









#### **DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP NAMIBIA**

# ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED BULK URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN URBAN AREAS IN NAMIBIA: OPUWO, KUNENE REGION

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

February 2025

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Development Workshop Namibia (DWN) is implementing the Project "Poverty-Oriented Development of Infrastructure in urban areas of Namibia" with financial support from KfW. The project seeks to contribute to more sustainable and inclusive urban development in Namibia by supporting DWN to plan and develop low-cost residential land with titles in 15 towns across Namibia.

The objective is to transform current informal settlement growth into formal urban growth and to initiate and contribute to changing the way urban planning is done towards a more holistic and participatory planning approach to create socially and economically conducive living environments. The project is implemented by three distinct components:

**Component one:** Planning and developing low-cost residential land with title.

<u>Component two: Providing "pro-poor" infrastructure investments in four selected towns.</u>

**Component three:** Improving public hygiene and access to appropriate sanitation.

DWN has planned to deploy part of the KfW grant through Component 2 of the project to hire Lund Consulting Engineers (LCE) to design and supervise the construction of various pro-poor infrastructure components in (amongst others) the town of **Opuwo** (See Figure 1).

The proposed Bulk Urban Infrastructure include the construction of an electrical supply line; gravelling of the main roads; rehabilitation of an existing sewer pump station; rehabilitation of a bulk electrical line and construction of bulk water pipelines.

#### 2. ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE APPLICATION

Prior to commencement of phase 2 of the proposed Bulk Urban Infrastructure Development Project (i.e. in Opuwo), an application will be submitted to the Competent Authority and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) in terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 and associated Environmental (and Social) Assessment (ESIA) Regulations (January 2012). An ESIA process will be conducted in terms of the abovementioned Act and Regulations. Namisun Environmental Projects & Development (Namisun) has been appointed by LCE as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to undertake the ESIA process for the proposed Project.

#### 3. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document has been prepared by Namisun to inform you about:

- The proposed Bulk Urban Infrastructure Development Project relating to Opuwo (Sections 1 and 5).
- The ESIA process (Section 6).
- Key environmental issues (i.e. aspects and potential impacts) (Section 7).
- How you can register as an interested and / or affected party (I&AP) (Sections 4 and 8).

#### 4. PARTICIPATION IN THE ESIA PROCESS

Public participation is an essential part of the ESIA process. If you want to register as an I&AP and have input into the ESIA process, please refer to the box below. All comments / questions / concerns will be recorded and addressed in the ESIA process.

#### **HOW TO REGISTER AS AN I&AP AND COMMENT**

Please register as an I&AP and submit any questions or comments through communication with Namisun.

Attention: Karin Maletzky / Dr Pierré Smit / Werner Petrick

E-mail address: karin.maletzky2021@gmail.com / psmit@namisun.com / wpetrick@namisun.com

Cell number: +264 (0) 81 149 0473 / +264 (0)81 752 7207 / +264 (0)81 739 4591

If you would like your comments to be addressed in the report, please submit them by **14 March 2025**.

All comments received will be recorded and responded to in the ESIA Scoping Report.

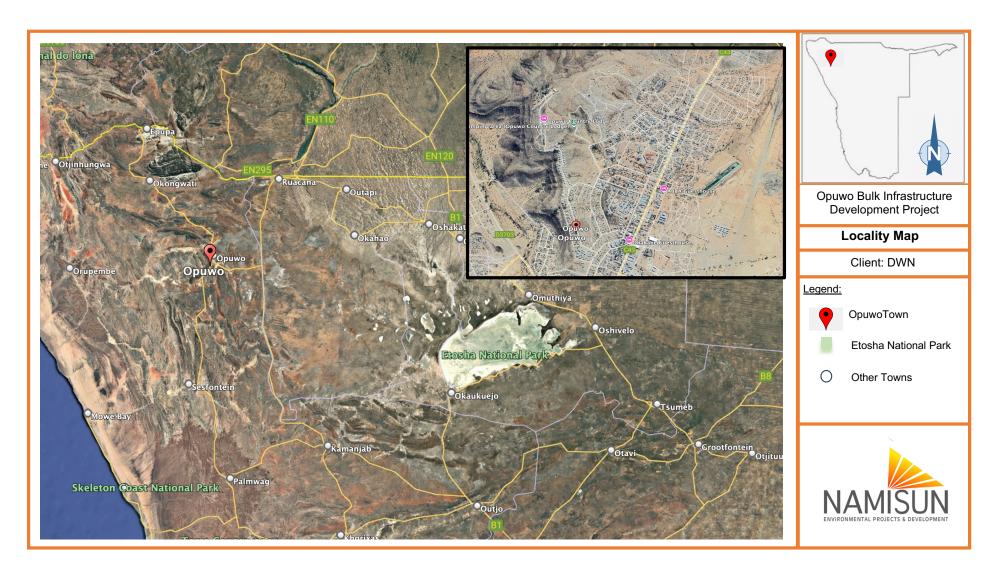


FIGURE 1: LOCATION OF OPUWO TOWN (REF. GOOGLE EARTH)

#### 5. OPUWO'S PROPOSED PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Rapid Bulk Infrastructure Assessments (BIAs) conducted in the town of Opuwo culminated in various provisional infrastructure requirements. The following sections provide a description of the proposed infrastructure and its associated activities, as part of the Development Project for Opuwo. Information from these sections were copied from the BIA of Opuwo, prepared by Windhoek Consulting Engineers (October 2022).

