

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING ON THE PROPOSED BORROW PIT  
OPERATIONS FOR THE EXTRACTION OF SUB-BASE MATERIAL DOROB NATIONAL  
PARK NEAR SWAKOPMUND, ERONGO REGION**

**PREPARED ON BEHALF OF**

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**This document presents the minutes of a public meeting held with interested and affected parties regarding the environmental impact assessment for the proposed borrow pit operations for the extraction of sub-base, river sand, and dune sand within Dorob National Park near Swakopmund, in the Erongo Region, Namibia**

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## **1 BACKGROUND**

Powerstone CC (hereinafter referred to as “the Proponent”) intends to extract sub-base material, river sand and dune sand from three designated areas within a selected area in the Dorob National Park, near Swakopmund, Erongo Region. These activities are intended to be undertaken as low-impact surface operations. Material will be obtained through shallow surface scraping, avoiding the development of deep mining pits, with the maximum extraction depth not exceeding 1.5 metres. The material will supply construction needs for roadworks, housing, and other infrastructure projects in the region. Each of the three material types will be extracted from its own designated site, corresponding to its natural occurrence.

In terms of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2012, the proposed material extraction activities constitute listed activities and therefore require the undertaking of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). As part of the EIA process, a public consultation meeting is required to inform Interested and Affected Parties (I&Aps) of the proposed activities and to provide an opportunity for stakeholder input prior to decision-making. Therefore, these minutes report on the public consultation meeting hosted by the consultant, Earth Environmental Services CC, on 16 December 2025 at the Town View Guesthouse & Conference in Swakopmund.

## 2 MEETING PROCEEDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

Eight members representing the tourism and environmental/biodiversity sectors, two representatives from the cultural and heritage study team, and one community member participated in the meeting (see **Appendix I** for the attendance register and images from the meeting).

The meeting facilitator opened the session by welcoming participants and providing an overview of the purpose of the meeting. The facilitator informed participants that Earth Environmental Services CC has been appointed by Powerstone CC to manage the application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate for the proposed borrow pit operations near Swakopmund. The proposed activities involve the controlled extraction of sub-base material, river sand, and dune sand from geographically distinct designated areas to support regional construction and infrastructure development. Each borrow area is being assessed independently in compliance with the Environmental Management Act, 2007, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2012. The details of each application were presented as follows (Table 1 & Fig. 1):

**Table 1:** *Table 1: Details of Borrow Pit Areas and Corresponding ECC Applications.*

<b>BORROW MATERIAL TYPE</b>	<b>AREA SIZE (ha)</b>	<b>ECC APPLICATION NUMBER</b>
Sub-base Material	11.70 ha	APP-006368
River Sand	0.34 ha	APP-006392

The facilitator indicated that all sites are accessible via existing tarred and gravel roads and fall within the broader study area for the Environmental Clearance Certificate application by Power Stone CC. The facilitator also outlined the proposed equipment and operational methods. Activities will employ front-end loaders, tipper trucks, and graders for rehabilitation. No permanent camps or power supply will be established, and temporary access routes with limited vehicle movement will be used to minimise environmental disturbance. The approved extraction polygons will be surveyed and pegged prior to any activity, with limited vegetation clearing, temporary haul tracks, and safety signage installed as needed. Extraction will be carried out carefully: sub-base material will be surface scraped in thin layers to a maximum depth of 1.5 metres; river sand will be removed only from dry riverbeds while maintaining

gentle slopes; and dune sand will be skimmed from interdune areas and gentle flanks without cutting into dune bodies. Progressive rehabilitation will follow immediately after extraction through re-levelling, slope softening, and natural wind-assisted recovery.



**Figure 1:** Map showing the location of the three proposed borrow pit sites selected by the proponent.

The facilitator briefed participants that the proposed borrow pit operations aim to meet regional demand for construction materials, support local employment and skills development, and ensure timely infrastructure delivery. He also highlighted that the Environmental Impact Assessment will examine both positive impacts, such as economic benefits, and negative impacts, including temporary environmental disturbance, dust, noise, and possible effects on tourism and culturally important sites. An environmental Management Plan will develop to mitigate all identified impacts of the proposed activities.

