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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE NAMIB
GARAGE FUEL RETAIL FACILITY, AUS**

1. Introduction

Puma Energy Namibia (Pty) Ltd requested Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd to prepare an environmental management plan (EMP) for the operations of their fuel retail facility. Puma plans to move their existing fuel retail facility on erf 52 to erf 51, on the corner of Lüderitz and Nissen Streets, Aus. The move will entail the constructing and operation of a new fuel retail facility while the infrastructure on erf 52 will be removed (Figure 1). The facility has been in operation for many years and is an important source of fuel for the local and farming community.

An environmental clearance certificate (ECC) for the operations is required as per the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 (EMA). An EMP is proposed to be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism's Directorate of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in support of an application for an ECC.

2. The purpose of this document

With this Background Information Document (BID) GPT aims to provide information about the project to the DEA and competent authorities.

3. Project Description

Activities associated with the project have been divided into the following phases: planning, maintenance, operational and the decommissioning phase. A brief outline of expected activities for each phase is detailed below.

3.1 Planning Phase

While planning for continued operations, maintenance (including upgrade) and decommissioning of the consumer fuel installation, it is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure they are and remain compliant with all legal requirements. The proponent must also ensure that all required management measures are in place prior to and during all phases, to ensure potential impacts and risks are minimised. Typical planning activities include:

- ♦ Obtain permits and approvals from local and national authorities.
- ♦ Ensure correct zoning and subdivision of the land if applicable.
- ♦ Make provisions to have a Health, Safety and Environmental Coordinator to implement the EMP.
- ♦ Ensure provisions for a fund to cater for environmental incidents / pollution and ecological restoration.
- ♦ Ensure all appointed contractors and employees enter into an agreement which includes the EMP.
- ♦ Establish and / or maintain a reporting system to report on aspects of operations, maintenance and decommissioning as outlined in the EMP.

