

Introduction

Project Background

Toivo Hamukwaya (The Proponent), has been granted with the Mining Claims (MC 74141 and 74210) by the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME). The tenure of the EPL is from 16th November 2020 to 15th November 2023, and covers a surface area of 36 ha for both mining claims. The MC is located about 16 km west of Arandis in the Erongo Region (**Figure 1**). The MC partly lies within the West Coast National Park and covers (overlies). The target commodities for prospecting and exploration are industrial minerals and micas to be more specific.

Section 27 (1) of the Environmental Management Act (EMA) (No. 7 of 2007) and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations, provides a list of activities that may not be carried out without an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) undertaken and an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) obtained. Exploration activities are listed among activities that may not occur without an ECC. Therefore, individuals or organizations may not carry out exploration activities without an EIA undertaken and an ECC awarded.

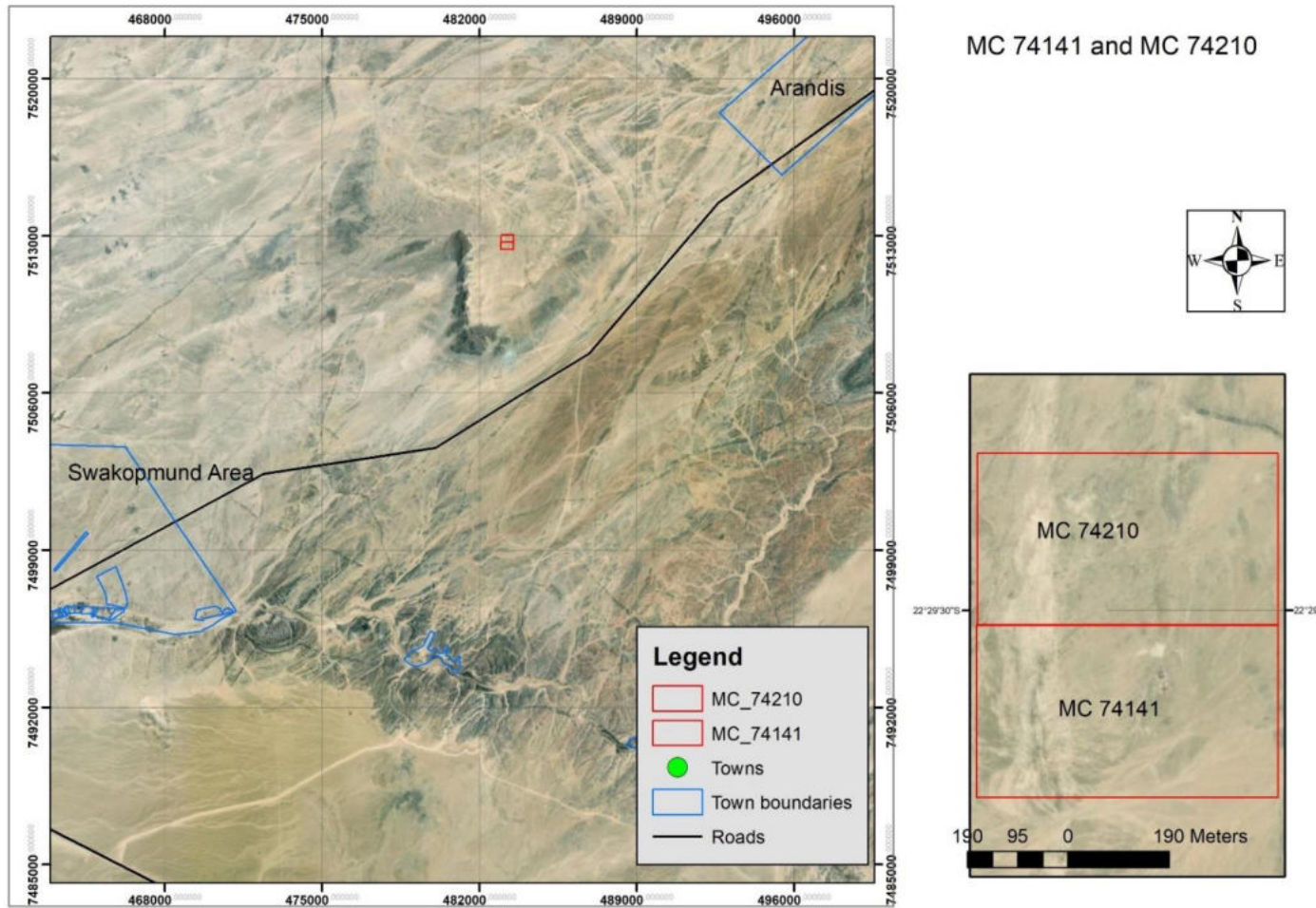


Figure 1. Location Map showing the two mining claims in relation to the two surrounding towns, namely Swakopmund and Arandis.