## 5.1 BULK ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

Opuwo Town is connected to the national power grid via Opuwo's supply point, (i.e. the NORED Opuwo Substation) via a 2 MVA 33 kV/11 kV transformer. The transformer is fed by 33 kV Rabbit overhead conductors. The NORED Opuwo Substation's supply point is the Otjongava Substation from which the Substation is supplied via a 66 kV/33 kV NamPower Transformer. The current installed Transformer in the Opuwo Substation has almost reached full load and warrants for an upgrade to the Substation's capacity.

#### 5.1.1 Construction of an electrical supply line

The construction of a 2.5 km 11 kV electrical supply line with 2 substations are planned.

#### 5.1.2 Upgrades of bulk electrical line

The rehabilitation, testing, commissioning and provision of a bulk electrical line.

#### 5.2 **GRAVELLING OF ROADS**

The projected Bulk Road Network Demands have been determined by assessing the topography of the Opuwo area together with the proposed Townlands Boundary Extension.

The main priority for new development proposals that was identified is to formalize the road network. The development of the DWN Extension was earmarked as high priority and hence the gravelling of 2.4 km of the main roads in the DWN project area is proposed.

### 5.3 <u>REHABILITATION OF AN EXISTING SEWER</u> <u>PUMP STATION NO 1</u>

Sewer Pump Station no 1 is an older PS and collects sewage from Opuwo Proper, existing businesses/institutions along the main road C41 & C43 and the Okatuuo Formal residential area. The rehabilitation of this PS is proposed as a priority as it is currently not functioning properly.

#### 5.4 CONSTRUCTION OF BULK WATER PIPELINES

From the NamWater reservoirs at the current reservoir site on the mountain, metering is done at the outlets and water is distributed towards most of the town via gravity reticulation pipe networks. Water is also pumped into a 150 m³ elevated tank (10 m high) next to the reservoirs. The higher lying areas of town (in particular the western areas of Otuzemba and immediate surroundings of the reservoir site) is supplied from this elevated tank.

Construction of a 2 km bulk water pipeline for the Otuzemba VIP area is proposed.

Refer to Figure 2 for the location of the proposed new infrastructure for Opuwo.



#### 6. ESIA PROCESS

The main objectives of this ESIA process are to:

- Provide information on the proposed project activities and facilities / infrastructure in Opuwo.
- Describe the current environment in which it will be situated.
- Identify, in consultation with I&APs, the potential negative and positive environmental & social aspects.
- Assess the associated potential impacts of the proposed project activities.
- Report on measures required to avoid impacts or mitigate such impacts to acceptable levels; and to enhance potential positive impacts.

The likely process steps and timeframes are provided in Table 1.

#### **Table 1: ESIA Process**

#### STEPS IN THE ESIA PROCESS

## PHASE I: Project initiation and internal screening (February – March 2025)

- ESIA project initiation and register the Application for environmental clearance with MEFT.
- Initial Identification of environmental and social aspects.
- Prepare information sharing documents.
- · Identify key stakeholders.

## PHASE II –Scoping & Assessment Phase and ESMP (March – May 2025)

- Notify regulatory authorities and I&APs of the proposed project (via newspaper advertisements, this document, emails, site notices, telephone calls and other possible media).
- Site visit and conduct focus group meetings with key Stakeholders:
  - Further identification of key environmental and social aspects and potential impacts.
- Assess the potential impacts of the proposed "Bulk Urban Infrastructure Project: Opuwo" activities and compile an ESIA Scoping (including Impact Assessment) Report and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP).
- Distribute the ESIA reports to I&APs for review and comments.
- Compile the final reports considering comments received.
- Submit the final reports to the Competent Authority and MEFT for their review and decisionmaking.

A draft ESIA Scoping (including Impact Assessment) Report (including an ESMP) for the proposed Infrastructure Development Project in Opuwo will be made available for a public review and comment period. Registered I&APs will be notified via e-mail of the review period and the availability of the draft Report. The final ESIA report, along with all IA&P comments, will be submitted to the MEFT (Environmental Commissioner) for review and a final decision.

# 7. KEY ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED BULK URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN OPUWO TO BE CONSIDERED

The key potential environmental and social issues (i.e. aspects / potential impacts), that need to be assessed as part of the ESIA process, associated with the proposed Project, are summarised below.

However, due consideration will be given during the assessment of potential impacts of the nature and scale of activities, and the fact that it will be undertaken in areas which have largely been disturbed (i.e. townlands).

- Biodiversity potential loss of biodiversity.
- <u>Visual impact</u> change to the visual landscape and impact on sense of place, specifically relating to new infrastructure.
- <u>Surface and groundwater impacts</u> alteration of drainage patterns and pollution of groundwater and surface water due to hydrocarbon spills during construction.
- <u>Waste management</u> general waste generated from construction activities.
- <u>Traffic and Road Safety</u> increase in construction and light vehicles may cause congestion, accidents, incidents; and exacerbate air and noise pollution.
- <u>Socio-economic</u> positive impacts associated with improved infrastructure in the town. Also, positive impacts (short term) relating to employment, income, and expenditure during construction. Potential negative impacts due to labor issues and social ills relating to more people in the town. The potential risk of resettlement must be evaluated.

