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Subject: FW: Letter for Consent Request for Directorate of Wildlife and National Parks
Attachments: Request for Consent for Powerstone cc for Borrowpits_sandmining.pdf

Good day Mr Siegfried,

Find attached reforwarded email for your kind assistance.

Many Thanks,

Regards,

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Subject: Letter for Consent Request for Directorate of Wildlife and National Parks

Dear Mr. Gawiseb & Mr. Solomon,

Please find attached, detailed request with supporting documentation, to extract construction material from the Dorop National Park area.

Your favorable and positive consideration of the request will be highly appreciated.

Please contact the undersigned at any time if any additional details / clarifications is required.

Yours faithfully,

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23rd September 2025

To:

Mr. Siegfried Gawiseb

Mr. Riaan Solomon

Directorate of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP)

Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism

Windhoek, Namibia

Dear Sir,

Subject: Request for Consent for the Proposed Borrow Pits/ Sand mining Activities (Sub-based, River Sand and Dune Sand Applications), in the Dorob National Park, in the Erongo Region.

Power Stone cc is a Namibian company established to supply construction materials in support of the country's growing infrastructure and development needs. In line with this mandate, the company has identified suitable sites for the extraction of sub-base material, river sand, and dune sand to meet the demand for road construction, housing, and related projects in the Erongo Region.

Power Stone cc is the proponent for three applications currently under environmental assessment in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations. These applications are as follows:

- Sub-base Material (APP-006368)
- River Sand (APP-006392)
- Dune Sand (APP-006369)

Screening notifications for the above projects have been received (refer to Appendix 1), and the proponent has initiated the process of obtaining Environmental Clearance Certificates (ECCs) in accordance with the EMA and EIA Regulations. An appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner is in the process of preparing the relevant Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) reports for submission.

As part of the requirements, and in recognition of the Department of Parks' mandate as a key authority, we hereby request the Department's consent for the proposed activities. We also seek your guidance on the specific requirements that must be

fulfilled to obtain such consent, and clarification on whether consent from the relevant local authority is also required considering its Dorob Park jurisdiction.

For reference, please find attached to this letter:

- A map of the areas of interest, including coordinates and area sizes (Appendix 1).
- Screening notices for each application (Annexure 2).
- A consolidated Background Information Document has been prepared to cover all three combined sites for ease of reference as Appendix 3. Individual Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) reports will be submitted separately for each site.

Power Stone cc remains committed to ensuring full compliance with environmental legislation and to working closely with your department throughout this process.

Thank you for your guidance and support.

Yours faithfully,



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Appendix 1: Screening Notices

From: Ministry of Environment and Tourism <noreply@meft.gov.na>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 5:04 PM
To: Power Stone cc
Subject: Your application is verified



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism

2025-09-09

Dear Power Stone cc,

This email serves to inform you that your application **APP-006368** has been verified

Taking the following into considerations:

- Location of the project
- Pollution potential
- Scale of operation of the project

Please upload the following documents:

- Scoping Report
- EMP
- Confirmation of screening notice received (through email) in terms of assessment procedures (Section 35 (1)(a)(b) of the Environmental Management Act, No 7 of 2007)
- Preliminary Site Map (Project boundaries) with coordinates (decimal degrees) and a Legend
- CV of Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)

- Declaration for the Submission of Assessment Reports and other Support Documents (upload Declaration Form from www.eia.meft.gov.na (downloads))
- Proof of written notice to the local authority council, regional council and traditional authority, in which the site or alternative site is situated; and consent obtained
- Proof of written notice to any other organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity;

Please login onto our portal to upload required documents, if any
<https://eia.met.gov.na>

NB- for the purpose of Section 38 of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 read with Regulation 4(d), kindly forward copies of all relevant documents i.e (application forms, EIA, Scoping reports, EMP etc) to the office of the Environmental Commissioner

Thank you

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Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 9:50 AM
To: Power Stone cc
Subject: Your application is verified



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism

2025-09-16

Dear Power Stone cc,

This email serves to inform you that your application **APP-006392** has been verified

Taking the following into considerations:

- Location of the project
- Pollution potential
- Sensitivity of the area
- Scale of operation of the project

Please upload the following documents:

