

ROAD FUND NEWS

CBC Accommodation Project



Two bedroom house at Velloorsdrift border post.



PMPA Team with members of the Omaheke Council - Trans-Kalahari border post

To address the need for decent accommodation for its employees at remote areas, and as part of its employment conditions improvement plans the Road Fund Administration has engaged on a CBC accommodation project. The project also ties in with Government's national plan to address the dire housing need in Namibia. The pilot stage of this project started during the 2014/2015 Financial Year with the building of three two-bedroom houses (i.e. one house per border post) at Mata Mata, Velloorsdrift and Muhembo border posts.

The pilot phase of the accommodation project was a huge success; hence, the RFA saw it fit to continue with the implementation of the project in phases, until all housing needs are addressed at remote areas. Phase 1 of the project commenced during the 2015/2016 Financial Year.

Most recipients of houses during the pilot phase of the project had the following to say. "Our living conditions have improved drastically, we now have a place of our own and our sense of dignity has been restored. We used to squat at the police/immigrations officials' barracks and had no privacy. We were constantly mocked, but that is now something of the past." One of the recipients stayed in a small caravan with no kitchen or shower facilities and was left to the mercy of the police/immigration officials to make use of these facilities. This now is also something of the past.

The project team comprising of the PMPA division along with the CBC Supervisors engaged in a consultative process with the various Local Authorities to identify and acquire land at the various border posts covered during Phase 1 of the project.

Land for the construction of the housing units was successfully identified, and allocated to the Road Fund Administration by the various Local Authorities. A call for tenders to address the needs of the accommodation project followed shortly thereafter. The first tender called for the appointment of a Principal agent, and Prinsloo Loubser Architects were appointed as the Principal agent, under the leadership of Mr Uys Prinsloo.

The Principal agent and his team are responsible for the following during the construction of the housing units:

- Architectural drawings of all housing units;
- Quantity surveying;
- Overseeing the smooth implementation of the housing project;
- To ensure that the contractors/ tenderers complete the housing units according to specifications and within agreed time;
- Evaluation of received tenders.



From left to right- Ms. Veronica Jacobs, Mr. Penda Ithindi (Board Chairperson), Ms. Selma Paulus and Mr. Ali Ipinge (CEO) pictured in front of the house during the official handover at the Velloorsdrift border post.



Ngoma site



Noordoewer site

The second tender called for qualified and experienced contractors to submit tenders for the construction of the housing units. The tender closed on the 29th of January 2016, and total number of 194 tenderers responded to the tender.

Shortly after the closing date, the evaluation team of the Principal agent evaluated all tenders. The evaluation process was conducted to determine the tenderers that meet the evaluation criteria in accordance with the needs and requirements of the RFA as well as the Tender Documents, and the RFA Procurement Policy. The PMPA division thereafter compiled, and submitted a report of the tender to the RFA Tender Committee/ Board together with their recommendations for final approval and subsequent appointment of successful tenderers.



PMPA team with Mr. Asley Haukambe and Mr. Tuhafeni Nekongo-Selecting erven in Ariamsvlei

The Tender Committee/Board approved the tenders at their recent meeting held during April, and a letter of award has been issued to the successful tenderers. The project is envisioned to commence as soon as the tenderers submit all required documents, to allow for an agreement to be drawn up which will be signed by all relevant parties. The project is expected to be completed within six months from commencement date.

Phase 1: Current Financial Year 2016/2017

- Noordoewer: 11 Housing units
- Ariamsvlei: 11 Housing units
- Trans-Kalahari: 7 Housing units
- Aroab/Klein Menasse: 2 Housing units
- Ngoma: 3 Housing units

Phase 2: Financial Year 2017/2018

Phase two of the project will follow a similar pattern with the exclusion of calling for a Principal agent. This phase is planned for Financial Year 2017/2018, and it is envisioned that the following border posts be covered during that phase.

- Oshikango: 5 Housing units
- Wenela: 3 Housing units
- Katwitwi: 2 Housing units
- Omahenene: 2 Housing units



Mr Ipinge (CEO) and Mr Prinsloo (Principal Agent) during the signing of the contract, with Mr IGonteb (PMPA) overseeing the process.

Thank You! Until Next Time

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