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The last date for any objections is: 13th June 2025

Consultants P 0 Box 40900, Ausspannplatz Email: planning@nghivelwa.com. na Tel: 081 4127 359



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Rezoning of Erf 895, Oshakati North Extension 3 from "Single Residential" with a density of 1:300 to "General Residential" with a density of 1:100.

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PLANNING

PUBLIC NOTICE

Manning Consultants (Town and Re-gional Planners) on behalf of the own-ers of Erf 760, Eveline Street, Goreangab Extension 2, has applied to the Windhoek Municipal Council and intends applying to the Urban and Regional Planning Board for the:

Erf 760 is located in Eveline Street, Gore-angab Extension 2 and currently meas-ure ±186 m² in extent. The erf is currently zoned for "Residential" purposes. It is the intention of the owners to apply for the rezoning to allow for the erf to be used for water bar (business) purposes.

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Location: Omaruru Town, Erongo Region. **Proponent:** Benedikt Mar Johanns

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The key component of the proposed ac-tivity entails the prospecting and estab-lishment of a small-scale mine. Access to the sites will be by existing tracks and on foot where vehicle access is limited.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

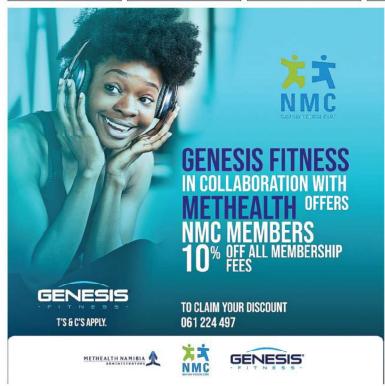
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3 COMMENTS AND OURDIES

Interested and Affected Parties are here-with request to register by writing to us at the address below no later than 30 May

Please register and direct all comments, queries to: Environmental Assessment Practitioner Email: eap.trigen@gmail.com

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Rundu Govt Garage ...

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public offices. Regional governors and chairpersons of regional councils in the same year urged the government to end the moratorium that has restricted vehicle procurement for offices, ministries, and

The five-year moratorium was imposed in 2020 by President Hage Geingob as part of austerity measures. It barred the purchase of new vehicles for ministers and other public officials. However, restrictions began as early as 2015 when then-finance minister Calle Schlettwein ordered a halt to vehicle purchases.

Despite the freeze, the government spent N\$55 million on vehicles in 2022. For the 2023/24 financial year, the planned expenditure has surged to N\$210 million, marking a 282% increase.

Gebhardt expressed concern about the lack of new vehicle purchases. "The fleet is ageing, maintenance costs are high, and the number of usable vehicles is shrinking, he said.

He said it's important to balance the disposal of old vehicles with investments in new ones. "It's vital to dispose of old vehicles, but there must also be strategic investment in new ones, especially in regions like Kavango, where shortages are acute."

Despite the challenges, Gebhardt said the current fleet still serves ministries adequately. But he warned that auctioning off 20 to 30 vehicles could result in only two or three replacements. "There's an expectation that all vehicles will be replaced, but in reality, ministries are still waiting and trusting leadership to deliver," he said.



High Risk of Cyberattacks ...

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The report identifies cyber threats and global financial instability as the two main risks to the country's financial system this year. Both risks were rated with the highest probability of happening.

The report says cyber threats may come in the form of phishing, spoofing, and over-reliance on third-party service providers. To respond, the Cyber Security Council recommended more awareness campaigns to fight phishing and called for stronger firewall standards.

It also advised institutions to implement multifactor authentication to counter spoofing and to improve procurement policies and due diligence when working with third-party service providers. Banks have been told to keep improving their cyber risk management

The report defines financial system stability as the ability to absorb internal and external shocks, whether economic, political, or otherwise. It also describes it as the absence of serious disruptions in financial transactions between households, businesses, and financial institutions

Beyond cyber threats, payment card fraud has been rising. Most of these cases are card-not-present fraud, where transactions on e-commerce platforms are done without a one-time password (OTP).

This happens when a customer uses a card at an unsecured merchant and does not need to confirm the transaction with an OTP.

In response, the Central Bank and other oversight bodies have taken steps to deal with the issue.

These include closer monitoring of fraudulent. The report also shows a notable increase in

This set of security guidelines ensures that Cybersecurity platforms have also been mobillow strict protocols to protect cardholder data, and promote better security practices. helping to prevent data breaches, fraud, and the theft of sensitive payment information," the *Email: erastus@thevillager.com.na* report stated.

transactions and blocking certain e-commerce Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) fraud during sites. They have also worked on protecting fi- 2024. Phishing attacks are the main cause. nancial data and enforcing standards such as The Central Bank has been in talks with inthe Payment Card Industry Data Security Stan- dustry players to strengthen how client data is handled

all stakeholders handling card information fol- ised to raise awareness about payment fraud



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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORA-TION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 9983 IN USAKOS AREA, ERONGO REGION.