- EIA
- EMP
- Confirmation of screening notice received (through email) in terms of assessment procedures (Section 35 (1)(a)(b) of the Environmental Management Act, No 7 of 2007)
- Preliminary Site Map (Project boundaries) with coordinates (decimal degrees) and a Legend
- CV of Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)

- Declaration for the Submission of Assessment Reports and other Support Documents (upload Declaration Form from www.eia.meft.gov.na (downloads))
- List of all persons, organisations and organs of state that were registered in terms of regulation 22 as interested and affected parties in relation to the application
- Proof of Newspaper advertisement, once a week for two consecutive weeks in at least two newspapers circulated widely in Namibia
- Proof of written notice to the owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site
- Proof of written notice to the local authority council, regional council and traditional authority, in which the site or alternative site is situated; and consent obtained
- Proof of written notice to any other organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity;
- Copies of the minutes of any meetings held by the proponent with interested and affected parties and other role players which record the views of the participants
- Copies of any representations, objections and comments received in connection with the application or the scoping report

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Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 10:42 AM
To: Power Stone cc
Subject: Your application is verified



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism

2025-09-16

Dear Power Stone cc,

This email serves to inform you that your application **APP-006369** has been verified

Taking the following into considerations:

- Location of the project
- Pollution potential
- Sensitivity of the area
- Scale of operation of the project

Please upload the following documents:

- EIA
- EMP
- Confirmation of screening notice received (through email) in terms of assessment procedures (Section 35 (1)(a)(b) of the Environmental Management Act, No 7 of 2007)
- Preliminary Site Map (Project boundaries) with coordinates (decimal degrees) and a Legend
- CV of Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)

