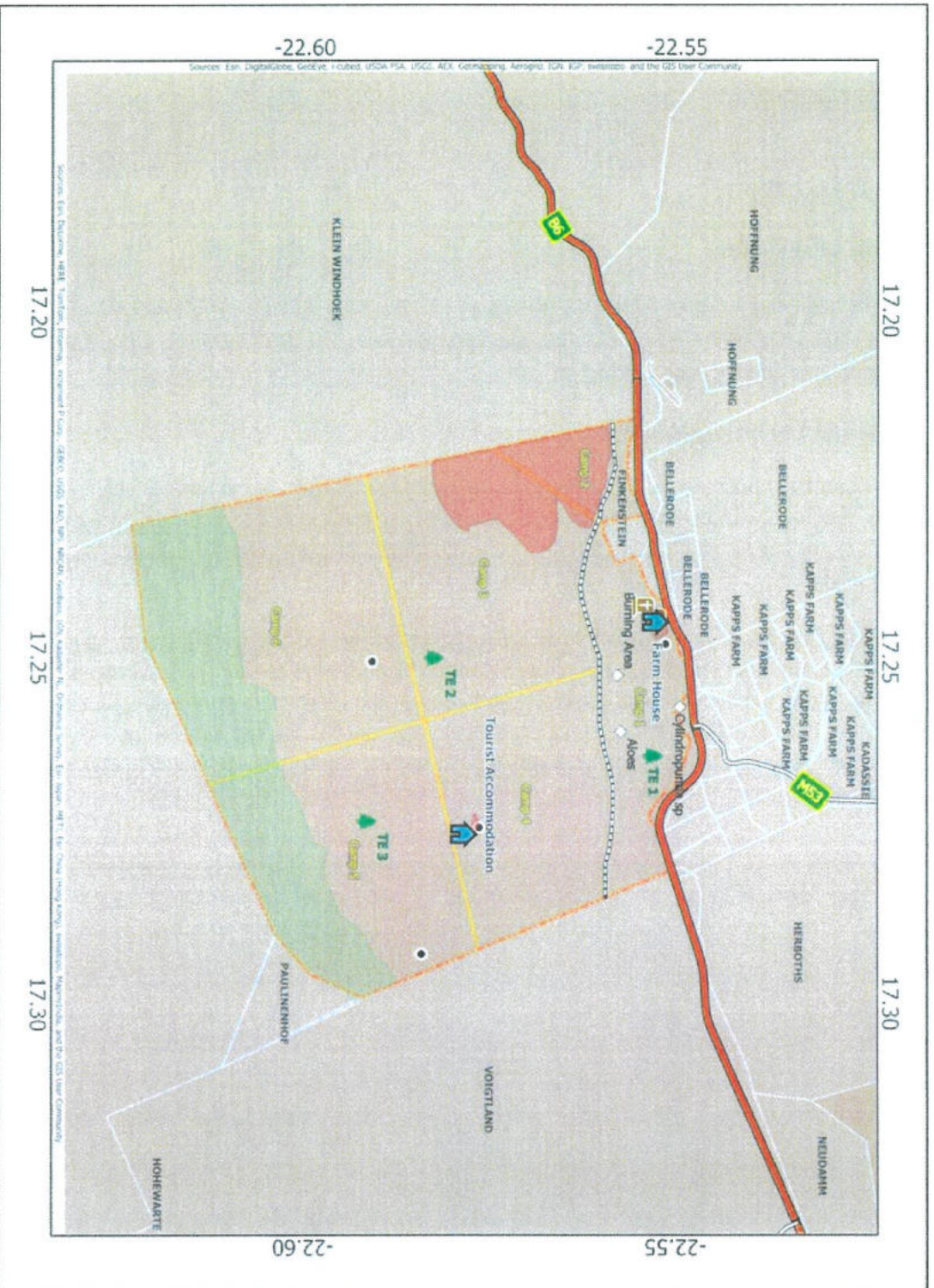
Nature of activity:

Bush thinning activities on the farm include the removal of encroacher trees, and shrub species (Senegalia mellifera, Vachellia karroo, Vachellia reficiens, and Tarchonanthus camphoratus), followed by charcoal and firewood production.

Scale and scope of activity:

The proposed bush control activities will involve the use of manual harvesting techniques in an area of 4987.6889 ha. However, this area will be divided into smaller camps. The total area dedicated to bush thinning activities will be less than 5000 ha. The impact of bush control measures is expected to be of low impact.

Our application for an environmental clearance certificate aligns with the forest and environmental management plan (FEMP) generic template introduced by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism (MEFT) in 2023. This template, endorsed by the Directorate of Forestry, has been designed to facilitate the environmental clearance certificate applications for low-impact bush thinning projects in Namibia, particularly those with areas up to 5000 hectares and involving manual harvesting.



Legend

- Boreholes
- Other harvesting/ Information
- Trunk road
- Main road
- New Highway
- Burial site
- ▲ Pre Harvest TE
- 🏠 Accommodations
- 🏠 Camps
- 🌿 WPA
- 🚫 Excluded areas
- 📏 Finkenstein 526
- 📏 Neighbouring Farms

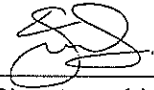
Site coordinates:
 Latitude: -22.583782
 Longitude: 17.255947
 EPSG:4326 WGS 84
 Scale 1:1
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Reference: ECC/183/728
 Cartography: E Hauptindl 04/2026

Figure 1 – Locality map of the Farm Management Unit (FMU) identified as Finkenstein no. 526, located in the Khomas Region of Namibia.

PART C: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the particulars given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand the environmental clearance certificate may be suspended, amended or cancelled if any information given above is false, misleading, wrong or incomplete.



Signature of Applicant

Stephan Bezuidenhout
Full name in Block Letters

Principal consultant
Position

On behalf of: Bernhard Finke

Date: 18/05/2026