

# ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

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The Proposed Exploration  
Activities on Exclusive  
Prospecting License (EPL  
7694) in respect to Base  
and Rare Metals, Dimension  
Stone, Industrial Minerals,  
Non-Nuclear Fuel Mineral  
and Precious Metals,  
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Form I

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 2007**  
**(Section 32)**

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE



**PART A: DETAILS OF APPLICANT**

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**PART B: SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE****1. The environmental clearance certificate is for:**

- The Proposed Exploration Activities on Exclusive Prospecting License  
 (EPL 7694) in respect to Base and Rare Metals, Dimension Stone  
 Industrial Minerals, Non-Nuclear Fuel Mineral and Precious Metals

**2. Details of the activity(s) covered by the environmental clearance certificate:**

[Note: Please attach plans to show the location and scope of the designated activity(s), and use additional sheets if necessary:

Title of Activity: Proposed Exploration

Nature of Activity: Exclusive Prospecting

Location of Activity: EPL 7694 in the Maras & Hardap Regions

Scale and Scope of Activity: Exclusive Prospecting

**PART C: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT**

I hereby certify that the particulars given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand the environmental clearance certificate may be suspended, amended or cancelled if any information given above is false, misleading, wrong or incomplete.



TOMAS PETRUS

DIRECTOR

Signature of Applicant

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Position

on behalf of

Omafamba Investment CC

Date

14 October 2021

# executive summary

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## Project Overview

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Omafamba Investment cc (herein referred to as the proponent) is a registered Namibian company, with vested interest and business ventures in the mining sector. Omafamba, in this respect obtained an-intend to issue of an Exclusive Prospecting License (**EPL 7694**) by the Ministry of Mine and Energy, on grounds that they acquire an Environmental Clearance Certificate.

Their objective is to undertake exploration activities in order to obtain data on the presence of minerals for further mining development. While the proposed activity may stimulate future economic growth and possible rural development, and employment opportunities, it also present possibility of unprecedented negative environmental impacts.

Potential impacts may vary in terms of scale (locality), magnitude and duration e.g. minor negative impacts in the form of dust and noise pollution especially during the handling (loading and off-loading) will be experienced.

## Need for the Project

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Mining contributes about 25% to the Namibian GDP income, and thus the largest contributor to the Namibian economy. As in many African countries, mining is a key source of mineral commodities essential for maintaining and improving standards of living. Most important, the Namibian government makes provision for its citizens to obtain various mining license in order to create self-employment or business opportunities.

Overall, the exploration activities is expected to generate full time medium to long term direct employment for at least 5-10 workers. The majority of workers to be employed on the proposed exploration project are expected to be skilled and/or semi-skilled (general labourers and operators).

Critically, going ahead with the proposed activity creates potential for the following marginal net benefits:

- Contribution Taxes and Royalty
- Technological Skill and Knowledge transfer
- Creates the most needed employment opportunities

## Project Description

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Omafamba Investment cc seek to jointly operate their business activities their two EPLs (6905 and 7694) along the boundaries of the Hardap and Karas Regions, in respect to Base and Rare Metals, and Precious Metals. Principally, the joint-venture intends to explore (desktop geological study, collection of samples and identification of previous activity in the area where copper mining were conducted) for copper and intends to mine these on a small-scale basis by use of hand-held equipment and to small degree drilling.

The proposed exploration activities mainly consist of the following prospecting activities: Geological mapping: this mainly entails a desktop review of geological area maps and ground observations.

- Lithology geochemical surveys: rock samples shall be collected and taken for trace element analysis. Also, trenches or pits may be dug (in a controlled environment e.g. fencing off and labelling activity sites) adopting manual or excavator to investigate the mineral potential. At all times, the landowner and other relevant stakeholder will be engaged to obtain authorisation where necessary.
- Geophysical surveys: entails data collection of the substrata, by air or ground, through sensors such as radar, magnetic and electromagnetic to detect any mineralization in the area.
- Drilling: Should analyses by an analytical laboratory be positive, holes are drilled and drill samples collected for further analysis. This will determine the depth of the potential mineralization. If necessary new access tracks to the drill sites will be created and drill pads will be cleared in which to set the rig. However, at this stage the proponent does not intent to conduct any drilling activities.

## Need for an Environmental Impact Assessment

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While increased economic activities can stimulate demographic changes and alter social, economic and environmental practices in many ways. Adverse environmental and socio-economic impacts have become a major area of concern for the business community, their customers, and other key stakeholders. As a result, companies seek to manage these impacts as part of their ethical and sustainable business conduct. Similarly, identifying, avoiding, mitigating and managing impacts, is a necessary condition for Omafamba Investment cc to undertake its operation in compliance with the environmental legislative requirements in Namibia.

Therefore, Omafamba Investment cc appointed Enviro-Leap Consulting cc to conduct an environmental assessment and facilitate the process of obtaining and Environmental Clearance Certificate.



## Approach to the EIA Process

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The assessment process consisted of a site visit to the project location and public consultation meetings with the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). An environmental scoping and management plan (EMP) were compiled and constitute the application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (Office of Environmental Commissioner).

## Overall Recommendation

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Based on the findings of the environmental scoping assessment, which concludes that all potential negative impacts associated to the proposed Omafamba's prospecting operations are minimal and practical mitigation measures are available. Equally, the positive impacts can be harnessed to increase the net marginal benefits relating to the socio-economic aspects of the operations.

The proposed operations is considered to have an overall low negative environmental impact and an overall moderate positive socio-economic impact (with the implementation of respective mitigation and enhancement measures).

Based on this, it recommended that the proponent must upon obtaining their Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC), implement all appropriate management and mitigation measures and monitoring requirements as may be stipulated in their EMP and or as condition of the ECC. These measures must be undertaken to promote and uphold good practice environmental principles and adhere to relevant legislations by avoiding unacceptable impacts to the receiving environment.

The following is a summary of the likely negative impacts that have been assessed for the different phases of the proposed exploration activities:

- i. Land use (Likely impacts are negligible; the EPL area and sites are isolated from the distant settlements, and conservation zones).
- ii. Noise (Likely impacts are low as the site is far from residential areas).
- iii. Ecological and biodiversity loss (Likely impacts are localized and low).
- iv. Health and safety (Overall likely impacts are low with correct PPE).
- v. Solid and hazardous waste management (Likely impacts are low with a solid waste management plan and minimal hydrocarbon fuel use).
- vi. Socioeconomic (Likely negative impacts are low)

Taking into consideration the findings of the environmental scoping assessment process and given the national and regional strategic requirements for infrastructure development and economic growth, it is the opinion of the EAP that the project benefits outweigh the costs and that the project will make a positive contribution towards steering Namibia on its pathway towards its vision of becoming a Logistic Hub.

Provided that the specified mitigation measures are applied effectively, it is recommended that Omafamba Investments are issued with an ECC in terms of the Section 32 of the EMA No. 7 of 2007 and it's EIA Regulations of 2012.

# **glossary**

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<b>AfDB</b>	<b>African Development Bank</b>
<b>BID</b>	<b>Background Information Document</b>
<b>BoN</b>	<b>Bank of Namibia</b>
<b>CA</b>	<b>Competent Authority</b>
<b>DEAF</b>	<b>National Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry</b>
<b>EA</b>	<b>Environmental Authorization</b>
<b>ECC</b>	<b>Environmental Clearance Certificate</b>
<b>EAP</b>	<b>Environmental Assessment Practitioner</b>
<b>EIA</b>	<b>Environmental Impact Assessment</b>
<b>EMA</b>	<b>Environmental Management Act</b>
<b>GPS</b>	<b>Geographical Positioning System</b>
<b>MME</b>	<b>Ministry of Mines and Energy</b>
<b>MEFT</b>	<b>Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism</b>
<b>IMF</b>	<b>International Monetary Fund</b>
<b>GPS</b>	<b>Geographical Positioning System</b>
<b>UN</b>	<b>United Nations</b>



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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The Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 (also referred to as the EMA) and its Regulations promulgated in the Government Gazette No. 4878 of 2012, stipulates that for each developmental activity, which is listed as those that may not be undertaken without obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC), an Environmental Assessment (EA) must be conducted. The proposed handling, storage and transportation of fuel and mineral commodities triggers some listed activities in terms of the EMA.

Therefore, an environmental assessment must be conducted with an aim to identify, assess and ascertain potential environmental impacts that may arise as a result of undertaking the proposed operations. Hence, the environmental assessment is a process by which the potential impacts, whether positive or negative are predicted / identified, findings interpreted and communicating to interested and affected parties (I&APs) for inputs.

Additionally, this report presents findings of an environmental scoping process that evaluates the likely socio-economic and environmental effects the proposed operation, and further identifies suitable mitigation measures for avoiding or minimizing the predicted impacts. The envisioned EIA process was undertaken in a holistic approach encompassing different elements as shown in **Figure 1**.



**Figure 1:** Anticipated Environmental Assessment Timeline

### 1.1. PROJECT APPLICANT AND PROJECT OVERVIEW

Omafamba Investment cc (herein referred to as the proponent), is solely owner of a fully registered, 100% Namibian owned company that ventures in small-scale exploration and quarrying of semi-precious and dimension stone. Their aim is to take advantage of the opportunity for self-employment and job creation that exist in the small-scale mining sector of Namibia.

Omafamba seek to jointly operate their business activities their two EPLs (6905 and 7694) along the boundaries of the Hardap and Karas Regions, in respect to Base and Rare Metals, and Precious Metals and Precious Stones. Principally, the joint-venture intends to explore (desktop geological study, collection of samples and identification of previous activity in the area where copper mining were conducted) for copper and intends to mine these on a small-scale basis by use of hand-held equipment and to small degree drilling.

## **1.2. PROJECT MOTIVATION (INCLUDING NEED AND DESIRABILITY)**

Mining contributes about 25% to the Namibian GDP income, and thus the largest contributor to the Namibian economy. As in many African countries, mining is a key source of mineral commodities essential for maintaining and improving standards of living. Most important, the Namibian government makes provision for its citizens to obtain various mining license in order to create self-employment or business opportunities.

Omafamba , were therefore presented an opportunity to venture into the sector by undertaking an exploration programme in respect in respect to Base and Rare Metals, Dimension Stone, Industrial Minerals, Non-Nuclear Fuel Mineral and Precious Metals

### **1.2.1. Need and Desirability**

Overall, the exploration activities is expected to generate full time medium to long term direct employment for at least 5-10 workers. The majority of workers to be employed on the proposed exploration project are expected to be skilled and/or semi-skilled (general labourers and operators).

Critically, going ahead with the proposed activity creates potential for the following marginal net benefits:

- Contribution to Taxes and Royalty
- Technological Skill and Knowledge transfer
- Creates the most needed employment opportunities
- Attainment of the SDGs 1 and 8 in Namibia

## **1.3. REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

While increased economic activities can stimulate demographic changes and alter social, economic and environmental practices in many ways. Adverse environmental and socio-economic impacts have become a major area of concern for the business community, their customers, and other key stakeholders. As a result, companies seek to manage these impacts as part of their ethical and sustainable business conduct. Similarly, identifying, avoiding, mitigating and managing impacts, is a necessary condition Damaran Exploration Namibia Investment cc to undertake its operation in compliance with the environmental legislative requirements in Namibia.

To ensure that development activities are undertaken in an economic, social and environmental sound / sustainable manner, the Namibian Constitution and Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 provides for an environmental assessment process.

The purpose of the environmental assessment and therefore this report are to ensure compliance of the proposed operations with the environmental legislation in respect to managing potential impacts associated with the proposed Damaran Exploration Namibia Investment cc Exploration activities operations:

- Identifying potential socio-economic and environmental impacts
- Proposing management measures to avoid, prevent and of mitigate these

- Compile an Environmental Management for compliance monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the Environmental Clearance Certificate conditions

**Table 1:** List of activities identified in the EIA Regulations which apply to the proposed project

EMA 2007 Legislation	Description of activity	Relevance to Omafamba Investment Exploration Activities
<b>Activity 3 (3.1 &amp; 3.2) Quarrying and Quarrying Activities</b>	<p>3.1 The construction of facilities for any process or activities which requires a license, right or other form of authorization, and the renewal of a license, right or other form of authorization, in terms of the Minerals (Prospecting and Quarrying Act), 1992.</p> <p>3.2 Other forms of quarrying or extraction of any natural resources whether regulated by law or not.</p>	<p>And the construction of facilities for the purpose of carrying out a listed activities</p> <p>The quarrying or extraction of any natural resources whether regulated by law or not.</p>
<b>Activity 4</b>	4. The clearance of forest areas, deforestation, afforestation, timber harvesting or any other related activity that requires authorization in term of the Forest Act, 2001 (Act No. 12 of 2001) or any other law.	The clearance of vegetation areas to allow the quarrying activity to take place

Therefore, Omafamba Investment cc appointed Enviro-Leap Consulting to conduct an environmental assessment and facilitate the process of obtaining and Environmental Clearance Certificate.

#### 1.4. EIA TEAM

Omafamba Investment cc to undertake the EIA required for the proposed project. A public participation process (PPP) forms an integral part of the Environmental Assessment Process to aid in identifying issues and possible alternatives for consideration. Details on the PPP are included in section 4 of this Scoping Report.

**Table 2:** The EIA Management Team

NAME	ORGANISATION	ROLE/ SPECIALIST STUDY UNDERTAKEN
<b>Environmental Assessment Practitioners</b>		
Shadrack Tjiramba	Enviro-Leap Consulting cc	Environment Practitioner
Vilho Pendainge Mtuleni	Enviro-Leap Consulting cc	External Reviewer

#### 1.5. DETAILS AND EXPERTISE OF THE EAP

Over the past four years the Enviro-Leap Consulting has been involved in a multitude of Environmental Assessment projects across SADC and within Namibia. The Environmental Practitioners of Enviro-Leap Consulting has a combined of more than 35 years' experience in the environmental sector (management and policy), ecological research and stakeholder engagement. Consequently, the team offers a wealth of experience and appreciation of the environmental and social priorities and national policies and regulations in Namibia.

## 1.6. OBJECTIVES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT

The primary objective of this EA Report is to present stakeholders, I&APs and the Competent Authority, the DEA, with an overview of the predicted impacts and associated management actions required to avoid or mitigate the negative impacts; or to enhance the benefits of the proposed Omafamba operations.

In broad terms, the 2012 EMA EIA Regulations (GG 4878) stipulates that an EIA Process must be undertaken providing to determine the potential environmental impacts, mitigation and closure outcomes, as well as the residual risks of any listed activity. Therefore, based on these (EIA Regulations), the objectives of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Process is to:

- determine the policy and legislative context within which the activity is located and note how the proposed activity complies with and responds to the policy and legislative context;
- describe the need and desirability of the proposed activity, including the need and desirability of the activity in the context of the preferred location;
- identify the location of the development footprint within the preferred site based on an impact and risk assessment process inclusive of cumulative impacts and a ranking process of all the identified development footprint alternatives focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspects of the environment;
- determine the nature, significance, consequence, extent, duration and probability of the impacts occurring to inform identified preferred alternatives; and the degree to which these impacts (a) can be reversed; (b) may cause irreplaceable loss of resources, and (c) can be avoided, managed or mitigated; and
- identify suitable measures to avoid, manage or mitigate identified impacts;

In terms of legal requirements, a crucial objective of the Environmental Scoping or EIA Report is to satisfy the requirements of EIA Regulations in respecting to obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate. This section regulates and prescribes the content of the Scoping Report and specifies the type of supporting information that accompany the submission of the ECC application to the Competent Authority.

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## 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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This section provides an overview of the conceptual overview of the prospecting activities on EPLs 6905 and 7694, sites and technology selection process for identifying the most suitable exploration techniques to be adopted.

### 2.1. OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

The proposed exploration activities mainly consist of the following prospecting activities:

- **Geological mapping:** this mainly entails a desktop review of geological area maps and ground observations. This includes the review of geological maps of the area and on-site ground traverses and observations and an update where relevant, of the information obtained during previous geological studies of the area.
- **Lithology geochemical surveys:** rock samples shall be collected and taken for trace element analysis to be conducted by analytical chemistry laboratories to determine if sufficient quantities of base & rare or precious metal or other minerals of interest are present. Also, trenches or pits may be dug depending on the commodity (in a controlled environment e.g. fencing off and labelling activity sites) adopting manual or excavator to further investigate the mineral potential.

These consists of small pits ( $\pm 20\text{cm} \times 20\text{cm} \times 30\text{cm}$ ) will be dug where 1 kg samples can be extracted and sieved to collect 50 g of material. As necessary, and to ensure adequate risks mitigation, all excavations will either be opened and closed immediately after obtaining the needed samples or the sites fenced off until the trenches or pits are closed. At all times, the landowner and other relevant stakeholder will be engaged to obtain authorisation where necessary.

- **Geophysical surveys:** entails data collection of the substrata (in most cases service of an aero-geophysical contractor will be sourced), by air or ground, through sensors such as radar, magnetic and electromagnetic to detect any mineralization in the area, and are conducted to ascertain the mineralisation.

Ground geophysical surveys shall be conducted, where necessary using vehicle-mounted sensors or handheld by staff members, while in the case of air surveys the sensors will be mounted to an aircraft, which then flies over the target area.

