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RECYCLING FACILITY VISIT

Windhoek is Recycling ... But have you ever wondered what happens to the stuff you separate into clear bags as part of your weekly waste disposal? NEWS can help you answer this with a visit to the Materials Recycling Facility run by Rent-A-Drum.

One hundred tonnes of paper, plastic, glass and tin goes through this centre every month:

- How is it dealt with?
- Where is it sent to?
- Is the process economically viable?
- Can we increase this amount even further?

Come and find out!

The visit is scheduled for **Friday 9 March at 14h30.**

A maximum of 30 people can attend, and it will take about 1½ hours. As this visit will be on a "first-come" basis and to avoid disappointment, please book

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

- **Brown Hyena Research**
December 2011 Newsletter
www.strandwolf.org
- **Giraffe Newsletter Vol. 5**
Issue 1, 2011
www.giraffeconservation.org
- **Raptor News No. 4** Oct to Dec 2011
www.nnf.org.na/raptors

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RECYCLING FACILITY VISIT CONTINUED

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Directions and further details will be provided by Hilde-Marie.

URANIUM INSTITUTE WEBSITE

The Chamber of Mines Uranium Institute website - See www.namibiauraniuminstitute.com - currently has a voting pole open debating the value of a nuclear power plant for Namibia. Voting can be conducted online.

Current results (at 18 January) indicate 88% or 1567 of the respondents opting for "No" - i.e. Namibia should not get an own nuclear power plant.

Please view the website for various uranium related matters as well as cast your vote.

"Our lives begin to end the day we start becoming silent about things that matter."
Unknown

NEWS PRESENTATION

The first NEWS presentation of the year will be held on 15 February 2012 at the Scientific Society Lecture Hall on Robert Mugabe Avenue at 19h00:

"The role of green tourism (eco-adventure and nature-based tourism) in communal conservancies"

by Keith Sproule and Usiel Ndjavera, WWF.

POLYTECHNIC ENVIRONMENTAL POETRY

Students from the Polytechnic Environmental Club have submitted "environmental poetry" which will be included in subsequent NEWS-letters:

MOTHER EARTH

The dearest mother of all parents, with most decent voice of sweet silent

She is the reason behind the air that we breath and the light that we see, the reflective beautiful view of the deep blue sea.

Every step on ground we walk in cuddle of her arms.

She feeds us with love by the crops, fruits and vegetables that we grow on our farms.

She lives us a valuable inheritance of Minerals to give us Wealth, She grows herbs and elements for Medicine to maintain our health.

She carries us through the course of life season by season, through all the changes in time giving us notable reasons.

She raises us all her life with satisfaction of affection, always conserving resources for future generation.

She provides us raw materials to draw up all kinds of fashions, giving us the ability to develop our passions.

She makes us live in her wonders like a loving caring wife, revealing to us true essence of life.

She is as passionate and peaceful as a Dove, the true expression of love. Many at times when we cut down Trees to provide accommodation for all, less do we realize that we actually cause her tears to fall. The changes in her structure are to us the caring cautious warming, the earthquakes, tsunamis, floods and Global warming.

She weeps over the sudden of many happy doors, as they are replaced by the devastating effects of the results of artificial human laws.

As a mother she delights o see us live in sunshine and not this coming age storm, but we live the consequences of breaking her commandments of living life in its natural form. Amidst the age of this disaster that is causing great damage in capacity, as a dear mother she strives to take the challenge to sustain humanity.

In all comparison, she is the best and there is no other, because no one else can bear the sweet name
MOTHER.

Taimi Shiwayu

EIA's IN PROGRESS

The following developments have come to the attention of NEWS and should members be interested in registering as interested and affected parties or require more information, please contact the Environmental Practitioners directly:

1) Groot Aub Wastewater Treatment Ponds, Groot Aub

Consulting Services Africa

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2) Engela Wastewater Treatment Ponds, Engela

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3) Van Eck Power Plant Ash Treatment

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4) Berg Aukas Mine Developments, Grootfontein

Synergistics Environmental Services

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