

## **Public Participation Report**

# **THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF A BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY**

## **1 PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Public consultation and participation are an important aspect of an EIA process. During public consultation, potential impacts that the proposed project may have on the natural and/or socio-economic environments, were identified. Consultation with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and relevant Authorities enables transparent decision-making.

This chapter describes in detail the full extent of the public consultation process that was followed and the I&APs and authorities that were notified of the study being undertaken.

### **1.1 Round of Consultation**

Engagements with the public and authorities as part of the first round of public consultation commenced on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2026 and concluded on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2026. During the first round of consultation, I&APs were given an opportunity to register and submit comments/concerns regarding the proposed activities.

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Figure 1: Newspaper adverts on 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## 1.2 Notice to adjacent plot owners and occupiers of land

A notice was placed on site to notify the adjacent land/plot owners of the activities. The adjacent land is open and vast land/plots with no infrastructure or immediate and adjacent neighbors.



Notice to adjacent plot owners

### 1.3 Stakeholder Database

The project stakeholder database is presented below:

| GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES                          |   |  |                        |
|--|---|--|------------------------|
| Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism  |   |  |                        |
| Name   | Position  | Email  | Cell/Tel No            |
| Saima Angula                                   | Environmental Assessment Specialist: MEFT         | <a href="mailto:Saima.Angula@mef.gov.na">Saima.Angula@mef.gov.na</a>   | 061284 2701            |
| Damian Nchindo                                 | Chief Conservation Scientist                      | <a href="mailto:dnchindo@met.na">dnchindo@met.na</a>   | 0813424606             |
| Ministry of Works and Transport                |   |  |                        |
| Johannes Muzanima                              | DPT. Of Maritimie Affairs                         | <a href="mailto:jmuzanima@mwt.gov.na">jmuzanima@mwt.gov.na</a>   | 064203317 / 0811220532 |
| Sheyouyuni Fikunawa                            | Director: Maritime Affairs                        | Sheyouyuni.Fikunawa@mwt.gov.na   | 064203317              |
| Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy       |   |  |                        |
| Ben Nangombe                                   | Executive Director                                | <a href="mailto:BeN.Nangombe@mime.gov.na">BeN.Nangombe@mime.gov.na</a>   | 0612848219             |
| REGIONAL COUNCIL/S                             |   |  |                        |
| Erongo Regional Council                        |   |  |                        |
| Susan Tseibes                                  | Public Relations Officer                          |  | 0811423447             |
| Dr. M. Ntelamo                                 | Acting CRO  | <a href="mailto:cro@erongorc.gov.na">cro@erongorc.gov.na</a><br><a href="mailto:sntelamo@erongorc.gov.na">sntelamo@erongorc.gov.na</a> | 0644105729             |
| LOCAL AUTHORITIES                              |   |  |                        |
| Walvis Bay Municipality                        |   |  |                        |
| David Uushona                                  | Manager: Solid Waste and Environmental Management | <a href="mailto:duushona@walvisbaycc.org.na">duushona@walvisbaycc.org.na</a>   | 064214304              |
| PARASTATALS                                    |   |  |                        |
| Environment Investment Fund                    |   |  |                        |
| Benedict Libanda                               | CEO   | <a href="mailto:BLibanda@EIF.ORG.NA">BLibanda@EIF.ORG.NA</a><br><a href="mailto:OZamuee@EIF.ORG.NA">OZamuee@EIF.ORG.NA</a>             | 0614317700             |
| Namport  |   |  |                        |
| Stephanus Gariseb                              | Manager: SHEQ                                     | s.gariseb@namport.com.na   | 064 208 2206           |
| Richard Ibwima                                 | Executive Port Operations                         | <a href="mailto:G.Frans@namport.com.na">G.Frans@namport.com.na</a>   | 064 208 2219           |
| OTHER  |   |  |                        |
| Namibia Investment Promotion Development Board |   |  |                        |
| Nelulu Uaandja                                 | CEO   | <a href="mailto:info@nipdb.com">info@nipdb.com</a> /<br><a href="mailto:catherine.shipushu@nipdb.com">catherine.shipushu@nipdb.com</a> | 083338600              |
| Bianca Foelscher                               | Activist  | <a href="mailto:monaj.hays@gmail.com">monaj.hays@gmail.com</a>   | 067550109              |

### 1.4 Comments received from I&APs on the first round of consultation

Comments from I&AP and responses are recorded below:

