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REPORT ON THE 24/05/2020 EARTHQUAKE RECORDED IN NAMIBIA

The Ministry of Mines and Energy confirms that an earthquake was recorded approximately 28 kilometers north of Halali on Sunday afternoon, 24 May 2020 at 16:42 Namibian Time. The event was recorded by eight seismic stations of the Namibian Seismology Network, namely; Tsumeb, Kamanjab, Opuwo, Rundu, Gobabis, Karibib, Aus and Ariamsvlei. The earthquake registered a preliminary local magnitude (*ML*) of 4.7 as recorded by the Namibian Seismological Network at latitude (**Y**): **-18.788° South**, longitude (**X**): **16.414° East**. The earthquake occurred at a shallow depth of less than 10 km.

Epicentral Location

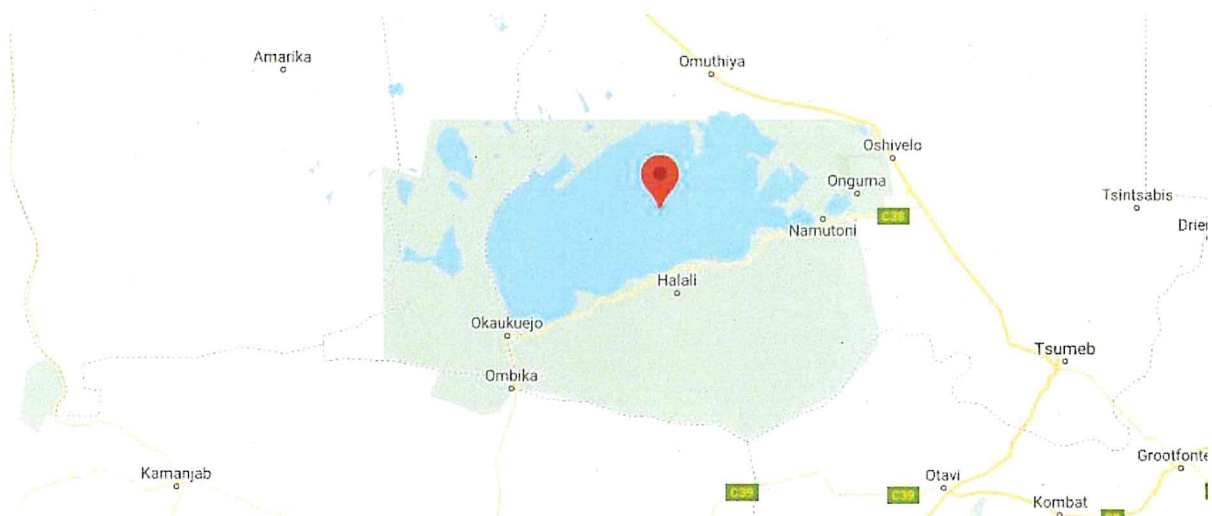


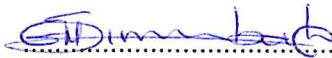
Fig 1. Red Place Marker showing the epicentre of the event.

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Taking into consideration the magnitude (size) and the epicentral location of the event, we do not expect major damages to infrastructures. However, the following precautionary measures should be considered in case you feel an earthquake:

- If you find yourself indoors, try going outside safely when possible, otherwise find refuge under the table.
- If you are outdoors, find a clear spot well clear of buildings, trees and power lines.
- Stay and face away from windows.
- When indoors, watch out for falling objects.
- If driving, move out of traffic as quickly as possible and shut off the engine. Avoid bridges and anything that could fall onto your car such as trees and power lines.



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