- **Drilling:** Should analyses by an analytical laboratory be positive, holes are drilled and drill samples collected for further analysis. This will determine the depth of the potential mineralization. If necessary new access tracks to the drill sites will be created and drill pads will be cleared in which to set the rig. Two widely used drilling options may be adopted, these are the reverse circulation drilling and/or diamond-core drilling.

A typical drilling site will consist of a drill-rig, drill core and geological samples store and a drill equipment parking and maintenance yard (including a fuel and lubricants storage facility).



## **2.2. PROJECT RATIONALE (MOTIVATION, NEED AND DESIRABILITY)**

### **2.2.1 Project Motivation**

The proposed activity responds to Namibia's strategic vision 2030 and the NDP5 of creating a conducive environment within which its citizens prosper and contribute to the national development goals by creating employment opportunities. Overall, this activity contribute to the nation's efforts of elevating poverty amongst the rural citizens.

Critically, going ahead with the proposed activity on EPL 7246 creates a potential for the following marginal net benefits:

- Contribution Taxes and Royalty
- Technological Skill and Knowledge transfer
- Creates the most needed employment opportunities

### **2.2.2 Project Need and Desirability**

Mining contributes about 25% to the Namibian GDP income, and thus the largest contributor to the Namibian economy. As in many African countries, mining is a key source of mineral commodities essential for maintaining and improving standards of living. Most important, the Namibian government makes provision for its citizens to obtain various mining license in order to create self-employment or business opportunities.

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Overall, the exploration activities is expected to generate full time medium to long term direct employment for at least 5-10 workers. The majority of workers to be employed on the proposed exploration project are expected to be skilled and/or semi-skilled (general labourers and operators).

## **2.3. PROJECT LOCATION**

The EPLs 6905 is situated in Southern Namibia, at the border between the Hardap and Karas Regions and approximately 76 km northwest of Keetmanshoop near the Brukaros Mountains. The EPLs form irregular shapes on the North West and Northern parts of Tses and Berseba villages with the total area extending between latitudes 25° 25'00" S and 17° 25'00" S, and Longitudes 17° 25'00" and 18° 05'00".

EPL 7694 is accessible directly via the B1 road up until the Tses Settlement junction approach either Kalkrand or Keetmanshoop, and then by the M98 road connecting to Berseba, and or via the D3904 from Berseba and D3921 from the B1 main road too. At all times it recommended that only existing tracks are utilised for accessing the EPL. Other section of the EPL will only be accessed by foot to ensure minimum impacts on the receiving environment.

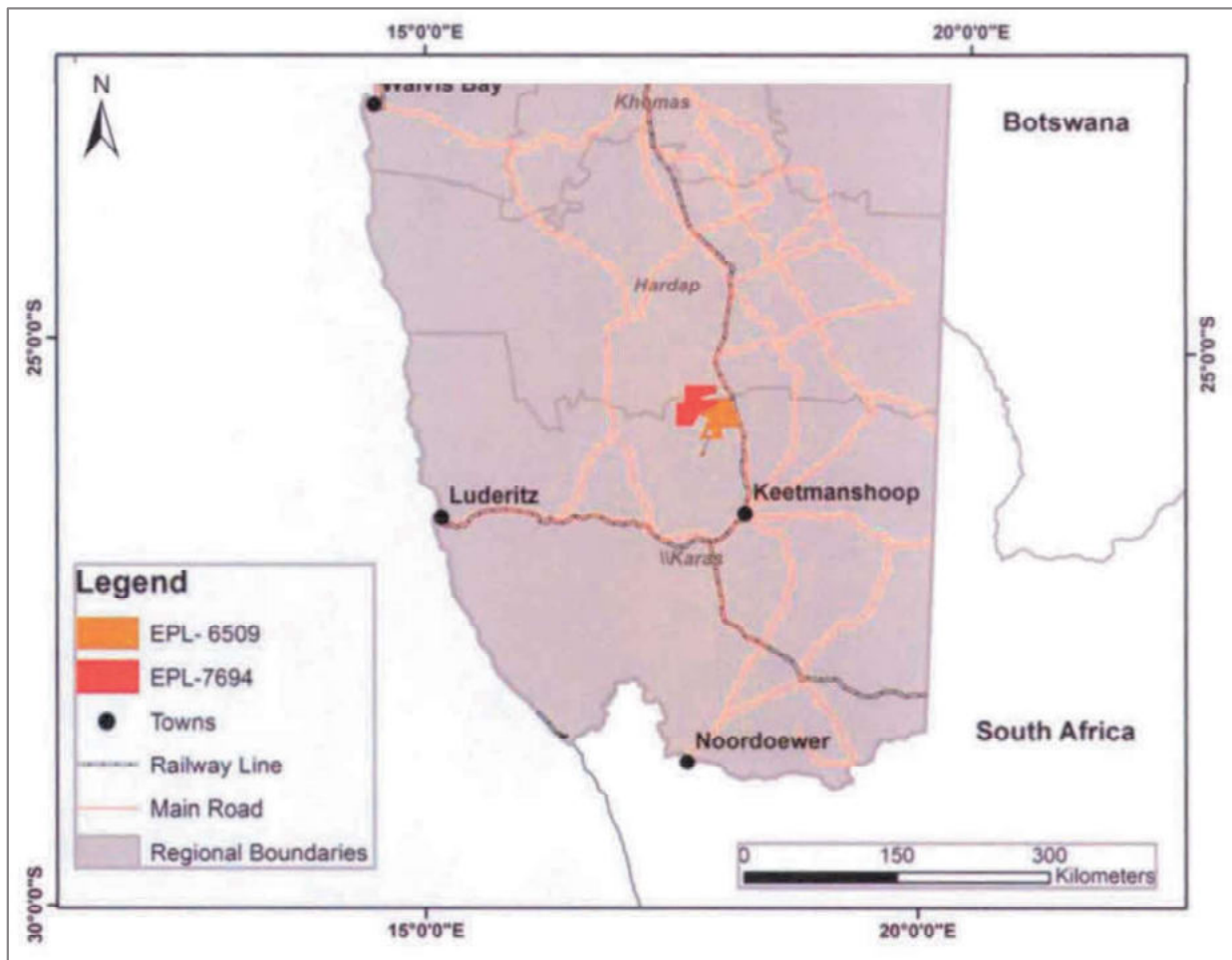


Figure 2: Locality map of the proposed exploration activity's site or area in the Hardap and Karas Regions

Table 3: Corner coordinates of the proposed development site

Corner point	Latitude	Longitude
A – EPL 7694 Point 1	-25.444444°	17.535833°
B – EPL 7694 Point 2	-25.600556°	17.533056°
C – EPL 7694 Point 3	-25.603056°	17.456111°
D – EPL 7694 Point 4	-25.788611°	17.454722°
E – EPL 7694 Point 5	-25.792222°	17.611389°
F – EPL 7694 Point 6	-25.674722°	17.685556°
G – EPL 7694 Point 7	-25.601667°	17.866667°
H – EPL 7694 Point 8	-25.438056°	17.835278°
I – EPL 7694 Point 9	-25.436944°	17.535833°
J – EPL 7694 Point 10	-25.402222°	17.537222°

Table 4: List of Former Commercial farms included within the boundaries of EPLs

No.	Farm Name	No.	Farm Name
1	Farm Lichtenfels	3	Farm Grundorn
2	Farm Achterfontein	4	Farm Deutsche Erde
	Farm Gelwater		Farm Faalgras
	Farm Aneis		None
	Farm Akam		None

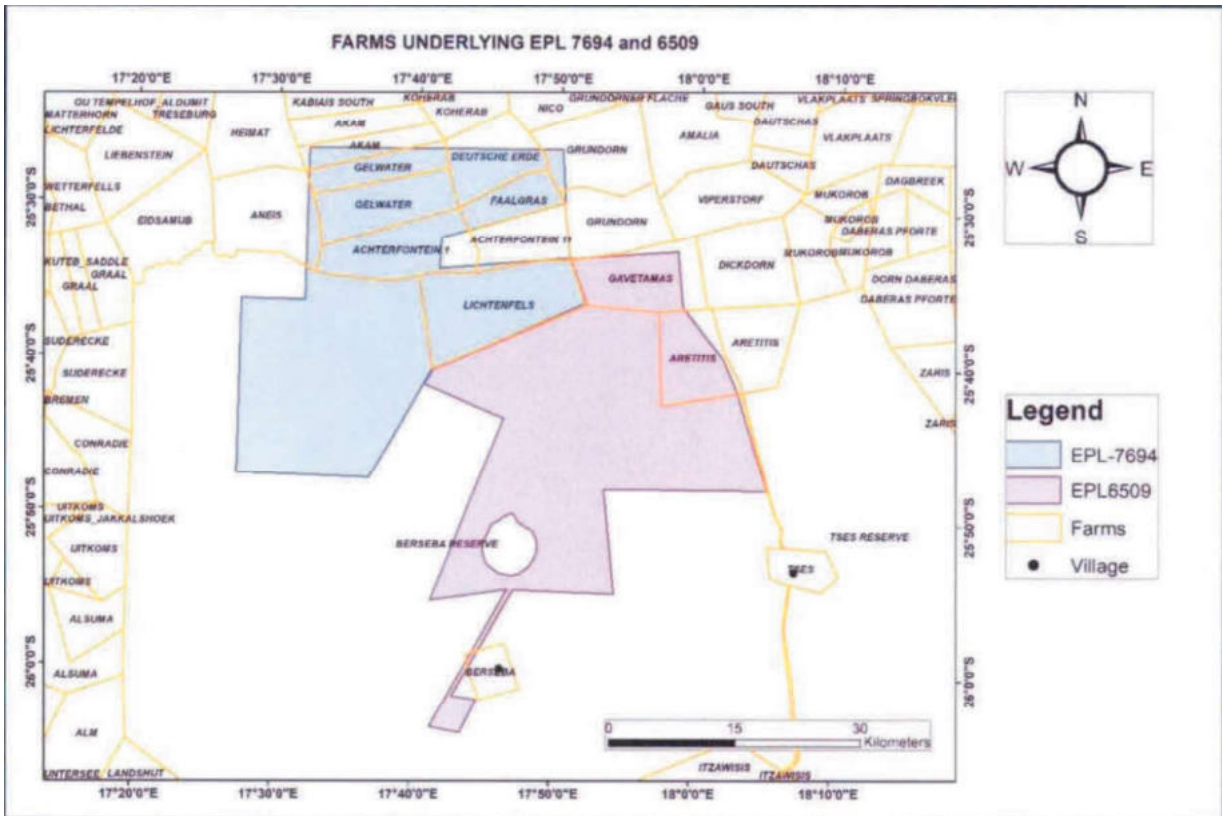


Figure 3: Locality map of the proposed EPL 7694 underlying two commercial farms and Brukaros Mountain

## 2.4. SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE

### 2.4.1 Basecamp

During the field assessment, it was discovered within the EPL (at a small settlement namely Kantikoppes) area is located a Youth Hostel facility / Centre (see **Figure 4**) with adequate supporting infrastructure that could be used as base-camp, thus helping to boost the local. The Facility is connected to national Power grid and local water supplied from several solar and wind-powered boreholes.



Figure 4: Existing Youth Centre that can be used to accommodate project staff at Kantikoppes settlement

An administration, accommodation and maintenance camp shall be identified in consultation with the farms/land owners and setup within the EPL area, and will be cordoned off and off-limits to those not part of the exploration team. The camp is anticipated to host between 5

and 20 staff members consisting of geologists, field assistants, geo-technicians, drilling crew and semi/unskilled personnel.

The camp site will consist of tents, caravans and/or make-shift buildings and temporary ablution facilities. The predominant type of waste that will be generated during the exploration activities, in small volumes, is domestic waste (non-hazardous).

Domestic waste will be stored in a manner that there can be no discharge of contamination to the environment and disposed of correctly (refer to EMP commitments). Potential hydrocarbon spills from vehicles and drilling equipment might lead to soil contamination and needs to be treated as a hazardous waste if not bio-remediated.

#### 2.4.2 Water supply

Water will be required for diamond-core drilling and for dust suppression. Water can be supplied through existing farm boreholes (with the permission of the land owners, **Figure 5**) and or if necessary new boreholes shall be developed explicitly for the exploration activities by Damaran Exploration Namibia Investment cc in which case a permits must be obtained.



**Figure 5:** Shows the available water supply infrastructure (forefront, is the tanks and background Windmill)

#### 2.4.3 Power supply

In respect to domestic power needs, the recommended lodging site is already connected to the national power grid thus the energy requirements addressed adequately. However, the various machinery and equipment required for exploration e.g. vehicles are self-powered by means petrol / diesel engines and or generators, hence there is need for on-site fuel in either small mobile bowser or barrel drums on a concrete slab at the base-camp. The drill rigs will either be refuelled with Jerry cans or directly from the bowser.

#### 2.4.4 Access roads / tracks

As far as is practicable, all site particularly the base-camp and drill sites shall be accessed through existing tracks, therefore no new roads or tracks will be created. Additionally, it is highly recommended that motorised access is minimised as much as practically possible, especially during geological mapping, sampling and geophysical surveys. Overall, all access

by vehicles must be limited to existing tracks while all new access routes to the drill sites should be identified, agreed upon with the landowners and demarcated prior to the commencement of drilling activities.

EPL 7694 is accessible directly via the B1 road up until the Tses Settlement junction approach either Kalkrand or Keetmanshoop, and then by the M98 road connecting to Berseba, and or via the D3904 from Berseba and D3921 from the B1 main road too. At all times it recommended that only existing tracks are utilised for accessing the EPL. Other section of the EPL will only be accessed by foot to ensure minimum impacts on the receiving environment.

#### **2.4.5 Waste (Domestic / Hazardous) Management**

**Domestic Waste:** Different waste containers will be provided onsite for waste sorting and safe disposal of waste generated onsite. These will be collected on a monthly basis and sent to nearest approved waste management facility in the area.

**Sanitation:** Movable ablution facilities with septic tanks will be put up for sanitation purposes for the exploration and mining teams and will be emptied in good time according to manufacturers' instructions.

#### **2.5. DECOMMISSIONING AND CLOSURE PHASE**

Taking into consideration that the proposed project does not involves any construction activities, decommissioning is not foreseen during the validity of the Environmental Clearance Certificate. Consequently, any impacts associated by default with this phase of a project are not applicable to the proposed activity.

However, should the proponent at any stage of the proposed project intend to construct any infrastructure, such must be subject to a separate environmental assessment and the mitigation measures to be identified in the appropriate Environmental Management Plan adhered to.



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## 3. DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

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This chapter of the Scoping Report provides an overview of the affected environment for the proposed exploration activities. The receiving environment is understood to include biophysical, socio-economic and heritage aspects which could be affected by the proposed development or which in turn might impact on the proposed development.

### 3.1 BIOPHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Namibia is characterized by four land type systems, the Namib, which runs along the entire west coast from the port town of Lüderitz, northwards into southern Angola; the Succulent Karoo which lies south of Lüderitz and extends across the Orange River into South Africa; the Nama Karoo which occurs immediately to the east of the previous two desert systems and covers most of the southern third of Namibia, tapering to a narrow belt from central Namibia northwards; and the Southern Kalahari which extends eastwards across to Botswana. However, the Trans-Zambezi route only crosses through three of these, namely the Namib Desert, Nama Karoo and the tree and shrub savannah.

#### 3.1.1 Climatic Conditions

About 22% of Namibia's land is classified as desert (hyper-arid), 70% is classified as arid to semi-arid and the remaining 8% is classed as dry sub-humid (Mendelsohn et al. 2003). Most of the country receives an annual average of more than nine hours of sunlight per day. The north and south of the country experience the highest temperatures with the average maximum for the hottest month being over 34°.

The average maximum temperature at Keetmanshoop during the hottest month is 34 - 36°C while in Windhoek it is 32 - 34°C. Temperature averages about 20°C. In summer temperatures above 40°C are common (Mendelsohn et al. 2003).

Rainfall is highly erratic and unpredictable with an inter-annual coefficient of variation that ranges from about 30% in the north-east to over 100% in the driest areas. Along the project route and across the different biomes (**Figure 6**), annual average rainfall is 138 mm at Keetmanshoop, and this decreases along the east-west gradient to annual averages of less than 20 mm per annum.

All of Namibia, except for the coastal plains, experiences humidity of below 30% during the day for much of the year - in the north-east for about six months, the north-centre for seven months, the central area for eight months and in the south for all 12 months. High temperatures and low humidity result in high rates of evaporation. Evaporation rates from an open body of water inland of the coastal plains range from about 2000 mm to over 2660 mm per annum (Olivier, 1995).