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| Full Name   | Bianca Foelscher           |
| Organisation  | Activist                   |
| Postal Address  | P.O. Box 67 Kaibib Namibia |
| Date  | 3rd March, 2026            |
| Telephone Number  | 264 (064) 550109           |
| Email   | monaj.hays@gmail.com       |
| Please Identify Your Interest in the Project:   |                            |
| <p>Historical Background of Investor. Namibia is presently fighting a war against corruption in our own country, therefore clean records of investment companies is now a priority! <u>This is in national interest!</u></p>  |                            |
| Please write your Comments and Questions here:  |                            |
| <p>1) In respect of transparency, please provide some more information on the company profile of Benguela Petroleum Supplies cc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Is it a local or a foreign investor?</li> <li>ii) Who are the members (if registered as a closed corporation) or the directors (if registered as a private company (Pty) Ltd)</li> <li>iii) Is it a newly established company or can you provide a historic track record on Benguela Petroleum Supplies cc?</li> <li>v) Is it linked to Namport?</li> </ul> <p>2) Project Description (Nr. 7 of your document!)<br/> <u>4.3 Delivery of fuel to the tanks:</u><br/>         "Fuel will be delivered to site in bulk by fuel trucks and will be pumped into the fuel storage tanks."<br/> <u>This prompts my question:</u></p> <p>If the fuel is transported by trucks (i.e. road logistics!) does it mean it is imported from Angola??<br/>         Rumour has it, that fuel from our neighbouring Angola is not clean, and therefore not up to standard.<br/>         Please clarify the position you take on this issue.</p> |                            |

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Response to IAP was provided as per the following:

Re: BSU: (MKR) - OUR RESPONSES - ACTIVITS CONCERNS (EIA).



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Wednesday, 11 March 2026 at 8:39 AM

To: Carl Pesat; Cc: Gideon Tshomokuti

Based on the comments Bianca Foelscher provided in the Background Information Document, her concerns regarding the proposed bulk fuel storage facility in Walvis Bay center on three main areas:

**1. Corporate Transparency and Ownership**

She expresses significant concern regarding the identity and history of the investor, specifically requesting:

- Full disclosure of the company profile and whether the investor is a local or foreign entity.

**Our Response: Benguela Petroleum Supplies CC is a Namibian, youth-owned entity founded in Walvis Bay. Since 2015, we have maintained a strong track record in the downstream sector, working closely with multinationals and national entities such as NAMCOR, TotalEnergies, Puma Energy, and Vivo Energy. These trading partners fully vet and certify our operations.**

- Clarification on the legal registration of the business, specifically if it is a Closed Corporation (cc) or a Private Company (Ltd.)

**Legal Registration: The entity is currently a Closed Corporation (CC) registered with BIPA. We anticipate transitioning to a Private Company (Ltd.) to meet the capital requirements of international and national funders. We remain committed to Namibia's local content policies, ensuring local ownership remains central to our value chain.**

- A list of the registered members or directors associated with the project.

**Our Response: Bengulea Petroleum Supplies CC has only one owner. (Current position is Managing Member).**

- A "historic record" of the company, specifically naming **Benguela Petroleum Supplies cc**.
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**Our Response: Benguela Petroleum Supplies CC is an entity registered with the Walvis Bay Municipality, NAMRA, and the Social Security Commission, and it adheres to all other criteria required under Namibian laws to operate.**

- Confirmation of whether the entity is linked to **Namport**.

**Our Response: No, Benguela Petroleum Supplies CC is not affiliated with Namport because Namport is a State Owned Enterprise and we are a private entity.**

**We are a private company operating in the downstream space for more than 10 years. Our company's vision is to expand into the mid stream space (Bulk fuel storage and transportation). This is only one part of our long-term business plan.**

#### 2. Anti-Corruption and Integrity

She frames her inquiry within the context of Namibia's national struggle against corruption. Her interest in the project is driven by a desire for transparency to ensure that investment companies are held to a high standard of accountability.

**Our Response: We are currently engaging commercial banks and private equity firms in Namibia. The Bank of Namibia, NAMFISA and related laws hold these firms accountable to ensure compliance.**

**Benguela Petroleum Supplies CC is a firm based on merit and the spirit of entrepreneurship. This is the opportunity that Namibia offers, which includes the fuel industry. Our business thrives on competition and we aim to survive and offer the market what it needs.**

#### 3. Logistics and Fuel Quality

Regarding the technical operations of the facility, she raises the following points:

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**Our Response:** This is the current status in Namibia is that fuel gets shipped to Walvis Bay. For record-keeping purposes, all of Namibia's fuel enters through the Walvis Bay port or facilities and is thus stored at the current bulk fuel storage facilities.

- **Source of Fuel:** She asks for confirmation on whether the fuel is being imported from **Angola**.

**Our Response: Transport Methods:** All fuel currently enters Namibia through Walvis Bay port facilities and is stored in bulk facilities before distribution. Our logistics plan aligns with these established national systems.

**Source of Fuel:** While we are in the developmental phase and have no final supplier agreements, we have a non-binding agreement in place that does not involve sourcing from Angola. Our sourcing strategy is dictated by quality, pricing, and strict adherence to the Namibia Standards Institute and international requirements.

**Product Standards:** As noted above, all fuel will meet rigorous national and international quality standards.

- **Product Standards:** She notes "rumours" that fuel from Angola may not be "clean" or meet the necessary quality standards and requests a formal clarification on this position.

**Our Response:** No comment, refer to the comment above.

Cheers!

Carl

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