

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

PRO-FORMA ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACT

WHEREAS the Applicant/ Company referred to below, has been notified under section 48(4) of the Minerals (prospecting and Mining) Act, 1992 that the Minister of Mines and Energy is prepared to grant the applicant a **mining claim** subject to certain terms and conditions and;

WHEREAS such terms and conditions include the condition precedent that the applicant enters into an Environmental Contract with the Government of Namibia;

IT is hereby agreed as follows:

1. PARTIES.

The parties to this contract are: **Small Miners of Uis (SMU)** (hereinafter referred to as the "Holder") being the holder of Non Exclusive Prospecting Licence **No.4228**/Mining Claim(s) No's. **68634 to 68637**.

on the one hand, and THE GOVERNMENT OF NAMIBIA
(Hereinafter referred to as "the Government")

duly represented by:

THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM (MET)
and THE MINISTRY OF MINES & ENERGY (MME)

on the other.

2. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS.

2.1 The provisions contained in this contract are in addition to and do not detract from any obligations which the Holder may have under the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act, 1992 (the Act).

2.2 The Holder recognises that its prospecting / mining operations may have significant impacts on the environment. Accordingly the Holder undertakes that during the course of its operations it will take every practicable step necessary to ensure the mitigation of such impacts. In doing so it will liaise with the MET and MME as provided for in 3.3 and 4 below.

- 2.3 In particular the Holder will undertake necessary and adequate steps to ensure that environmental damage is reduced to a minimum and prevented insofar, as is practicable.
- 2.4 Should the Holder not carry out its environmental obligations it shall be liable for the environmental damage that may result. In this regard the Government reserves the right to:
- 2.4.1 demand at any time financial or other guarantees to restore the environment or mitigate environmental damage which has, or which may occur, as a result of the Holder's activities;
 - 2.4.2 itself undertake such mitigatory or restorative measures and to recover the costs thereof from the Holder;
 - 2.4.3 claim compensation for environmental damage, which may have been brought about by the Holder's activities.
- 2.5 The Holder shall on completion or suspension of its operations, ensure that the impact on the environment is minimised and that every reasonable and practicable step is undertaken to ensure that the environment is left in a reasonable state. The provisions of clause 2.4 apply mutatis mutandis to environmental damage evident after prospecting; mining or other operations have been suspended or completed.
- 2.6 The Holder acknowledges that should it apply for a mining licence in consequence of its prospecting or other operations, it will have to comply with Namibia's National Environmental Assessment Policy (Directorate of Environmental Affairs, Jan, 1995) and that this will entail the carrying out of an Environmental Assessment (EA).

3. THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

- 3.1 In accordance with section 68(f) of the Act, which provides that an application for a licence shall contain particulars of the existing condition of the environment, an estimate of the effect which the proposed operations may have, and the proposed steps to be taken to prevent or minimise such effect, the Holder has attached Environmental Conditions marked Appendix A.
- 3.2 The Holder acknowledges that once the MET and MME has determined that the information furnished in Appendix A is satisfactory, it will form part of this contract.
- 3.3 The Holder warrants that the information contained in Appendix A is to the best of its knowledge and belief true and correct and that it will

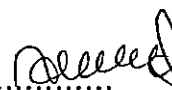
notify the Government of any material changes therein. Should there be such material changes, the Government reserves the right to re-negotiate the terms and conditions of this agreement.

4. COMPLIANCE AND NOTIFICATION

- 4.1 The Holder acknowledges that the reports, which it is obliged to furnish to the MME (which is provided for in the notice from the office of the Mining Commissioner under section 48(4) of the Act) will include an Environmental Report.
- 4.2 The Holder acknowledges that officials from the MME and/or the MET may at any time conduct a compliance and/or performance inspection of its operations.
- 4.3 The Holder will keep records of its environmental performance and make these available to the officials referred to in 4.2.

SIGNED AT WINDHOEK on this 18 day of May2020..


