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IPC PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT VINDICATED BY NAMPORT'S REJECTION OF N\$4 BILLION LÜDERITZ PROPOSAL

WINDHOEK - The Independent Patriots for Change welcomes the Namibian Ports Authority's decision to reject Alpha Nautical Services' proposal to develop a N\$4 billion oil and gas supply base at the Port of Lüderitz.

Namport's findings vindicate concerns placed on the parliamentary record by IPC Member of Parliament Hon. Rodney Cloete five months before the rejection.

1. On **25 February 2026**, Hon. Cloete tabled **Question 378** to the Minister of Works and Transport. The question demanded disclosure of the due diligence conducted on Alpha Nautical, its experience in oil supply base construction, the reason the original competitive tender was cancelled, and whether the project had subsequently been redirected through the Namibia Industrial Development Agency.
2. The question warned that a proposal previously rejected by Namport appeared to have returned through a different institutional arrangement involving NIDA, Alpha Nautical and other partners.
3. Namport has now reportedly concluded that Alpha Nautical did not demonstrate the financial capacity, technical expertise, delivery capability or verifiable operational experience required to establish and operate the proposed facility. These are substantially the same due-diligence concerns raised by Hon. Cloete in Parliament in February.

"This is precisely why parliamentary oversight matters. IPC raised the due-diligence and procurement questions before a 25-year concession involving strategic national infrastructure could proceed. Namport's subsequent findings confirm that those concerns were serious, specific and justified," Hon. Cloete said.

4. On **3 March 2026**, Hon. Cloete pursued further scrutiny through **Question 384**, seeking disclosure of the due diligence undertaken before the appointment of the Namport board chairperson and asking whether the chairperson had participated in decisions concerning the Lüderitz oil and gas supply base.



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"The record shows that IPC did not wait for the deal to collapse before speaking. We placed the risks before Parliament, demanded the underlying records and maintained pressure for transparency. This is responsible opposition: identifying threats to public assets early and pursuing answers through constitutional institutions," Hon. Cloete said.

5. IPC nevertheless cautions that Namport's rejection does not resolve the wider accountability questions surrounding the project.
6. The party will seek disclosure of:
 - a. The complete assessment and due-diligence record on the Alpha Nautical proposal;
 - b. The Cabinet decision concerning the identification of a development partner for the proposed supply base;
 - c. The authority under which the original competitive DBOOT process was cancelled;
 - d. All communications concerning the proposed involvement of NIDA, Alpha Nautical and other partners; and
 - e. The process and criteria that will govern any future concession at Lüderitz.
7. IPC has also noted Alpha Nautical's allegation that Namport awarded a similar project to a wholly foreign-owned entity identified as Soneils. This allegation has not yet been independently substantiated and must be answered through documentary disclosure rather than political speculation.

"IPC will request that the Minister identify the project allegedly awarded to Soneils, disclose the procurement method and evaluation criteria, and explain the applicable local-content requirements," Hon. Cloete said.

8. Namibia's emerging oil and gas sector must be developed through transparent, competitive and technically credible processes. Local participation must create real Namibian ownership, skills and employment. It must not become a slogan used to justify opaque transactions.
9. IPC will continue using Parliament to defend strategic national infrastructure and ensure that decisions involving billions of dollars withstand public, technical and legal scrutiny.

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Namibia is not for sale

We must and can save it!

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