OUTRUN CONSULTANTS CC HEREBY GIVES NOTICE OF THE ENVIRON-MENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON 9983.

The exact location of the project site is highlighted in the Background and invitation to participate Document (BID). An EIA is being commissioned as required under the Emvironmental Management Act. 7 of 2007 and Regulations of 2012. Interested and Affected Parties are invited to register and attend meetings as detailed below.

PROPONENT(S): SNOWBUSH TRAD-ING CC

PROJECT ACTIVITIES: EXPLORA-TION FOR BASE & RARE METALS, INDUSTRIAL MINERALS AND PRE-CIOUS METALS.

PROJECT LOCATION: USAKOS AREA -ERONGO REGION - LOCATION MAPS ARE PROVIDED IN THE BIDS.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: A FORMAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ONSITE 10HRS00 ON THE 30TH OF MAY 2025.

VENUE: FARM GOABEB 63 Josiah - 0812 683 578, E-Mail: outrungreeninfo@gmail.com



PUBLIC NOTICE

EIA FOR THE EXISTING CARBONILE CHARCOAL PROCESSING PLANT IN THE OMARURU DISTRICT, ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA.

Acacia Enviro Consulting Cc was appointed by Carbonile Namibia to undertake an environmental assessment and develop an EMP for its existing Charcoal Processing Plant in the Omaruru district. right in the Umaruri district Erongo region, in accordance with the Environmental Management Act no. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 EIA regulations.

Members of the public are hereby invited to attend the public participation meeting.

Date: 24 May 2024 Time: 10h00 - 11h00 Venue: Luna Park, Omaruru

For more information please contact: Mr. Johannes Munango Mobile: +264 814112046



PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that HARMONICTOWN PLANNING CONSULTANTS CC, Town and Regional Planners, on behalf of the owner(s) of the respective erven, intend to apply to the City of Wind-hoek and the Urban and Regional Planning Board for the:

- Rezoning of Erf No. 242. Akwamaryn Street, Erospark from "Residential" with a density of 1:900 to "Office" with a bulk of 0.4: and
- of 0.4; and Consent For Institutional Use (Place of Instruction) to Operate on Erf No.242, Akwamaryn Street, Erospark and Erf No.243, Akwamaryn Street, Erospark.

No.243, Akwamary n Street Erospark. Eff 242 and Erf 243 are located on Akwam-aryn Street within Erospark. Erf 242 and Eff 243 measure ±1346m2 and ±136m2, respectively. Erf 242 is zoned "Residential" with a density of 1:900, while Erf 243 is zoned "Office" with a bulk of 0.4 as per the Windhoek Zoning Scheme.

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Sufficient parking for the development will be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Windhoek Zoning Scheme.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEA RANCE NOTICE Public Participation Notice in terms of Regulation No. 29, Sec floor 21 under the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007)
Report Title: Sea IOII and Seal Product Processing Plant. Hendes Bay, Namibia Project Location: Portion 105 of Henties Bay Tominish Project Location: Portion 105 of Henties Bay Tominish Seal Product Locations Professing Plant. Hendes Bay Tominish Seal Project Locations Professing Plant. Hendes Bay Tominish Seal Project Locations Professing Plant. Hendes Bay Tominish Seal Professional P

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The EU.p rocess will assess environmental and social impacts including land defautance, which recourses broken size and social engance including land defautance, water recourses, broken size and social environments factors associated with the construction and establishment of a Seel Dill and Seel Processing Plant on portion '05 of Herities bay townlands no. 133. In extent of 25 Hectares Mitgation measures will ensure sustainable exploration while protecting the environme and communities.

exploration while protecting the environment and communities. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to participate. Submit comments by 25 May, 2025.