For the Holder: (Name & Signature)
(duly authorised thereto)

Aune N. Andreas 

For the Government of Namibia:

.....
Mr. Timoteus Mufeti
Environmental Commissioner
Ministry of Environment and Tourism

and

 19.05.2020
.....
Mr. Erasmus Shivolo
Mining Commissioner
Ministry of Mines and Energy



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

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3 July 2020


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ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACT FOR MINING CLAIM 68634-68637

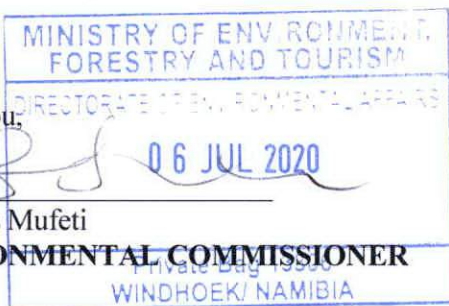
Please study the **Environmental Conditions**, should you be satisfied with them, kindly initial each page and sign the last page.

Once you have done this, please return the original to me so that it can be counter-signed. Should you not agree with any of the environmental conditions, you are invited to propose modifications for us to consider.

Thank you,


Timoteus Mufeti

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER



ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR MINING CLAIM 68634-68637

1. Pollution and waste

1.1 No toxic or hazardous chemicals may be brought into the prospecting area or deposited thereon (this excludes the use of petrol & diesel as fuel).

1.2 All domestic refuse and industrial waste will be deposited in a designated municipal refuse dump at regular intervals, but at least once every three months. No refuse may be dumped or buried within the prospecting or surrounding area, except if the landowner has an own specific designated refuse site for this purpose. Dumping of refuse on this site shall be negotiated with the landowner. It is permissible to store refuse temporarily in containers until such time as they are ready for removal. During such temporary storage, all paper and plastic refuse should be incinerated to avoid wind-blown litter. All attempts should be made to keep the area clean.

1.3 Pit latrines (toilets) will be provided for, and used by, all staff. Non-specific shallow pits may be used for toilets where small groups of people (< five) are staying in an area for less than one week with approval of the landowner.

2. Vehicles and Earthmoving equipment

2.1 Vehicular movement shall be restricted to existing fence-lines, roads and tracks wherever possible. Where it is unavoidable that vehicles and machinery need to create new roads or tracks, these new access routes shall be carefully planned so as not to cause unnecessary environmental damage. In any event, no new road may be established without the prior approval of the landowner.

2.2 Any trenches where prospecting or mining has been completed, shall be systematically backfilled with overburden and topsoil, and the area rehabilitated to as near as possible a natural state.

2.3 Notwithstanding clause 2.1, during the reconnaissance and planning phase of exploration, off-road vehicle access is permitted to areas where tracks are sparse. Specifically this access is to define places to which tracks may at a later stage be constructed. Such access is subject to prior approval by the landowner.

3. Water

3.1 Water shall be used sparingly and all reasonable attempts will be made to avoid water wastage.

3.2 Water shall be used only for human consumption, washing and essential prospecting-related activities.

4. Protection of Fauna and Flora

4.1 No hunting wood or plant collecting shall be allowed within the prospecting or surrounding area. The collecting of dead wood for domestic use may only take place with the concurrence of the landowner.

4.2 Every effort shall be made avoid starting veld fires. Should a fire occur as a direct or indirect result of the companies' activities, the company/ claim holder shall make every reasonable effort to extinguish such fire.

4.3 The company/ claim holder shall provide written instructions to its entire staff and sub-contractors to this effect.

5. Interaction with neighbouring communities and / or tourists

5.1 The company/ claim holder shall maintain good relations with any surrounding communities, and shall not deny any person transit rights through the prospecting area. This condition is mainly relevant for prospecting activities on state lands.

6. Rehabilitation

6.1 The company/ claim holder shall ensure that sufficient funds are available to affect appropriate rehabilitation of environmental damage.

6.2 The company/ claim holder shall ensure that rehabilitation of exploration trenches / holes / pits will take place within 8 weeks of the completion of exploration at any site.