- Consent from the National Heritage Council for protection of archaeological artefacts, paleontological and rare geological specimens, meteorites and any other object which holds cultural significance
- Declaration for the Submission of Assessment Reports and other Support Documents (upload Declaration Form from www.eia.meft.gov.na (downloads))
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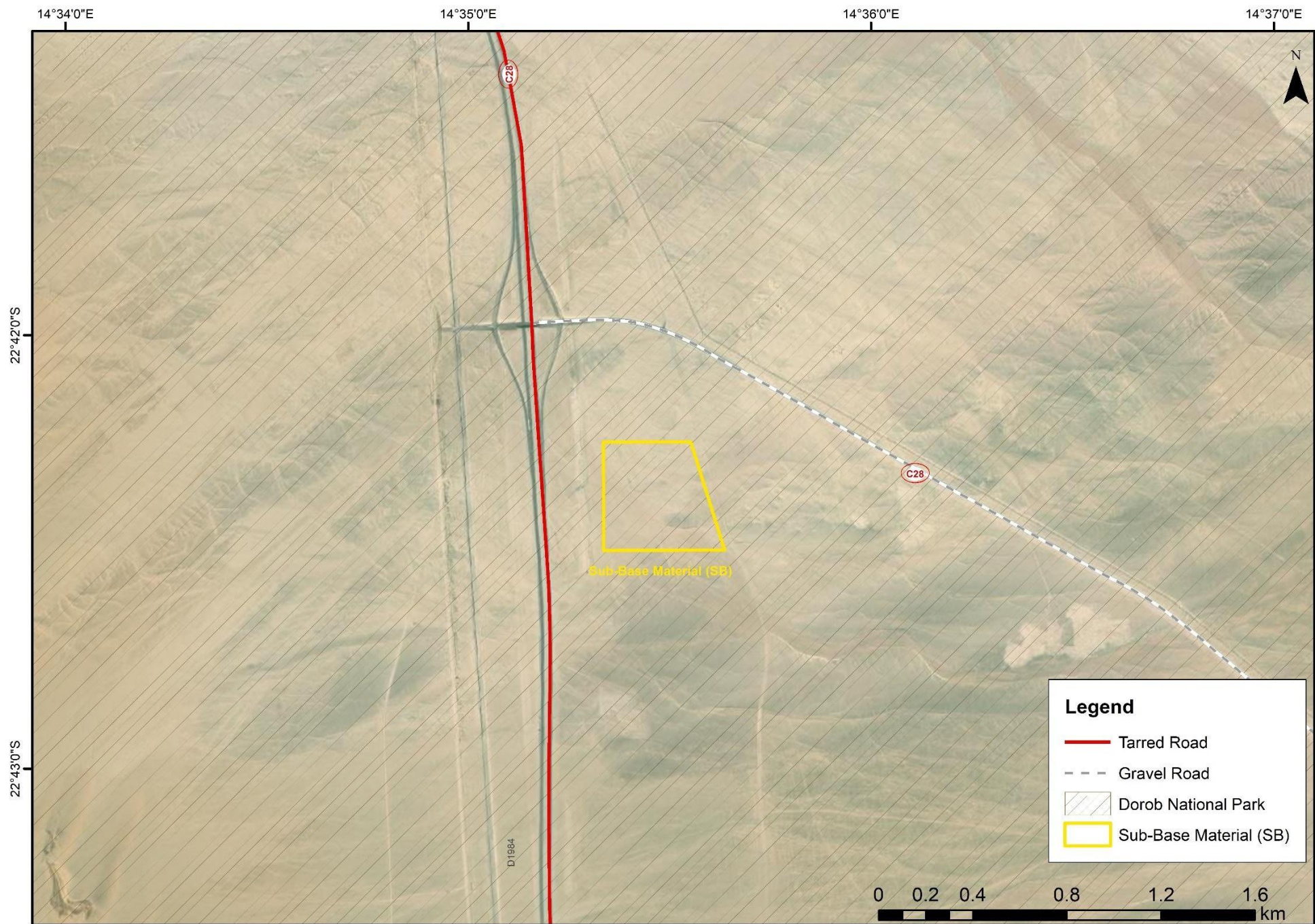
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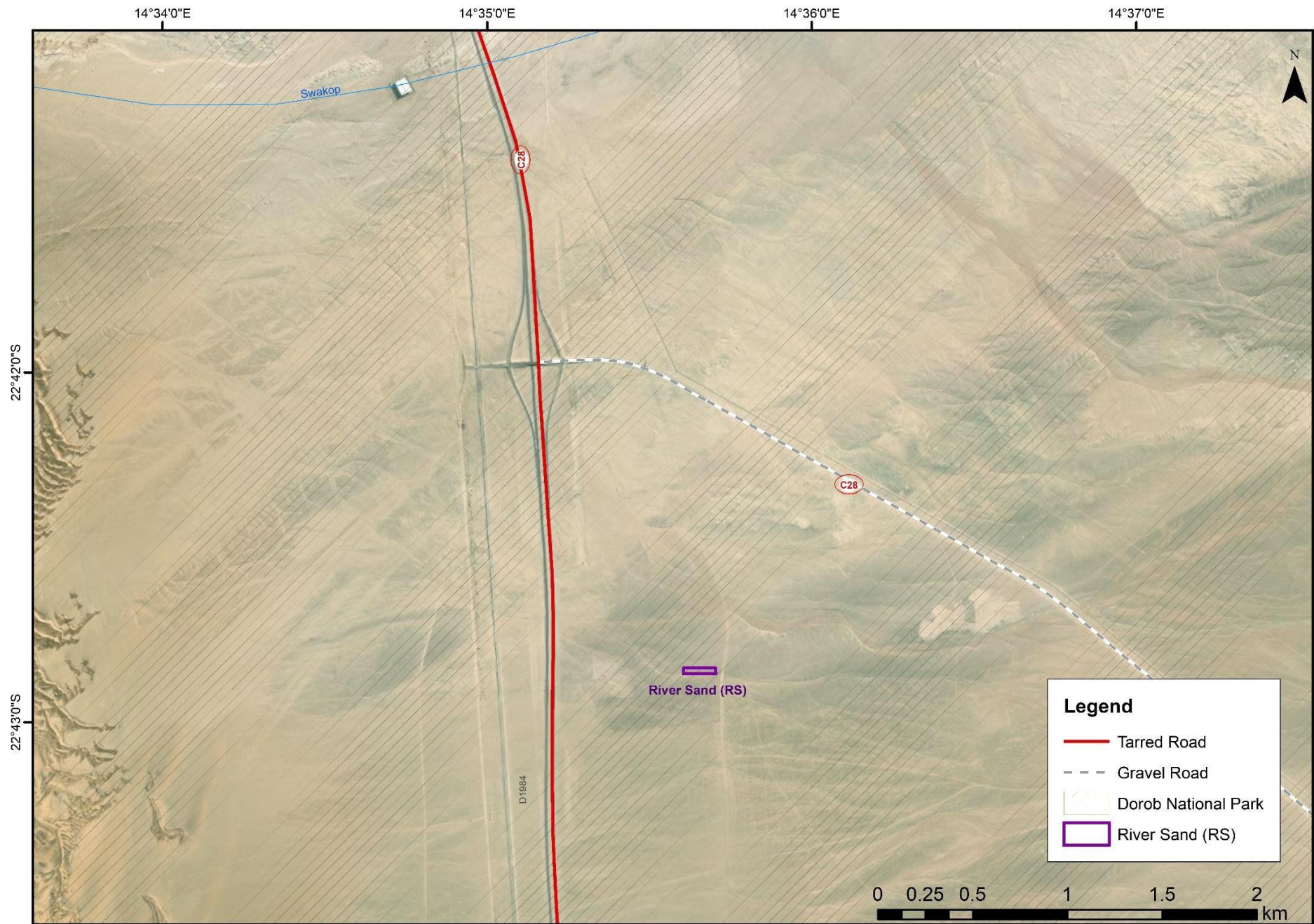
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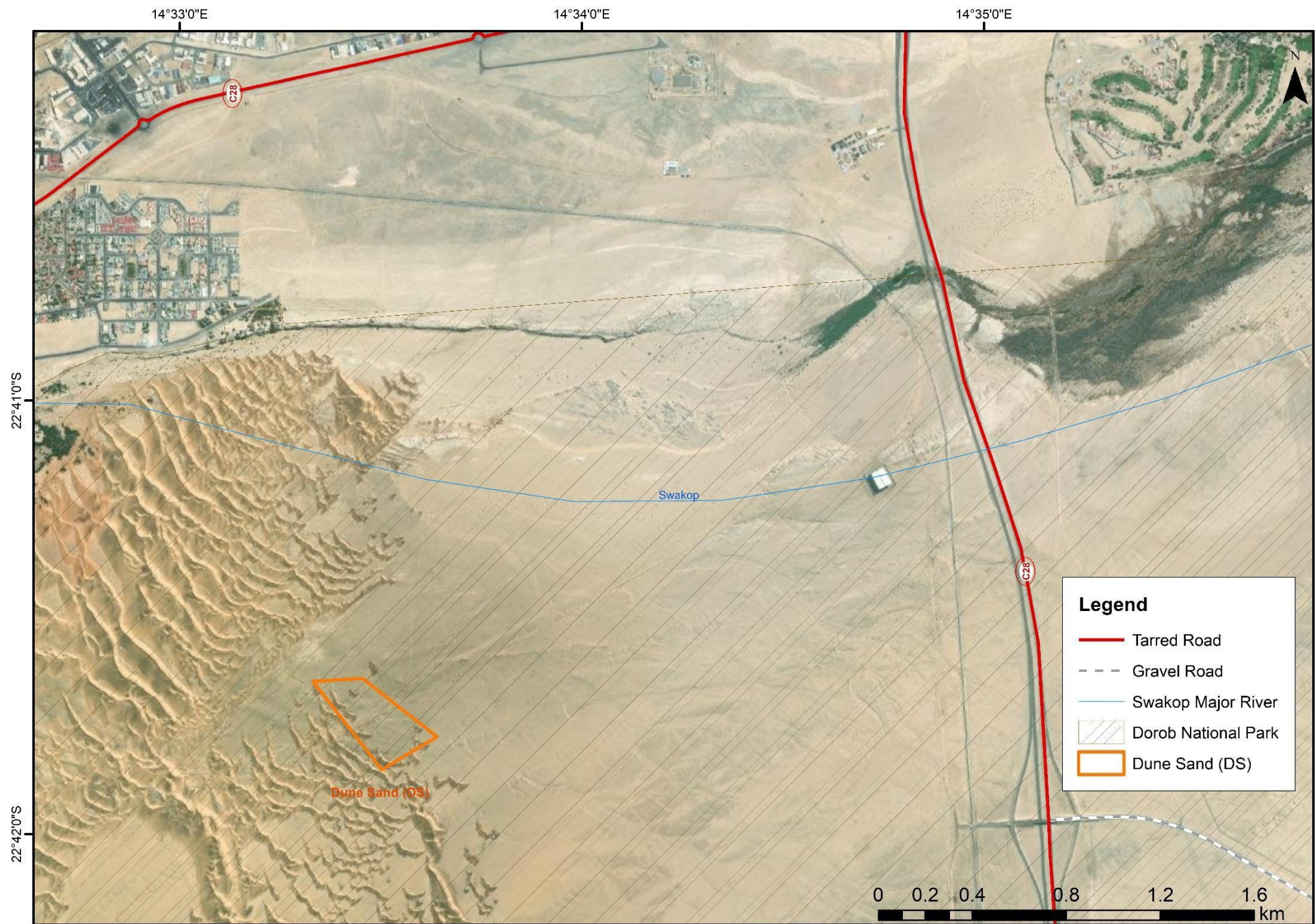
Appendix 2: Area Sizes Maps & Coordinates

