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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The NEWS committee wishes all members a fun filled, relaxing and peaceful holiday season.

As 2011 is also upon us during this period, please accept a prosperous New Year's wishes to all as well.

Thanks for all your continued much valued support thus far - something the society certainly cannot do without!

Furthermore, enjoy the Xmas edition of the Roan News and we trust that it meets all expectations.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A PROSPEROUS 2011



The following environmental newsletters of interest have recently been distributed and can be viewed at the following websites:

- VARIOUS CCF PRESS RELEASES
- SEE: WWW.CHEETAH.ORG

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NECKARTAL DAM UPDATE

NEWS has registered as an Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) regarding the proposed Neckartal Dam development in the Fish River west of Keetmanshoop.

Points of concern raised included the following:

1. That the EIA be of international standard – i.e. not just a local effort, but should be internationally acceptable – and be in line with Namibia's environmental legislation and policies including the recommendations from the World Commission on Dams.

2. The EIA should include a EWR (environmental water requirements) study.

3. The EIA should be reviewed by a team of external and impartial experts to ensure international standards.

4. Recommendations should be built into the feasibility and projected costs of the development.

5. Construction activities should be put on hold until the EIA is accepted and actions to mitigate negative impacts and enhance potential benefits are planned and casted into a well-rounded feasibility study, and the EMP drafted.

We will keep members informed regarding the above mentioned issues raised as we receive feedback from the consultants involved.

NEWS cannot act as a watchdog organisation for all such developments throughout Namibia - of which there are currently numerous - but if members are involved in any such developments in any way and/or can highlight some legitimate concerns, please forward these to the NEWS office for attention.

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