#### 8. INVITATION TO REGISTER AND COMMENT

If you would like to register as an I&AP to the proposed project and ESIA application process, or if you have any questions / comments, please contact Namisun.

For comments to be included in the Scoping (including Impact Assessment) Report they must reach Namisun by no later than **14 March 2025**.







### JOB VACANCY **ACCOUNTANT**

#### JOIN OUR TEAM!

The Namibia Estate Agents Board (NEAB) is seeking a highly skilled and proactive Accountant to join our Administrative and Finance Division. If you have a passion for financial integrity and compliance, we encourage you

#### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Accountant at NEAB will manage payroll, accounting, and the Fidelity Fund, ensuring compilance and accurate financial records. Responsibilities include reconciliations, reporting, audits, and administrative support, while maintaining stakeholder engagement and regulatory adherence.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Degree In Accounting, Business Administration, or a related field 3+ years of experience in Accounting or Payroll management.
Proficiency in Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, etc.) and accounting software (Pastel, Etc.).

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Submit your CV, cover letter, copies of qualifications, and NQA Evaluation (for foreign qualifications) via email to: recruitment@neab.co.na

#### **CLOSING DATE:**

- Friday, 07 March 2025
   Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted











NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND (SOCIAL) IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

ESIA FOR THE PROPOSED BULK URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE TOWNS OF <u>OKAHAO</u> (OMUSATI REAGION) AND <u>OPUWO</u> (KUNENE REGION), NAMIBIA

Development Workshop Namibis (DWN) herewith gives notice in terms of the Environmental Management Ad, No. 7 of 2007 and Regulation 21 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (January 2012) to implement the Project "Powerly-Oriented Development of Infrastructure in urban areas of Namiba" with financial support from IRIV DWN has planned to deploy part of the IRIV grant to the Lund Consuling Engineers (LCS) to design and supervise the construction of bulk urban infrastructure in the lowns of Otahaa on Opunae, Namibia.

Prior to the commencement of the proposed bulk urban infrastructure activities, a parallel ESIA process will be conducted and two applications for Environmental Clearance Certificates (ECCs) will be submitted to the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development as the competent authority who will review the applications and the relevant reports, and submit their comments to the Ministry of Environment, Footry and Tourism (Environmental Commissioner) in terms of the above-mentioned regulations. This advertisement forms part of the ESIA public participation process

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Registration to receive notifications / information and opportunity to comment:
To register is an interested and / or affected party for the proposed advisters, please submit your name and contact details to Namisan by e-miss, or by contacting Namisan. Background information Documents (DIDs) are arranged for a review and comment period from 27 Enforce—1 which 2025 Electronic copies of the BIDs are available on request from Namisan as per above details. An Open Public meeting will be arranged in each of the two towns as follows:

| Town    | Date          | Time  | Venue                       |
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| O kahao | 11 March 2025 | 09H00 | Fire Station (Town Council) |
| Opuwo   | 12 March 2025 | 09H00 | Open Market                 |

If you would like your comments to be addressed in the ESIA Scoping (including Impacts Assessment) Report please submit them to Namisun by no later than 14 March 2025.

#### VACANCY



Market Watch

#### **Public Accountants' and Auditors' Board** (PAAB)

The PAAB is a statutory body governing the public accounting and auditing profession in Namibia. The legal mandate of the Board, as derived from the establishing Act, PAA Act No.51 of 1951 as amended, is to regulate Public Accountants and Auditors in Namibia.

#### INSPECTOR

The Inspect of the working in the inspectiors department and be responsible for performing audit and quality management inspections under the direct supervision of the Inspectiors Manager. The role includes but not limited to handling administrative and technical matters relating to inspections.

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By enail to:hr@paab.com.na Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted

Enquiries should be addressed to the Inspections Manager, Mr. Eljah Mafanire, Tel 083 727 2500 or emafanire@paabs

Closing dates 07 March 2025



## **TENDER**



#### **TENDER NO: 01/2025 PROVISION OF REFURBISHMENT SERVICES**

Namibia Medical Care is pleased to invite Tender Levy: N\$200 per tender document qualified and experienced contractors to submit proposals for the Provision of Refurbishment Services. This tender presents a unique opportunity to enhance our business and ensure the delivery of high-quality services to Namibia.

#### Description

We seek reputable service providers with a proven track record in refurbishment projects.

#### **Tender Documents**

After payment of a non-refundable tender levy, tender documents for the above tender may be collected at NMC Head Office, NMC House, 8 Newton Street, Windhoek.

Closing Date & Time: 07 March 2025@ 16h00

#### **Delivery Address:**

The submission will be delivered in a marked sealed envelope to The Principal Officer, NMC, NMC House, 8 Newton Street, Windhoek.

Any enquiries related to the tender may be directed to The Principal Officer, Jo-Anne

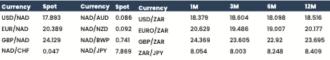
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## **O&L Energy as a catalyst for** socio-economic transformation

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## >> Recognised

As O&L Energy celebrates this recognition from the Development Bank of Namibia. it remains steadfastly committed to its caring mission of creating sustainability for all Namibians.

