

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF A POWERLINE AND ELECTRIFICATION OF FARM NEVADA NO.15, UNIT D, IN OTJIWARONGO DISTRICT, OTJOZONDJUPA REGION - NAMIBIA

UNDERTAKING OF PUBLIC MEETING – PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

PROJECT: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF A POWERLINE AND ELECTRIFICATION OF FARM NEVADA NO.15, UNIT D

VENUE: FARM NEVADA NO.15, UNIT D

DATE: 18 DECEMBER 2025

TIME: 15h00

Presenter:

Fredrich Nghiyolwa-JBIC

Attendees:

Attendance register attached at the end of this document.

Proceedings:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PERSON
1	Welcome	
	All present were welcomed on behalf of the proponent and the agenda confirmed. Apologies: Some members of the community were not present for the meeting because of other commitments, but there was representation of the key neighbouring farm owners and representatives	Mr. Fredrich Nghiyolwa
2	Introduction	
	All present were given a chance to introduce themselves.	Mr. Fredrich Nghiyolwa
2	Purpose of Meeting	
	-The meeting is to allow the public an opportunity to learn about the project. To allow the public an opportunity to provide their comments, questions and concerns directly to the project team and open dialogue for questions and answers. -The consultant is undertaking this process because he is responsible for environmental clearance for the project with the Ministry of environment, forestry and tourism and there is need for full participation of all the attendees to the meeting. -The Environmental Impact Assessment process in Namibia was explained to the members in attendance.	Mr. Fredrich Nghiyolwa
3	Background and overview of the project	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contractor responsible for the construction of the power line and electrification of Farm Nevada No.15, Unit D was given a chance to give a brief technical background of the project and scope of the project. The contractor gave a detailed version on different aspects of the project inclusive where the power line will be constructed, inclusive of the duration of the project 	Mr. Niklaas Kutako



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proponent has thus appointed Junior Baiano Industrial Consultants to undertake the Environmental Assessment in order to obtain the Environmental Clearance certificate for the proposed project. • Project rationale was explained to the meeting attendees, as the project aims to provide a sustainable electricity supply to Farm Nevada No.15, Unit D, improve quality of life, direct connection to national grid, community development and opportunities of job creation. • Project site was shown on map document distributed around and the proposed development of a power line and electrification of Farm Nevada, No.15, Unit D • The project is in accordance to the Harambee Prosperity Plan and the Namibia Development Goals, and thus the need to address all crucial issues surrounding the project. • All anticipated changes to the environment because of the project were thoroughly discussed by the consultant so that the community members would understand the implications of the project in both positive and negative angles. • The period of implementation for the project was explained, in relation to what has been done, what is being done and what is remaining for the future. • There was emphasis that the environmental consultant will be part of monitoring during construction and operation of the proposed development • The preliminary findings by the EIA consultant indicated that the project's positive impacts will outweigh the anticipated negative impacts because for all anticipated negative impacts a management plan will be crafted to give remediation and action measures. 	Fredrich Nghiyolwa
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultant concluded by urging the proponent through the appointed contractor to ensure that the EMP should be adhered to as a condition of contractual works and the proponent should make sure of that during construction and operation of the project. Proponents have a tendency of dumping consultants once the ECC is granted but the monitoring process should continue even during operation 	Mr. Fredrich Nghiyolwa
4	Q & A Session	
	-Meeting attendees were given the floor to pose questions.	Mr. Fredrich Nghiyolwa

ISSUE CATEGORY	COMMENTATOR / I & A P:	COMMENT, QUESTION, QUERY, CONCERN RAISED:	RESPONSE
Prior Notice to Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Niklaas Kutako 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He asked for an opportunity to raise something important 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NK: Notice is given 14 days prior to connection in order to communicate shutdown to ALL relevant stakeholders and this is an opportunity to determine if established protocols were breached
Power line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Shitilifa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What exactly is going to happen, where are the poles going to be erected or should be advice the contractor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NK: The lines are prohibited to go over tanks, homes etc., the poles should be erected 30meters away from the houses and the poles are erected along the established boundaries of the farms, but not within the farms.
Land degradation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philemon Shitilifa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the proposed project not have negative impacts to the farmers who are using the land for grazing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FN: Our commitment is this: the project will be designed to avoid any net loss of productive grazing. The clearing of vegetation to erect the poles and for visibility along the pole line will not affect the grazing of the livestock
Mutual Beneficiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jamonuka Kazariua 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will the electrification of Farm Nevada 15, Unit D benefit other farms in the area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FN; Improved quality of life for other farms as well, as they will make use of the services at Farm Nevada Possibility of job creation as more infrastructure inclusive of a shop and milling warehouse will be constructed
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Attendants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The community noted a cause of concern for security during the new construction activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FN: All employees will have nametags and access restriction will be emphasized.
Local Economic Development and job creation for the local community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Petrus Katau 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can the local community benefit from this project during construction and operation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FN: The local community will be considered for employment during construction and operation of the project and the proponent has reemphasized on that point repeatedly.

<p>Overall support of the project to go ahead</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting attendants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All present in the meeting have registered their support for the project to go ahead and they were uniform in their approach to indicate that the anticipated project will fill a gap of supplying sustainable electricity supply and improve quality of life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FN: please no note that the meeting attendants are in support of the proposed project, of course taking into account that the significance of negative impacts can be reduced with effective and appropriate mitigation measures to be provided for in the EMP report
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5	Where to from here and how to stay Involved in the EIA process?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comments are still welcome on the project• 14 day commenting period will be given and I&AP will be notified when this period commences• Emphasis on giving comments in writing	
11	Conclusions and thanks	
	JBIC team gives thanks on following the rules of the meeting and for attending.	Fredrich Nghiyolwa

The meeting adjourned at 15:15 PM

Scribe Name: Fredrich Nghiyolwa

Signature:

Date: 21-01-26

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Public Meeting Attendance Register
- Completed Registration Form