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PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED MINERAL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPLS) NO. 8964 AND 8965 LOCATED NORTH OF TALISMANUS; OMAHEKE REGION, NAMIBIA

Date: 28 – 29 June 2023

Time: 10H00 till late

Venue: Collective meetings at Otjora , Otjikoto Otjiapehuri, and Eiseb

The collective public consultation meeting that was held at different venues and different time was attended by a total of 33 people, including an Environmental Consultant, and an Archaeologist all from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

The meeting was done by Mr. Stefanus Johannes (Environmental Consultant) with a translation of Mr. Ivor Kahimise from English to Otjiherero. The meeting was opened with a short introduction of the team, who they are and the purpose as to why they are consulting affected parties of the proposed prospecting and exploration activities on EPL – 8964 - 8965. The meeting attendance register was then circulated for the attendees to write down their names, contact details and sign so that they could be added to the list of interested and affected parties (I&APs) and receive further information on the ESA process.

MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

2.1 Brief Description of the Project

Mr. Stefanus Johannes explained the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) and the reason why the Proponent appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS), an independent Environmental Consultant to carry out the ESA and apply for the Environmental Clearance certificate (ECC).

2.2 Explanation of what an ESA is, it's Process, and the Public Role in the Process

Mr. Stefanus Johannes explained to the attendees what the meeting was all about and why they were invited (with reference to the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation). Mr. Stefanus Johannes further explained what an ESA is and that the proposed exploration activities are one of the listed activities in the 2012 EIA Regulations of the EMA that cannot be undertaken without an ECC from the Environmental Commissioner.

2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, the Environmental Consultants also presented the potential pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

Mr. Stefanus Johannes provided the meeting attendees the opportunity to raise their concerns/issues and or comment on the proposed project activities. The issues and comments recorded are presented in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the public consultation meeting, 28th and 29th June 2023

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue/comment/question	Response and name of responder: Mr. Stefanus Johannes
1.	The Traditional authority and the community at large depends/rely on the consultant (The environmental practitioner) s reporting	Noted.
2.	Once the EPLs are awarded the ECC , they must at least be with someone from the community as one knows the area much better.	Noted.
3.	<p>We recommend NORONEX to have specialists on the ground such as a hydrologist when they are commencing with exploration activities to avoid any impact on our groundwater.</p> <p>And also to have an archeologist on site as the EPL is located within the a site where the Germans were killing the Hereros and the Namas; the Hereros fled from wherever and went to Botswana. And on their way of going to Botswana; they left their utensils and there is a possibility that some people where buried within the area.</p>	Noted. We will clearly state it in our Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

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4.	<p>The Proponent¹: We are do not have any objection toward the project , but kindly have another meeting with others who are residing in Windhoek.</p> <p>Because we don't make decisions for someone who is not present. So it is up to them, in Windhoek to take their own decisions as we did here.</p>	Mr. Stefanus Johannes: All Noted.

FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Mr. Stefanus Johannes thanked the attendees for their crucial input through comments and raising their concerns. He indicated to the attendees that all their comments, concerns, and inputs have been noted down for consideration and addressing in the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Report as well as incorporating their recommendations into the draft EMP.

Furthermore, **Mr. Stefanus Johannes** informed the attendees that the draft meeting minutes, Environmental Assessment Report, and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be shared with them for review and further comments. These documents will be made available through the emails provided on the attendance register.

Once the review of the draft ESA Report and EMP is done, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) for evaluation and consideration of an ECC. The last meeting adjourned at 18H30.

24 July 2023

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

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Date: Friday, 14 July 2023

Time: 18H30-19H15

Venue: UN Plaza, Soweto, Katutura, Windhoek

The public consultation meeting was attended by 11 people, including an Environmental Consultant, a Corporate Compliance Manager, and a Projects Manager from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

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1.	Commenter 1: Who is Noronex, is it a Namibian registered company, and which Ministry decides on issuing an Environmental Clearance Certificate(ECC)?	Ms. lipinge: Noronex is a Namibian registered company (further information available at https://www.bipa.na/), that applied for the license and wants to do the exploration. The Ministry of Environment Forest and Tourism (MEFT) is the ministry that will decide either to grant or object an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) to this project upon the review of our reporting (Environmental Scoping Assessment Report and Environmental Management Plan).
2.	Commenter 2: Will the whole area covered by the EPL be explored? Where is the area of interest /hotspot for exploration purposes?	Ms. lipinge: The Proponent has applied for the whole area inside the EPL. Therefore, yes, they will explore within the EPL, although the specific works will be limited to the selected targeted site areas within the EPL only, and not necessarily every spot of the area within the EPL will be explored.).
3.	Commenter 3: If you discover water while digging or drilling, will that water become ours or will it close?	Ms. lipinge: Yes, once proponents have encountered water during the process, they will be required to notify the Rural Water Supply Office which will take over the borehole(s), develop it, and hand it over to the community.
4.	Commenter 4: How deep is the drilling and digging of trenches?	Ms. lipinge: I am not in the right position to answer this question but Based on our experience, the trenches are usually 5 meters deep , the width 1 meter or longer, and the length can be 3 meters or longer. The depth and sizes of trenches vary.