## **2.1 Raised Questions, Comments and Concerns by the Interested and Affected Parties (I&Aps)**

The following questions, comments and concerns were raised and addressed:

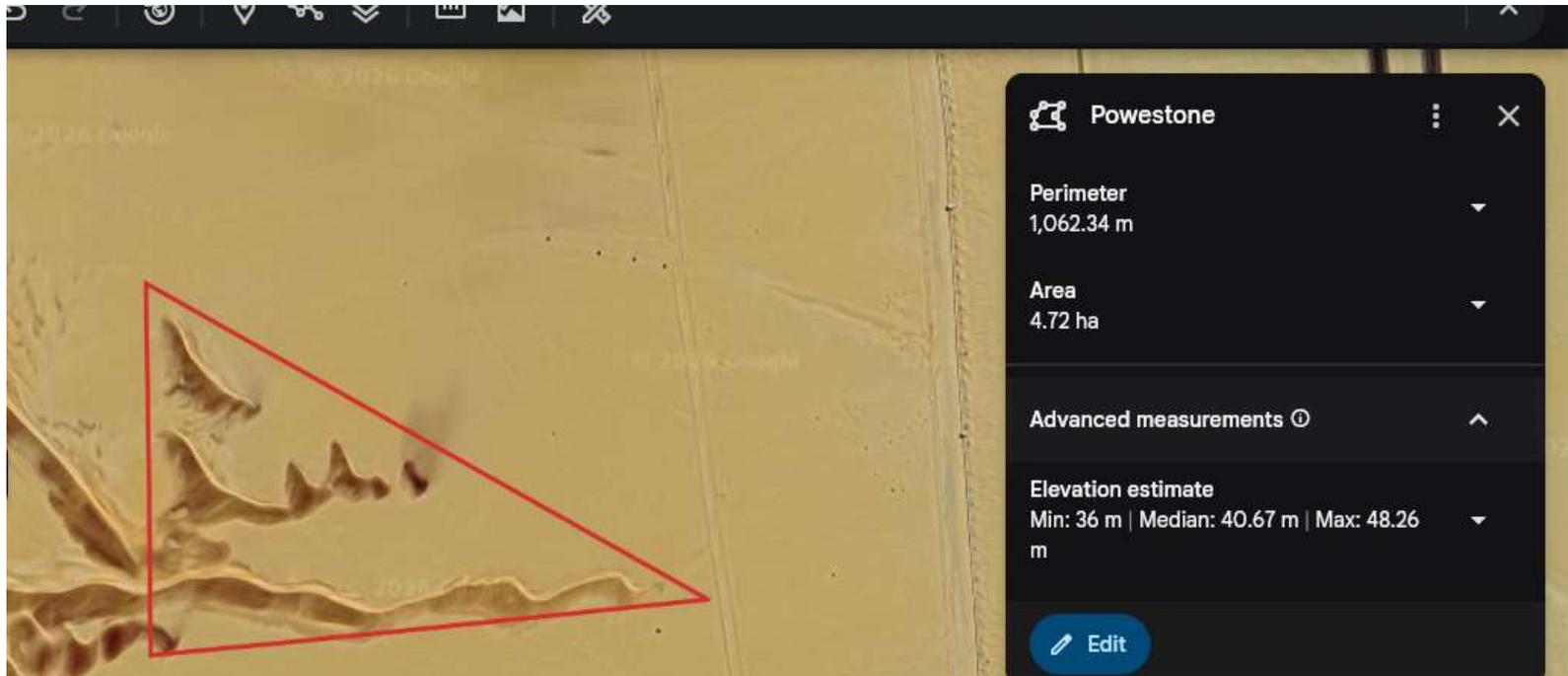
1. A participant asked about the intended use of dune sand.
2. A participant asked about the expected timeline for completing the EIA and receiving a decision from the responsible authority.
3. The majority of participants indicated that the sub-base and river sand sites are generally not a concern for the tourism sector, as they are near areas previously used for similar activities and away from current tourism operations. However, they opposed the proposed dune sand site due to its proximity to popular tourism routes and activities and requested that an alternative site is found.
4. A participant from the tourism industry offered to assist in identifying a suitable site for sand mining.
5. A participant expressed concern that, although registered as an affected party, he did not receive an email invitation to the meeting and highlighted the need to ensure he receives future correspondence.
6. A participant requested that the site coordinates be shared and asked whether the meeting could be rescheduled after the festive season.

