

# #AODAMAN TRADITIONAL

## AUTHORITY



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Enq: Chief Petrus Ukongo

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Dear Sir/ Madam

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

#### RE: ESTABLISHMENT AND MINING AT FARM MESOPOTAMIA NO. 504

The #Aodaman Traditional Authority has been notified about the establishment and mining of base and rare metals and precious and semi-precious stones mining claims 71081, 71082, 71083, 71436, 71437, 71438, and 71439 at farm No. 504 Mesopotamia Village, Khorixas District, Kunene Region, Namibia.

The #Aodaman Traditional Authority was invited to the public participation meeting held on the 20th May 2020 at Mesopotamia Village and represented by one of the Traditional leaders on behalf of the Chief (Attendance List) Mr. Kleophas Norman Tsuseb.

The Traditional Authority is in support of any sustainable development project which may sustain social economic growth by encouraging income-earning activities for rural communities in the area.

Mining is very important to an industrializing country.

The mines also contribute to the social development by sponsoring schools, health sector, portable water supply and other needs of concern.

The mining at Mesopotamia will create employment to unemployed persons including youth, which may minimize poverty rate amongst local communities and ensure food security at household level.

However, we are aware of problems associated with mining and it is against this background that Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required to be contacted prior to the final approval and issuing of clearance certificate which has also been done in this case.

During the public participation meeting it has demonstrated that necessary obligations has been executed and the communities participated with interest and discipline. The questions and answers well taken and discussed with mutual understanding and noted.

- At this end, the #Aodaman Traditional Authority render its vehemently support for the approval of the mining application as applied, subject to the requirements by the Act of Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act 33 of 1992.
- The #Aodaman Traditional Authority will monitor the progress of mining activities with expert advice in order to ensure that the Traditional Communities will enjoy their benefit and taxes and royalties are paid to the relevant Authorities, and sustainable management of environment and natural resources are well taken.
- Finally, the Public participation meeting was conducted in accordance with the Covid-19 emergency preventive measures in terms of hand washing, sanitizers, wearing of mandatory mask, social distance and number of people.
- The meeting was conducted in different sessions to accommodate the maximum number of ten people only in each session.
- Two Police Officers from Khorixas Nampol Unit were present and has observed the proceedings of the meeting which was done in law and order.

I Thank you.

Cc: Proponent Mr. Gerhard Gariseb

Thanking you for your usual good understanding and cooperation.

Assuring you of our highest consideration.

Yours in traditional matters.

  
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**CHIEF PETRUS UKONGO**  
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