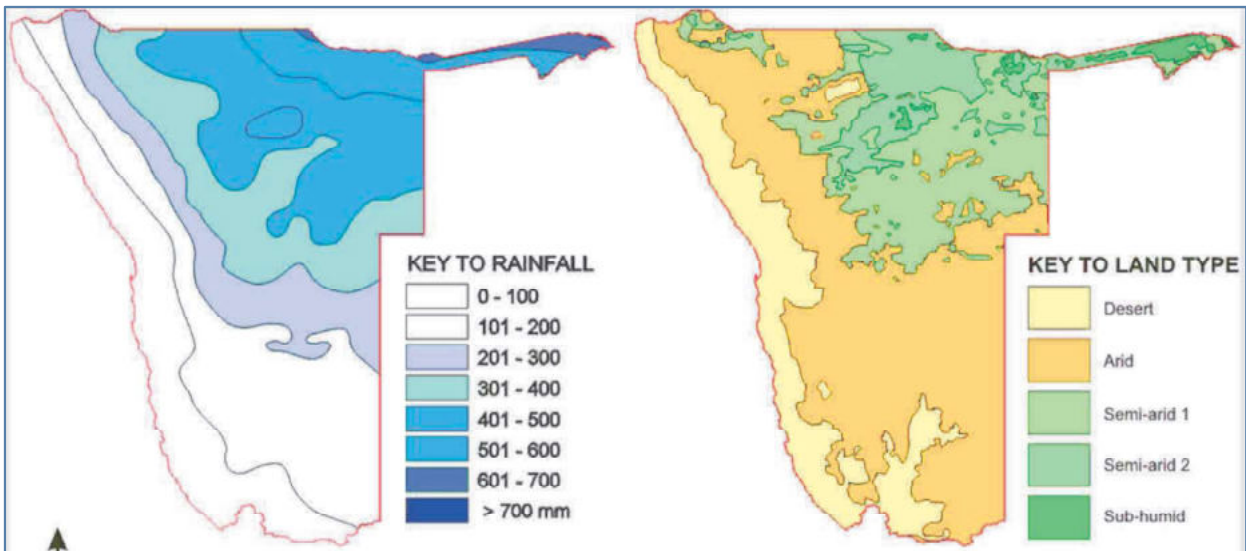


Figure 6: Shows the annual rainfall variation across west-to-east gradient a gradient and across the different biomes

With respect to the proposed prospecting activities, wind and rainfall has the greatest probability to affect the proposed operations in that the movement of heavy vehicles may generate dust particulates. At Keetmanshoop, the prominent winds blows from South South-West (SSW) and North North-East (NNE, see Figure 7) at speeds of 0 – 22 kts (Robertson et. al, 2012).

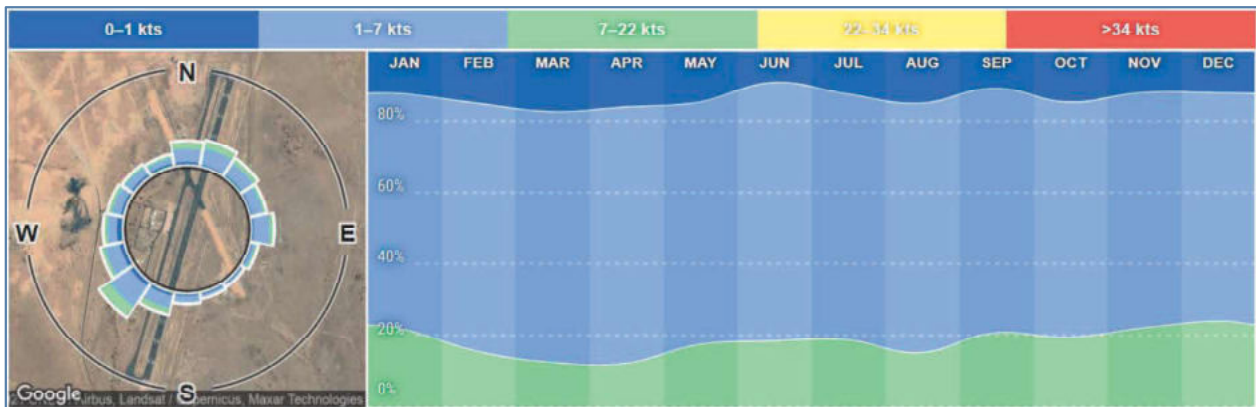


Figure 7: Observed climate data Wind-Rise Direction and Speed (knots) at Keetmanshoop

### 3.1.2 Geology

The Keetmanshoop area is characteristic of the Nama-Karoo Basin. This area accommodates a large, flat lying plateau which dominates much of Southern Namibia (Mendelsohn, Jarvis, Roberts, & Robertson, 2002). The landscape is extremely barren and rocky (Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, 2011).

The local geology consists of outcrops with black limestone located on the top, underlain by a clay rich marl (occurring as a schist in tectonised areas) and then gravel (occurring as quartzite in tectonised areas). Most of the southern region’s surface geology is dominated by shale/sandstone sequence and black limestone of late Namibian age.

The terrain around Lüderitz is dominated by a pediplane which is possibly as old as Jurassic and which stretches almost to Aus 85 km inland. The immediate coastline, however, shows the effects of rejuvenation deepening and steepening of the valleys west of the dune belt and terracing in the major valleys.

The local and regional geology were subjected to numerous events of deformation which led to the formation of geological faults, fractures and folds.

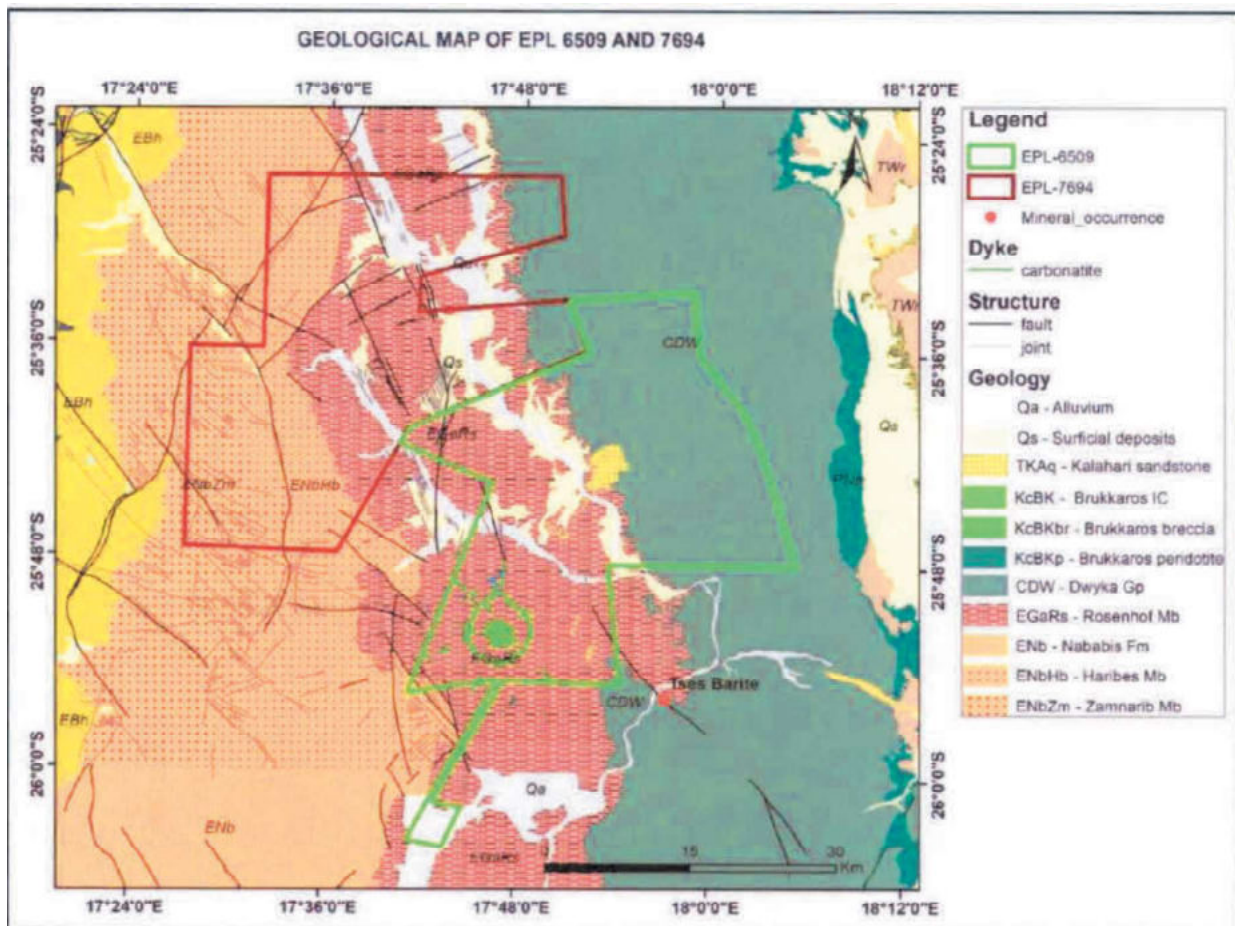


Figure 8: Generalized geology of the southern section of Namibia showing the centralized cluster of kimberlites and associated carbonatites in a broad NW-SE trend (Geological Survey 2011).

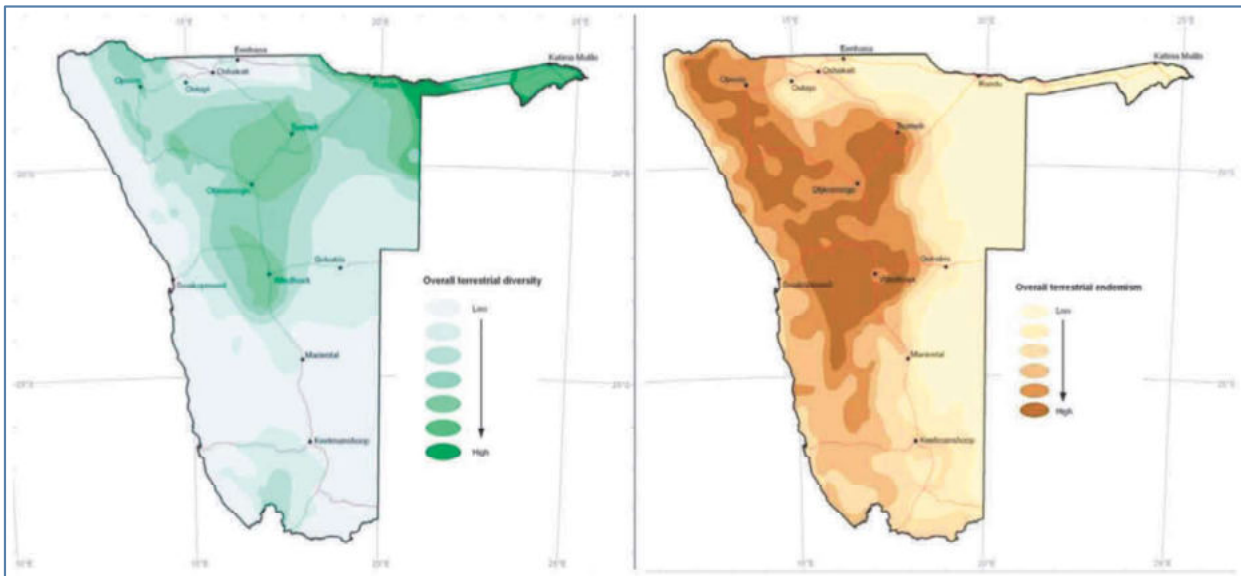
### 3.1.3 Terrestrial Ecology and Sensitivity

Namibia's vegetation and biomes are classified into five major types, shown in (Figure 9). These are, the Namib Desert, Nama Karoo, Succulent Karoo and the Trees and Shrub savannah. These biomes fall within the project area and thus key receptors of environmental impact particularly in case of tanker capsizing resulting into potential spillage of the fuels.

Overall terrestrial diversity of plants and animals is highest in the north-eastern parts of Namibia (Figure 9, green map indicator), because of the higher rainfall and presence of wetlands and forest habitats that are not found elsewhere in the country. Many species in the north are also more tropical, with ranges that extend into neighbouring countries to the north and north-east. Species richness is highest in Namibia's mesic wetlands and woodlands in the vertebrate classes particularly (Barnard 1998).

Due to its low productivity, the south-west African arid zone is endowed with modest diversity of species compared to more mesic habitats. What is most distinctive about Namibian biodiversity is its high degree of endemism (Barnard 1998).

Unlike the concentration of biodiversity in the north-east, the great majority of Namibia's endemic species are found in the dry western and north-western regions (**Figure 9**, brown map indicator) (Barnard 1998, Mendelsohn et al. 2002). The patterns of endemism reflect the importance of arid habitats in supporting unique and specially adapted species.



**Figure 9:** Shows a comparison of overall terrestrial species diversity (green) against overall endemism (brown), with the most endemism observed within operations route resulting in a “Red Flag” in terms of environmental risks.

Endemic species, particularly of birds, mammals and reptiles, are concentrated in the escarpment zone. In the Namib, endemics are associated with the dunes, rocky inselbergs and hills, and the sandy and gravel plains. For instance, approximately 60 reptile species (50% of all Namibian endemic reptiles) are endemic to, or found mainly in, Namibia's Namib Desert (Griffin 1998).

In birds, the greatest diversity of southern African endemics is centred on the arid savannah and Karoo biomes and extends into the escarpment (Brown et al. 1998). Highland areas of the country, including Waterberg, Khomas Hochland, Karas Mountains, Brandberg, inselbergs in the Sperrgebiet and the karstveld are particularly important for many endemic plants (Mendelsohn et al. 2002).

In respect to the Omafamba's operations, habitats of special ecological importance and therefore requiring special care for both richness of species generally and of endemic species include (Barnard 1998):

- The coastal zone;
- The Namib sand sea and adjacent gravel plains;
- The winter-rainfall desert zone

### **3.1.7 Protected Terrestrial Areas**

Land uses outside of protected areas are still generally defined by broad farming practices. Within the project area in the northeast of Namibia, the important land-uses include timber and non-timber forest products, fish, wildlife and tourism benefits. About 14% of this area is under conservancies and community forests, however, 82% of total household income comes from non-farming activities (MET, 2018).

Critically, an important outcome of Namibia's policy and legislative framework to devolve rights over wildlife, tourism and forestry to local land owners and custodians is that land adjacent to protected areas is often more suited and more profitable under wildlife and tourism than under conventional farming.

## **3.2 SOCIO-ECONOMICAL ENVIRONMENT**

### **3.2.1 Demographic Profile**

The //Karas Region is the southernmost region of Namibia's 14 political regions. With a total land area of 161,086 km<sup>2</sup>, the region occupies 19.6% (almost one-fifth) of the country's total land surface and it is the largest region, in terms of land, in the country (Karas Poverty Profile, 2007). The //Karas Region has a relatively small population compared to the vast land cover. With 77,421 people residing in the region this means a density of 0.5 persons per km<sup>2</sup> (NSA, 2014).

At Keetmanshoop, with a population size of 20 977 people (NSA, 2014) is the regional capital of the //Karas Region and is within a strong small stock farming industry. The main source of income for households in the //Karas Region is from Wages and Salaries (72%), Pension (9%) and farming (5%).

The private sector employees 49.9% of the employed sector within the //Karas Region, while the government sector employees 15.8% and the parastatal sector 13.5%. The main employment industry is the agriculture sector with roughly 32.4% employed in this sector; followed by public administration and defence with 8.5% (NSA, 2013). The Gobabis Urban Constituency has an unemployment rate of 27.7% (NSA, 2013 and NSA, 2014).

### **3.2.2 Heritage and Culture Profile**

In Namibia, archaeological resources are often vulnerable to developmental and mining impacts. Typical sites do not only include those found in the mountains, hills and outcrops but also those generally found in the flat areas (Namib Desert) and or in riverbeds. Others includes surface scatters of stone artefacts, rock shelters with evidence of occupation, including rock art, graves, stone features such as hunting blinds and huts, and more recent site such as colonial battlefields, road-works and historical mines.

Some of these site types are might be obvious to some observer, such as rock art or historical mines. Others are quite ambiguous and might appear less significant than they are, such as pre-colonial stone features. This means that it is very difficult for mining projects to avoid



damage to archaeological heritage sites if they have not been located, identified and made known during EIA process.

However, given the nature, scope and scale of the proposed activity and particularly that it entails minimum use mechanical equipment an archaeological specialist study was deemed not necessary although highly recommended for the next phase of the mine development projects. Critically, the proponent is cautioned to at all time strictly adhere with the search and find procedure in accordance with the stipulations of the Namibian National Heritage Act (No. 27 of 2004) in the highly unlikely event that artifacts are found in the EPL and exploration area.

The heritage and culture consideration through a desktop study, indicates that although the southern regions of Namibia is not well studied archaeologically, several field surveys have been carried out indicate that the archaeological sequence is represented over the whole of southern and central Namibia. These surveys tend to concentrate mainly on the physical setting of known archaeological sites e.g. river valleys with an emphasizes on the higher and mid- slopes of hills, as well as a number of localized resources such as small springs and outcrops.

More importantly, however, this assessment identified the Brukaros Mountain with the EPL area (**Figure 10**) as an important Heritage site and was according declared a “Withdrawn Area” for which prospecting activities will be strictly avoided.