Final Borrow Pit Areas boundary polygon

Borrow Pit	Size in hectares	Boundary polygon	S - Co-ordinate	E - Co-ordinate
Dune Sand (DS)	9.56	DS Point 1	22° 41' 39 "	14° 33' 20 "
		DS Point 2	22° 41' 39 "	14° 33' 27 "
		DS Point 3	22° 41' 47 "	14° 33' 38 "
		DS Point 4	22° 41' 51 "	14° 33' 30 "
Sub-Base Material (SB)	11.69	SB Point 1	22° 42' 15 "	14° 35' 20 "
		SB Point 2	22° 42' 15 "	14° 35' 33 "
		SB Point 3	22° 42' 30 "	14° 35' 38 "
		SB Point 4	22° 42' 30 "	14° 35' 20 "
River Sand (RS)	0.34	RS Point 1	22° 42' 51 "	14° 35' 36 "
		RS Point 2	22° 42' 51 "	14° 35' 42 "
		RS Point 3	22° 42' 52 "	14° 35' 36 "
		RS Point 4	22° 42' 52 "	14° 35' 42 "







Appendix 3 - BID

POWER STONE CC

**Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for
Sub-Base Material Extraction including sand mining, within a
Selected Area of Dorob National Park, near Swakopmund,
Erongo Region**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Proponent:

POWER STONE CC.
P.O Box 8279
Swakopmund

Project Name:

Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for Sub-Base Material Extraction including sand mining, within a Selected Area of Dorob National Park, near Swakopmund, Erongo Region.

Location, Coordinates:

22.6942, 14.5556
22.7042, 14.5889
22.7142, 14.5933

Intended Use:

Development of borrow pits to extract construction material (gravel, sand, and calcrete) for road and infrastructure projects in the Erongo Region.

Regulatory Authority:

Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism

Consultant:

Earth Environmental Services cc
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Email: emerita@earth-es.com.na / emerita.ashipala@gmail.com

1. Introduction

Power Stone CC (hereinafter referred to as “the Proponent”) intends to extract sub-base material and sand within a selected area of Dorob National Park, near Swakopmund, Erongo Region (Figure 1). The extraction activities will supply essential construction materials including sub-base material, river sand, and dune sand from three (3) designated locations at any given time. These resources are required for road construction, maintenance, housing, and other infrastructure projects in Swakopmund and the wider Erongo Region.

- **Sub-base material (SB):** Excavated primarily from the eastern section, with a maximum depth of 1.5 metres below natural ground level.
- **River sand (RS):** Extracted from dry riverbeds to a maximum depth of 1.5 metres, with evenly sloping banks formed to allow safe 4x4 vehicle movement and to prevent obstructions.
- **Dune sand (DS):** Collected from the western dune systems, with excavation limited to the natural ground level of the surrounding landscape to avoid permanent alteration of the dune morphology.

1.1. Environmental Permit Requirements

In accordance with the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) and its associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2012, the establishment and operation of borrow pits is a listed activity that requires environmental authorisation. Since the proposed borrow pits fall within Dorob National Park, a protected area, a scoping report must be undertaken before an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) can be issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT). These documents will outline the operational footprint, assess potential environmental risks, and provide mitigation measures to ensure that borrow pit development proceeds in a responsible and sustainable manner.

The following listed activities are triggered by the proposed project:

- **Activity 3.2 (Mining and Quarrying):** Other forms of mining or extraction of any natural resources, whether regulated by law or not.

3.3 Resource extraction, manipulation, conservation and related activities.

- **Activity 2.1 (Waste Management):** Construction of facilities for waste treatment, handling, storage, or disposal of waste.

An independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) has been appointed to guide the process, undertake stakeholder engagement, and compile the necessary documentation for submission to MEFT.

2. Scope and Purpose of this BID

This BID provides stakeholders with an overview of the proposed borrow pit project, its scope, and potential environmental implications. It serves as an information-sharing tool to facilitate public participation and ensure compliance with EIA Regulations.

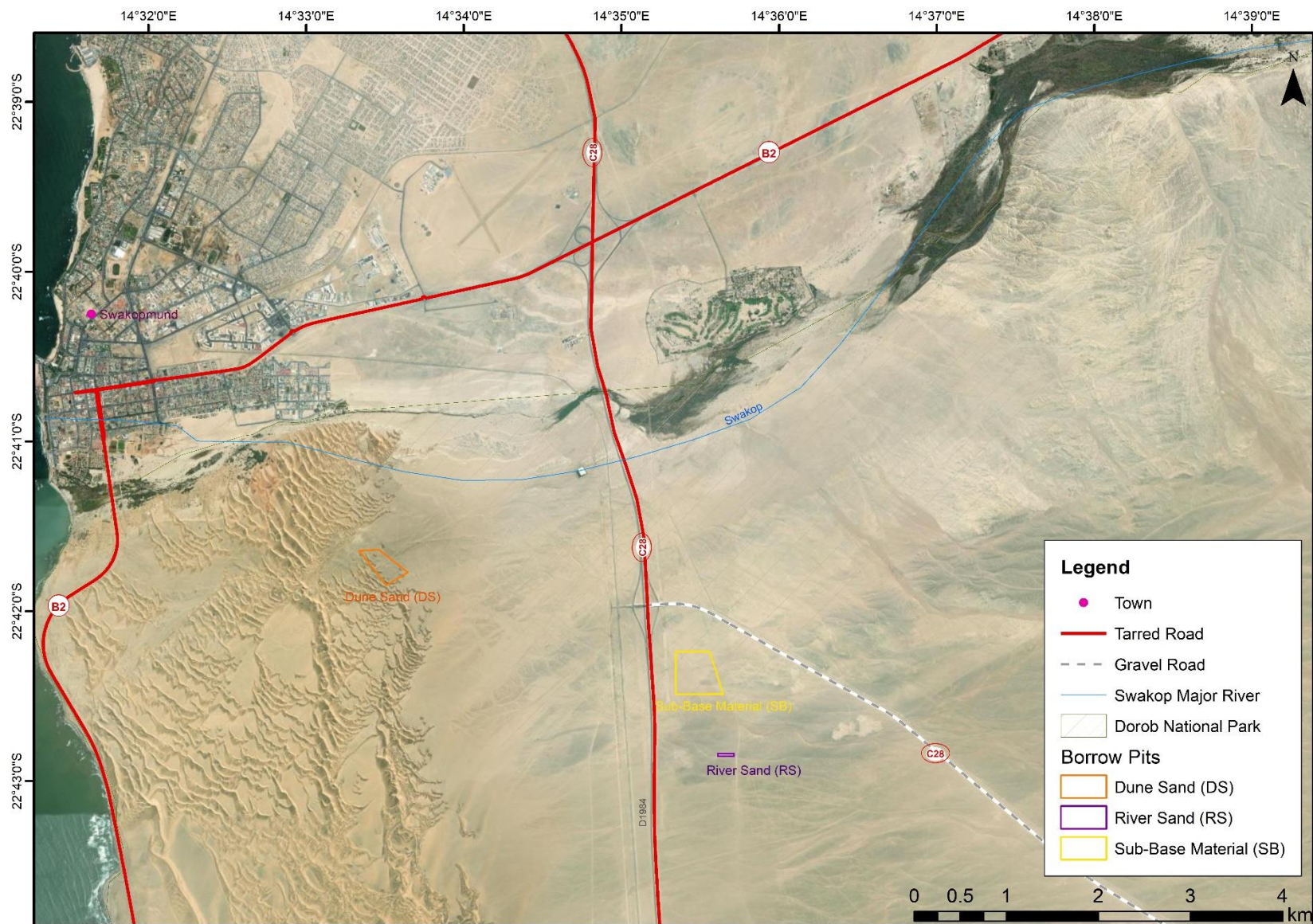


Figure 1: Location of the three borrow pits in the Dorob National Park, Erongo Region

