

## 26 JANUARY 2026 - MINUTES OF MEETINGS (QUESTIONS & ANSWERS)

### 1. Please tell us more about your company and how it operates?

Our company, Miombo, was founded in 2021 and has been involved not only in the harvesting of timber but also in the promotion of sustainability, value addition and participatory forest management. We have been involved in the advocacy and manufacturing of school desks and chairs since our formation.

You've recently partnered with National Youth Service to build:

- A transitional bridge that fights non - cognitive barriers to employment among the youth,
  - Non – cognitive barriers include:
    - Peer pressure from living in informal settlements
    - Time management and absentism
    - Financial discipline
    - Substance abuse
    - Theft
    - Poor work ethic
  - Factors that sit beyond your education and skills that hamper your ability to perform well at work and to grow yourself economically
- An industrial empowerment hub where youth can:
  - Work
  - Earn &
  - Live at work
  - To gain real production and life experiences

This is much more advanced than a training center—it's a training to production industrialization model.

### 2. How many trees have been approved?

554 Kiaat trees have been approved for harvesting which was determined by the forest management plan and related inventories done for the forest in question.

### 3. What benefits will the community forest receive?

Apart from the payment of N\$ 400.00 per tree we have agreed with the management of the community forest, we have also agreed to give the community offcuts and bark planks from the trees.

**4. How many people will be employed from the conservancy and community forest?**

We intend to employ at least 10 temporary workers/people from the surrounding villages with a minimum salary of N\$ 2,000.00 per person

**5. We previously did not need an ECC to harvest trees for timber. Why do we need it now and what exactly is an environmental clearance certificate?**

This is why the moratorium was initiated in the first place. The Line Ministry could not justify the sustainability of the activities. Timber is a listed activity in the environmental management act and should be approved before commencement.

An ECC gives all citizens assurance that all social-economic, ecological, biological environmental, physical and spiritual factors have been considered against the activities and that all these values will be not infringe on other activities especially on current and future generations. This provision is set in Article 92(L) of the Namibian Constitution.

**6. Describe the nature of your timber harvesting operations? What machines will you be using?**

Our activities are low impact. We use light industrial machinery such as a hand-held chainsaw, tractor, 4x4 truck and WoodMizer bandsaw.

We use the tractor to pile the logs instead of front-end bulldozers. We also avoid creating huge piles of logs and trees and rather focus on processing the logs we have piled for the day. Our bandsaw is built on a mobile trailer and allows us to pull it tree to trees to process the them within the bush where they are felled.

**7. How long will you be operational in our area?**

We intended to be on the forest for no longer them 6 – 8 months.

**8. Are you able to donate us some planks?**

As mentioned earlier, we will be able to donate the bark planks and offcuts to support local community carpentry within our area of operation.

We also sell planks between N\$50 – N\$180 per plank depending on the length, grade and thickness of the plank.

You are also welcome to visit our workshop in Rundu where we can plane, rip, trim , laminate the planks for you or ultimately offer you one of our products.

**9. Where there any objections or comments registered?**

No, there were no objections registered against our proposed project till date.