



# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

## PHASE A – KRANZBERG TO OTJIWARONGO RAILWAY SECTION UPGRADE

### NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

Notice is hereby given to all potentially Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs) that an application will be made to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GN. No. 30 of 6 February 2012) for the following:

**Proponent:** TransNamib Holdings Ltd (TRANSNAMIB)

**Environmental Assessment Practitioner:** Urban Green cc

**Project Name:** Phase 1 - Kranzberg to Omaruru (Section 1) and Omaruru to Otjiwarongo (Section 2) of the Kranzberg to Tsumeb & Otavi to Grootfontein Railway Upgrade Project, Erongo-, Otjozondjupa - and Oshikoto Regions.

**Project Location:** The upgraded railway line will be located next to the existing railway line extending from Kranzberg to Omaruru to Otjiwarongo in the Erongo – and Otjozondjupa Regions.

**Project Background and Description:** The proposed project, i.e. upgrade of the railway line between Kranzberg Station and Otjiwarongo Station (Phase 1), has become necessary and desirability to improve the railway transport network as part of the larger railway network between Walvis Bay and Tsumeb and Otavi to Katima Mulilo. The upgraded railway line will provide for a 100km/h transport compared to the 80km/h of the current railway line.

The decision to upgrade a complete new railway line between Kranzberg Station to Tsumeb and Otavi to Grootfontein, of which Phase A includes the section from Kranzberg Station to Otjiwarongo, is based on the safety risk that the current railway line holds and yearly costs to maintain the old railway infrastructure. The safety risk and high maintenance costs of the railway line are directly related to the unstable state of the railway embankment and poor condition of the railway tracks, which has reached its lifespan.

The Phase 1 of the proposed project entails the upgrade of the railway line in between Kranzberg Station and Otjiwarongo following the existing railway line for the majority of the length, with some deviations, leaving the railway servitude onto adjacent farms. This includes the construction of a new embankment, bridges and railway sidings. Farm owners affected by the deviations (i.e. loss of land) will be contacted to obtain consent and discuss compensation. Aggregate, gravel, soil and water will be sourced from adjacent farms after consent has been obtained from the affected farm owners. The existing railway line will become redundant, but continue to be used as the service road required for operational maintenance.

**Registration of I&APs and Submission of Comments:** In line with the above mentioned legislation, all potentially I&APs are hereby invited to register and submit their comments / concerns / questions (to be done in writing) to the office of Urban Green cc via the details given below. Information on the proposed project is available from the Urban Green cc office.

**ALL FARM OWNERS ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING RAILWAY LINE ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE OFFICE OF URBAN GREEN CC.**

**PUBLIC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:**

**10<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2022 AT 9:00AM AT THE KARIBIB USAB HALL; 11<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2022 AT 9:00AM AT THE OMARURU REST CAMP CONFERENCE HALL; & 12<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2022 AT 9:00AM AT THE OTJIWARONGO C`EST SI BON HOTEL CONFERENCE VENUE**

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS IS 31 MAY 2022**

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