#### STAFF REPORTER

&L Energy proudly announcest Energy proudly announced as that its OLC Arandis Solar Energy Corporation has been honoured as the winner in the Large Enterprise Category at the 2025 Good Business and Innovation Awards, hosted by the Development Bank of Namibia. This esteemed recognition,

ing Innovation and Impact," acknowl-edged O&L Energy's steadfast commitment to renewable energy and its pioneering contributions to Namibia's sustainable future.

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O&L Energy managing director,
Bernd Vincent Walbaum, expressed
the company's graftude.

'O&L Energy is extremely proud and
humbled by this recognition. While
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Namibia's renewable energy trajectory, guided by visionary policies includ-

the National Renewable Energy Policy, the MSB Regulations and the Namibia Green Hydrogen and Derivatives Strategy, positions the nation as a signifiegy, positions the nation as a signifi-cant participant in the global renew-able energy transition. "We know that O&L Energy's breakthrough thinking aligns perfectly with government initi-atives that recognise renewable energy as a powerful tool for national development, energy security and economic growth," added Walbaum.

"By owning the entire value chain from development and engineering to procurement, construction and operations, we contribute to reducing Na erations, we contribute to reducing Na-mibia's dependence on expensive elec-tricity imports while creating local jobs and stimulating contomic opportuni-ties across communities." As O&L Energy celebrates this recog-

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WELL DONE: Willy Mertens, Development Board of Namibia deputy board chairperson, Wilko Düvel, financial director at O&L Energy and finance minister Erika Shafuda

mitted to its caring mission of creating sustainability for all Namibians. Through its authentic approach to renewable energy development, the company is generating clean electric ity and fostering a more resilient and sustainable economy that benefits

every citizen.
"Looking forward, we remain pas-sionate about playing our role in Namibia's renewable energy future, leveraging our world-class expertise and breakthrough thinking to ensure that the nation can continue to play a prominent role in the global transition to clean energy," explained Walbaum. The impact of renewable wainsum. The impact of renewanie energy extends far beyond environ-mental benefits, enhancing energy security, driving economic growth, creating jobs and promoting the sus-tainable development that will define Namibia's prosperous future for generations to come









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two respective ESIA scoping (including impact assessment) reports will soon be evaluable for review by IRAPs.

Following stakeholder consultations and the completion of the studies related to the two applications, the ESIA Scoping (including Impact Assessment) Reports will be available for review and consensed by IAAPs from 16 June to 7 July 2025. Hard copies of the two reports will be made ovailable at the Gloches and Opures Town Councils for review. The assessment summary of the reports will be emade to all parties registered on the ESIA database. In addition, electronic copies of the reports will be made available on request to Konsison.

If you would like your comments to be addressed in the final reports for submission to the above-mentioned Ministries for final review and decision making, please submit them to Namisan by no later than 7 July 2025.



Position: Branch Manager Department: Lifestyle Branch, Windhoek

Responsible for the performance and routine running of the branch as per set objectives in the Balanced Scorecard, Provide management and leadership capability to the branch by optimising resources and effectively managing risks to achieve the Bank's objectives.

#### Minimum Requirements:

- Degree in a commercial field or related. Adequate knowledge of bank products and services.
- credit principles, sales, and administration

5 years' banking experience of which 2 years should be at management level.

#### Closing date: 13 June 2025

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#### Bank Windhoek

## Namfisa ploughs back through CSI initiatives

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The Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority (Namfisa) has set aside N\$447 239 as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility and Investment (CSRI). The funding will go towards educa-tional, cultural and social programs

to uplift and empower individu-als and communities across the country. In line with its pursuit of promot-

ing inclusive growth, social well-being, and sustainable develop-ment, Namfisa has made significant national contributions to various national contributions to various organisations, schools, councils, and initiatives. These contributions are aimed at fostering community development, improving access to education, and supporting local enterprises to create positive change

and foster sustainable development in Namibia. Namibia, as a responsi-ble corporate citizen, plays a mean-ingful role in society by funding projects and activities that posi-tively contribute to national devel-opment in Namibia, said Kenneth Matomola, Namisa CEO said, 'Namisa's CSRI initiatives, guided by our CSRI Policy, prioritizes ed-ucational initiatives to romote by our CSRI Policy, prioritizes educational initiatives to promote financial literacy and empowers consumers with knowledge to make informed financial decisions, support for sports, arts, and solven addressing convent. and culture, addressing general concerns such as health and national issues, and promoting ad-vancements in information com munication technology (ICT), particularly FINTECH. particularly FINTECH.
"As we move forward, NAMFISA
will continue to align its CSRI
efforts with national development
goals, ensuring that our contributions have a lasting, positive impact
on the lives of Namibians," said
Matomola.



EMPOWERING: The Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority recently provided sponsorship towards prize giving for students in account economics and mathematics towards Namcol's students.









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# **FNB Namibia takes** the win for Africa at the prestigious Banker



ed the Africa winner at The Banker Technology Awards 2025.

#### The Banker's Technology Awards are widely considered the global benchmark for innovation in banking STAFF REPORTER

NB Namibia is proud to an-nounce that it has been named the Africa and the Africa the Africa regional winner at the Banker's Technology Awards 2025, hosted by The Banker, a pub-lication of the Financial Times

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Judged by a panel of international Judged by a panel of international experts, the awards recognise insti-tutions that are setting new global standards through practical, scal-able innovation. This year, a new record was set, with over 200 submissions showcasing bold ideas in technology and innovation from

around the globe.

