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NAMIBIAN MARINE PHOSPHATE EMBARKS ON JOB REGISTRATION DRIVE, AMID PENDING COURT RULING ON THE VALIDITY OF ITS MINING LICENCE

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Namibian Marine Phosphate has decided to embark on a job registration drive while waiting on the pending court ruling on the validity of its mining licence for the Sandpiper marine phosphate project,

The company made the announcement last week during a virtual press conference stating that they are expecting to employ more than 600 Namibians directly and indirectly for construction and operations in Walvis Bay while creating opportunities for SMEs and other economic sectors.

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The company said it is moving forward with preparation of the Sandpiper Project development, in anticipation of a favourable Judgement on the review application brought by three fishing associations (CNFA, Hake, Midwater) and a commercial fishing company, Omualu Fishing (Pty) Ltd, which was heard in the High Court of Namibia on 7 July.

The job registration drive aims to provide all Namibians the opportunity to register their interest to be considered for the various jobs and roles that are expected to be created when the Sandpiper Project development commences.

The objective of the drive will be to compile a database of prospective job seekers who would be suitable candidates for employment in the future for various full time, part-time, and casual positions during the Sandpiper Project's construction and operational phases. Following registration of interest, the company plans to conduct a series of interactive workshops with the registrants to provide relevant information on the company's proposed operations and the related roles.

Details of the job interest registration process will be advertised locally in newspapers, on social media, and on the company's website.

"Namibian Marine Phosphate looks forward to further constructive engagement with the Ministry of Mines and Energy, the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, as well as the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources to ensure both co-existence and development of industries in the marine environment. Seabed Mining is already well established as a major contributor to GDP in Namibia, and Namibian Marine Phosphate looks to replicate or even improve on the established operational co-existence between seabed mining and fisheries," the company said.

According to the company, shareholders have invested more than N\$780 million into Namibian Marine Phosphate and the Sandpiper Project.

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