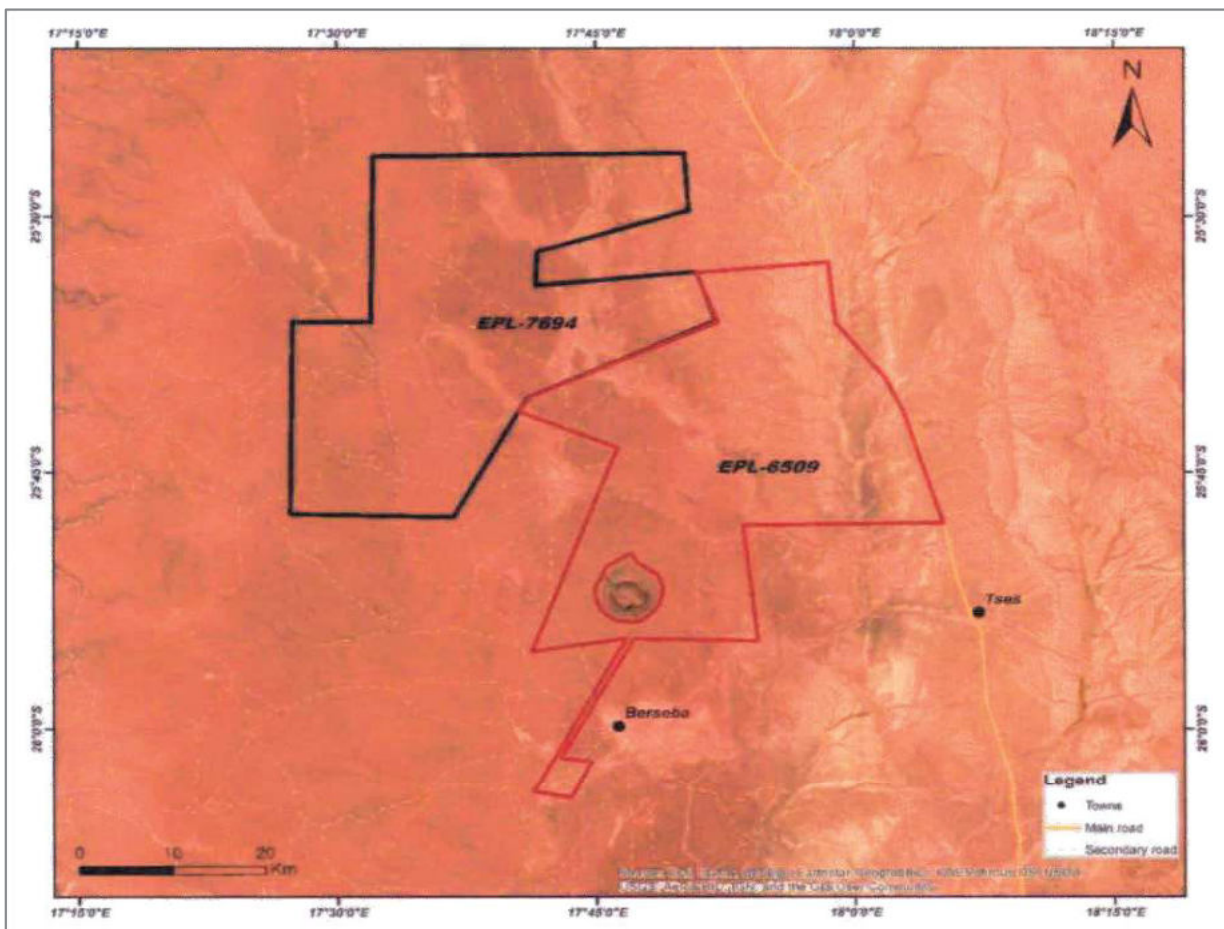


Figure 10: Shows a locations the Brukaros Mountain (clearly marked as withdrawn) within the EPL area

In one survey conducted for a NamPower powerline (QRS, 2015), about 189 archaeological sites covering the last two million years of human occupation were located and described over a spatial area spanning from South of Windhoek to South of Keetmanshoop (S 27°0'0").

In the light of the evidence found during the field assessment and other desktop review of previous field surveys, it can be concluded that should a detailed heritage assessment be necessary and conducted it may yield the following results:

- Pre-Quaternary palaeontological evidence in insignificant quantity and mainly in the vicinity of Palaeozoic shale outcrops near Keetmanshoop, Aus and Lüderitz.
- Generalized occurrence of mid- to late Pleistocene to early Holocene artefact scatters primarily between the 26° and 27° South latitude.
- Moderately high density of late Holocene to recent pre-colonial archaeological sites throughout the extent of the power-line route, including burial cairns and remains of nomadic pastoral encampments, as well as possibly of some rock art sites and rock shelter sites containing sealed occupation debris
- Generalized occurrence of colonial era sites, including farm settlements, battlefield sites and related remains.

Therefore, it remains necessary that in the absence of extensive heritage and culture studies in the region there remains a possibility of encountering numerous undeclared artefacts / sites of heritage importance. A search and find procedure (**Appendix C**) must be strictly followed in accordance with the stipulations of the Namibian National Heritage Act in the highly unlikely event that artefacts are found in the sand mining area.



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## 4. APPROACH TO EIA PROCESS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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This chapter presents the approach to the Environmental Scoping Assessment process, for the proposed Omafamba's exploration activities and gives particular attention to the legal context and guidelines applicable to this assessment. The assessment approach and the steps in the Public Participation component of this scoping report were undertaken in accordance with Regulations 29 and 30 of Government Notice No. 30 of 2012. Overall, this section highlights information including the approach to stakeholder engagement, identification of issues, overview of relevant legislation, and key principles and guidelines that provide the context for this scoping assessment process. Hence, in a nutshell, the purpose of the environmental assessment is to:

- Address issues that have been identified through the Scoping Process;
- Assess alternatives to the proposed activity in a comparative manner;
- Assess all identified impacts and determine the significance of each impact; and
- Recommend actions to avoid/mitigate negative impacts and enhance benefits.

### 4.1 OVERVIEW OF APPROACH ADPTED FOR COMPILING THE SCOPING AND EMP REPORTS

The objectives of the environmental scoping assessment are noted in Section 1 of this Report. Section 6 of this Scoping Report includes a summary of the findings, the overall conclusions and the recommendations. The Scoping Report was made available for a 30-day I&AP and authority review period, as outlined in the EMA Regulations of 2012. Although adverts were put in two local newspapers (the New Era (**06 August** and **20 August 2020**) and Confidante (**06-12 August** and **13 - 19 August 2020**), with several responses or inputs were received (see **Appendix A** for detailed report).

As previously noted, the Scoping Report includes an Environmental and Emergency Response Plan (EERP, **Appendix B**). The EERP is based broadly on global environmental management principles and embodies an approach of continual improvement and mitigation actions.

These are drawn primarily based on the identified potential impacts for both the construction and operational phases of Omafamba's proposed operations. If the project components are decommissioned or re-developed, this will need to be done in accordance with the relevant environmental standards and clean-up / remediation requirements applicable at the time.

### 4.2 LEGAL CONTEXT FOR THIS EIA

In accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations No. 30 of 2012 gazette and the Environmental Management Act, (EMA), 2007, (Act No. 7 of 2007), the activity to be undertaken by Omafamba Investment cc may not be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate.

### 4.3 LEGISLATION AND GUIDELINES PERTINENT TO THIS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

As the main source of legislation, the Namibian constitution makes provision for the creation and enforcement of applicable legislation. In this context and in accordance with its constitution, Namibia has passed numerous laws (those of relevant to this project are listed in Table 2) intended to protect the natural environment and to mitigate adverse environmental impacts.

Namibia's policies provide the framework to the applicable legislation. Whilst policies do not often carry the same legal recognition as official statutes, policies can be and are used in providing support to legal interpretation when deciding cases. Below are several of the key legislations applicable to the governance of certain component / aspects of the proposed operation activity. Key acts and policies currently in force include:

- Namibia's Environmental Assessment (EIA) Policy for Sustainable Development and Environmental Conservation (1995)
- Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007);
- Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Government Notice No. 30 of 2012)
- Namibia Agriculture Policy of 2015
- Namibia Vision 2030, and other national development plan e.g. Harambee Prosperity Plan
- Social Security Act, 1994 (Act No. 34 of 1994) and the Affirmative Action (Employment) Act, 1998 (Act No. 29 of 1998)

#### 4.3.1 Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007

The environmental management act No.7 of 2007 aims to promote the sustainable use of natural resources and provides the framework for the environmental and social impact assessment, demands precaution and mitigation of activities that may have negative impacts on the environment and provision for incidental matters. Furthermore, the act provides a list of activities that may not be undertaken without an environmental clearance certificate.

The purpose of the Environmental Management Act is:

- a) to ensure that people carefully consider the impact of developmental activities on the environment and in good time
- b) to ensure that all interested or affected people have a chance to participate in environmental assessments
- c) To ensure that the findings of environmental assessments are considered before any decisions are made about activities which might affect the environment see

**Figure 14.**

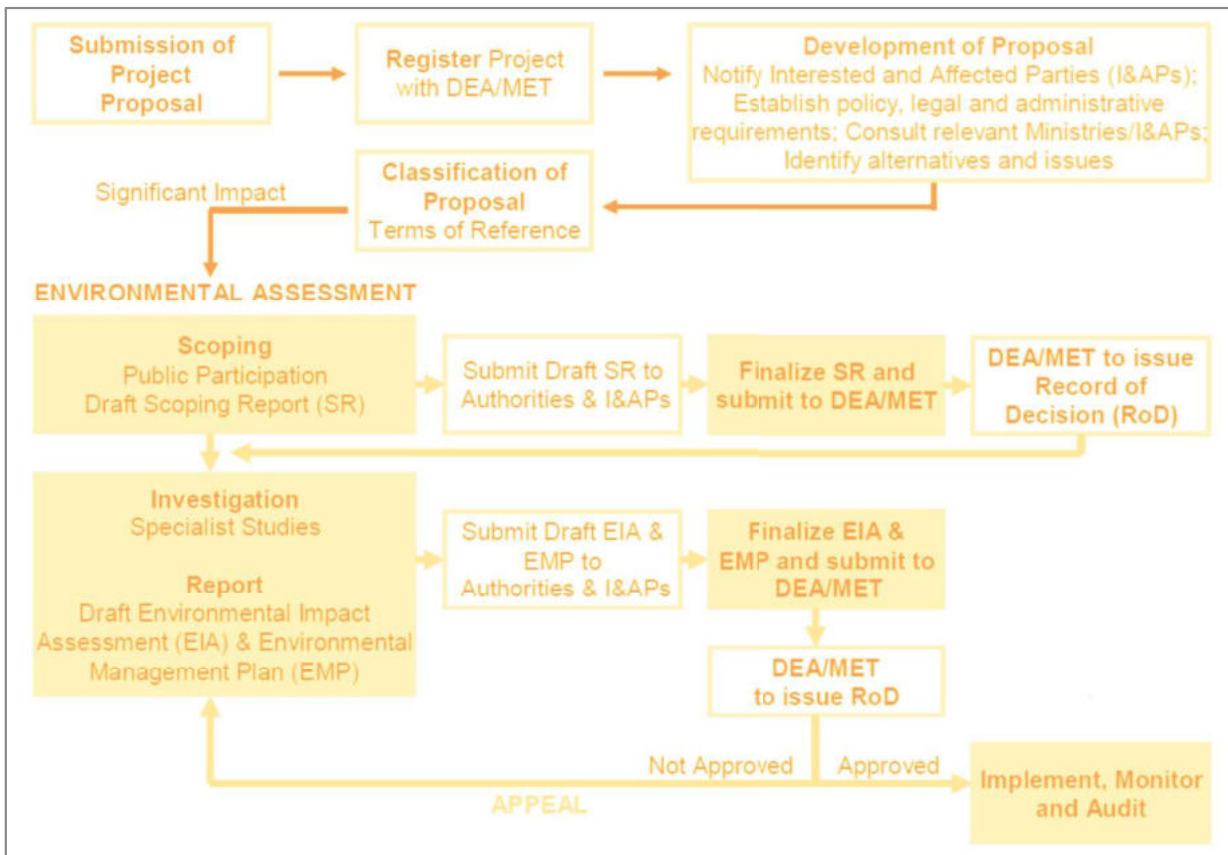


Figure 22: Illustration of the environmental assessment process in Namibia (Source: Risk Based Solution)

#### 4.3.2 Environmental Assessment Policy (1995)

The Environmental Assessment Policy for Sustainable development and Environmental Conservation emphasize the importance of environmental assessments as a key tool towards implementing integrated environmental management. Sets an obligation to Namibians to prioritize the protection of ecosystems and related ecological.

The policy subjects all developments to environmental assessment and provides guideline for the Environmental Assessment. The policy advocates that Environmental Assessment take due consideration of all potential impacts and processes mitigations measures should be incorporated in the project design and planning stages (as early as possible).

##### 4.3.12 Minerals Act

This Act No. 33 of 1992 provides a legal framework for regulating and governing all activities that explicitly entails the prospecting, exploration and mining of minerals within the boundaries of Namibia and the Ministry of Mine and Energy is the competent authority in this regard.

It also makes explicit reference to the protection and conservation of the natural environment by requiring for the development of an environmental impact assessment and management plan in which measures to avoid and or mitigate potential impacts relating to minerals development activities are clearly considered.

### 4.3.3 Other Legal Requirements and relevance to the proposed activity

In addition to the EMA and the Environmental Assessment Policy, there exist other regulatory frameworks that MDL must comply with. This is due to the supporting infrastructure that are needed to compliment the proposed logistics hub. As such, MDL will be required to obtain additional specific permits for the supporting infrastructure as listed in table 4 below. The process of obtaining the additional permits can be undertaken concurrently to the EIA process.

Furthermore, the proponent has the responsibility to ensure that the project activities conform to all other relevant legal documents and guidelines as listed in **Table 8** below).

**Table 8:** Other relevant legislation and applicability thereof (Source: Risk Based Solution)

Legislation	Relevance
Labour Act, 1992, (Act No. 6 of 1992) and Regulations Related to Health and Safety of Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labour matters, rights and duties of employees.</li> <li>• Health and Safety of Employees Construction safety;</li> <li>• Electrical safety; Machinery safety;</li> <li>• Hazardous substances; Physical hazards and general provisions;</li> </ul>
Social Security Act, 1994 (Act No. 34 of 1994) and the Affirmative Action (Employment) Act, 1998 (Act No. 29 of 1998)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of the Social Security Commission</li> <li>• Administration of a pension and incidental matters fund – affirmative employment opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>The Forest Act</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declaration of protected areas in terms of soils and water resources</li> <li>• Proclamation of protected species of plants and the conditions under which these plants can be disturbed, conserved, or cultivated.</li> </ul>
<b>Nature Conservation Amendment Act</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declaration of protected areas and protected species.</li> </ul>
<b>National Heritage Act</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection and conservation of places and objectives of significance, as all archaeological and paleontological objects belong to the state</li> </ul>

### 4.3.4 Precautionary and Polluter Pays Principles

The Precautionary Principle is worldwide accepted when there is a lack of sufficient knowledge and information about proposed development possible threats to the environment. Hence if the anticipated impacts are greater, then precautionary approach is applied.

Equally, the Polluter Pays Principle ensures that the proponent takes responsibility of their actions. Hence in cases of pollution, the proponent bears the full responsibility and cost to clean up the environment.

#### 4.4 PRINCIPLES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / CONSULTATION

The PPP for this Scoping Process was driven by a stakeholder engagement process that includes inputs from authorities, I&APs and the project proponent. In respect to provisions of the EIA Regulations, “Public Consultation” means a process referred to in regulation 21, in which potential interested and affected parties are given an opportunity to comment on, or raise issues relevant to, specific matters. This stems from the requirement that people have a right to be informed about potential decisions that may affect them and that they must be afforded an opportunity to influence those decisions. Effective public participation also improves the ability of the Competent Authority (CA) to make informed decisions and results in improved decision-making as the view of all parties are considered.

Contrary, it is important to recognize and highlight two key aspects of public participation which must be considered at the outset:

- There are practical and financial limitations to the involvement of all individuals within a PPP. Hence, public participation aims to generate issues that are representative of societal sectors, not each individual. Consequently, the PPP is designed to be inclusive of a broad range of sectors relevant to the proposed activity.
- The PPP will aim to raise a diversity of perspectives and will not be designed to force consensus amongst I&APs. Certainly, diversity of opinion rather than consensus building is likely to enrich ultimate decision-making. Therefore, where possible, the PPP will aim to obtain an indication of trade-offs that all stakeholders (i.e. I&APs, technical specialists, the authorities and the development proponent) are willing to accept with regard to the ecological sustainability, social equity and economic growth associated with the project.

#### 4.5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The key steps and or approach adopted for this particular Scoping assessment has been confirmed with the DEA through the registration of the proposed activity / operations on their Online EA system.

All advertisements, notification letters and emails etc. served to notify the public and organs of state, on both the call for registration as I&APs and of the availability of the Scoping and EMP reports for an opportunity to comment or provide input on the reports. Despite the national Lockdown due to the COVID19 pandemic, which affected the possibility for public meetings, adverts were placed consecutively (at 14 days interval) in two local newspapers (Confidante Newspaper (**29 July – 4 August 2021**, and **12 – 18 August 2021**), and in the Windhoek Observer newspaper **10 August** and **24 August 2021**) in order to notify and inform the public of the proposed projects and invite I&APs to register.

The correspondence sent to or received from I&APs and other competent authorities during the Scoping Phase were incorporated into the stakeholder engagement report appended to this report (**Appendix A**).



## 4.6 AUTHORITY CONSULTATION DURING THE EIA PHASE

Authority consultation is integrated into the PPP, with additional one-on-one meetings held with the lead authorities, where necessary. A pre-application meeting was scheduled with the relevant competent authorities prior to the Lock-down, however were later cancelled. It is proposed that the Competent Authority (DEA) as well as other lead authorities be consulted as necessary and at various stages during the application review process of the DEA. During the Scoping phase, the following authorities were identified and consulted (see **Appendix C**) for the purpose of consultation:

## 4.7 APPROACH TO IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND SPECIALIST STUDIES

Potential environmental impacts were identified through both desktop literature review and consultation with I&APs, regulatory authorities, specialist and Enviro-Leap Consulting. In case of social impacts, the assessment focused on third parties only (third parties include members of the public and other local and regional institutions) and did not assess health and safety impacts on workers because the assumption was made that these aspects are separately regulated by health and safety legislation, policies and standards.