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for Africa. "FNB Namibia has gained a "FNB Namibia has gained a leading position in Africa with a strategy focused on enhancing fi-nancial inclusion and delivering in-novative solutions for customers across the country. Amongst the key elements that resulted in the win

stood out for 'the most meaningful initiative focused on financial ful initiative focused on financial inclusion', highlighting CashPlus as an incredibly important tool to make banking accessible across the country," The Banker said. "FNB Namibia is honoured to be

named the African winner in The Banker's

Technology Awards 2025. This prestigious recognition validates our mission to drive inclusive, innovative banking that empowers every Namibian. We believe that every Namibian. We believe that through technology, we are trans-forming access to financial servic-es, making Namibia more global-ly competitive, and strengthening communities," FirstRand Namibia CEO Conrad Dempsey said.

## Namibia Airports Company to attend Aviadev Africa 2025

The Namibia Airports Company Ine Namibia Airports Company (NAC) will participate in the 2025 AviaDev Africa Summit, taking place from It to 13 June at the Golden Tulip Zanzibar Airport Hotel. The prestigious event is expected to bring together over 400 high-level stakeholders from across the aviation and tourism industries to shape the future of air connectivity on the continent. As the official host of AviaDev Africa in 2024, NAC continues

its strategic involvement as a key industry player by attending this year's summit. With a clear mandate to position Namibia as a regional aviation hub, NAC is leveraging platforms like AviaDev eraging platforms like Available to promote greater connectivity, attract new airline partnerships, and support the growth of tourism and trade across Southern Africa.

"Participating in AviaDev Africa allows us to showcase Namibia's potentials to greater the contribution."

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potential as a gateway to the conti-nent," said Bisey/Uirab, NAC CEO. "Our vision is to transform Namibia into a logistics and avi-ation hub for Southern Africa. Engaging with global stakeholders helps us strengthen existing routes, attract new airlines, and identify investment opportunities to enhance our airport infrastruc-ture and contribute meaningfully



EXCITING: Aviadev member Josh Howell, Namibia Airports Compa CEO Bisey / Uirab and former FlyNamibia MD, Andre Compion seen at the 2024 edition of Aviadev hosted in Windhook Mandition

national economic growth," he

Last year, NAC handled 1.1 million passengers, while Hosea Kutako International Airport has the ca-pacity for 2 million passengers. Therefore, it is imperative to maximise capacity utilisation across Imise capacity utilisation across NAC airports, starting with Hosea Kutako International Airport, to drive revenue, economic, and employment growth for NAC and Namibia.

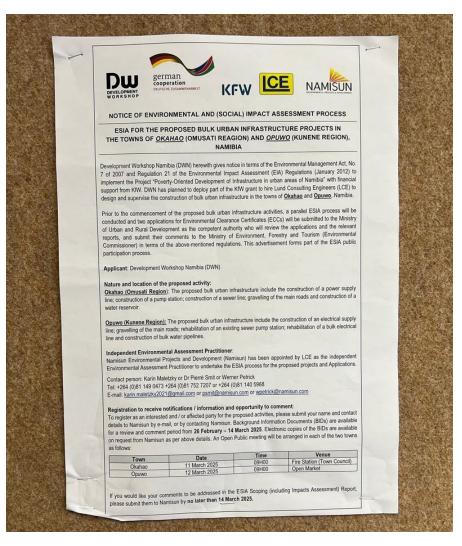
"These opportunities speak to our strategic objective, by highlighting the need to increase connectivity to Namibia, open new routes and retain existing routes, we will be able to position Namibia as a re-gional aviation hub, that's supports leisure and business travel and ultimately create new employment opportunities," /Uirab said. This year's edition features a dedicated Masterclass on air route

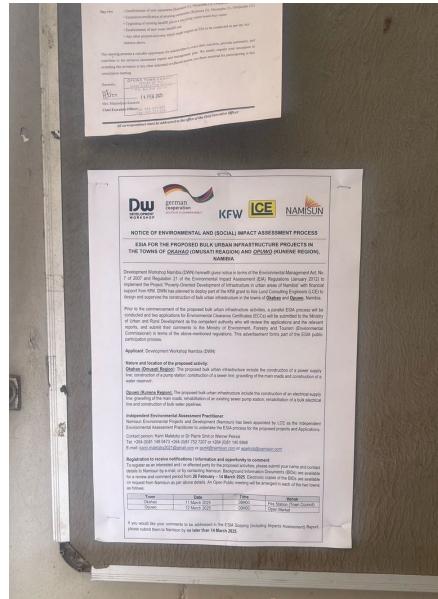
development, designed to equip stakeholders with the tools to es-tablish sustainable and reliable air links across underserved regions. Additionally, a regional work-shop organised in collaboration with the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Busiss Council Tourism Alliance will

ness Council Tourism Alliance will address the strategic expansion of air connectivity across Africa. It will be the third consecutive time that NAC participates in this prestigious summit, and having hosted the AviaDev Africa 2024 in Windhook which benefatored to see Windhoek, which brought together 36 airlines, 408 representatives from 46 countries, and more than 1200 meetings. AviaDev Africa 2025 provides an invaluable platform for Namibia to strengthen its aviation ties and support the national vision of a connected, accessible, and thriving transport network.