Responses are provided below in the same order as the issues raised.

## **2.2 Responses to the raised Questions, Comments and Concerns by the Interested and Affected Parties (I&Aps).**

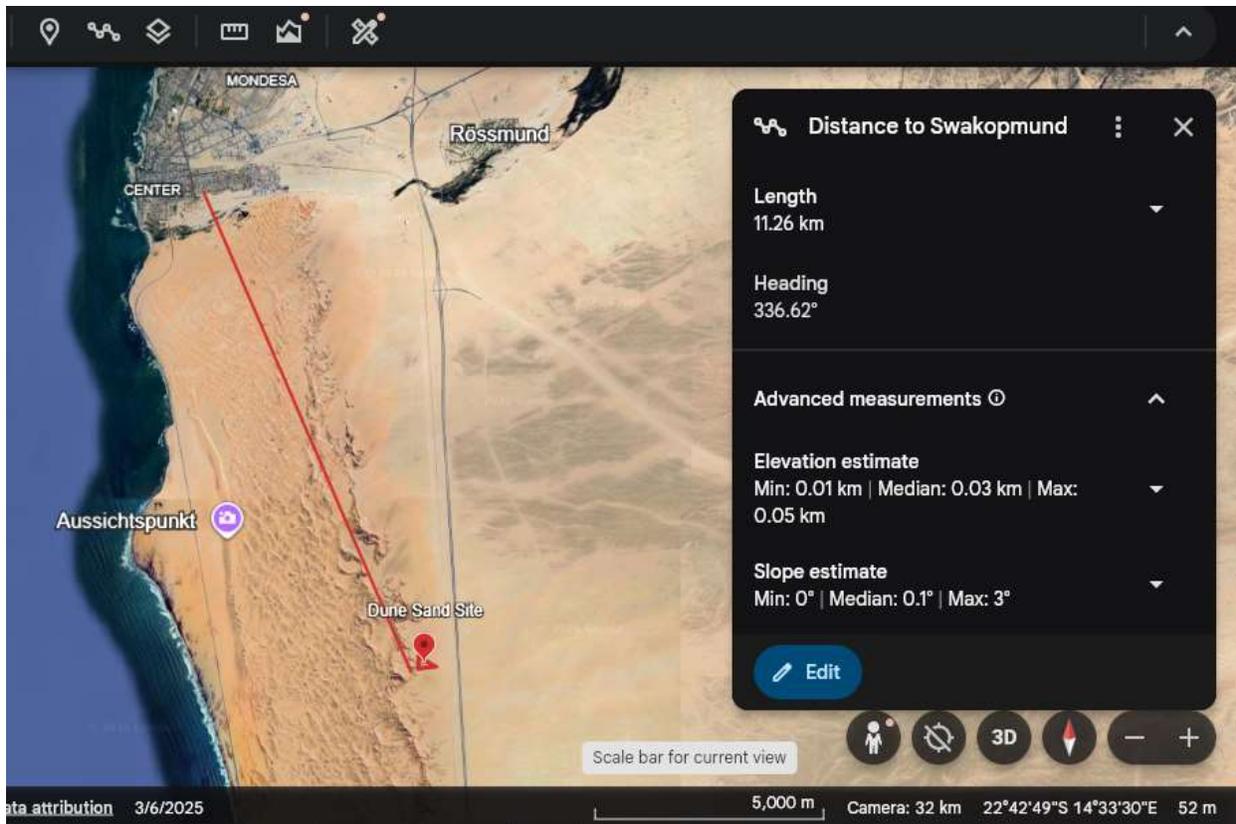
The responses below follow the same numerical order as the questions, comments and concerns raised in Section 2.1 above.