Contact Information: • Tel / WhatsApp: +264 (0) 81 878 66 76

- low to Participate:

 Registeras an ISAP: To receive project
 updates and documents, including the
 Draft Ela/Scoping Report and Draft Enricomental Management Plan (EMP),
 please contact Errorgo Consulting Group
 using the details above.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take note that Kamau Town Planning and Development Specialists and Environmental Consultants has been appointed by the owner of Erl 1327, Oshakati North (Extension No. 6), to apply to the Oshakati Town Council and the Urban and Regional Planning Board for the:

REZONING OF ERF 1327, OSHAKATI NORTH (EXTENSION NO. 6), FROM "SIN-GLE RESIDENTIAL" WITH A DENSITY OF 1:300 m2 TO "GENERAL RESIDENTIAL" WITH A DENSITY 1:100 m2

In accordance with the Oshakati Zoning Scheme and Part 2, Section 105 of the Urban and Regional Planning Act No. 5 of 2018, Kamau TPDS hereby provides public notification of the above application.

notification of the above application. Erf 1327 is located along north of the main road of Ehenye, before the forth four-way stop of Tshoopara Tsha Tshilongo Street. The property is currently zoned "Single Residenti

measures 1134 sgm in extent. At present, the eff is vescant, it is with the intention of the owner of the eff to rezone the effform 'Single Residential' with a demsity of 1:500 to 'General Residential' with a density of 1:500 to 'General Residential' with a density of 1:500m2, in order to sign the proposed activities on the eff to the zoning and by-laws of the Oshakati Town Council and the Urban and Regional Planning Board.

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Please further take note that -

Town Ranning Department: b) Any person having objections to the re-zoning concerned or who wants to com-ment, may in writing lodge such objections and comments, together with the grounds, with the Chief Esecutive Officer of the Os-hakati Town Council, and with the applicant within 14 days of the last publication of this notice, i.e. no later than 23. May 2025.



Pep to Acquire 24 Big Daddy ...

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These include Ackermans, Tekkie Town, Dunns. Refinery. Shoe City. S.P.C.C.. Sleepmasters, HiFi Corp, Incredible Connections and Tenacity. Big Daddy Clothing is a family-owned, cash-based national retailer specialising in affordable adult-focused fashion, with a limited selection of children's and baby apparel.

According to the Commission, all proposed mergers must be notified and assessed under Section 44(1) of the Competition Act. The Commission may approve, prohibit, or approve a transaction subject to conditions.



In this case, the Commission's investigation revealed that the proposed merger would likely strengthen Pep's dominant position in the clothing retail market.

It also raised concerns about the potential for coordinated market behaviour, as outlined in Section 47(2) of the Competition Act.

The Commission has outlined specific conditions under which the two parties may proceed with the transaction. These conditions are aimed at preserving competitive market dynamics, protecting the public interest, and promoting growth in the sectors affected by the proposed merger.

The key conditions imposed include: the establishment of supplier relationships and support for small and medium enterprises (SMEs); a commitment to avoid bundling products or services; and a moratorium on merger-specific retrenchments for a period of three years.

However, the Commission has not provided detailed explanations on how these conditions will mitigate the risk of market dominance or enhance competition.

In line with the Competition Act, all merger transactions that meet the prescribed thresholds must be notified to the Namibian Competition Commission for assessment and clearance before implementation.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Unemployed Teachers...

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lists all unemployed teachers according to their graduation years, and we, as a committee, would like to assist in setting up this database," she suggested.

She further explained that the current interview process is marred by corruption and lacks transparency.

Those with financial resources often pay for positions, while those without money, regardless of how many interviews they attend, are disadvantaged, which she described as fundamentally unfair.

When asked about how the committee plans to address these issues, Kamati expressed frustration that they have been advocating for the removal of interviews for nearly five years without success.

She announced plans for a peaceful demonstration involving all unemployed qualified teachers, intending to camp at the Ministry of Education until they receive a favorable response.

Regarding the impact of a proposed database on newly qualified teachers, Kamati suggested they could seek other opportunities while waiting for their turn, arguing that those who graduated longer ago need jobs more urgently.

The Committee also urges the government to consider hiring two teachers per classroom, where one can assist the primary teacher, allowing work to be completed more efficiently.

Saying it will assist the government in meeting the learner-to-teacher ratio.

"Why is the government not adhering to the recommended learner-to-teacher ratio of 35 learners per teacher? Some educators are burdened with teaching up to 65 students," she stresses.

Kamati emphasised that if the government is not willing to implement a database, it should at least consider the necessity of having two teachers per class, particular ly at the junior primary level, where one teacher is responsible for teaching multiple subjects.

She encouraged unemployed teachers to remain hopeful and persistent, assuring them that their efforts would eventually be rewarded with job opportunities.

Benhard Kavau, the Board Chairperson of the Student Union of Namibia (SUN), supported the call to abolish traditional face-to-face interviews and advocated for online interviews instead.

He said face-to-face interviews are time-consuming and costly for candidates traveling to various locations.

"Transitioning to an online format that can be recorded would promote transparency and accountability, allowing for public review of hiring fairness," he stated. Kavau also noted that online interviews would enable more qualified teachers to apply from the comfort of their homes.

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