6.3 Under no circumstances, shall trenches / holes / pits be left in a state where their existence endangers human or animal life.

7. Monitoring and reporting

7.1 The company/ claim holder shall submit every six months an Environmental Report to the Ministry of Environment and Tourism according to the prescribed format.

7.2 Staff from the Ministry of Environment and Tourism and / or the Ministry of Mines and Energy may at any time inspect prospecting areas.

8. General

The conditions stated in this notification are in addition to and do not detract from any obligations which the prospecting company may have under the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act, 1992 The Nature Conservation Ordinance (Ordinance 4 of 1975), or the attached Pro-Forma Environmental Contract including the Environmental Questionnaire for Prospecting in Namibia, being Appendix A.

We agree to abide by the Pro-Forma Environmental Contract and the Environmental Conditions.

For the Holder:
(Duly authorised thereto)


Small Miners Uis (SMU)

08 July 2020
Date

.....
Timoteus Mufeti
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER
Ministry of Environment and Tourism

.....
Date



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINING CLAIMS IN NAMIBIA

BEING APPENDIX A TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACT

1. Background information

- 1.1 Companies (or individuals) applying for **MINING CLAIMS** must complete this questionnaire.
(Please fill in ALL questions).
- 1.2 The answers provided in this questionnaire shall be regarded as commitments, which will become part of the **Environmental Contract** between the Holder and the Government of the Republic of Namibia, duly represented by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) and the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME).
- 1.3 Once the Holder has completed this questionnaire the MET and MME will either accept / reject / request further information regarding the environmental commitments made therein. The MET and MME reserve the right to add further conditions.
- 1.4 Once agreed to by all parties concerned, the completed questionnaire shall form part of the **Environmental Contract**.
- 1.5 **Please attach a map of the claim area and a copy of application to register claims.**

2. Holder details

2.1 Name of Holder	Small Miners of Uis (SMU)
2.2 Name of Claim Holder (if different from 2.1)	
2.3 Telephone, Fax , Cell phone and/ or E-mail	Tel: 061-2848111 , Fax: 064-238643 E-mail: aune.andreas@mme.gov.na Cell phone: 0812168094



2.4 Postal Address Residential/ Registered Address	PO Box 6991, Ausspannplatz, Windhoek, Namibia C/o Ministry of Mines and Energy, 6 Aviation Road. P/Bag 13297, Windhoek, Namibia
2.5 Reference Number	NEPL no: 4228 Expiry: 14/06/2020
2.6 Registered No.(s)	21/98/565
2.7 Location, district and Region of claim	Noordower – //Karas Region
2.8 Minerals to be mined	Dimension stone - Slate

2.8 How many people will work on your claim, and where will they live?

Number of people	Where will the people live
+/- 15	Noordower settlement/village

3. Environmental commitments

3.1 Pollution and Waste

3.1.1 What will you do with **normal litter** (e.g. Kitchen spoils, cans, bottles, paper, etc?)

No normal litter since workers have been residing at their own houses/places at the settlement.

3.1.2 What **industrial waste** will be generated and what will you do with it (e.g. old machinery, vehicles, building rubble, batteries, paint, thinners, vehicle oil, etc.)

None.

Waste generated from the operation has been put back into the pits ever since the commencement of the mining activities and at the dump site between the settlement and the mining area. This practice will continue even after mining has been completed.

3.1.3 Describe what type of **toilet facilities** will be provided

There are two septic toilets and showers - one for male and one for female.

3.2 Vehicles, earthmoving equipment, drilling and blasting:

3.2.1 List the type and quantity of vehicles, earthmoving equipment, drilling equipment, and other machinery likely to be used on your claim (e.g. 2 x bakkie; 1 x bulldozer, etc.)