1. The facilitator noted that he would seek clarification from the proponent, who later confirmed that the dune sand is needed to complement river sand for making special concrete.
2. The facilitator explained that the EIA process is still in its early stages, with the consultant aiming to complete it by the end of December. He noted that the responsible authority's (MEFT) response may vary in timing, sometimes taking a few months.
3. The facilitator highlighted the need to identify an alternative site, which will be communicated to the proponent for their input.
4. During the meeting, the facilitator agreed to work with a representative from the tourism sector to identify an alternative site. As a follow-up to the meeting, an alternative site was identified on 17 December 2025 with the assistance of the tourism sector representative, approximately 10 km from Swakopmund (Fig. 2-3).
5. The facilitator expressed regret for the email omission and assured that future communications, starting with the sharing of the meeting minutes, will include all registered I&APs.
6. The facilitator explained that the timing coincided with the project's appointment by the proponent, and the consultant had started the process immediately to ensure timely completion of the EIA. He requested that the attendees share the minutes and the BID with colleagues in their networks so they could provide input, and this suggestion was accepted.



**Figure 2:** Map showing the proposed new dune sand site.

Latitude	Longitude
-22° 46' 13" S	14° 34' 42" E
-22° 46' 21" S	14° 35' 53" E
-22° 46' 20" S	14° 35' 06" E



**Figure 3:** Map showing distance of the new proposed site from Swakopmund.

### 2.3 Way Forward

The facilitator indicated that the meeting minutes will be shared with all registered I&APs via email. He encouraged I&APs to engage with the consultant throughout the assessment process, particularly by commenting on the minutes and submitting any inputs as they arise. He also noted that the draft EIA and EMP will be shared with I&APs prior to submission to MEFT.

### 2.4 Additional Stakeholder Comments Received after the Public Meeting

The draft minutes were shared on the 5th -14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 with all I&APs for review. The following are additional written comments that were received from Representative of the Municipality of Swakopmund:

*“ While the proposed borrow pit activities fall outside Swakopmund’s townlands boundary, the Municipality, as an Interested and Affected Party, requests that the following aspects be explicitly considered and addressed during the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), due to the environmental and socio-economic linkages with Swakopmund:*

- *Confirm and clearly describe the spatial relationship between the proposed extraction areas and Swakopmund, including proximity to:*
  - *The Swakop River system*
  - *Dune systems associated with the coastal environment*
  - *Key access routes leading to Swakopmund*
  
- *Assess cumulative impacts of the proposed borrow pits in combination with:*
  - *Existing and approved sand and gravel extraction activities in the broader Swakopmund–Dorob area*
  
- *Assess potential impacts of dune sand extraction on:*
  - *Natural wind-driven sand movement*
  
- *Assess potential conflicts with:*
  - *Tourism activities within Dorob National Park*
  - *Recreational users (e.g. off-road driving and scenic routes)*
  
- *Consider impacts on Swakopmund’s tourism image and sense of place, even where impacts may be temporary.*
  
- *Clearly define:*
  - *Monitoring indicators*
  - *Monitoring frequency*
  - *Reporting responsibilities*
  - *Demonstrate how the project aligns with:*
    - *The Dorob National Park Environmental Management Plan (EMP)”*

These additional comments were noted, and the Municipality was informed that it will be incorporated in the EIA and EMP reports which will be circulated to all registered I&APs.

**APPENDICES**

**APPENDIX A - ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND PARTICIPATION PROCESS**



**Stakeholder Attendance Register**

**Public Participation Meeting for the Environmental Clearance Certificate Application for the Proposed Borrow Pit Operations within Dorob National Park, near Swakopmund**

**Date:** 16 December 2025  
**Time:** 17:00  
**Venue:** Town View Guesthouse and Conference, Swakopmund

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**Figure 4:** Meeting session (17 December 2025).