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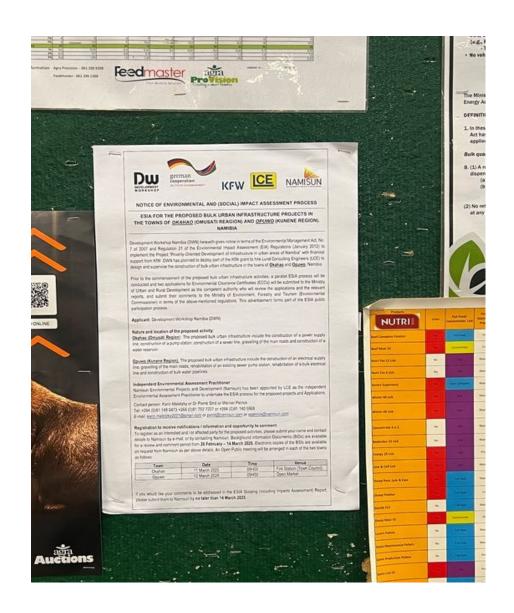


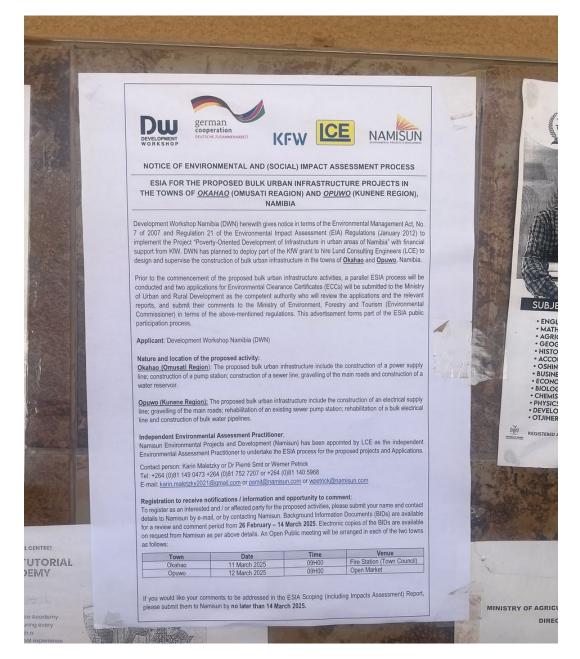




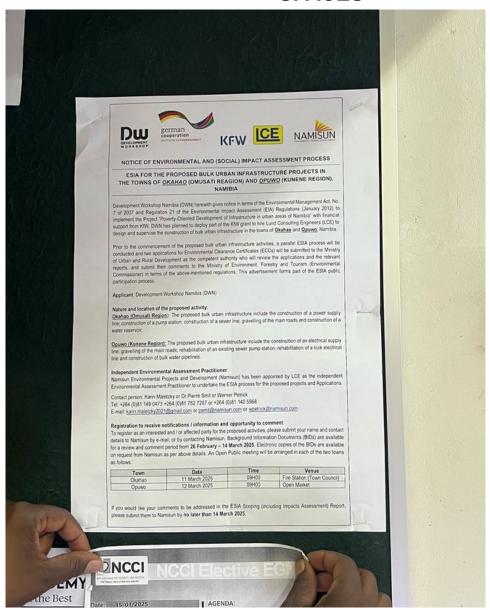
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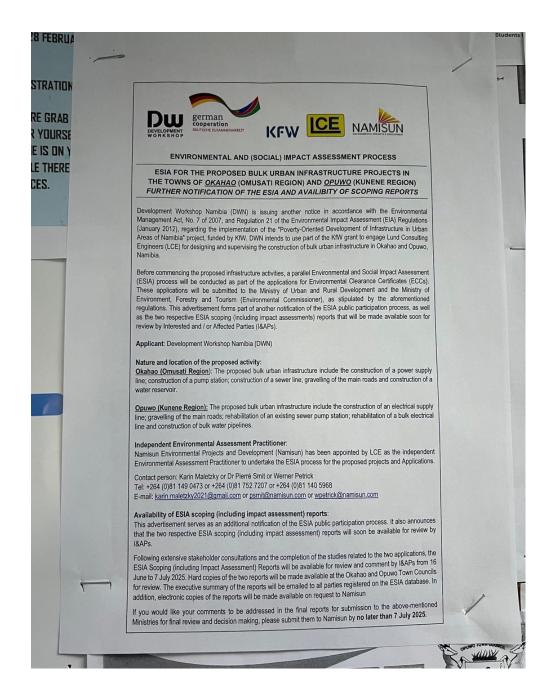


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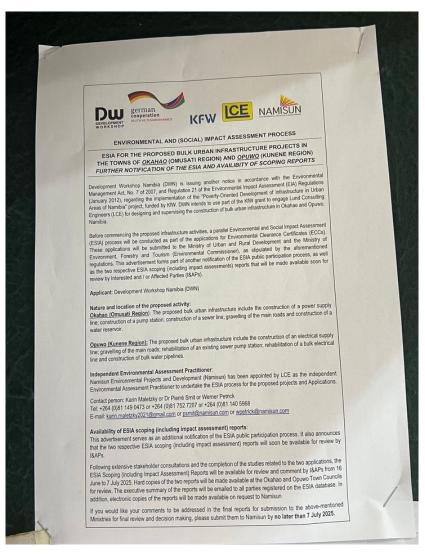