Vehicles: **A tractor with a trailer is being used on the plant.**

Earthmoving equipment: **N/A. Only spades and chisels are being used for mining.**

Drilling equipment: **N/A**

Other equipment or machinery: **NOTE: This is one of the capital projects in the Department of Mines, Small Scale Mining Division in the Ministry of Mines and Energy. This proposed project was supposed to be implemented during 12/13 financial year. The mining operations only started in mid 2015.**

3.2.2 Describe the environmental damage that is likely to result from the use of vehicles and machinery within the claim area. (E.g. on the landscape in general, soil, vegetation, noise, dust, etc....)

Possible diminishing availability of space for waste storage. Excessive mining of slate over a number of years of mining might lead in the destruction of the ecology. There is little or no vegetation in the mining area, hence little damage will be caused to the environment. Drivers are encouraged to use existing gravel or sand roads. The removal or mining of slate mainly by hands does not cause noise or dust.

3.2.3 How will you control the movement of **vehicles and machinery** in order to minimise Environmental damage?

By using existing gravel/sand roads or old trucks.

3.2.4 Which routes will be used by vehicles to get to your claim and state whether you intend making new roads or tracks (both to your claim and within your claim).

There is already an existing "sand" road which is currently being used.

3.2.5 Will you do any blasting on your claim? Yes No Unsure



3.2.6 If "yes" above, explain how you intend minimising environmental impacts, including the safety of humans, livestock and wildlife?

N/A

3.3 Water

3.3.1 How much water do you intend using for various activities (e.g. Human use, washing of equipment, washing sand/stones, recreation, dust control, gardens, etc.) and state how you intend saving water within each category of use.

Activity or category of use	Quantity of water needed per month (litres)	Water saving methods
Human consumption and lubricating blades during cutting and washing of slates.	+/- 7 000 l/m NOTE: This is just an estimate, the quantity will depend on slates cut and polished.	The water from the slate-cutting machineries and tile-washing basins has been diverted to the plants on site to avoid wastage.

3.3.2 Where will you get your water (e.g. river, own borehole, water affairs connection, etc)

Water affairs connection.

3.3.3 Explain how you will minimise or completely avoid polluting any water source, including underground water.

The water at the settlement is sourced from the river while the claims are a few kilometres away from it and there are farming activities between the plant and the river. No pollution caused during period under review.

3.4 Relations with neighbouring communities and/or the general public

3.4.1 Are there any people living in or near your claim?

Yes No Unsure

3.4.2 If "yes", explain where these people live and describe their economic activities.

3.4.3 If "yes" in (3.4. 1) explain what you will do to maintain a good relationship with such people.

3.4.4 Will the activities on your claim restrict the movement of other people in the area? (E.g. the general public, tourists, farmers, local people, etc.)

Yes No Unsure

3.4.5 If "yes" for 3.4.4. Please explain why their movements or access will be restricted

3.5 Protection of plants and wildlife

3.5.1 How will you ensure that your activities will not cause unnecessary damage to **plants and wildlife** in or near your claim (e.g. hunting, plant collecting, fishing, etc.)?



The slate quarrying/mining method includes the dislodging of slate and the haulage/transportation of raw slate to the processing plant (about 5 km away). Overall likely negative impact on plant and wildlife, if any with respect to the overall slate production will be limited.

3.6 Historical, archaeological and cultural heritage

(E.g. Rock art, graves, monuments, fossils, sacred sites, historical buildings, etc.)

3.6.1 Are there any historical, archaeological or culturally important sites within your claim area (tick one box)?

Yes No Unsure

3.6.2 If "yes" above, please describe these briefly

N/A

3.6.3 If such sites are known, how will you avoid damaging them?

N/A

3.6.4 If such sites are discovered after you have started working your claim, would you accept new conditions to this contract so that they can be properly protected?

Yes No Unsure

3.7 Rehabilitation

3.7.1 When will you rehabilitate the environmental damage done during prospecting?
(tick appropriate box)

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| I have no intention of rehabilitating any damage | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On a continuous basis (i.e. simultaneous with prospecting) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X |
| Only after all prospecting has finally been completed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3.7.2 Describe the programme of mining from start and the methods to rehabilitate damage:

1. Slate will be removed from the quarry/pit by using spades and chisels.
2. Load the slate into a tractor to be delivered at the plant.
3. At the plant, the slates will be cut into different sizes of tiles.
4. Unwanted slate will be put/pushed back onto the pits immediately.