**Figure 5:** *Siting for new location for sand dune extraction (17 December 2025)*

APPENDIX B – SITE NOTICES AND ADVERTS



Notices at the Erongo Regional Council Notice board



Notices at the site boundaries



Notices at the Goanikontes



Notices at Nonidas





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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Proposed Borrow Pits in the Dorob National Park, near Swakopmund, Erongo Region**

The public is hereby notified that an application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate will be submitted for the proposed borrow pits activities located within the Dorob National Park, approximately east of Swakopmund along the B2 road up to the C28 Junction, in the Erongo Region. The application will be made in accordance with the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2012.

Powestone CC proposes to extract sub-base material, river sand, and dune sand from three designated areas to supply construction materials for roadworks, housing, and other infrastructure projects in the region. The company has submitted three applications currently undergoing environmental assessment.

Interested and Affected Parties are invited to register and take part in the EIA process. A Background Information Document is available upon request, and a public meeting will be arranged upon expressed interest from Interested and Affected Parties. The deadline for registration is the 15th December 2025.

To register contact Ms Allilipinge, [info@earth-es.com.na](mailto:info@earth-es.com.na),  
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**NOTICE OF BIDS**

The Namibian Ports Authority (Namport) hereby invites bids through the Request For Proposal (RFP) procedures for:

- (I) The Engineering Consulting Services in Road- and Land Infrastructure; and
- (II) Feasibility & Safety study for simultaneous operations (SIMOPS) at two existing fuel import jetties at the North Port for the Namibian Ports Authority.

Bid Reference Number	Brief Description	Pre-bid Conference	Last Day for Clarification Requests	Closing Date
CS/RFP/NAMPOR-3683/2025	Engineering Consulting Services in Road- and Land Infrastructure at the North Port, for the Namibian Ports Authority	Non-Compulsory Pre-bid meeting on 12 December 2025 @10h00 AM	08 January 2026	28 January 2026 @ 12h00 PM <small>(Virtual Bid Opening Link available on website)</small>
CS/RFP/NAMPOR-3686/2025	Feasibility & safety study for simultaneous operations (Simops) at two existing fuel import jetties, Port of Welke Bay - North Port, Namibia	Non-Compulsory Pre-bid meeting on 11 December 2025 @10h00 AM	12 January 2026	30 January 2026 @ 12h00 PM <small>(Virtual Bid Opening Link available on website)</small>

- Bids are invited through the Request for Proposal (RFP) procedure, and the Invitation is open to all eligible bidders. All Bidders must comply with the requirements outlined in the bidding document.
- Interested eligible bidders are requested to visit the Namport website at <https://www.namport.com.na/procurement> for details of the bidding requirements. Bidders must register as suppliers, express interest in a specific bid, to be granted access to the bidding documents.
- A Non-compulsory Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled for 12 December 2025 AT 10H00 AM for CS/RFP/NAMPOR-3683/2025 and 11 December 2025 AT 10H00 AM for CS/RFP/NAMPOR-3686/2025. The meetings will be held at Executive Boardroom, Namport Head Office, Welke Bay. Bidders should take note that the virtual meeting link is also available on the website for bidders that would like to join the meeting virtually.

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Appendix D – Consent letter

**05 December 2025**

**Earth Environmental Services cc  
10 Schützen Street,  
CBD,  
Windhoek**

Dear Madam / Sir,

**RE: Application for borrow pits at EPL 8776**

Your communication regarding the establishment of borrow pits refers.

I, Karel Andries Esterhuizen, EPL Holder 8776, hereby confirm I do not have any obligations regarding the proposed operations.

Signed in Swakopmund on 05 Dec 2025.

Kind Regards



**Karel Andries Esterhuizen  
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# Notification – Proposed Borrow Pit Operations in Dorob National Park, near Swakopmund, Erong...



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Powerstone Stakeholder Letter.pdf

158 KB



Intergrated Background Information Document for Power Stone cc 241125.pdf

875 KB



Dear Stakeholder,

As an identified stakeholder, you are hereby notified of Powerstone CC's proposed small-scale borrow pit operations within a selected area of Dorob National Park near Swakopmund. As part of the environmental assessment process required under the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2012,

Please find attached the following documents for your review:

- Stakeholder Notification Letter
- Background Information Document (BID)

The proposed activities involve low-intensity, shallow surface scraping of sub-base material, river sand and dune sand within three

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