The impacts are discussed under issue headings in this section. The discussion and impact assessment for each sub-section covers the construction, operational, decommissioning and closure phases where relevant. This is indicated in the table at the beginning of each sub-section. Included in the table is a list of project activities/infrastructure that could cause the potential impact per farming phase. The activities/infrastructure that are summarized in this chapter, link to the description of the proposed project (see Section 5 of the EIA report).

Mitigation measures to address the identified impacts are discussed in this section and included in more detail in the ERCP report that is attached in **Appendix B**. In most cases (unless otherwise stated), these mitigation measures have been taken into account in the assessment of the significance of the mitigated impacts only.

Both the criteria used to assess the impacts and the method of determining the significance of the impacts is outlined in **Table 9**. This method complies with the method provided in the Namibian EIA Policy document and the draft EIA regulations. **Part A** provides the approach for determining impact consequence (combining severity, spatial scale and duration) and impact significance (the overall rating of the impact). Impact consequence and significance are determined from **Part B** and **C**. The interpretation of the impact significance is given in **Part D**. Both mitigated and unmitigated scenarios are considered for each impact.

**Table 9: Criteria for Assessing Impacts**

PART A: DEFINITION AND CRITERIA		
Definition of SIGNIFICANCE	Significance = consequence probability	
Definition of CONSEQUENCE	Consequence is a function of severity, spatial extent and duration	
Criteria for ranking of the SEVERITY/NATURE of environmental impacts	H	Substantial deterioration (death, illness or injury). Recommended level will often be violated. Vigorous community action. Irreplaceable loss of resources.
	M	Moderate/measurable deterioration (discomfort). Recommended level will occasionally be violated. Widespread complaints. Noticeable loss of resources.
	L	Minor deterioration (non-fatal or Keetmanshoopance or minor deterioration). Change not measurable/will remain in the current range. Recommended level will never be violated. Sporadic complaints. Limited loss of resources.
	L+	Minor improvement. Change not measurable/will remain in the current range. Recommended level will never be violated. Sporadic complaints.
	M+	Moderate improvement. Will be within or better than the recommended level. No observed reaction.
	H+	Substantial improvement. Will be within or better than the recommended level. Favorable publicity.
Criteria for ranking the DURATION of impacts	L	Quickly reversible. Less than the project life. Short-term
	M	Reversible overtime. Life of the project. Medium-term
	H	Permanent beyond closure – Long-term.
Criteria for ranking the SPATIAL SCALE of Impacts	L	Localized-Within the site boundary.
	M	Fairly widespread–Beyond the site boundary. Local
	H	Widespread – Far beyond site boundary. Regional/national

**PART B: DETERMINING CONSEQUENCE**

SEVERITY = L					
DURATION	Long-term	H	Medium	Medium	Medium
	Medium term	M	Low	Low	Medium
	Short-term	L	Low	Low	Medium
SEVERITY = M					
DURATION	Long-term	H	Medium	High	High
	Medium term	M	Medium	Medium	High
	Short-term	L	Low	Medium	Medium
SEVERITY = H					
DURATION	Long-term	H	High	High	High
	Medium term	M	Medium	Medium	High
	Short-term	L	Medium	Medium	High
			L	M	H
			Localized Within site boundary Site	Fairly widespread Beyond site boundary	Widespread Far beyond site boundary
SPATIAL SCALE					

**PART C: DETERMINING SIGNIFICANCE**

PROBABILITY (of exposure to impacts)	Definite/Continuous	H	Medium	Medium	High
	Possible/frequent	M	Medium	Medium	High
	Unlikely/seldom	L	Low	Low	Medium
			L	M	H
CONSEQUENCE					

**PART D: INTERPRETATION OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Significance	Decision guideline
High	It would influence the decision regardless of any possible mitigation.
Medium	It should have an influence on the decision unless it is mitigated.
Low	It will not have an influence on the decision.

\*H = high, M = medium and L = low and + denotes a positive impact.

This section outlines the assessment methodology and legal context for specialist studies, as recommended by the DEA 2006 Guideline on Assessment of Impacts. In addition to the above, the impact assessment methodology includes the following aspects:

Spatial extent – The size of the area that will be affected by the impact/risk:

- Site specific;
- Local (<10 km from site);
- Regional (<100 km of site);
- National or International (e.g. Greenhouse Gas emissions or migrant birds).

Consequence – The anticipated consequence of the risk/impact:

- Extreme (extreme alteration of natural systems, patterns or processes, i.e. where environmental functions and processes are altered such that they permanently cease);
- Severe (severe alteration of natural systems, patterns or processes, i.e. where environmental functions and processes are altered such that they temporarily or permanently cease);
- Substantial (substantial alteration of natural systems, patterns or processes, i.e. where environmental functions and processes are altered such that they temporarily or permanently cease);
- Moderate (notable alteration of natural systems, patterns or processes, i.e. where the environment continues to function but in a modified manner); or
- Slight (negligible alteration of natural systems, patterns or processes, i.e. where no natural systems/environmental functions, patterns, or processes are affected).

Duration – The timeframe during which the impact/risk will be experienced:

- Short term (less than 1 year);
- Medium term (1 to 10 years);
- Long term (the impact will cease after the operational life of the activity (i.e. the impact or risk will occur for the project duration)); or
- Permanent (mitigation will not occur in such a way or in such a time span that the impact can be considered transient (i.e. the impact will occur beyond the project decommissioning)).

Probability – The probability of the impact/risk occurring:

- Very likely or Likely;
- Unlikely or Very unlikely; and
- Extremely unlikely

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## 5. ASSESSMENT OF ALTERNATIVES AND IMPACTS

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### 5.1 ASSESSMENT OF IMPACTS AND MITIGATION

This chapter discusses the alternatives, as well as the selection process of the preferred alternatives that have been considered and assessed as part of the Scoping Phase. The 2012 EIA Regulations (GG4878) define “alternatives”, in relation to a proposed activity, “as different means of meeting the general purpose and requirements of the activity, which may include alternatives to the:

- property on which or location where the activity is proposed to be undertaken;
- type of activity to be undertaken;
- design or layout of the activity;
- technology to be used in the activity; or
- operational aspects of the activity; and
- Includes the option of not implementing the activity”.

The Scoping Report therefore provided a full description of the process followed to reach the proposed preferred activity, site and location within the site. It further includes the following as a minimum:

- The consideration of the no-go alternative as a baseline scenario;
- A comparison of the reasonable and feasible alternatives; and
- Providing a methodology for the elimination of an alternative.

#### 5.1.1 NO-GO ALTERNATIVE

The no-go alternative assumes that the proposed project will not go ahead i.e. the proposed Omafamba’s trade operations (import and export of mineral and fuel commodity and the construction of associated facilities) does not realize. This alternative entails that the trading operations would not drive any environmental change and result in no additional environmental impacts on the Feedlots sites and along the haulage route.

It favors the *status quo* or baseline against which other alternatives are compared and will be considered throughout the report. However, the likely negative environmental impacts of other current and future user that may still happen in the absence of the proposed activities includes: Natural dust and generation of particulate matter during windy event particularly resulting from other regional economic activities such as construction, mining and tourism, pollution and environmental degradation associated with current land use along and around the proposed project route and sites.

Therefore, in terms of the “No-go Alternative”, potential economic gains that may never be realized if the proposed project activities do not go-ahead include: loss in income for both TransNamib and NamPort, unemployment and the loss of socio-economic benefits derived from current and future export and import trading opportunities. Most importantly, is the reduced regional integration in terms of trade and investment, loss of direct and indirect contracts and employment opportunities, export earnings, foreign direct investments and various taxes payable to the Government.

## 5.1.5 CONCLUDING STATEMENT ON ALTERNATIVES

Namibia has a huge potential to be an international logistics hub for the inland areas of Southern African Development Community (SADC). A milestone indicator of the realization of this goal, is the advanced expansion of the Port of Walvis Bay container trans-shipment hub.

Additionally, the Namibia Ports Authority considers several options to enhance handling capacity at the Port of Lüderitz including the development of a new deep-water port at Agra Point, and or the deepening of the current port (which is deemed to have great environmental implications / restriction) and or introducing transshipment vessel facilities.

Despite the limited capacity to handle large bulk cargo, the Port of Lüderitz is considered the preferred export route for the proposed operation given its close proximity from the proposed animal holding facilities and feed supply. Alternative Haulage method considered entails the “Rail” or “Road” transport and the “Road Option” is recommended as far as enhancing animal welfare is concerned.

In case of social impacts, the assessment focused on third parties only (third parties include members of the public and other local and regional institutions) and did not assess health and safety impacts on workers because the assumption was made that these aspects are separately regulated by health and safety legislation, policies and standards.

The No-Action Alternative comparative assessment, suggests that environmental impacts of a future in which the proposed activities do not take place, may be good for the receiving environment because there will be no potential negative or positive environmental impacts associated with the proposed activities (import and exports trading).

## 5.2 ASSESSMENT OF IMPACTS AND MITIGATION

Mitigation measures to address the identified impacts are discussed in this section and included in more detail in the EERP report that is attached in **Appendix B**. In most cases (unless otherwise stated), these mitigation measures have been taken into account in the assessment of the significance of the mitigated impacts only

### 5.2.1 IMPACTS ON THE BIOPHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Potential impacts in respect to the Biophysical (Table 10) environment involves particularly the terrestrial and marine ecology (Table 11) environments and relate mainly to the handling and storage of the commodities both at the TransNamib and NamPort premises (both in Ariamsvlei / Keetmanshoop Lüderitz respectively).

Potential impacts in respect to the Biophysical environments (**Table 6 - 8**) involves, given that the proposed activity entails non-invasive and consumptive mining development activities but rather limited to prospecting presents mainly secondary potential impacts. Geological surveys and rock sampling, and desktop research creates opportunity for the project staff members to access otherwise reserved park areas and thus temptations for poaching and



collection of natural resources. Details of the potential impacts are demonstrated in the following tables:

**Table 7. Impact on the Biophysical Environment – EPL site Access and use of vehicles**

Impact Event		Disturbances on Biodiversity				
Description		Off-road driving is a major concern, particularly with regard to uncontrolled use of 4x4 vehicles and quad-bikes. This leads to physical degradation and the destruction of unique habitats, especially of highly fragile lichen fields and breeding areas of endangered species, such as Damara Terns.				
Nature		Tracks leave scars that can remain for centuries, affecting the aesthetic qualities of the dunes and the surrounding gravel plains, reducing the attractiveness of the area as a recreational destination. Littering of the beaches and the desert due to increasing tourism is a general problem. Camping outside of designated areas occurs during peak holiday periods.				
Phases: Phases during which the project has implications of accessing the EPL area are highlighted below; Significance assessment was carried out on the use of access tracks which presents a short-term risk.						
Construction Phase	Operational Phase	Decommissioning Phase		Post Closure		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Construction envisaged at this stage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accessing of EPL area for surveys and sampling with project vehicles</li> <li>Upgrading of access tracks (e.g. grading)</li> </ul>	N/A		N/A		
Severity		Taken together, the disturbances will have a minimum to medium severity given that limited number of vehicles will be used and no new access track will be created, these can be drastically minimized to very low with mitigation measures.				
Duration		The Significance of the potential impacts is very high given the project location i.e. near a national park and within a town				
Spatial Scale		Low, localized if activities are restricted to the known pegmatite belts area within the EPL thus limiting potential impacts spatially				
Probability		Low to Medium, especially in respect to wildlife / livestock collision and poaching as project staff will be at all times accompanied by Game Guards				
Unmitigated	Severity	Duration	Spatial Scale	Consequence	Probability of Occurrence	Significance
	L-M	L	L	H	L	H
Mitigated	Severity	Duration	Spatial Scale	Consequence	Probability of Occurrence	Significance
	L	L	L	L	L	H
Conceptual Description of Mitigation Measures		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strict compliance with the Park Management guidelines and EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events;</li> <li>Exploration activity must be limited to the pre-identified pegmatites belts within the EPL area</li> <li>Unless necessary and agreed with the Park management, no new access tracks shall be created and no lodging shall be allowed in sensitive zones</li> </ul>				

**Table 8. Impact on the Biophysical Environment – Sampling / trenching for geological sampling**

Impact Event	Disturbances on Biodiversity in respect to sampling and trenching activities					
<b>Description</b>	Should analyses by an analytical laboratory be positive, geological boreholes or trenches are drilled / dug and geological samples collected for further analysis. This will determine the depth of the potential mineralization. If necessary new access tracks to the drill sites will be created and drill pads will be cleared in which to set the rig. Two widely used sampling options may be adopted, these are the reverse circulation sampling and/or diamond-core sampling / trenching.					
<b>Nature</b>	<p>Depending on the scale of sampling / trenching (intensity), potential impacts relating to vegetation clearing for access tracks and drill transects may arise from the project activities. Consequential impacts therefore are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noise from sampling machineries and potential spill of hydrocarbons</li> <li>Disturbance of habitats (protected plant species) and species displacement</li> <li>Potential littering with solid waste</li> </ul>					
<b>Phases:</b> Phases during which the project has implications of sampling / impacts apply are highlighted below; Significance assessment was carried out on the sampling / trenching phase which presents a long term risk.						
<b>Construction Phase</b>	<b>Operational Phase</b>	<b>Decommissioning Phase</b>		<b>Post Closure</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Construction envisaged at this stage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accessing of EPL area for surveys and sampling with project vehicles</li> <li>Upgrading of access tracks (e.g. grading)</li> </ul>	N/A		N/A		
<b>Severity</b>	Taken together, the disturbances will have a medium severity given that limited number of vehicles will be used and no new access track will be created, these can be drastically minimized to very low with mitigation measures.					
<b>Duration</b>	The Significance of the potential impacts is very high given the project location i.e. near a national park and within a town					
<b>Spatial Scale</b>	Low, localized if activities are restricted to the known pegmatite belts area within the EPL area thus limiting potential impacts spatially					
<b>Probability</b>	Low to Medium, especially in respect to wildlife /livestock collision and poaching as project staff will be at all times accompanied by Game Guards					
<b>Unmitigated</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Spatial Scale</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Probability of Occurrence</b>	<b>Significance</b>
	M	L	L	H	L	M
<b>Mitigated</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Spatial Scale</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Probability of Occurrence</b>	<b>Significance</b>
	L	L	L	L	L	M
<b>Conceptual Description of Mitigation Measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strict compliance with the Forestry Act and Regulations in respect to vegetation clearing, Park Management guidelines and EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events;</li> <li>Exploration activity must be limited to the pre-identified pegmatites belts within the EPL area thus reducing the spatial impacts to key areas of the EPL</li> <li>Unless necessary and agreed with the park management, no new access tracks shall be created and no lodging shall be allowed in sensitive zones</li> <li>Temporary bins and spill kits must be provided to ensure that all waste material including hydrocarbons are well contained prior to final disposal at approved sites in either Henties Bay or Swakopmund.</li> <li>Unless in an emergency, no equipment (vehicles and drill rigs) should be serviced in the field thus preventing unnecessary spillage of hydrocarbons</li> </ul>					

**Table 9. Impact on the Biophysical Environment – Waste Management (Effluent, Solid and Hydrocarbons)**

Impact Event		Waste generation and disposal				
<b>Description</b>	Operational activities relating to mainly the lodging and to a lesser degree the actual geological surveying and sampling activities present an opportunity for the generation of both solid waste (litter material) and hydrocarbons (fuel and lubricants).					
<b>Nature</b>	<p>In general, prospecting activities generates very little domestic solid waste which includes but may not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter materials i.e. plastic bags, cartons, food packages and</li> <li>• Effluents and sewer may only be generated in case where a base-camp is necessary and a bathroom with flushing toilets are used</li> <li>• Minor hydrocarbons spillage(fuels and lubricants), possible contamination of soils and groundwater, in case of hydrocarbon spillage mainly from maintenance of equipment and vehicles</li> </ul>					
<b>Phases:</b> Phases during which the project has implications of waste generation are highlighted below; Significance assessment was carried out on the sampling / trenching phase which requires on-site stays.						
<b>Construction Phase</b>	<b>Operational Phase</b>	<b>Decommissioning Phase</b>		<b>Post Closure</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Construction envisaged at this stage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lodging is envisaged at existing campsite / lodge within the park</li> </ul>	N/A		N/A		
<b>Severity</b>	Taken together, waste generation in respect to the proposed activities presents impacts that are of very-low severity as in general little is generated.					
<b>Duration</b>	The duration of the potential impacts is bound to the duration of the proposed operations thus short-term in nature					
<b>Spatial Scale</b>	Low, waste generation shall be limited mainly to the lodging areas and subject to property owners and thus not entirely influence by the proposed project					
<b>Probability</b>	Very Low, shall be limited mainly to the lodging areas and subject to property owners and thus not entirely influence by the proposed project					
<b>Unmitigated</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Spatial Scale</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Probability of Occurrence</b>	<b>Significance</b>
	L	L	L	M	L	L
<b>Mitigated</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Spatial Scale</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Probability of Occurrence</b>	<b>Significance</b>
	L	L	L	L	L	L
<b>Conceptual Description of Mitigation Measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Given that lodging is recommended to be at existing camp-sites and or lodges, this aspect shall be managed as part of the current property owners compliance requirements</li> <li>• In the field, hydrocarbon waste shall be contained (in spill kits) and stored in appropriate heavy-duty plastic cabbage , transported to the nearest waste-oil recycling / solid waste disposal facility in Henties Bay or Swakopmund</li> <li>• A sufficient number of spill kits shall be acquired and strategically placed, particularly near every sampling site to ensure that timely response to any potential fuel and lubricant spills is conducted (should the project require any sampling activities to be undertaken). These shall include an on-site used oil disposal bin(s)</li> <li>• Equally, effluent waste shall be managed in compliance with the lodging host’s requirements, although during any sampling activities – temporary dry-pit toilet facility must be provided at every site.</li> </ul>					