3. Proposed Project Activities

1. **Survey and Demarcation:** The project will begin with a formal survey and demarcation of three polygons referred to as the “Initial Extraction Area Boundaries” Boundaries will be pegged, full coordinates recorded, and site plans prepared to identify the size, material type, and extraction potential of each area.
2. **Site Preparation:** Once demarcated, limited vegetation clearing will be undertaken where necessary, together with the establishment of temporary access routes and haul roads. Safety signage will be installed around operational areas to control access, reduce environmental disturbance, and ensure safe site management.
3. **Excavation of Material:** The core activity is the phased extraction of construction materials:
 - Sub-base material (SB): Excavated mainly from the eastern section to a maximum depth of 1.5 metres below natural ground level.
 - River sand (RS): Extracted from dry riverbeds to a maximum depth of 1.5 metres below the bed level, with evenly sloped banks to maintain safe access.
 - Dune sand (DS): Collected from western dune systems, with excavation limited to the surrounding natural ground level to avoid altering dune morphology.

At any given time, no more than three areas (one for each material type) will be active. Once extraction is complete or no longer viable, rehabilitation will be carried out before a new area is opened.

4. **Extraction Operations:** Excavation will be conducted using excavators, front-end loaders, and tipper trucks. The anticipated extraction volume is 3,000–5,000 m³ per month, with potential for future scale-up. Initially, operations will run on an “as-needed” basis, averaging one extraction every two weeks. To ensure availability, material will also be stockpiled on-site and off-site.
5. **Environmental Management and Dust Suppression:** Dust will be controlled through water spraying and, where necessary, temporary dust screens. All machinery will be maintained to limit emissions and noise. Waste will be collected, sorted, and disposed of in line with

regulations. Hydrocarbons and other hazardous substances will be managed under strict environmental controls.

- 6. Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation will run concurrently with extraction. Topsoil will be set aside for later use in backfilling, and slopes will be stabilised to prevent erosion. Pits will be levelled to blend with the surrounding landscape, while dune areas will be carefully restored to natural contours. Final rehabilitation will ensure compliance with environmental standards and leave minimal long-term impact.

4. Project Motivation

The Erongo Region is undergoing significant urban growth and rapid infrastructure development, with increasing demand for reliable construction materials to support roads, housing, and public works. Gravel, calcrete, river sand, and dune sand are critical inputs for these projects, and the availability of such materials directly affects the pace and cost of development in the region.

The establishment of borrow pits will ensure that construction materials can be sourced locally rather than transported over long distances. This will not only reduce transport costs for contractors. By locating borrow pits closer to areas of high demand, the project will contribute to both economic and environmental efficiency.

Beyond cost savings, the borrow pits will play a vital role in supporting public infrastructure initiatives, including the construction and maintenance of regional and national roads. Importantly, the project will create opportunities for local employment during both the operational and rehabilitation phases. This includes skilled and semi-skilled jobs in excavation, haulage, site management, and environmental monitoring. Local communities will also benefit from skills transfer, which can improve long-term employability in the construction and mining sectors.

In the longer term, it will contribute to sustainable regional economic growth by unlocking infrastructure potential and improving service delivery to residents and businesses.

5. Potential Environmental Issues and Mitigation Measures

Although the proposed borrow pits will take place within a defined area, certain environmental risks may arise during the various phases, as indicated in Table 1. These have been identified through baseline assessments and will be addressed through the Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

5.1. Potential Environmental Impacts

Table 1: Potential negative impacts of the proposed projects and their mitigation measures

Aspects	Impacts	Mitigation
Dust and Air Emissions	Dust from excavation, haul roads, and material stockpiles may reduce air quality and affect vegetation.	Regular water spraying on roads and stockpiles, use of dust screens; restrict vehicle speeds.
Noise Pollution	Noise from trucks, excavators, and other machinery may disturb nearby communities and wildlife.	Limit operations to daytime hours; service machinery regularly to reduce noise emissions.
Waste Generation	Solid (plastics, litter) and liquid waste (fuels, lubricants) may accumulate on site.	Provide waste bins and containers; segregate waste, dispose of through licensed service providers.
Soil Contamination	Potential spills or leaks of hydrocarbons and chemicals could pollute soils.	Use drip trays during refueling, bunded fuel storage areas, routine inspections and maintenance.
Visual Impact	Borrow pit development may alter natural landscape aesthetics.	Shape pits with gentle slopes; progressive rehabilitation, low-glare, downward-facing lighting.
Biodiversity Disturbance	Clearing and excavation may disturb vegetation and small fauna.	Restrict footprints to approved polygons, avoid sensitive habitats, progressive site rehabilitation.

