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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Description
BID	Background Information Document
CA	Competent Authority
CRR	Comment and Response Report
DSR	Draft Scoping Report
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
ECC	Environmental Clearance Certificate
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMA	Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007)
GCS	GCS Water and Environmental Engineering Namibia (Proprietary Limited)
GG	Government Gazette
GN	Government Notice
I&AP	Interested and Affected Parties
MEFT:DEAT	Ministry Environment, Forestry and Tourism: Department of Environmental Assessment
PPP	Public Participation Process
S&EIA	Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Description

Alistair Services Namibia (Proprietary Limited) (Alistair Services - the Proponent) proposes to construct and operate an offshore oil and gas operations supply base within an existing industrial zone in Lüderitz, Karas Region, Namibia.

The Proponent aims to provide specialised logistics support to the oil and gas industry. Activities will broadly involve supporting oilfield development through integrated logistics services, including transportation, warehousing, and material handling. To enable these operations, the rezoning of the proposed site from Undetermined to Special is required. This will accommodate a range of light industrial uses, including but not limited to:

- Storage of oilfield equipment, cement, and chemicals.
- Machine-shop operations and pressure-testing services.
- Vehicle refuelling facilities.
- Vehicle and equipment workshops.
- Training programmes.
- Administrative and office functions.

GCS Water and Environmental Engineering Namibia (Proprietary Limited) (GCS) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to apply for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) in terms of the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process. This process will be undertaken in compliance with the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) (EMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2012 (Government Gazette No. 4878, Government Notice No. 30). The Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism:Department of Environmental Affairs (MEFT:DEA) is the Competent Authority (CA) for this application.

The proposed project triggers the following listed activities:

Table 1-1: Listed Activities

Activity	Description
Activity 1(c)	The construction of facilities for refining of gas, oil and petroleum products.
Activity 2.1	The construction of facilities for waste sites, treatment of waste and disposal of waste.
Activity 2.3	The import, processing, use and recycling, temporary storage, transit or export of waste.
Activity 5.1 (d)	The rezoning of land from use for nature conservation or zoned open space to any other land use.
Activity 9.1	Manufacturing, storage, handling, or processing of hazardous substances as defined in the Hazardous Substances Ordinance, 1974.

Activity 9.4	The storage and handling of dangerous goods, including petrol, diesel, liquid petroleum gas or paraffin, in containers with a combined capacity of more than 30 cubic metres at any one location.
Activity 9.5	Construction of filling stations or any other facility for the underground and aboveground storage of dangerous goods, including petrol, diesel, liquid, petroleum, gas or paraffin.

1.2 Project Location

Figure 1-1 shows the location of the proposed project in Lüderitz.



1.3 The Purpose of the Report

This report outlines the Public Participation Process (PPP) undertaken to support the S&EIA process. The PPP was conducted in accordance with the EMA and its associated EIA Regulations of 2012.

1.4 Objectives of the Public Participation Process

The PPP ensures that all relevant stakeholders are provided with opportunities to participate in the project in a transparent and inclusive manner. Its objectives include, but are not limited to:

- Establishing and maintaining positive relationships with host communities.
- Identifying and registering Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs).
- Sharing information about the project and potential impacts with affected stakeholders.
- Consulting with I&APs regarding the project.
- Ensuring that stakeholder concerns are documented and considered by the Proponent and CA.
- Incorporating input and comments from I&APs into a Comment and Response Report (CRR).
- Ensuring compliance with national legislation.

1.5 Legal Framework

The legal framework for the PPP is guided by the EIA Regulations of 2012. As part of this process, the following actions were undertaken to ensure compliance:

- Identification of relevant stakeholders representing diverse sectors of the public who may be affected by or interested in the project.
- Dissemination of information through multiple channels, including the Background Information Document (BID), announcement and notification letters, newspaper advertisements, site notices, and direct consultation with registered I&APs.

2 METHODOLOGY

The PPP was conducted in line with the EIA Regulations of 2012. An integrated approach was adopted to ensure meaningful engagement with stakeholders.

2.1 Announcement and Scoping Phase

The first step followed international best practice by notifying I&APs of the proposed project and inviting them to register. The second step entailed review of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) and the submission of comments for consideration during finalisation.

2.1.1 Development of Stakeholder

An existing stakeholder database, obtained from Alistair Services, was reviewed and updated. The updated database grouped stakeholders into the following categories:

- National and Regional Authorities.
- Town Councils.
- Environmental non-profit organisations.
- Adjacent landowners/occupiers.
- Host communities.

The stakeholder database currently includes 32 existing stakeholders and one newly registered stakeholder. The database is provided in Appendix A and will be updated throughout the project lifecycle.

2.1.2 Public Participation Media

The following media were employed during the announcement and scoping phase:

2.1.2.1 Publication of Newspaper Advertisement

Notices were published in *The Namibian* (22 July 2025) and *New Era* (23 July 2025). The advertisements informed I&APs of the project and invited them to register and provide comments on the DSR. (Refer to Appendix B)

2.1.2.2 Site Notices

Site notices (in English) were erected at key locations within Lüderitz. These notices invited I&APs to register and participate. (Refer to APPENDIX C)

2.1.2.3 Distribution of a Background Information Document and Registration and Comment Form

The BID, which included project details such as location, activities, and regulatory requirements, was distributed via email to registered I&APs on 23 July 2025. A Registration and Comment Form accompanied the BID. (Refer to APPENDIX D)

2.1.2.4 Notification Letters

Notification letters were distributed to stakeholders, informing them of a planned public meeting at the project site on 31 July 2025. However, no I&APs attended. (Refer to Appendix F)

2.1.2.5 Public Meeting

A public meeting was scheduled for 31 July 2025 at the project site to provide details and obtain stakeholder input. No I&APs attended. (Refer to Appendix G)

3 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

Throughout the S&EIA process, stakeholders were provided with opportunities to submit comments, raise issues, and make recommendations. These will be documented in the CRR, along with responses from the project team. To date, no comments have been received on the DSR; therefore, a CRR has not yet been compiled.

4 STAKEHOLDER REACH EVALUATION

Stakeholder engagement has included a wide range of groups, such as authorities, farm owners, adjacent landowners, community representatives, and organisations (e.g., businesses and environmental forums). A total of 32 stakeholders are currently registered in the database, reflecting broad outreach and inclusivity.

Engagement tools included newspaper advertisements, site notices, direct emails, and distribution of the BID and draft reports. These methods align with legislative requirements and offered stakeholders multiple opportunities to engage.

Despite these efforts, participation has been limited, with no formal comments received to date. This likely reflects the project's location within an existing industrial footprint, reducing the level of perceived concern among stakeholders.

5 CONCLUSION

A comprehensive PPP was implemented to inform and engage I&APs during the scoping phase. The stakeholder database was actively maintained, and multiple notification channels were used to ensure inclusivity.

The process adhered to national legislation and principles of transparency, providing all relevant stakeholders with opportunities to participate. The project team remains committed to ongoing engagement and values stakeholder contributions to the decision-making process.

The MEFT:DEA will assess the Final Scoping and determine whether the project may proceed.

APPENDIX A - STAKEHOLDER DATABASE

APPENDIX B - NEWSPAPER ADVERTISMENT

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