4. Existing Damage

Describe what environmental damage exists in your claim area now, in other words, damage caused by someone else before you began working on the claim. (Where possible, provide evidence such as photos, statements, etc.)

N/A

I hereby declare that the information provided in this questionnaire is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and correct, and that I'm prepared to keep to the commitments stated therein.

Aune N. Andreas.....
Claim Holder or Authorized
Representative

WINDHOEK.....
Place

18 May 2020.....
Date

AB 12.06.2020



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY

**APPLICATION
FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION OF MINING CLAIMS**

(Required in terms of Section 38 of Act 33 of 1992)

Receipt No: <i>NAMOT3MLTVGB Paid ONLINE</i>	Date entered in FLEXI:
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Reference: 14/2/2/1/2/: **4228**

Full name of applicant: **Small Miners of Uis**

Postal Address: **P O Box 6961, Ausspannplatz, WINDHOEK**

Residential/Registered Address: **C/O Ministry of Mines and Energy, 6 Aviation Road, P/Bag 13297, WINDHOEK**

Contact Details: Telephone Home: **064 504001**. Telephone Work: **061 2848111**.

Fax: **061 238643/064 4504001**. Cell phone: Email:

Are mining operations ongoing as per section 31(1) (a) of the Act?

Are all monthly reports submitted as per section 45(1) of the Act?

Are all claim fees paid up as per section 123(1) (b) of the Act?

YES	NO
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

If the answer is "**NO**" to any of the questions, please submit an explanation for the failure to comply with the requirements of the mentioned sections of the Act:

MC-68634 (68634)

Active (Pending Renewal)

Mining Claim (Claims)

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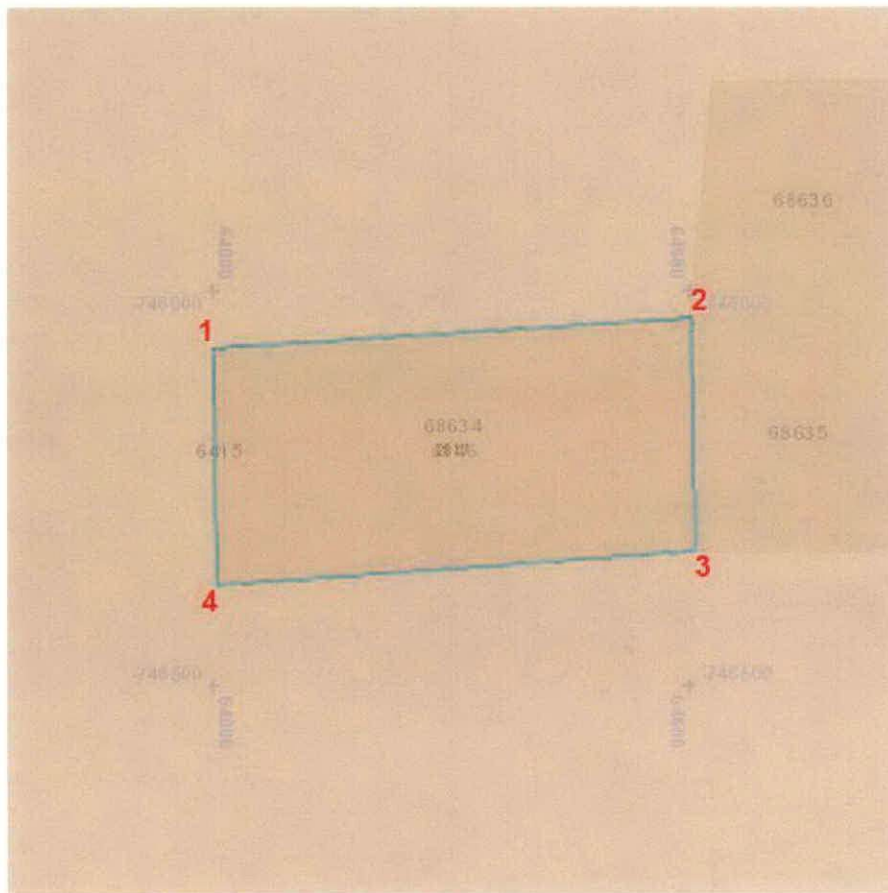
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3	28° 43' 46.66" S	017° 39' 34.71" E
4	28° 43' 48.13" S	017° 39' 12.58" E