Table 2: Potential negative impacts of the proposed projects and their mitigation measures

Aspects	Impacts	Enhancement
Job Creation	Employment opportunities for skilled and unskilled workers.	Prioritise local recruitment; provide training and skills transfer.
Local Procurement	Increased demand for services, fuel, and materials.	Source from SMEs and local suppliers where possible.
Economic Growth	Reliable supply of materials for infrastructure reduces costs and delays.	Ensure steady supply to government and private sector projects.
Improved Infrastructure	Affordable local material accelerates road and housing development.	Stockpile material to ensure continuity of supply.
Skills Transfer	Workers gain technical skills.	On the job training in extraction, haulage, and rehabilitation.

All proposed mitigation measures will be included in the EMP, which will guide contractors and operators throughout the project lifecycle to ensure compliance with environmental standards and best practices.

6. Assessment Steps

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in Namibia is governed by the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and the associated EIA Regulations. The process is designed to ensure that potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of a project are identified, assessed, and mitigated before any project is implemented. Below is a summary of the key steps:

1. Project Registration:

- Preparation of a Background Information Document (BID) to define the project's scope, objectives, and potential impacts.
- The project is formally registered and notified via the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism (MEFT) online portal (www.eia.met.gov.na).
- Registration establishes the project's eligibility for an EIA and initiates the review process.

2. Screening:

- The project is screened to determine its EIA category and whether an EIA is required.
- Screening considers factors such as project scale, sensitivity of the location, and potential environmental impacts.

3. Scoping:

- Identification of key environmental and social issues to be addressed in the assessment.

4. Public Participation and Consultation:

- Public notices are issued in local newspapers and on-site, inviting Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) to review and comment on the project proposal.
- A defined comment period (approx.) 21 days, with an additional period for further input) ensures that stakeholder views are integrated into the assessment process.

5. Preparation of the Draft EIA and EMP:

- Detailed assessment of potential environmental impacts is conducted, including baseline data collection, impact predictions, and the formulation of mitigation measures.
- A Draft EIA Report and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) are prepared for review by the client and stakeholders.

6. Review and Incorporation of Stakeholder Feedback:

- Feedback received from the public and other stakeholders is incorporated into the draft documents.
- The refined documents are then reviewed internally and by competent authority (Ministry of Mines and Energy) and issuing authority (MEFT) for compliance and adequacy.

7. Submission of the Final EIA/EMP Report:

- The final EIA Report and EMP are submitted to the competent authorities, including the Environmental Commissioner, for decision-making.
- These documents must fully comply with the Environmental Management Act and EIA Regulations.

8. Additional Stakeholder Comments:

- After submission, an additional comment period (often 14 days) allows stakeholders to submit further input directly to the Environmental Commissioner via the MEFT portal.

- The competent authority reviews all documentation and stakeholder inputs before issuing a Record of Decision (RoD).

9. Record of Decision (RoD):

- The competent authority reviews all documentation and stakeholder inputs before issuing a Record of Decision (RoD).
- The RoD outlines any conditions or requirements that must be met before the project can proceed.

10. Implementation and Monitoring:

- Upon approval, the project is implemented in accordance with the approved EMP.
- Ongoing monitoring and periodic reporting ensure that mitigation measures are effective and that the project remains compliant with the relevant regulations.

7. Public Participation Process

Public participation is a cornerstone of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. It ensures that Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are informed in a transparent manner and are provided a meaningful opportunity to participate in project planning and environmental decision-making.

As part of this process, I&APs are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project and its environmental implications. Feedback will be considered in the final decision-making process, and where necessary, incorporated into the Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

You are encouraged to participate!

Engagement methods include:

- Public notices in two local newspapers for two consecutive weeks
- Posters at key locations near the project site
- Electronic or hardcopy availability of the Draft EIA and EMP reports
- Email and phone communication with the Environmental Assessment Practitioner

Submit your comments in writing to:

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