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Clarification on Trading Activities at Havana 4-Way in Relation to the Construction of Eneas Peter Nanyemba Road

The City of Windhoek hereby provides an update and clarity to residents, traders, and stakeholders in Havana and the surrounding areas on the progress of the upgrade of **Eneas Peter Nanyemba Road** from a single to a dual carriageway. This statement specifically addresses developments at the Havana 4-Way intersection and outlines the way forward regarding trading activities in the area.

The Havana 4-Way forms part of the upgrading and decongestion of the Eneas Peter Nanyemba Road Project, a critical infrastructure development aimed at improving traffic flow, road safety, and access to economic opportunities in the area and beyond. For these works to proceed, the road reserve must be cleared in a planned and orderly manner.

As part of this process, the City has identified land for the community market and taxi rank as the alternative trading area for vendors currently operating within the road reserve. This facility forms part of the agreement between Council and the Developer for the Ongos Valley Township Development and is specifically designed to accommodate vendors affected by the road upgrading project. Vendors will trade along the edge of the site, allowing construction to continue without disruption. This will allow trading activities to remain active during the construction period.

The land earmarked for the community market is currently occupied by 44 households and a church. These households and the church have been allocated plots at Havana Extensions 8 and 11, where they will receive security of tenure and improved living conditions. Relocation to the new site was delayed due to residents' requests for full municipal services and safe access. In response, the City constructed river-crossing culverts, commenced electrical installations, and advertised a tender for the construction of water, sewer, roads, and stormwater infrastructure at the relocation site.

Affected households were formally consulted as part of the relocation process. The structured approach entails relocating households from the community market site to Havana Extensions 8 and 11, after which vendors will move from the road reserve into a portion of the vacated space. This sequence allows road construction works to proceed without obstruction while creating a safer, more organised trading environment.

The City further clarifies that vendors are not being relocated to Ongos Valley Township. Vendors will continue trading near the site earmarked for the community market, next to their current location, ensuring continued access to customers and protection of livelihoods.

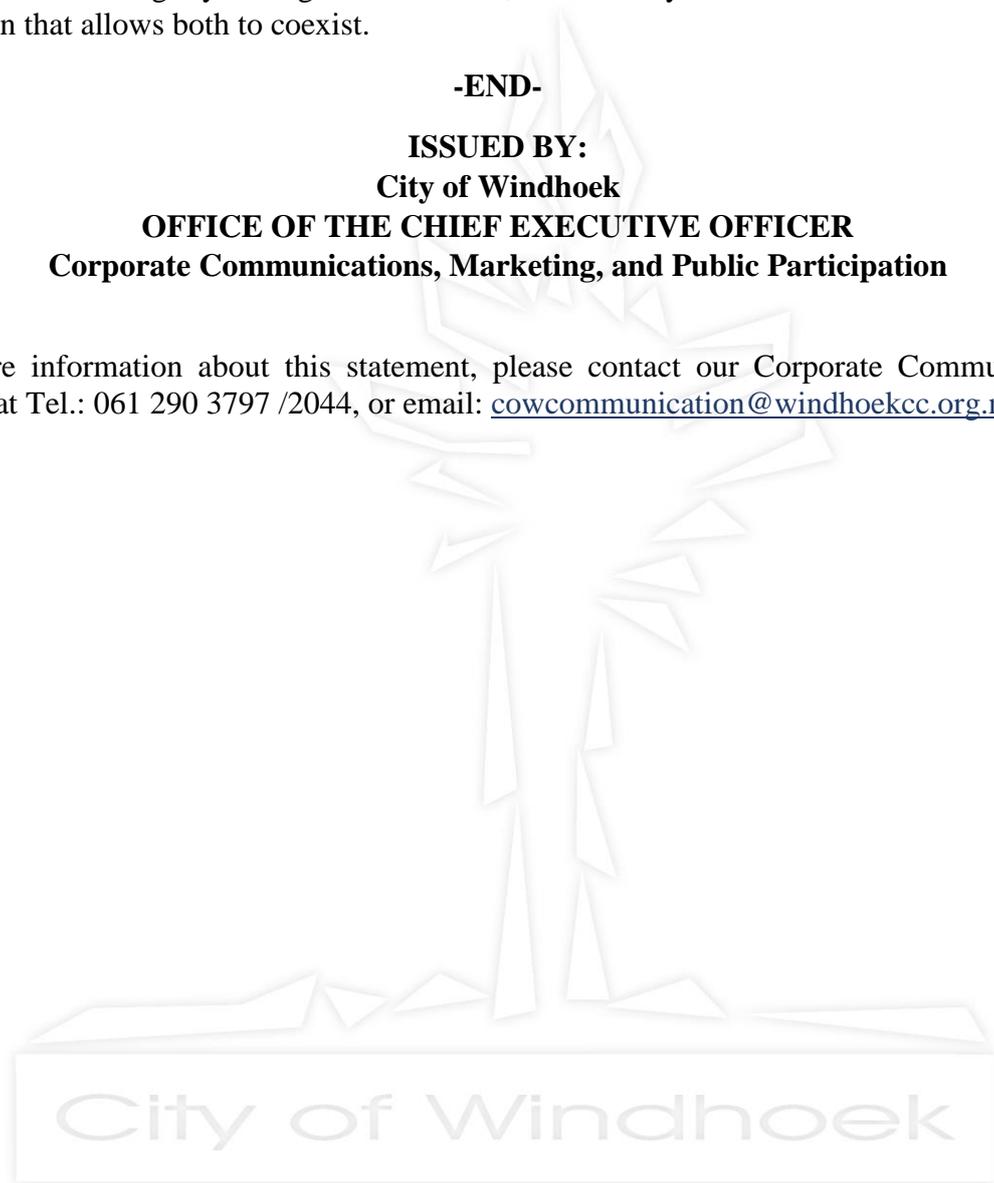
Engagements and consultations with vendors and affected residents have taken place and will continue. A formal meeting held in September 2025 resolved that relocation would take place in October 2025, but this did not proceed after residents declined to relocate at the time. The City remains committed to open communication, ongoing consultation, and a fair, transparent resolution.

The City of Windhoek calls on all affected parties to cooperate with officials so that the road upgrading project can proceed safely and efficiently, while livelihoods are protected. Development and dignity must go hand in hand, and the City remains committed to achieving a solution that allows both to coexist.

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