License Shape



MC-68634 (68634)

Active (Pending Renewal)

Mining Claim (Claims)

General

Jurisdiction:	Namibia Mines MIN	Application Date:	07 April 2011
Region:		Closure Date:	
Official Area:		Expiry Date:	13 June 2020
Application Number:		Grant Date:	15 June 2011
Old License Code:	68634	Last Renewal Date:	13 June 2018
Accounting Code:		Peg Date:	02 April 2011
Renewal Period:	2	Renewal Application Date:	09 October 2017
Commodities:	DS		
Comment:	09 March 2015: Letter to submit proof of EC application forwarded (see letter on file with renewal application)		

Parties

Party Name	Party Type	Interest
Small Miners of Uis	Registered Owner	100.00%

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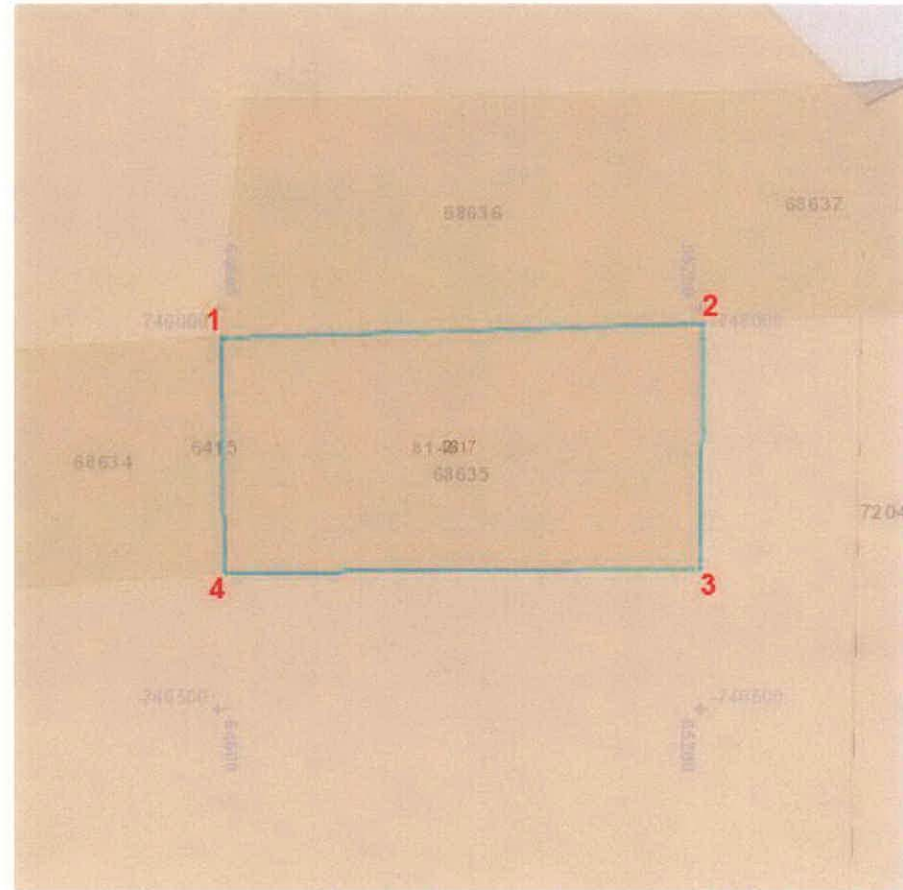
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MC-68635 (68635)