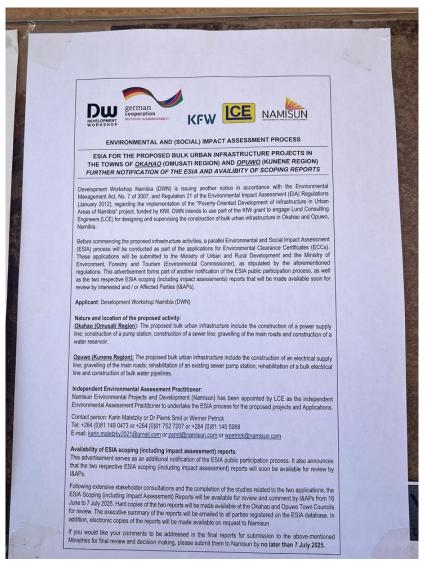
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From: Karin Maletzky <karin.maletzky2021@gmail.com>

Subject: NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND (SOCIAL) IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED BULK URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN URBAN AREAS IN NAMIBIA: OPUWO, KUNENE REGION

Date: 1 March 2025 at 8:17:33 PM CAT

Cc: psmit@namisun.com, Werner Petrick <wpetrick@namisun.com>

Dear Madam or Sir,

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For your convenience, a Background Information Documents (BID) about the proposed project is attached to this email.

Kindly forward comments / input to be addressed in the ESIA process to Namisun **before 14 March 2025**. An open public meeting with key stakeholders is indicated in the table below.

Let me know what your interest is and if you want to attend the open public meeting.

| Town  | Date          | Time  | Venue       |
|-------|---------------|-------|-------------|
| Opuwo | 12 March 2025 | 09H00 | Open Market |

Regards, Karin

From: Karin Maletzky <karin.maletzky2021@gmail.com>

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Date: 4 March 2025 at 11:09:24 AM CAT

Cc: psmit@namisun.com, Werner Petrick <wpetrick@namisun.com>

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|-------|---------------|-------|-----------------|
| Opuwo | 12 March 2025 | 11H30 | Boardroom (Town |
|       |               |       | Council)        |

Regards, Karin

From: Karin Maletzky <karin.maletzky2021@gmail.com>

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Date: 5 March 2025 at 10:14:53 AM CAT

Cc: psmit@namisun.com, Werner Petrick <wpetrick@namisun.com>

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Let me know what your interest is and if you want to attend the focus group meeting.

| Town  | Date          | Time  | Venue                    |
|-------|---------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Opuwo | 12 March 2025 | 14H30 | Boardroom (Town Council) |

Regards, Karin

From: Karin Maletzky <karin.maletzky2021@gmail.com>

Subject: ESIA FOR THE PROPOSED BULK URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE TOWNS OF OKAHAO (OMUSATI REGION) AND OPUWO (KUNENE REGION): AVAILABILITY OF SCOPING REPORTS

Date: 16 June 2025 at 3:15:42 PM CAT

To: Younes Seghrouchni <y.seghrouchni@dw-namibia.org>, Salmi Neshila

<s.neshila@dw-namibia.org>

**Cc:** Johannes Jakob <j.jakob@dw-namibia.org>, Carla Lopes <c.paredeslopes@dw-namibia.org>, Aneska Swart <swarta@lce.com.na>, Anke Rusch <arusch@cmbnamibia.com>, Stefan Grögli <groeglis@lce.com.na>, psmit@namisun.com, Werner Petrick <wpetrick@namisun.com>

Dear Madam / Sir

# ESIA FOR THE PROPOSED BULK URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE TOWNS OF OKAHAO (OMUSATI REGION) AND OPUWO (KUNENE REGION): AVAILABILITY OF SCOPING REPORTS

With reference to previous correspondence, Development Workshop Namibia (DWN) is implementing the overall Project "Poverty-Oriented Development of Infrastructure in urban areas in Namibia" and intends to proceed with the construction of bulk urban infrastructure in Okahao and Opuwo with Lund Consulting Engineers (LCE) appointed for the design and supervision of the construction activities.

<u>Okahao (Omusati Region</u>): The proposed bulk urban infrastructure include the construction of a power supply line; construction of a pump station; construction of a sewer line; gravelling of the main roads and construction of a water reservoir and elevated tank.

<u>Opuwo (Kunene Region):</u> The proposed bulk urban infrastructure include the construction of an electrical supply line; gravelling of the main roads; rehabilitation of an existing sewer pump station and construction of bulk water pipelines.

The construction activities are scheduled to commence in January 2026 to December 2026.

Following extensive stakeholder consultations and the completion of the studies related to the two applications for Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (Environmental Commissioner), the ESIA Scoping (including Impact Assessment) Reports are available for review and comment by I&APs from 16 June to 7 July 2025. Hard copies of the two reports will be made available at the Okahao and Opuwo Town Councils for review. Please find copies of the executive summary of the two reports attached. Electronic copies of the full reports (including all Appendices) are also available on request to Namisun

If you would like your comments to be addressed in the final reports for submission to the relevant Ministries for final review and decision making, please submit them to Namisun by **no later than 7 July 2025**.