## 5.2.2 IMPACTS ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Table 10. Environmental Impact: Human Health and Safety

Impact Event	Disturbances to the social environments					
Description	During the exploration stage, social impacts are most likely to be minimal and often positive. At this stage, usually the level of interaction between project staff and or project equipment with the local community is significantly minimum and therefore potential health and safety risks very low. However, given the Covid-19 pandemic it is recommended that all protocol in this respect are observed throughout the exploration phase.					
Nature	The inter-migration of project staff in-and-out of the region may present potential risks of disease transmission particularly in respect to Covid-19 and other contagious diseases between the local community and project staff. The most significant impact in respect to health is the potential for increasing the strain on the already under capacitated local health services facility should project staff fall ill while in the field.					
Phases: Phases during which sources of social (health and safety) impacts apply are highlighted below;						
Construction Phase	Operational Phase		Decommissioning Phase		Post Closure	
N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of the lodging and other social facilities, as well as other social interactions</li> </ul>		N/A		N/A	
Severity	In the unmitigated scenario, the potential risk for transmission of contagious / infectious diseases is High					
Duration	The Significance of the potential impacts is subject to the compliance with national health protocols, however given the minimal interaction of project staff and the local community impacts are classified as incidental and short-term.					
Spatial Scale	Medium, in case of near-miss incidents (were cases are not detected) the risk may be medium to high but localized if for instance project staff undergo prior testing for Covid-19 before coming for fieldwork.					
Probability	Low, especially given that there are clear guideline and protocols governing health and safety of both contagious diseases and if they are well observed					
Unmitigated	Severity	Duration	Spatial Scale	Consequence	Probability of Occurrence	Significance
	H	M	M	H	L	H
Mitigated	Severity	Duration	Spatial Scale	Consequence	Probability of Occurrence	Significance
	M-L	L	L	M	L	H
Conceptual Description of Mitigation Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strict compliance with the EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events;</li> <li>It is strictly advised that project staff ensures that in respect to Covid-19, are tested prior to venturing in the field (and carries a health certificate indicating a negative result, which is not older than 72 hours)</li> <li>Carry sufficient First Aid equipment to ensure that minor injuries reduces need to access local health facility and therefore minimizing potential strain on local services</li> <li>Strict compliance with national health protocols as and when directive are issued in respect to any disease outbreak and or recurring pandemics such as HIV / AIDS and Covid-19</li> <li>Strict ban on use of any toxic substances within and during the working environment must be prohibited and serious punitive actions taken against any transgressors is recommended.</li> </ul>					

**Table 11. Impact on the Social Environment – Air and Noise Pollution**

Impact Event	Disturbances to the social environment					
Description	Should analyses by an analytical laboratory be positive, geological boreholes or trenches are drilled / dug and geological samples collected for further analysis. This will determine the depth of the potential mineralization. If necessary new access tracks to the drill sites will be created and drill pads will be cleared in which to set the rig. Two widely used sampling options may be adopted, these are the reverse circulation sampling and/or diamond-core sampling, and alternatively trenches may be dug for sampling.					
Nature	Depending on the scale of sampling / trenching (intensity), potential noise impacts relating to the use of large vehicles such as a drill rig truck and or excavator may be generated. Consequential impacts therefore are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noise from sampling / trenching machineries may be anticipated</li> </ul>					
<b>Phases:</b> Phases during which sources of social (Air and Noise Pollution) impacts apply are highlighted below;						
Construction Phase	Operational Phase	Decommissioning Phase		Post Closure		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land preparation and setting-up of drill sites</li> <li>Setting-up Base-camp for project staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accessing of EPL area for surveys and sampling with project vehicles</li> <li>Upgrading of access tracks (e.g. grading)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structure demolition and ground leveling activities</li> <li>Temporary lodging for decommissioning staff</li> </ul>		N/A		
Severity	Taken together, the disturbances will have a high severity in the unmitigated scenario. In the mitigated scenario, many of these disturbances can be prevented or mitigated to acceptable levels, which reduces the severity to low.					
Duration	The Significance of the potential impacts is subject to the proposed operation's life-time, however the identified impact's duration is incidental and short-term.					
Spatial Scale	Low, localized although cumulative as haulage along the designated routes may lead to increased traffic. The noise aspect is mainly limited to the feedlot facility site which far from residential areas.					
Probability	Very Low, the only noisy activities associated with the proposed operation are limited to the construction and decommissioning					
Unmitigated	Severity	Duration	Spatial Scale	Consequence	Probability of Occurrence	Significance
	L	L	L	M	L	H
Mitigated	Severity	Duration	Spatial Scale	Consequence	Probability of Occurrence	Significance
	L	L	L	L	L	H
Conceptual Description of Mitigation Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strict compliance with the EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events;</li> <li>Noise complaint register must be kept and maintained regularly with mitigation measures adopted accordingly.</li> <li>All excessive noise generating activities must be strictly carried out during the day between 08h00 (am) and 17h00 (pm) week days only.</li> <li>Conditions of the Environmental Clearance Certificate and Surface-use Agreement (with the relevant Traditional Authority and Park) must be accordingly adhere to.</li> <li>As much as possible, it is recommended that vehicles with the most minimum footprint are used such as smallest excavator and or portable drill rig (drawn on a trailer).</li> </ul>					

Table 12. Impact on the Social Environment – Culture, Heritage and Scenic values

Impact Event	Disturbances to the heritage and scenic value of the environment					
Description	The rapid on-ground survey and desktop review for cultural and heritage sites, reveals that generally there were low/no occurrence of known cultural heritage or archaeological sites, hence the assumption is that the occurrence of undiscovered sites within the EPL area is low. However, evidence cultural heritage were observed at Mariental or Keetmanshoop Settlement, Messum Crater which falls outside the boundaries of the proposed EPL 8840.					
Nature	Any sites that did exist here would either have been discovered already during previous investigations (due to the accessibility of the site to archaeologists) or have been destroyed during previous exploration and mining operations and or other land-uses such farming and tourism undertaken in the area.					
Phases: Phases during which sources of social (cultural, heritage and scenic values) impacts apply are highlighted below;						
Construction Phase	Operational Phase	Decommissioning Phase		Post Closure		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land preparation and construction activities</li> <li>Temporary lodging for construction staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconnaissance activities e.g. geological mapping, topographical and remote sensing mapping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structure demolition and ground leveling activities</li> <li>Temporary lodging for decommissioning staff</li> </ul>		N/A		
Severity	Severity is Low, disturbances relating to field-based will be low with extremely unlikely probability of occurrence without mitigations					
Duration	The significance of the potential impacts is subject to the proposed operation’s life-time (in this case short-term), hence potential impacts is incidental in nature					
Spatial Scale	Localized, although chances of damaging artifacts are very high when encountered, the probability of finding these on the EPL area are low and may be limited to certain rock outcrops and along river valleys.					
Probability	Very Low, the nature of operation significantly limits exploration activities to one known pegmatite belt that falls within the mining area.					
Unmitigated	Severity	Duration	Spatial Scale	Consequence	Probability of Occurrence	Significance
	L	L	M	H	L	H
Mitigated	Severity	Duration	Spatial Scale	Consequence	Probability of Occurrence	Significance
	L	L	L	H	L	M
Conceptual Description of Mitigation Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strict compliance with the EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events</li> <li>Contractors working on the site should be made aware that under the National Heritage Act, 2004 (Act No. 27 of 2004) any items protected under the definition of heritage found in the course of development should be reported to the National Heritage Council</li> <li>The chance finds procedure as outlined in the EMP must be implemented at all times, and.</li> <li>Detailed field survey should be carried out if suspected archaeological resources or major natural cavities / shelters have been unearthed during the proposed exploration and test mining operations.</li> <li>A stakeholder complaint register must be kept and maintained regularly with mitigation measures adopted accordingly, recording all concerns relating impacts of the proposed exploration activities on the cultural and scenic value of the environment which may be reported by interested and affected parties.</li> </ul>					



Table 13. Impact on the Economic Aspect

Impact Event	Disturbances on social and economic aspects					
Description	Potential economic gains that may never be realized if the proposed project activities does not go-ahead include: loss in potential alternative income for the town, unemployment and the loss of socio-economic benefits derived from future mining development opportunities.					
Nature	However, it is imperative that the community is made aware that a major possible impact of exploration is the unrealistic expectations about the development of a mine. It's important for local communities to bear in mind that most exploration activity will not advance to mine development.					
Phases: Phases during which sources of social (potential social and economic gain) impacts apply are highlighted below;						
Construction Phase	Operational Phase	Decommissioning Phase		Post Closure		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land preparation and construction activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of the lodging and other social facilities, as well as other social interactions</li> <li>Potential Mine development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structure demolition and ground leveling activities</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retrenchments, retirement and job losses due to closure</li> </ul>		
Severity	In the unmitigated scenario, this implies in the case where the activity take not take effect, no economic benefits shall realize hence, the severity in respect to unemployment shall be very high. However, with the implementation of the proposed operations, the severity of unemployment shall be reduced to medium.					
Duration	The Significance of the potential impacts is subject to the proposed operation's life-time, with a long-term potential					
Spatial Scale	Low, localized and only limited to the Mariental or Keetmanshoop Settlement community					
Probability	Low – Medium, probability in respect to job creation on both the temporary ( during exploration) and long-term ( during Mine development and operation) phases					
Unmitigated	Severity	Duration	Spatial Scale	Consequence	Probability of Occurrence	Significance
	L-M	L	L	L	L	L
Mitigated	Severity	Duration	Spatial Scale	Consequence	Probability of Occurrence	Significance
	L	M+	M+	H+	H+	H+
Conceptual Description of Mitigation Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is critical that timely and continuous communication and dissemination of information with the local community is ensured to alleviate potential sense of social marginalization, drive gender equality and enhance the understanding and perception of the benefits associated with Omafamba Investment activities</li> <li>To enhance the positive impacts relating to marginal net benefits for the micro-economy (local residence of Mariental or Keetmanshoop Settlement and Erongo at large) and national economy at larger, legislative provisions to Affirmative Action and Labour Welfare must be observed</li> <li>It is strictly recommended that Omafamba Investment negotiates and signs a Surface Use Agreement detailing aspects of conduct and benefit distribution with all key stakeholder i.e. Traditional Authority, Park and other Operators or support institutions e.g. NGOs / CSOs)</li> </ul>					

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## 6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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### 6.1 CONCLUSIONS

Namibia is an up-and-coming source country for critical minerals, which are important for renewable energy technologies. The country has the potential to develop new mining projects for cobalt and lithium, and therefore it has in recent years seen great interest towards the exploration and development of mineral commodities by foreign investor.

There are thus, many companies engaged in the exploration and mining activities for various metals / minerals including InterContinental Mining Namibia. This creates opportunities that attracts international investment to support increased exploration activities particularly with an interest in finding lithium. Omafamba Investment, was presented an opportunity to undertaking an exploration programme in respect in respect to Base and Rare Metals, Dimension Stone, Industrial Minerals, Non-Nuclear Fuel Mineral and Precious Metals

While increased economic activities can stimulate demographic changes and alter social, economic and environmental practices in many ways. Adverse environmental and socio-economic impacts have become a major area of concern for the business community, their customers, and other key stakeholders. Therefore, to ensure that development activities are undertaken in an economic, social and environmental sound / sustainable manner, the Namibian Constitution and Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 provides for an environmental assessment process.

A key consideration in respect to the proposed project alternatives, is that of EPL location / site particularly considering that it falls within a park environment and in proximity to the Tsiseb Conservancy. Primarily, the key objective in respect to conservancies or national park is conservation of particularly wildlife, cultural / historical heritage and landscape scenic value. Hence, the pre-dominant land-use in these environments is usually non-consumptive and mainly in the form of tourism. However, tourism may have not proven to be most economically rewarding land-use option given the prolonged effects of natural disasters and pandemics. This has created an uncertainty which resulted in community in town looking beyond conservation for alternative income streams and thus increased mining activities are observed in communal conservancies.

In case of social impacts, the assessment focused on third parties only (third parties include members of the public and other local and regional institutions) and did not assess health and safety impacts on workers because the assumption was made that these aspects are separately regulated by health and safety legislation, policies and standards.

The No-Action Alternative comparative assessment, suggests that environmental impacts of a future in which the proposed activities do not take place, may be good for the receiving environment because there will be no potential negative or positive environmental impacts associated with the proposed activities (mineral prospecting).

Overall, potential impacts may vary in terms of scale (locality), magnitude and duration e.g. minor negative impacts in the form of visual intrusion, dust and noise pollution especially during the field-based activities i.e. sampling and or trenching.

Below is a summary of the likely positive impacts that have been assessed for the different phases of the proposed Omafamba Investment's mineral prospecting activities:

- Socio-economic development and capacity building through partnering with foreign operators / investors, skills transfer and training on the mining development sector shall be achieved (Likely impacts are high).
- Creation of employment opportunities and strengthening /expansion of SME business
- Consequential Infrastructure development e.g. development of a Mine should viable deposit be discovered.

The following is a summary of the likely negative impacts that have been assessed for the different phases of the existing sand mining project:

- Ambient Air Quality and Noise Pollution (Likely impacts are Low).
- Ecological and biodiversity loss (Likely impacts are localized and low).
- Health and safety (Overall likely impacts are low with the adoption and compliance of appropriate mitigation measures).
- Accidental Spill of Hazardous substance (Likely impacts are low with proper implementation of the environmental management plan in place).
- Cultural Heritage, Archaeological and Scenic value (Likely impacts are low with proper implementation of the environmental management plan in place).

## 6.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Enviro-Leap environmental practitioner confidently recommends that the proposed project can proceed and should be authorized by the DEAF. The proposed operations is considered to have, overall low negative environmental impacts and potential for the enhancement of socio-economic benefits provided all protocols including the proposed mitigation measures are adhered to.

Based on this, it recommended that the proponent must upon obtaining their Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC), implement all appropriate management and mitigation measures and monitoring requirements as stipulated in the Scoping Report and or as condition of the ECC. These measures must be undertaken to promote and uphold good practice environmental principles and adhere to relevant legislations by avoiding unacceptable impacts to the receiving environment.

## 6.3 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND MONITORING

It is important that channels of communication are maintained over the life-time of the proposed mineral prospecting project, and with all key stakeholders, members of the general public (including I&APs), as well as the local and traditional authorities, **Table 13** shows the stakeholders engagement recommendations.

**Table 13:** Actions relating to stakeholder communication

Issue	Management commitment	Phase
Development and maintenance of a Stakeholder engagement plan	On obtaining the Environmental Clearance Certificate and other relevant authorization it is recommended that the proponent undertakes a stakeholder engagement process to develop a Communication and Monitoring Plan for continuous reporting and feedback	All
Understanding who the stakeholders are	Maintain and update the stakeholder register, including stakeholders' needs and expectations. Ensure that all relevant stakeholder groups are included building on pre-identified and registered I&APs.	All
	A representative database would include all relevant local government, service providers and contractors, indigenous populations, local communities, Traditional Authorities (TAs), NGOs, shareholders, the investment sector, community-based organizations, suppliers and the media.	All
	Ensure that marginalized and vulnerable groups are also considered in the stakeholder communication process.	All
	Record partnerships as well as their roles, responsibilities, capacity and contribution to development.	All
Liaising with interested and affected parties at all phases in the mine life	Devise and implement a stakeholder communication and engagement strategy.	All
Responsibility	Omafamba Investment and Enviro-Leap Consulting (On-contract)	

A stakeholder engagement plan is an important tool in ensuring that a good working relationship is maintained between the proponent and the community within which the activities are undertaken. It is crucial that this plan is developed in the same transparent manner and approach as the environmental assessment, and that it remains a living document which allows the stakeholder to engage with throughout the duration of the proposed activity.

Equally, it must be at all time readily available on request to all interested and affected parties for review and must provide clear procedures for how and where it can be accessed.

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## APPENDIX A: ENVIRONMENTAL MANGEMENT PLAN

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### OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE EMP

The following overall environmental objectives have been set for the Omafamba Investment exploration and mining development project:

- To comply with national legislation and standards for the protection of the environment.
- To limit potential impacts on biodiversity through the minimisation of the footprint (as far as practically possible) and the conservation of residual habitat within the mine area.
- To keep surrounding communities informed of farming activities through the implementation of forums for communication and constructive dialogue.
- To develop, implement and manage monitoring systems to ensure good environmental performance in respect of the following: ground and surface water, air quality, noise and vibration, biodiversity and rehabilitation.