3.2 Maintenance

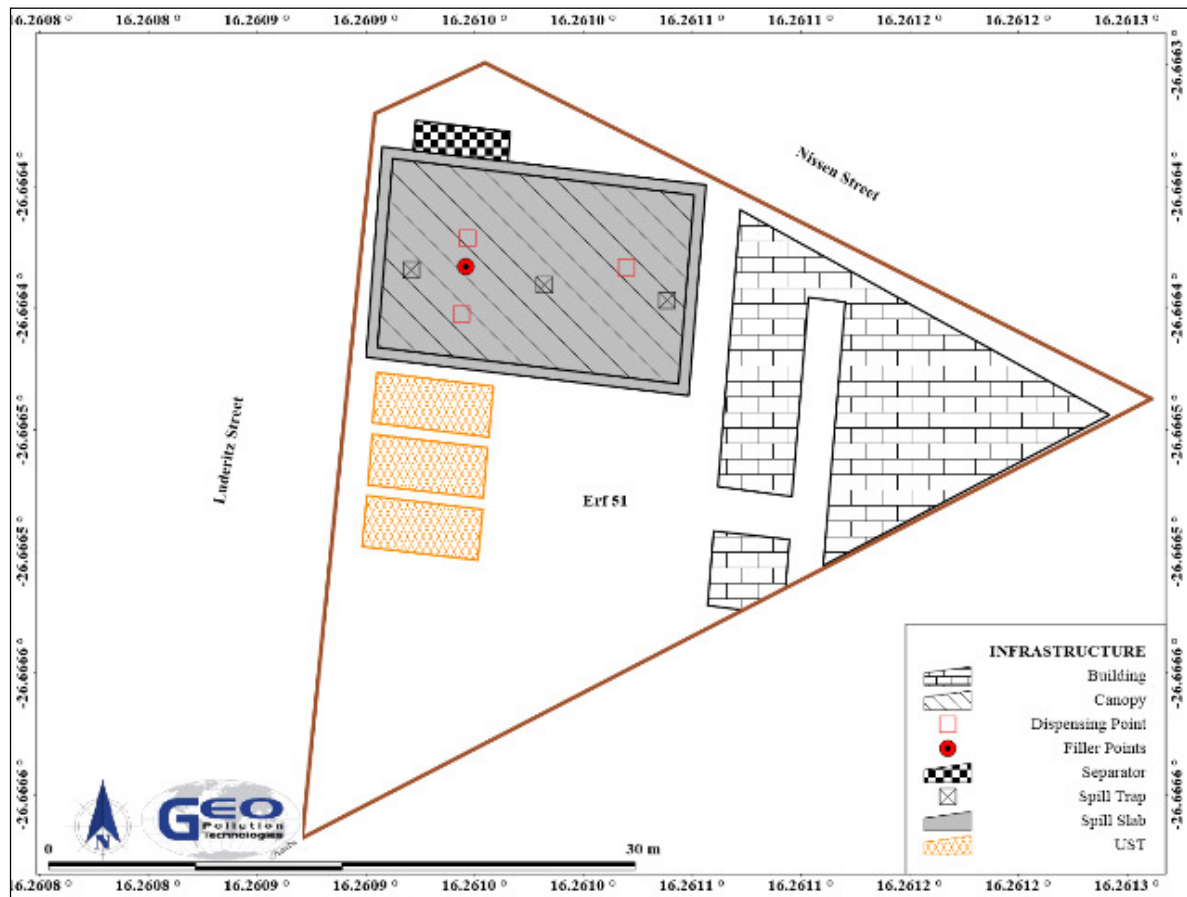
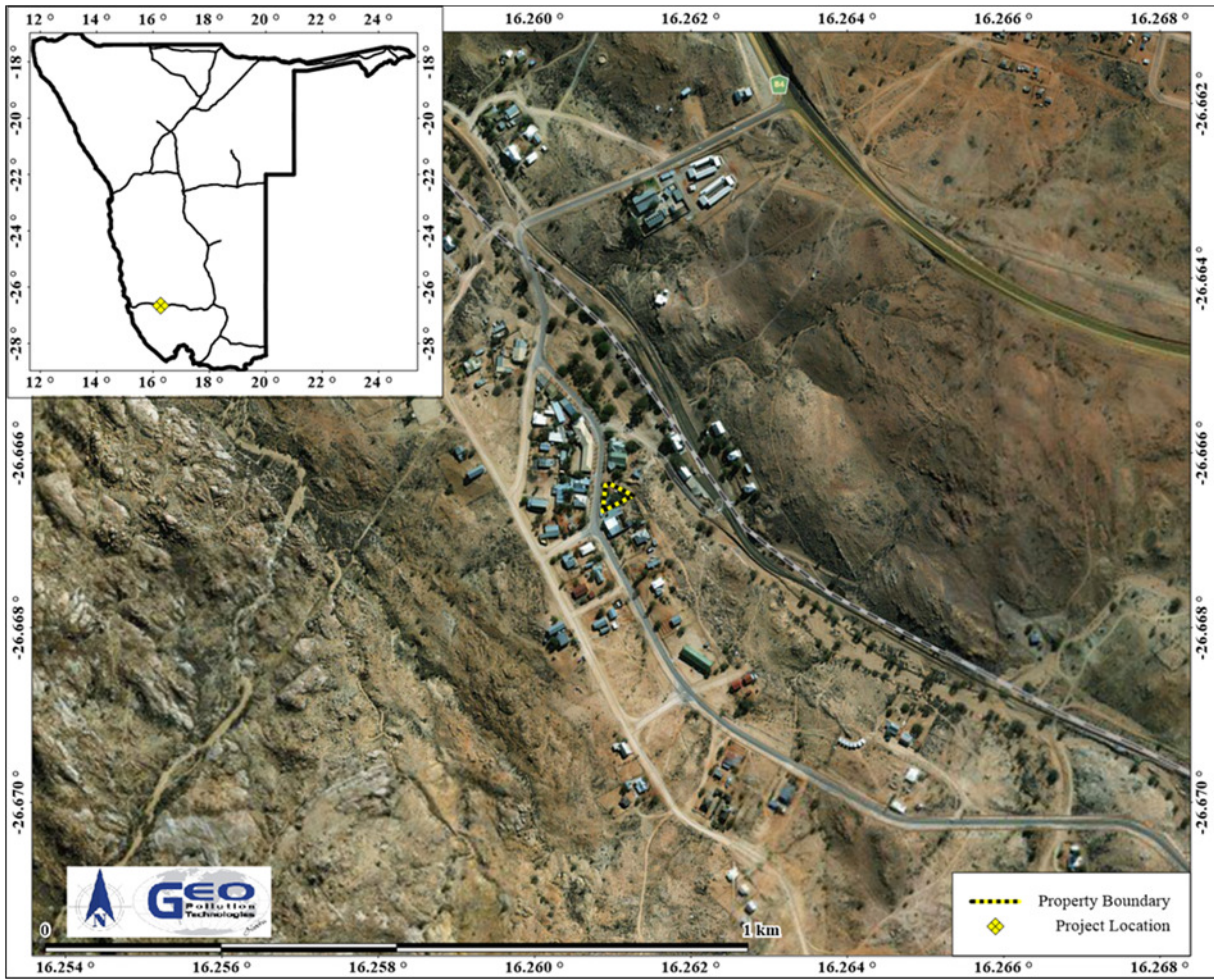
Maintenance continues on a daily basis and may include some minor construction activities. Maintenance include minor repairs and general upkeep of the fuel retail facility and associated infrastructure as well as general upgrade activities. This may include painting, servicing and/or replacing of equipment, etc.