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5.	Commenter 5: Which commodity will the proponent explore for what impact will the activity have on the current land use?	Ms. lipinge: They are searching for Copper. In the BID, it is indicated as 'Base & Rare, Metals and, Precious Metals. Residence within the EPL areas are mostly subsistence. For now, our office have just pre-identified the impact, but in our scoping report, we will assess all the impacts and aspects: biodiversity, grazing land, water, traffic, and, road use, and everything else of concern. We will then rate the impacts and the mitigation measures for them to prevent the severity of all those impacts.
6.	Commenter 6: The proponent will use our roads. We recommend they can come on board, clear the roads, and widen them a bit.	Ms. lipinge: Noted.
7.	Commenter 7: Where will those people to be employed come from, What kind of skills will be required and for how long will they be employed?	Ms. lipinge: We always recommend the proponent to prioritize employing locals. Both skilled and unskilled are required. For instance, the geologists (as for the sampling) but details of the required personnel will be out once the ECC is granted, and exploration activities are about to commence. The exploration normally lasts for 3 to 4 months.
8.	Commenter 8 : When will the ECC be issued from the Ministry of Environment (MEFT)?	Ms. lipinge: It is quite a lengthy process. According to the Act, the process takes 3 months, but sometimes, it can take even 6 months to review the project.

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9.	Commenter 9): Just for clarification; this is an ESA for exploration; should they want to do actual mining, if they find any minerals that are profitable, will they do another EIA?	Ms. lipinge: Correct. After the exploration phase into actual mining, that is when we will do a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) by specialists, such as hydrologists, botanists etc.
10.	Commenter 10: What lead the Proponents to go to our area? How did they discover that there are minerals in our area?	Ms. lipinge: What happens is that the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) has a database (mining cadastre) of all the minerals in Namibia. Any natural person can approach the MME and express interest in a mine or exploring for minerals. Based on the information on the Mining Cadastre, which is open to everyone. The candastre has legends that show where different minerals are situated, which are occupied and by whom, and which are not. Any natural person can appoint a geologist and put in an application for a specific license to start exploring for the minerals in a specific place or area, the MME will either grant such an applicant an EPL or not. If granted, the first step is to start doing an ESA/EIA. So, the ministry (MME) is the one that decides where one can explore, prospect, or mine.
11.	Commenter 11: What benefit will the community get from this project?	Ms. lipinge: This question is direct to the Proponent, but to my understanding companies like that are always having a corporate social responsibility fund (CSR) Whereby they can improve road infrastructures, build hospitals, schools, and so on. But we cannot promise this will be up to the company.

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12.	Commenter 12: How do these people get an EPL on our farms /area without our knowledge or consent?	Ms. lipinge: Applications for EPL / EPLs are done through the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME). Once the proponent got pre-approval from MME for that application, the next step is to conduct an Environmental Scoping Assessment. In the Environmental Impact Assessment process, we are required to reach out to all Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) covered by the EPL, for each one to get an opportunity to raise their concerns regarding the potential project.
13.	Commenter 13: What is next after this public consultation, do you perhaps know when the proponents will start with exploration activities?	Ms. lipinge: After the meeting, we will share the meeting minutes with all registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) and then incorporate all comments and issues raised by I&AP (during the meeting or via email) into the draft ESA report and the Environmental Management Plan (EMP). These documents will be shared with all registered I&AP for review for two weeks, once the review of the drafts is complete, these documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) for evaluation and consideration of an ECC. Once an ECC is acquired, that's when the proponent can commence with exploration activities.
14.	Commenter 14: Is Noronex busy mining somewhere else and how are they behaving in other areas.	Ms. lipinge: Yes, have been doing several explorations near Wetvlei, they have an EPL around that area. Last year, were working on the EIA for multiple EPLs near Okatumba, Eiseb area and they haven't started exploration yet. But those projects got ECCs.

FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

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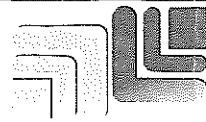
Venue: UN PLAZA, SATUTURUA, NAWINDHOEKI

Date: 14 JULY 2023

Time: 18:30 - 19:15

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Venue: OLICRO VILLAGE

Date: 20 - 06 - 2023

Time: 10:00 AM

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Pictures from the public consultation meeting