### KEEPING EMPS UP TO DATE

This Environmental Management Plan (EMP) document is designed to meet legal requirements and avoid or minimize the impacts associated with the implementation of Omafamba Investment exploration and mining development. It is the intention that this EMP should be seen as a “living document” which will be amended during the operation, as the activities might change or new ones be introduced.

Should a listed activity(s) as defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations: Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Government Gazette No. 4878) be triggered (as a result of future modifications/changes at the mine), this EMP will be updated as a result of another EIA process as stipulated in the regulations.



## IMPACTS MANAGEMENT / MITIGATION MEASURES

Table 14. Impact on the Biophysical Environment – EPL site Access and use of vehicles

Issue	Management commitment	Phase
Understanding who the stakeholders are	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain and update the stakeholder register, including stakeholders' needs and expectations.</li> <li>• A representative database would include all relevant local government, service providers, indigenous populations, Traditional Authorities (TAs), NGOs or community-based organizations</li> <li>• Ensure that marginalized and vulnerable groups are also considered in the stakeholder communication process.</li> <li>• Record partnerships as well as their roles, responsibilities, capacity and contribution to development.</li> </ul>	All
Liaising with interested and affected parties at all phases in the mine life	Devise and implement a stakeholder communication and engagement strategy.	All
Responsibility	Omafamba Investment and Enviro-Leap Consulting (On contract basis)	

Table 15. Impact on the Biophysical Environment – EPL site Access and use of vehicles

Impact Event	Disturbances on Biodiversity in respect to access tracks	
Desired mitigation outcome	The objective of the mitigation in respect to impacts on biodiversity is to ensure that as much as possible, disturbance on biodiversity is avoided and prevented while the proposed prospecting activities is undertaken.	
Proposed Mitigation Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strict compliance with the Park Management guidelines and EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events;</li> <li>• Exploration activity must be limited to the pre-identified pegmatites belts within the EPL area</li> <li>• Unless necessary and agreed with the park management, no new access tracks shall be created and no lodging shall be allowed in sensitive zones</li> </ul>	All
Responsibility	Omafamba Investment and Enviro-Leap Consulting (On contract basis)	

Table 16. Impact on the Biophysical Environment – Bulk sampling and ore extraction

Impact Event	Disturbances on Biodiversity in respect to sampling and trenching activities	
Desired mitigation outcome	The objective of the mitigation in respect to impacts on biodiversity is to ensure that as much as possible, disturbance particularly on wildlife (poaching) and flora (clearing / damage) species is reduced and or prevented.	
Proposed Mitigation Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strict compliance with the Forestry Act and Regulations in respect to vegetation clearing, Park Management guidelines and EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events;</li> <li>• Should the proponent require clearing, removal and transplantation of any protected plant species – services of an appropriately qualified botanist / ecologists must be sought and relevant permissions obtained prior to any such activity being undertaken</li> <li>• A plant survey must be conducted and all protected species clearly marked and protected prior to setting-up any sampling site and or digging any trench for geological sampling</li> <li>• Exploration activity must be limited to the pre-identified pegmatites belts within the EPL area thus reducing the spatial impacts to key areas of the EPL</li> <li>• Unless necessary and agreed with the park management, no new access tracks shall be created and no lodging shall be allowed in sensitive zones</li> <li>• Temporary bins and spill kits must be provided to ensure that all waste material including hydrocarbons are well contained prior to final disposal at approved sites in either Henties Bay or Swakopmund.</li> <li>• Unless in an emergency, no equipment (vehicles and drill rigs) should be serviced in the field thus preventing unnecessary spillage of hydrocarbons</li> </ul>	All
Responsibility	Omafamba Investment and Enviro-Leap Consulting (On contract basis)	

## 5.2.2 IMPACTS ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Table 8. Impact on the Biophysical Environment – Waste Management (Effluent, Solid and Hydrocarbons)

Impact Event	Waste generation and disposal	Phase
Desired mitigation outcome	The objective of the mitigation in respect to waste generation is to ensure that the best scenic value and integrity of the affected environment maintained and or enhanced by reducing chances of littering through proper use of waste management facilities.	
Proposed Mitigation Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental awareness is an important aspect of environmental management, therefore all project staff and service providers must be educated of the environmental compliance requirements and urged to comply accordingly on induction to the project site.</li> <li>Given that lodging is recommended to be at existing camp-sites and or lodges, this aspect shall be managed as part of the current property owners compliance requirements</li> <li>In the field, hydrocarbon waste shall be contained (in spill kits) and stored in appropriate heavy-duty plastic cabbage , transported to the nearest waste-oil recycling / solid waste disposal facility in Mariental or Keetmanshoop</li> <li>A sufficient number of spill kits shall be acquired and strategically placed, particularly near every sampling site to ensure that timely response to any potential fuel and lubricant spills is conducted (should the project require any sampling activities to be undertaken). These shall include an on-site used oil disposal bin(s)</li> <li>Equally, effluent waste shall be managed in compliance with the lodging host’s requirements, although during any sampling activities – temporary dry-pit toilet facility must be provided at every site.</li> </ul>	All
Responsibility	Omafamba Investment and Enviro-Leap Consulting (On contract basis)	

Table 9. Environmental Impact: Human Health and Safety

Impact Event	Prevention and mitigation of any health and safety hazards / risks	Phase
Desired mitigation outcome	The objective of the mitigation in respect to health and safety hazards is to ensure that the health, safety and protection of both the project staff and community receive priority in terms of budgetary provision and compliance	
Proposed Mitigation Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strict compliance with the EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events;</li> <li>Carry sufficient First Aid equipment to ensure that minor injuries reduces need to access local health facility and therefore minimizing potential strain on local services</li> <li>Strict compliance with national health protocols as and when directive are issued in respect to any disease outbreak and or recurring pandemics such as HIV / AIDS and Corvid-19</li> <li>Strict ban on use of any toxic substances within and during the working environment must be prohibited</li> </ul>	All
Responsibility	Omafamba Investment and Enviro-Leap Consulting (On contract basis)	

**Table 10. Impact on the Social Environment – Air and Noise Pollution**

<b>Impact Event</b>	<b>Disturbances to the social environment</b>	<b>Phase</b>
<b>Desired mitigation outcome</b>	The objective of the mitigation in respect to ambient air quality and sense of place / noise and chance is to ensure that all possible receptors are identified and practical measures are put in place to reduce these impacts and or respond with appropriate mitigation to complaints	
<b>Proposed Mitigation Measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strict compliance with the EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events;</li> <li>• Noise complaint register must be kept and maintained regularly with mitigation measures adopted accordingly.</li> <li>• All excessive noise generating activities must be strictly carried out during the day between 08h00 (am) and 17h00 (pm) week days only.</li> <li>• Conditions of the Environmental Clearance Certificate and Surface-use Agreement (with the relevant Traditional Authority and Town) must be accordingly adhere to.</li> <li>• As much as possible, it is recommended that vehicles with the most minimum footprint are used such as smallest excavator and or portable drill rig (drawn on a trailer).</li> </ul>	
<b>Responsibility</b>	Omafamba Investment and Enviro-Leap Consulting (On contract basis)	

**Table 11. Impact on the Social Environment – Culture, Heritage and Scenic values**

<b>Impact Event</b>	<b>Disturbances to the heritage and scenic value of the environment</b>	<b>Phase</b>
<b>Desired mitigation outcome</b>	The objective of the mitigation in respect to impacts on cultural and archaeological heritage integrity is to ensure that at all times, project staff are vigilant of the potential to intrude, disturb and or damage important artifacts and therefore must avoid wandering onto any protected and or sensitive known or identified site.	
<b>Proposed Mitigation Measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strict compliance with the EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events</li> <li>• Contractors working on the site should be made aware that under the National Heritage Act, 2004 (Act No. 27 of 2004) any items protected under the definition of heritage found in the course of development should be reported to the National Heritage Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The chance finds procedure as outlined in the EMP must be implemented at all times, and.</li> <li>• Detailed field survey should be carried out if suspected archaeological resources or major natural cavities / shelters have been unearthed during the proposed exploration and test mining operations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Responsibility</b>	Omafamba Investment and Enviro-Leap Consulting (On contract basis)	

Table 12. Impact on the Economic Aspect


Impact Event	Disturbances on social and economic aspects	Phase
Desired mitigation outcome	The objective of the mitigation in respect to economic impacts relating to the proposed activity, is to ensure that potential negative economic impacts on other and existing land-use are prevented, reduced and or mitigated and the positive ones enhanced.	
Proposed Mitigation Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is critical that timely and continuous communication and dissemination of information with the local community is ensured to alleviate potential sense of social marginalization, drive gender equality and enhance the understanding and perception of the benefits associated with Omafamba Investment’s activities</li> <li>To enhance the positive impacts relating to marginal net benefits for the micro-economy (local residence of Mariental or Keetmanshoop Settlement and the region at large) and national economy at larger, legislative provisions to Affirmative Action and Labour Welfare must be observed</li> <li>It is strictly recommended that Omafamba Investment negotiates and signs a Surface Use Agreement detailing aspects of conduct and benefit distribution with all key stakeholder i.e. Traditional Authority, Park and other Operators or support institutions e.g. NGOs / CSOs)</li> </ul>	All
Responsibility	Omafamba Investment and Enviro-Leap Consulting (On contract basis)	

Table 13. Site Closure and Rehabilitation

Impact Event	Disturbances on social and economic aspects	Phase
Desired mitigation outcome	The Proponent will commit to establishing a rehabilitation plan as part of the mine closure plan. A conceptual mine closure plan with costing is under development must be compiled by InterContinental Mining in association with Enviro-Leap and forms part of the environmental compliance and monitoring programme.	
Proposed Mitigation Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Omafamba Investment shall submit regular (bi-annual or annual Environmental Reports) to the relevant Ministry stating the exploration activities and environmental performance of the project.</li> <li>Staff of the MET or Ministry of Mines and Energy may at any time inspect the exploration area. Internal and external monitoring should involve InterContinental Mining’s safety and environmental officer and members of the MEFT.</li> <li>Should the decision be taken that the project is not economically viable the area will be rehabilitated. The rehabilitation measures that are set out in the Rehabilitation Plan (to be compiled and approved by MEFT) are binding to all personnel on site including the crew and contractors.</li> </ul>	Closure
Responsibility	Omafamba Investment and Enviro-Leap Consulting (On contract basis)	

# APPENDIX B: PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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**CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF MARBLE AND GRANITE MINE**


The notice serves to inform interested and affected parties that an application for the environmental clearance certificate will be launched with the environmental commissioner in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and Environmental Regulations (2012) for the proposed activity.

**Project:** Proposed development of a marble and granite quarry  
**Location:** The project is situated approximately 45 km northwest of the town of Karibib. Located on Dam 13 km 75,5 km 77 and part of the agricultural area in Erongo Region.

**Proposer:** Tjara Investments (Pty) Ltd  
**Project description:** Marble and granite mining activities in Mining License 26.

All interested and affected parties (I&APs) are invited to register and submit comments, concerns and questions on or before **14 AUGUST 2021** Contact details for registration and further information:  
**Ms. C. Kanyana**  
**Tel:** +264 81 530 2022  
**Email address:** [info@tjara.com.na](mailto:info@tjara.com.na)

**Public Participation meeting will be held on:**  
**Date:** 14 August 2021  
**Time:** 08:00  
**Venue:** To be communicated to all interested and affected parties (I&APs) in accordance with COVID-19 Regulations.



**CALL FOR REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES**

**PROPOSED INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF ALLIANCE LC'S DRY BULK (MINERAL ORE) VESSEL LOADING TRANSHIPMENT FACILITY AT THE PORT OF LÜDERITZ, NAMIBIA**

**1. PROJECT SITE AND DESCRIPTION**

Alliance LC (Pty) Ltd proposes to install and operate a transshipment facility (consisting of a floating crane and two large buoys) each with a capacity of between 8000 – 10 000 mt) from outside of Lüderitz Port. Subsequently, intend to apply and obtain an environmental clearance certificate from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry, thus undertaking an environmental assessment process.

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**


Enviroleap Consulting invites all interested and Affected Party (I&AP) to register and receive Environmental Assessment (EIA), Scoping and EMP documents relating to the proposed project for their comments and input.

**3. COMMENTS AND QUERIES**

Interested and Affected Parties are herewith request to register by writing to us at the address below no later than **25 AUGUST 2021**.

**3. COMMENTS AND QUERIES**

Please register and direct all comments, queries to:  
**Mr. Ylvo Mubeni, Environmental Assessment Practitioner**  
**Email:** [info@enviroleap.com](mailto:info@enviroleap.com) - **Cell:** +264 81 532 6843



**CALL FOR REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES**

**PROPOSED MINERAL EXPLORATION ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSES (EPL) 15530 AND 799, HARDAP AND KARAS REGIONS**

**1. PROJECT SITE AND DESCRIPTION**

Diamantia Investment CC's propose prospecting activity for base and rare and metals, dimension stone, industrial minerals, non-nuclear fuel mineral, precious metals and precious stones. These entails aerial and ground geological mapping and survey, manual sample collection for laboratory analysis. Subsequently, intend to apply and obtain an environmental clearance certificate from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry.

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

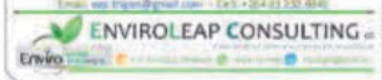
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Invitation to review the City of Windhoek Resident Occupation Policy**

The department of Urban and Transport Planning is revising the existing Resident Occupation Policy and invites views from users and other stakeholders.

The draft policy document is available on the City of Windhoek website at:  
[www.cityofwindhoek.org.na](http://www.cityofwindhoek.org.na)

*Home page → Info portal → documents → Windhoek Resident Occupation Policy draft version*

Any comments on the draft policy are to be submitted in writing to [TPComments@windhoekcc.org.na](mailto:TPComments@windhoekcc.org.na) before 4 August 2021. We wish to encourage stakeholders to participate and provide any inputs relevant to the document for further consideration.

Yours faithfully,

**Department of Urban and Transport Planning**

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# Taliban triumph means more worries in Africa

**T**he return of the Taliban in Afghanistan has taken the world by surprise. In Africa, it compounds the worry and fear in countries struggling to crush Islamist insurgencies.

For over a decade now, there's been a surge in the activities of extremist groups in East and West Africa, the Sahel and parts of southern Africa.

Many are Islamist militant groups with some form of affiliation to al-Qaeda, an organisation the United Nations (UN) has said shares links with the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Somalia-based media affiliated with the homegrown al-Shabab group hailed the Taliban's takeover in Afghanistan in what could be seen as a show of support, says London-based political analyst Ahmad Rajah.

"We are not so sure of the link between the Taliban and al-Shabab, whether these links are opportunistic on the part of al-Shabab or whether they are indeed organic links between the two movements," Rajah told DW.

He says it's still too early to judge, but the Taliban could even send messages to such movements from Africa's extremists to solidify their influence.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has warned of an "alarming" expansion of affiliates of the so-called "Islamic State" throughout Africa on the back of the situation in Afghanistan.

That position is shared by Kwesi Aning, the director of the faculty of academic affairs and research of the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre in Ghana.

The developments in Afghanistan "can potentially put all of us in Africa and the Sahel at risk," Aning said on Accra-based OI FM radio.

Huge extremist presence in Africa al-Shabab has for many years been fighting to topple Somalia's UN-backed government and impose strict Sharia law in the country. The group has been behind deadly attacks in Somalia and the East Africa region.

Likewise, Nigeria's Boko Haram group has been behind the killing of tens of thousands of people and the displacement of millions in West Africa. Islamist militants are also active in the Sahel region and parts of the West African sub-region.

In Mozambique Islamist militants have caused havoc after seizing much of the far-north province of Cabo Delgado. More than 2,500 people have been killed and some 700,000 have fled their homes since the insurgency began in 2017, according to the UN.

Islamist extremists also operate in parts of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Political analyst Kwesi Aning stressed the need for measures to guard Africa against any new threats that may arise as a result of the current Afghan events.

He, executive director of the West Africa Centre for Counter-Extremism (WACCE), Mutari Muzani Mughar, told DW that extremist groups in Africa will only become emboldened by the happenings in Afghanistan.

There is the tendency to "offer out only hope but some sense of legitimacy, a false sense of legitimacy," for groups hoping to topple governments in the region they operate, he said.

Avoid repeat of the Afghanistan scenario.

France has announced that by 2022 it will reduce its military presence in



The extremist al-Shabab group voiced its support of the Taliban

the Sahel region with the process for closure of its bases in northern Mali scheduled to start by the end of 2021.

France, as the former colonial power in the Sahel region, has had troops in Mali since 2013. They aided local forces to oust Islamist extremists who had seized towns in Mali's north.

The Taliban takeover in the wake of the US withdrawal has raised fears that the Sahel region could suffer a similar fate after the French mission ends.

Security analyst and researcher for Signal Risk in South Africa, Ryan Cummings, told DW that

France will have to reconsider its decision but said there could be other political considerations since "the French presence in the Sahel has not necessarily led to either a decrease in operational capacity of extremists groups in this region, nor has it stemmed the degree of violence."

African governments must be on high alert.

The ideology of Boko Haram, al-Shabab and other extremist groups operating in parts of Africa may not be on one level with the Taliban, but for many experts, the Taliban triumph could spur them on. Experts say African governments must pay

attention for that reason.

Cummings says African governments need to learn from the Afghan context and provide citizens with a better deal than what the extremists can provide.

"In many of cases, if we go into terrorism-affected states across the African continent, we see that these militant groups are actually surrogating the services of the state," he said.

