

## **Environmental impact assessment report for the proposed construction of hotels in Entebbe Municipality: A case study of K hotels**

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### **Introduction**

The study was set out to environmental impact assessment report for the proposed construction of hotels in Entebbe municipality; a case study of k hotels. The study was conducted by Nakafu Victoria. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was recognized in Uganda as a tool of environment management back in 1995 when the National Environment Statute (now Act Cap 153) was enacted. The Act called for EIA to examine all development activities likely to negatively impact on the environment before they are implemented. However, despite EIA being carried out on most development projects, it is uncommon for developers of projects to use the EIA reports as a basis for environmentally sound implementation of their projects (Ecaat, 2004).

### **Study objectives**

The study was based on three objectives:

4) to describe the nature of construction to be undertaken; Identify the impacts the construction will have on the environment, to verify compliance with environmental laws,

policies and regulations as well as industry best practice and standards; and to Propose mitigation measures for negative impacts and enhancement measures for positive impacts to be undertaken during and after the implementation of the project including; recommending cost effective measures to be used to mitigate against the anticipated negative impacts;

### **Methodology**

The study design comprised of a combination of both descriptive research designs and both qualitative and quantitative approaches were employed. A sample size of 197 was used. Data was collected using self-administer questionnaires, interviews and review of related literature.

### **Key finding**

The Study revealed that the positive impacts are highly rated and benefited all stakeholders and Entebbe Township residents at large. The project proponents have proposed to adhere to prudent implementation of the environmental management and monitoring plan. The contractor should be committed to obtaining all necessary permits and licenses from the relevant authorities and have qualified and adequate personnel to do the project as proposed.

### **Recommendation**

The study recommends that, mitigation measures for the projects should focus on all the phases of the project life cycle. EIA follow up should also be strengthened as this stage of the EIA process has generally been neglected, yet it is during this stage that mitigation measures are implemented.

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