Kind regards,

Karin

From: <psmit@namisun.com>

Subject: FW: Afrikaans\_Fwd: Community Radio Announcements\_Okahao and

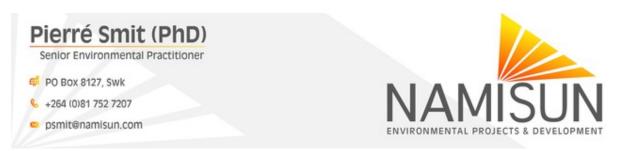
Opuwo March 2025

Date: 17 March 2025 at 8:37:40 AM CAT

To: "'Werner Petrick'" <wpetrick@namisun.com>, "'Karin Maletzky'"

<karin.maletzky2021@gmail.com>

FYI



From: Dunn, G < gdunn@nbc.na>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 4:02 PM **To:** Sugnet Smit <<u>smit.sugnet@gmail.com</u>> **Cc:** Pierré Smit <<u>oudoring@gmail.com</u>>

Subject: RE: Afrikaans\_Fwd: Community Radio Announcements\_Okahao and Opuwo March 2025

Good day Sugnet,

I trust all is well.

As per your request, this is to confirm that the English and Afrikaans public announcements were aired on our National and Hartklop radio stations.

I trust your public meetings were a huge success.

Regards, Grizelda Dunn

From: Sugnet Smit [mailto:smit.sugnet@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 04 March 2025 3:57 PM

To: Dunn, G < gdunn@nbc.na >

Cc: Pierré Smit < oudoring@gmail.com >

Subject: Afrikaans\_Fwd: Community Radio Announcements\_Okahao and Opuwo March 2025

Dear Grizelda

Thank you for your verbal commitment to air these invitations to communities on your esteemed radio stations.

As per request, herewith the Afrikaans version as well.

KENNISGEWING VAN N OMGEWING- EN SOSIALE IMPAKSTUDIE VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE INFRASTRUKTUUR PROJEKTE IN OKAHAO IN DIE OMUSATI STREEK EN OPUWO IN DIE KUNENE STREEK VAN NAMIBIË

Development Workshop Namibia gee hiermee kennis volgens die Omgewingswet en sy regulasies vir die implementering van die "Armoede-gefokusde ontwikkeling van infrastruktuur in stedelike gebiede in Namibië, met finansiële hulp van die KfW Ontwikkelingsbank.

Lund Konsulterende Ingenieurs is aangestel vir die ontwerp en toesighouding oor die konstruksie van die infrastruktuur in die dorpe Okahao en Opuwo.

Die voorgestelde infrastruktuur in Okahao sluit die bou van n kraglyn, n pompstasie, n rioollyn, n water opgaartenk en die gruis van die hoofpaaie in.

Die voorgestelde infrastruktuur in Opuwo sluit die bou van n kraglyn en hoof pyplyne, die gruis van die hoofpaaie en die rehabilitasie van die bestaande riool pompstasie en die rehabilitasie van die hoof kraglyn in.

Hierdie aankondiging het ten doel om inwoners en die algemene publiek in te lig oor die openbare vergaderings wat in die twee dorpe beplan word.

In Okahao vind die beplande vergadering op die 11de Maart 2025 om 09:00 by die Brandweerstasie plaas en in Opuwo vind die beplande vergadering op die 12de Maart 2025 om 09:00 by die Opemark plaas.

Alle belangstellendes word vriendelik uitgenooi vir hul deelname aan hierdie proses en om die vergaderings by te woon.

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Thanks again for assisting with the announcements on NBC Radio.

Would it be possible to have a possible time/and or proof of announcement to share with the relevant parties involved please?

Kind regards, Sugnet +264 81 2112 793

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sugnet Smit <smit.sugnet@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Subject: Community Radio Announcements Okahao and Opuwo March 2025

To: Dunn, G < gdunn@nbc.na>

Cc: Pierré Smit < <u>oudoring@gmail.com</u>>

#### Dear Grizelda

I trust this email finds you well.

Could you kindly advise/assist to provide me with the appropriate contact for community radio reads for two upcoming information sessions in Okahao (11th March) and Opuwo (12th March)?

#### Subject:

The implementation of "Poverty-Oriented Development Infrastructure in urban areas of Namibia" with financial support from KfW Development Bank.

Lund Consulting Engineers has been hired to design and supervise the construction of bulk urban infrastructure in the towns of Okahao and Opuwo.

In Okahao, the proposed bulk urban infrastructure includes the construction of a power supply line, a pump station, a sewer line, a water reservoir and the graveling of the main roads.

In Opuwo, the proposed bulk urban infrastructure includes the construction of an electrical supply line and bulk water pipelines, the graveling of the main roads, and the rehabilitation of an existing sewer pump station and rehabilitation of a bulk electrical line.

This announcement serves to inform the residents / general public that an open public meeting will be arranged in each of the two towns as follows:

In Okahao the meeting is planned on the 11 March 2025 at 09H00 at the Fire Station (at the Town Council) and Opuwo the meeting is planned on 12 March 2025 at 09H00 at the Open Market.

Interested persons are cordially invited to participate in this process and to attend the meetings.

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This would be a great opportunity for communities to engage and to be informed about future developments.

Kindly advise soonest in order to place these important community messages on your esteemed channels.

Warm regards,