

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

FOR THE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE THROUGH SUBDIVISION,
CONSOLIDATION AND REZONING WITHIN OUTAPI EXTENSIONS 10, 13 AND 19,
INCLUDING THE RESERVATION OF A PUBLIC ROAD WITHIN EXTENSION 19,
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1 INTRODUCTION

This Environmental Management Plan (EMP) has been prepared in support of the Environmental Scoping Assessment for the proposed closure of Public Open Space, subdivision, consolidation and rezoning within Extensions 10, 13 and 19 of Outapi, Omusati Region.

The EMP provides a framework for managing potential environmental impacts associated with any future development arising from the approved planning amendments.

2 PROJECT CONTEXT

The EMP applies to the following erven:

- Erf 2830 (Extension 10)
- Erven 3976, 3977 and 3980 (Extension 13)
- Erf 4579 (Extension 19)

The proposed activities relate to statutory planning amendments within an already proclaimed township area. No construction activities are authorised as part of the current application.

However, the EMP will become applicable during any future development phases, including:

- Residential development;
- Installation of services;
- Road construction (Extension 19).

3 OBJECTIVES OF THE EMP

The objectives of this EMP are to:

- Ensure compliance with the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007);
- Provide mitigation measures for potential environmental impacts;
- Protect environmentally sensitive features;
- Guide environmentally responsible development practices;
- Ensure that impacts remain low and manageable.

4 APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

The EMP is guided by the following legislation:

- Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007);
- Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2012;
- Forest Act, 2001 (Act No. 12 of 2001);
- Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act No. 23 of 1992);
- Urban and Regional Planning Act, 2018 (Act No. 5 of 2018).

5 KEY ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The following site-specific sensitivities have been identified:

- Presence of protected Baobab trees (*Adansonia digitata*) on Erven 2830 and 3976;
- Existing NORED powerline servitude on Erf 4579;
- Sandy soils typical of the Cuvelai Basin;
- Disturbed urban environment with generally low environmental sensitivity.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Table 1: Main EMP Mitigation

ASPECT	POTENTIAL IMPACT	MITIGATION / MANAGEMENT MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY
Vegetation & Protected Trees	Damage or removal of protected Baobab trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No removal without permit in terms of the Forest Act, 2001 - Retain and protect all Baobab trees - Demarcate trees prior to construction 	Contractor Owners of Erf Town Council
Powerline Servitude (Erf 4579)	Safety risks and infrastructure interference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No construction within servitude area - Maintain required clearance distances - Ensure access for maintenance 	Town Council
Land Use Compliance	Uncontrolled or non-compliant development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adhere to approved township layout - Obtain required approvals prior to development 	Town Council
General Environmental Compliance	Non-compliance with legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comply with all applicable legislation - Implement EMP throughout development 	Contractor Town Council
Waste Management	Pollution and illegal dumping during future development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All waste must be disposed of at an approved disposal site 	Contractor Town Council

ASPECT	POTENTIAL IMPACT	MITIGATION / MANAGEMENT MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY
		- No illegal dumping permitted - Maintain clean site conditions	

7 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Table 2: Roles and Responsibilities Table

ROLE	RESPONSIBILITY
Outapi Town Council (Landowner and Project Proponent)	Overall oversight of EMP implementation; ensuring compliance with environmental and planning legislation; protection of natural features located on municipal land, including protected tree species in terms of the Forest Act, 2001
Contractor	Implementation of all mitigation and management measures contained in the EMP, including avoidance of damage to protected trees
Environmental Officer (if appointed)	Monitoring of environmental compliance and reporting on implementation of the EMP

8 MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE

- The Outapi Town Council must ensure that the EMP is implemented during any future development;
- Compliance monitoring should be undertaken during construction activities;
- Any non-compliance must be addressed immediately;
- Environmental considerations must be integrated into all development approvals.

9 CONCLUSION

This EMP provides a structured framework for managing potential environmental impacts associated with future development of the affected erven.

Given the planning-level nature of the proposed activities and the low environmental sensitivity of the sites, potential impacts are expected to be limited and can be effectively mitigated through the implementation of the measures outlined in this EMP.

The EMP therefore supports environmentally responsible development and ensures compliance with applicable environmental legislation.