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**PHASE 1 LAND RECLAMATION AND EXPANSION OF THE
PORT OF LÜDERITZ IN ROBERT HARBOUR, LÜDERITZ,
||KHARAS REGION**

Written Notice to Neighbours



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To: The Executive Director
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Phase 1 Land Reclamation and Expansion of the Port of Lüderitz, Karas Region

Lüderitz, historically established as a harbour town, hosts the Port of Lüderitz (Figure 1), one of two ports in Namibia. For more than a century, the Port of Lüderitz has been central to the town's economic activities and sustaining of the local community's livelihoods. Recent developments in the oil and gas sector, as well as an increased demand for port services related to the export of bulk metal ores and overall increased port utilisation leading to congestion, have necessitated Namport to investigate options to increase port capacity in Lüderitz. Due to the existing port being locked in by the town, land-based expansion of the port is severely restricted, while water depth and shallow bedrock limits offshore development. Therefore, over the last couple of decades, various studies have been conducted to identify different scenarios for increasing port capacity. These included developing completely new port infrastructure at locations such as North East Point, Angra Point, Shearwater Bay and Dias Point. While the development of a new deep-water port at a location such as Angra Point remains under consideration, expanding the existing port at Robert Harbour turned out to be a necessary option for certain port activities to grow. The Robert Harbour expansion option was thus concluded to be a more feasible option in terms of logistics, financial viability, and time efficiency.

The Namibian Ports Authority (Namport) proposes two phases of expansion of the existing port infrastructure (Figure 1). Phase 1 will entail extending the main quay wall by 500 m and reclaiming of approximately 14 hectares of sea area below the high-water mark (i.e. the existing legal jurisdiction of the Port of Lüderitz) to serve as backup land for the extended quay. Phase 2 will see demolition of the obsolete concrete jetty in the southernmost part of the harbour (Menai Creek), and reclamation of approximately 3 ha of sea area. A new concrete jetty will then be constructed at the north-end of the reclaimed area. The extended quay walls, new jetty and additional backup land will allow for the berthing of additional vessels and increased backup cargo storage space, and thus increase the much needed cargo handling capacity of the port, without the need for any onshore infrastructure construction.

Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd, an independent environmental consultant, was appointed by Namport to conduct an environmental assessment for the proposed Phase 1 expansion activity. The environmental assessment's purpose is to identify and address the potential impacts of the expansion on the environment, where the environment includes biophysical, social and economic impacts. The environmental assessment will be accompanied by an environmental management plan (EMP) and will ultimately, depending on the conclusion of the assessment, be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, to apply for an environmental clearance certificate (ECC). The environmental assessment is conducted in accordance with the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and its regulations as published in 2012.

Authorities, interested and affected parties or neighbours are invited to register with Geo Pollution Technologies to receive further documentation and communication regarding the project and the

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 You replied to this message on 2025-10-27 08:42.

Dear Mr. Faul,

Thank you for your invitation to NHC to participate in the public consultation process for the Environmental Impact Assessment Study for the **Port of Lüderitz / Robert Harbour Expansion**, scheduled for 3 October in Lüderitz.

Unfortunately, due to a high volume of pre-scheduled and prioritized commitments during this period, and with our limited capacity, NHC will not be able to attend the meeting. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delayed response.

For future correspondence, kindly note that I do not use my private email for work-related matters (often due to storage / space [REDACTED]). I would appreciate if you could send all future NHC / archaeology-related communication to my work email: [REDACTED][y@nhc-nam.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@nhc-nam.org).

We remain interested in the project and its outcomes, and we would appreciate receiving any materials (minutes, reports, presentations) that emerge from the consultation process. Should there be another opportunity for engagement at a later date, please do not hesitate to invite us.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards

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