Extremists often provide the judicial and social services that have collapsed in many African countries and then exploit that to win support. he WACCE executive director,

Mutari Muzani Mughar, wants to see African governments focus on "comprehensively dealing with the drivers of terrorism, not just terrorists, because terrorists are killed on the battlefield and terrorism is killed in the local community."

Aning from the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre said what is happening in Afghanistan presents very useful lessons for Africa.

Western countries cannot "just come from somewhere...superimpose [their] culture, values and army in a country, and think that will work." -he

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**PROPOSED MINERAL EXPLORATION ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCES (EPL's) 6509 AND 7084 HARDAP AND KARAS REGIONS**

**1. PROJECT SITE AND DESCRIPTION**  
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**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**  
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 Alliance LC (Pty) Ltd proposes to install and operate transhipment facility (consisting of a floating crane and two large facilities each with a capacity of between 8000 – 10 000 mt) from quayside of Liddetitz Port. Subsequently, intend to apply and obtain an environmental clearance certificate from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry, thus undertaking an environmental assessment process.

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**ADVICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Health Care Environmental Consultancy (HEEC) hereby provides a list of publicly identified and identified sites (S17) for future application with a view to the Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 2002) and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (No. 107 of 2002) to be made.

**PROJECT NAME:**  
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the installation and mining of mineral sands in the region, 1000-1000 of Orange Farm, Orange Farm, Pretoria.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**  
The site is located 1000-1000 of Orange Farm, Orange Farm, Pretoria.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**  
The project involves the installation of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the installation and mining of mineral sands in the region, 1000-1000 of Orange Farm, Orange Farm, Pretoria.

**PROJECT DEVELOPER:**  
Proposed: Tropic Investments CC

**Approved Environmental Practitioner (EP) Health Care Environmental Consultancy (HEEC)**

**REGISTRATION OF SAHA AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS:** A list of identified sites (S17) and identified sites (S17) for future application with a view to the Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 2002) and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (No. 107 of 2002) to be made.

**Deadline for the submission of comments:** A public participation meeting will only be held if there is a minimum of 10 registered SAHAs. Should a public meeting in the form of a public meeting be held, the meeting will be held on 11 August 2021.



**STANDARD NOTICE -**

**THREE STOREY DWELLING UNIT CONSTRUCTION**

Take notice that the owner, N. Hemutswane of Erf Portion 35057, Farm No 48 in Brakwater, intends applying to the Windhoek Municipal Council, for the construction of a three storey dwelling unit on Erf - Portion 35057, Farm No 48 in Brakwater, Windhoek.

The proposed construction will allow the owner to erect a three storey dwelling unit on Portion 35057. The Owner's current intentions are to erect and use the building for Residential Purposes. Further, take notice that the plan of the erf lies for inspection on the town planning notice board in the Customer Care Centre, Main Municipal Office, Floor, Michael Scott Street, Windhoek.


Further, take notice that any person objecting to the proposed use of the land as set out above may lodge such objection together with the grounds thereof, with the City of Windhoek, 8th floor office 524, and with the Applicant within 14 days of the last publication of this notice.

The last day for any objection is 01 September 2021.


Dated on the 11th of August 2021, in Windhoek, Namibia

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Location: Number 9 Bassal Street Windhoek West

**CALL FOR REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES**

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**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

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**3. COMMENTS AND QUERIES**

Interested and Affected Parties are herewith request to register by writing to us at the address below no later than **25 AUGUST 2021**.

**4. COMMENTS AND QUERIES**

Please register and direct all comments, queries to:  
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**CALL FOR REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES**

**PROPOSED MINERAL EXPLORATION ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCES (EPL) OF 8509 AND 7854, HARDAP AND KARAS REGIONS**

**1. PROJECT SITE AND DESCRIPTION**

Omaamba Investment CC's proposes prospecting activity for base and rare and metals, dimension stone, industrial minerals, non-nuclear fuel mineral, precious metals and precious stones. These entails aerial and ground geological mapping and survey, manual sample collection for laboratory analysis. Subsequently, intend to apply and obtain an environmental clearance certificate from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry.

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**CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF MARBLE AND GRANITE MINE**

This notice serves to inform interested and affected parties that an application for the environmental clearance certificate will be launched with the environmental commissioner in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and Environmental Regulations (2012) for the proposed activity:

**Project:** Proposed development of a marble and granite mine/quarry.

**Location:** The project is situated approximately 45 km southwest of the Town of Karibib. Located on farm Eluis 75, farm Kubus 77 and part of the communal area in Erongo Region.

**Proponent:** Tiplon Investments (Pty) Ltd.

**Project description:** Marble and granite mining activities on Mining Licence 236.

All interested and affected parties (I&APs) are invited to register and submit comments, concerns and questions on or before 31/08/2021. Contact details for registration and further information:

**Ms. C. Kanyama**  
Tel: +264 813 161012  
Email address: [cristallini@gmail.com](mailto:cristallini@gmail.com)



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Please take note that KAMAU TOWN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST has been appointed by the owner of Erf 1479, Extension 4 Roshy Cms, Windhoek, to apply to the City of Windhoek for the following:

- Consent to use the erf for a fuel station, 2 quick service restaurants, a pharmacy, an ATM and a car wash.

Erf 1479 is located west of the Windhoek CBD, along the David Hoesa Meroero arterial road, suburb Roshy Cms, Extension 4. The respective Erf measures 3047 sqm in extent, and is zoned 'Business'. The application stands to apply for the use of Erf 1479 for a fuel station, 2 quick service restaurants, a pharmacy, an ATM and a car wash. There is sufficient provision made for parking, the site layout plan is available for viewing at the City of Windhoek or at KamauTPOS.

Please further take note that:

For more inquiries regarding the consent use, visit the department of Urban and Township Planning at the City of Windhoek.

If any person having objections to the consent considered or who wishes to comment, may in writing lodge such objections and comments, together with the grounds, with the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Windhoek, and with the applicant within 14 days of the last publication of this notice, i.e. no later than 28 August 2021.







# 'Don't panic and get back to work', Taliban order former officials

RUPAM JAIN

**A**shraf Haidari, an economist at the Afghan finance ministry, was waiting anxiously at home when a call came from the Taliban: a commander ordered him back to work so he could help run the country once the "crazy foreigners" had left.

Like thousands of others working for the outgoing Western-backed administration, swept aside by the Islamist militants' lightning conquest of Afghanistan, he worried he might be the victim of reprisals.

On the other end of the line was a Taliban commander, urging Haidari to return to his ministry where he works allocating funds to the country's 34 provinces.

"He said don't panic or try to go into hiding, the officials need your expertise to run our country after the crazy foreigners leave," Haidari, 47, told Reuters.

To fit in with the norms of the previous Taliban rule, when they brutally enforced a strict interpretation of Islamic law, Haidari grew a beard. After the phone call on Sunday, he swapped his suit for traditional Afghan robes to meet his new bosses.

Reuters spoke to three other mid-level officials at Afghanistan's finance ministry and central bank who said they had been told by the Taliban to return to work, as the country faces economic upheaval and a shortage of cash.

Sohrab Sikandar, who works in the finance ministry's revenue department, said he had not seen any of his female colleagues since he went back to the office.

During the Taliban's 1996-2001 rule, women could not work, had to cover their face and be accompanied by a male relative if they wanted to venture out of their homes.

Taliban spokespeople have sought to reassure Afghans that they were not out for revenge and that they would allow women to work, as long as their jobs were consistent with Islamic law.

But reports of house-to-house searches, women being forced from jobs and reprisals against former security officials and ethnic minorities have made people wary. The Taliban have vowed to investigate reported abuses.

Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid told reporters in Kabul on Tuesday that a "new time for people to work for their country". He added that the Taliban were working on procedures for female government workers to return to their jobs but that for now they should stay home for "security" reasons.

### STAYING PUT

Widespread destruction during a 20-year war between US-backed government forces and the Taliban, the drop in local spending due to departing foreign troops, a tumbling currency

and lack of dollars are fueling financial crisis.

An Afghanistan central bank official, who said he had returned to work and wished to remain anonymous, told Reuters the Taliban had so far only recalled a few officials, mainly in the finance and interior ministries.

Leaders of the Taliban have begun talks on forming a government that have included discussions with some former foes from past administrations, including ex-president Hamid Karzai.

The Fajrvak news agency reported that Taliban officials had been appointed to various posts including a governor of Kabul, acting interior and finance ministers and intelligence chief.

Haidari, the economist at the finance ministry, said he didn't tell his family when he left his house on Monday for his first day at work under Taliban rule to "avoid panic".

At the office he was greeted by three Taliban officials who told him he would soon be joined by other colleagues and that they needed to focus on sending money to the provinces.

One official, who said he was in charge of security for the ministry, told Haidari that prayer breaks were mandatory.

"They are not carrying guns inside the building and one of them said we can learn from your expertise," Haidari said.

Unlike some fellow citizens desperately trying to leave, Reuters

# SA's unemployment rate 'world's highest'



**S**outh Africa's unemployment rate is now the highest in the world, according to a list of 82 countries monitored by Bloomberg. It rose to 34.4% in the second quarter from 32.6% in the three months of the

year, the news agency quoted Statistics South Africa as saying in its latest report.

Unemployment has been a long-standing problem in South Africa. But analysts say recent restrictions

to curb a third wave of coronavirus and last month's riots in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng provinces are likely to continue hampering one of Africa's biggest economies.

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The Directors  
Shaenda Nawa Investments CC  
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Katutura  
Windhoek  
Namibia

**NOTICE TO APPLICANT OF PREPAREDNESS TO GRANT APPLICATION FOR EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE NO. 6509.**

In terms of Section 48(4) of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act, No. 33 of 1992, notice is hereby given that the Minister is prepared to grant your new application, lodged on 11 November 2016, for an exclusive prospecting licence in respect of Base and Rare Metals, Dimension Stone, Industrial Minerals, Non-Nuclear Fuel Minerals, Precious Metals and Precious Stones Groups of Minerals over an area of land as shown in the attached diagrams, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the attached schedule, which terms and conditions supplement the terms, conditions and provisions of the said Act.

Your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 48(5) of the said Act, which require that within one (1) month from the date of this notice, written acceptance of such terms and conditions must be received by the Commissioner, failing which the application will be deemed to have lapsed.

Kindly acknowledge your acceptance of such terms and conditions by-

- (a) completing the section at the bottom of this notice;
- (b) initialing each page of the schedule and the diagrams; and
- (c) returning such signed and initialed documents to the Commissioner.

*Shiv* 17.02.2019  
MR. E. I. SHIVOLO  
MINING COMMISSIONER



*ETS*

All official correspondence must be addressed to the Permanent Secretary



## APPENDIX C: CONSENT FROM RELAVANT AUTHORTIY



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### OFFICE OF THE /HAI - /KHAUA TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY

12 May 2021

Mr. Timoteus Mufeti  
Environmental Commissioner  
Ministry of Environment Forestry & Tourism  
Windhoek  
Namibia

Dear Mr. Mufeti

**RE: CONSENT TO UNDERTAKE EXPLORATION FOR SUITABLE BASE AND RARE METALS, DIMENSION STONE, INDUSTRIAL MINERALS, NON-NUCLEAR FUEL MINERALS, PRECIOUS METALS AND PRECIOUS STONES ON EPL'S 6509 & 7694 IN MARIENTAL, KEETMANSHOOP RESERVES IN THE GIBEON & BERSEBA CONSTITUENCIES, HARDAP REGION & //KHARAS REGION**

This letter serves to confirm that the /HAI-/KHAUA TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY was extensively consulted as part of the environmental assessment study for the proposed exploration of suitable base and rare metals, dimension stone, industrial minerals, non-nuclear fuel minerals precious metals and precious stones to produce on exclusive prospecting licenses (EPL) 6509 & (EPL) 7694 in the Mariental & Keetmanshoop Communal Reserves in the Gibeon & Berseba constituencies, Hardap Region & //Kharas region (as outlined in the attached Map)

Consent is hereby given by the Traditional Authority to Shaenda Nawa Investments CC and Omafamba Investments CC to undertake the proposed activities on these communal lands, subject to socio-economic and environmental requirements being met as outlined in the Environmental Management Plan.

Should you have any queries please contact us.

Yours faithfully

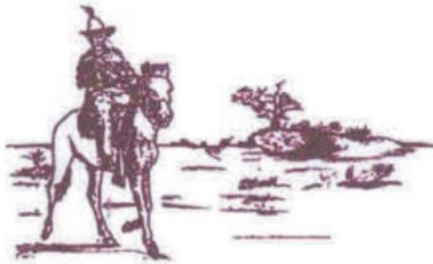
CHIEF JOHANNES ISAACK (Captain)

Signature: .....  
Date: 12 May 2021.....

Chief Stephanus Goliath (Senior Councillor)

Signature: .....  
Date: 12 may 2021.....





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16 April 2021

Mr. Timoteus Mufeti  
Environmental Commissioner  
Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism  
Windhoek  
Namibia



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Dear Mr. Mufeti,

This letter serves to confirm that WITBOOI TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY (name of concerned traditional authority) was extensively consulted as part of the environmental assessment study for the proposed exploration of suitable **base and rare metals, dimension stone, industrial minerals, non-nuclear fuel minerals, precious metals and precious stones** to produce on exclusive prospecting licenses (EPL) 6509 & (EPL) 7694 in the Mariental & Keetmanshoop Communal Reserves in the Gibeon & Berseba constituencies, Hardap Region & //Karas Region (as outlined in the attached Map).

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Yours Faithfully,

WITBOOI HENDRIK ISMAEL (Chief's Name)  
[Signature] (Chief's signature) 16/04/21 (Date)  
SIMON OTTO JACOBS (Senior Headman's Full Names)  
[Signature] (Senior Headman's signature) 17/04/21 (Date)  
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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

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## PROFESSIONAL OVERVIEW

Experience Internationally:  
Countries worked: Namibia, South Africa.

Languages: English (fluently written, spoken and read);  
Otjiherero (fluently spoken, written and read)  
Afrikaans (well spoken, fairly written and read).

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

2009	The University of Western Cape	Post-Graduate Diploma Sustainable Land Management (NQA Level 8) Sustainable Development, Resource Economics, 2009), South Africa
2007	University of South Africa (UNISA)	Bachelor of Laws (LLB)
2005	Polytechnic of Namibia	B-Tech Land Management, 2005

## EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

May 2020-Current: Enviro-Leap Consulting Cc  
Position: Lead Consultant Environmental Management

- Compile and review environmental assessment reports (environmental scoping and management plans (EMP)) for our clients in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Management Act, No.7 of 2007 and its regulations of 2012
- Compile and review environmental policies and audits
- Reviewed and updated the Solid Waste Management Policy for Dundee Metals Mining
- Conduct environmental compliance inspections and audits
- Facilitate stakeholder engagement
- Coordinate closure and rehabilitation of development projects, such as mining sites, hazardous substance spill sites
- Prepared training manuals and facilitated workshops for Communal Land Boards

August 2015 - July 2018 (fixed-term 3 years)

Position: Project Coordinator-Basket Fund, GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft Fur Internationale) Responsibilities:

- Coordinate project activities in the Omaheke and Otjozondjupa Region's
- Provide technical expertise/advise to various regional councils, land boards, traditional authorities, local level planning committees
- Coordinate the processes of revising and developing the Namibian environmental legislations (plans, strategies, regulations and Act amendments), as well as dissemination of information on these tools
- Prepare tender documents
- Coordinate project procurement needs in line with GIZ procurement policies.
- Financial reporting in line with financial guidelines for grant agreement GIZ
- Coordinate, manage the planning and implementation of project consultants' key performance areas.
- Supervise project staff and resource allocation
- Reporting in line with donor requirements

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January 2019 – June 2019

Position: Social Policy Consultant – Gender Mainstreaming: Benguela Convention Commission. Responsibilities:

- Conducted and compiled a draft Situation Analysis Report, summarizing the findings of desk review, gender survey through the field mission and interviews
- Compiled a draft Action Plan for BCLME III Project and Gender Policy for BCC
- Hosted and facilitated a situation analysis findings validation workshop
- Produced final Situation Analysis Report, Gender Action Plan for BCLME III Project, including a proposed gender-responsive Project Results Framework with gender-responsible outputs, sex- disaggregated indicators, baseline and targets. Gender Policy for BCC

August 2011 to Dec 2012

Project Coordinator-MCA Agriculture & Environment:

- Managed the Millennium Challenge Accounts Namibia Agriculture and Environment project's activities.
- Co-Developed, implemented and monitored local-level integrated activities and annual work plans for the CBNRM.
- Undertook and provided training and technical support to the targeted conservancies as per the objectives of the CBNRM
- Ensured project compliance with donor requirements through production of and submission of technical reports according to Donor procedures trainings for land management for farmers

February 2004 – March 2009

Researcher: Land, Environment and Development Project-Legal Assistance Centre. June 2006 – November 2009

- Assist with desktop and field research on land, environmental and urban housing (informal settlements).
- Assist in the compilation of research questionnaires
- Conduct interviews
- Assist with project administration
- Liaise with stakeholders NGO's, Government Agencies, Farmer's Associations, Ministry of Environment
- Draft research reports

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Shadrack Tjiramba, hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the information provided herein correctly describe me, my qualifications and experience.

Date: 26 September 2022

Signature: 