3.3 Operational Phase

Normal operations associated with fuel retail facilities continue at the site. This mainly involves the receipt of unleaded petrol and diesel from road tankers, storage of fuel in underground storage tanks, and dispensing of fuel to clients via dispensers in a forecourt area.

3.4 Decommissioning Phase

Decommissioning is not foreseen during the validity of the ECC. Decommissioning will however be assessed. Should decommissioning occur at any stage, rehabilitation of the area may be required. Decommissioning will entail the complete removal of all infrastructure including buildings and underground infrastructure. Any pollution present on site must be remediated.



4. Preliminary Identified Impacts

During the preparation of the EMP, all components of the environment will be considered, however only those components which are being impacted on significantly or are deemed to be sensitive will be assessed. These include the following:

- ◆ Health and safety risks,
- ◆ Fire risk,
- ◆ Noise,
- ◆ Air quality,
- ◆ Visual impact,
- ◆ Ecosystem and biodiversity impacts,
- ◆ Groundwater, surface water and soil pollution,
- ◆ Socio economic contributions.

5. Public Consultation

GPT invite all IAPs to provide in writing, any issues and suggestions regarding the mining. This correspondence must include:

- ◆ Name and surname,
- ◆ Organization represented or private interest,
- ◆ Position in the organization,
- ◆ Contact details, and
- ◆ Any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the application.

All contributions become public knowledge and will be circulated along with the reports as per the EMA requirements. The comments, inputs and suggestions will also be submitted to the DEA along with how any issues have been addressed in the environmental assessment.

The public participation process will remain ongoing during the environmental assessment. However, all comments and concerns should be provided to GPT by 03 August 2020 to ensure incorporation into the environmental assessment. The project team may be contacted on the contact details below:



Your Rights as an IAP according to the Environmental Management Act, No7 of 2007, Government Notice No 30 (Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations)

Section 23.

(1) A registered interested or affected party is entitled to comment in writing, on all written submissions made to the Environmental Commissioner by the applicant responsible for the application, and to bring to the attention of the Environmental Commissioner any issues which that party, believes may be of significance to the consideration of the application, as long as -

(a) comments are submitted within 7 days of notification of an application or receiving access to a scoping report or an assessment report;

(b) the interested and affected party discloses any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of the application.

(2) Before the applicant submits a report compiled in terms of these regulations to the Environmental Commissioner, the applicant must give registered interested and affected parties access to, and an opportunity to comment in writing on the report.

(3) Reports referred to in sub regulation (2) include -

(a) scoping reports;

(b) scoping reports amended and resubmitted;

(c) assessment reports; and

(d) assessment reports amended and resubmitted.

(4) Any written comments received by the applicant from a registered interested or affected party must accompany the report when the report is submitted to the Environmental Commissioner.

(5) A registered interested or affected party may comment on any final report that is submitted by a specialist reviewer for the purposes of these regulations where the report contains substantive information which has not previously been made available to a registered interested or affected party.

Section 24:

The applicant responsible for an application must ensure that the comments of interested and affected parties are recorded in reports submitted to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of these regulations, and comments by interested and affected parties on a report which is to be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner may be attached to the report without recording those comments in the report itself.