

30 October 2025

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES: ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR SAND AND AGGREGATE ONDEIHALUKA VILLAGE, OHANGWENA REGION, NAMIBIA

Date: 04 October 2025

Time: 11:00 am

Venue: Ondeihaluka Village (on site), Endola Constituency

Introduction

The meeting was opened by the environmental consultant with an introduction of who they are and the purpose as to why they are consulting affected parties of the Environmental Scoping Assessment for the proposed Borrow Pit at Ondeihaluka Village (Endola Constituency) in Ohangwena Region.

Project Description

The Consultant was appointed by the Proponent (Oukwanyama Traditional Authority) to apply for the ECC of the proposed Borrow Pit at Ondeihaluka in the Ohangwena region. They explained to the attendees the purpose of the meeting and why they were invited (with reference to the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation. The consultant presented the potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts the project may have and how to minimize the negative impacts.

Discursion and Conclusion

The attendees were given the chance to raise their concerns, issues and/or comments on the proposed project activities and afterwards, the meeting attendance register was circulated for the attendees to write their names and contact details so that they could be added to the list of interested and affected parties (I&APs) and receive further information on the ECC application process.

The issues and comments recorded are presented in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Comments/ issues raised during the public consultation meeting.

No.	Issue/comment / question	Response and name of responder:
1.	Commenter: The purpose is to remove sand for commercial purpose yes? If so, we need the proponent to follow the management plan as stated and fence it off so our children are protected.	Consultant: Well noted, the site is fenced off for that being one of the reason.
2.	Commenter: As the headman, I'm just here to help facilitate this meeting but the concerns and suggestions must come from the community members	Consultant: Well noted. The purpose of the meeting is to consult, inform the community members about the project and take note of their concerns, suggestions or opinions on the matter.
3.	Commenter: The proposed site is on someone private field. But we understand they handed it over to the Traditional Authority. if it is fenced off and the contractors will follow what is in the report, I cannot object.	Consultant: Well noted, the contractors must comply with what is in the EMP. The Traditional Authority will have a copy and do inspections often to make sure they comply.
4.	Commenter: I want to suggest that they level up our sandy road because sometimes our small cars get stuck in the sand, even a gravel road, if they can help us that will be great.	Consultant: Well noted. After the consultation process, site assessment and the reports are reviewed and finalized, they are submitted to MEFT for the evaluation and consideration of the ECC.



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		We can all go to the site so can you see what is there, it's important to also include you in this process.



The meeting adjourned at 11h55 am.