Active (Pending Renewal)

Mining Claim (Claims)

General

Jurisdiction:	Namibia Mines MIN	Application Date:	
Region:		Closure Date:	
Official Area:		Expiry Date:	13 June 2020
Application Number:		Grant Date:	15 June 2011
Old License Code:	68635	Last Renewal Date:	13 June 2018
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Renewal Period:	1	Renewal Application Date:	09 October 2017
Commodities:	DS		
Comment:	09 March 2015: Letter to submit proof of EC application forwarded (see letter on file with renewal application)		

Parties

Party Name	Party Type	Interest
Small Miners of Uis	Registered Owner	100.00%

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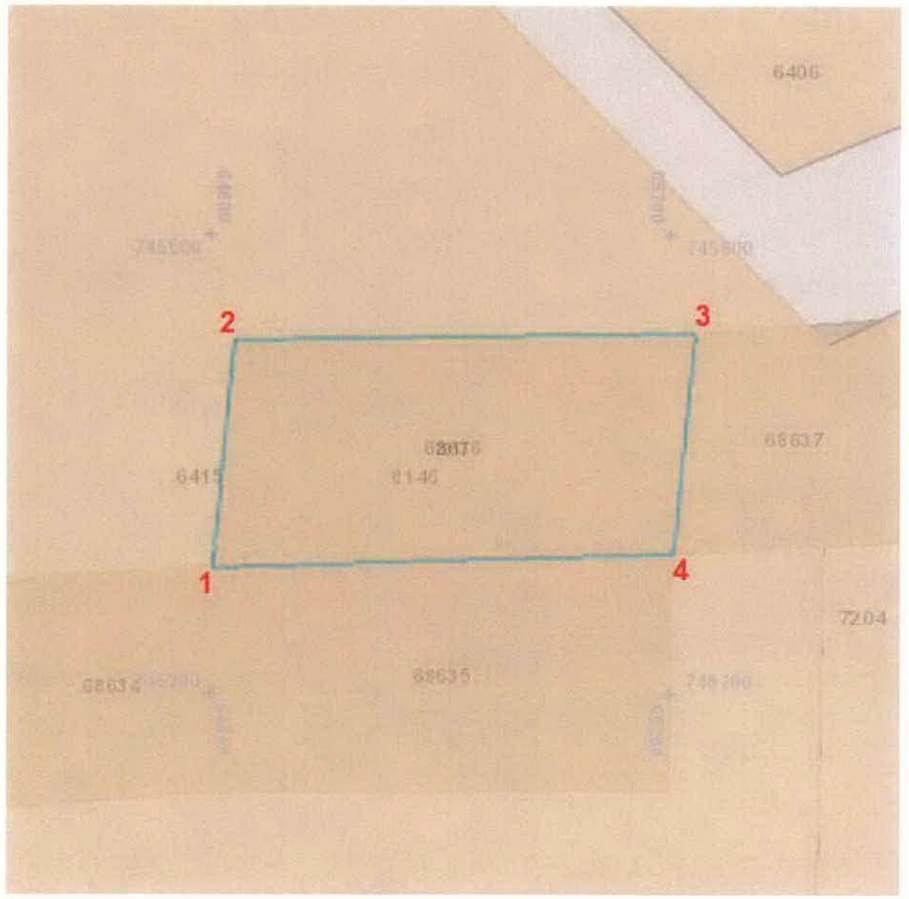
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4	28° 43' 36.35" S	017° 39' 56.59" E

License Shape



MC-68636 (68636)

Active (Pending Renewal)

Mining Claim (Claims)

General

Jurisdiction:	Namibia Mines MIN	Application Date:	
Region:		Closure Date:	
Official Area:		Expiry Date:	13 June 2020
Application Number:		Grant Date:	15 June 2011
Old License Code:	68636	Last Renewal Date:	13 June 2018
Accounting Code:		Peg Date:	02 April 2011
Renewal Period:	1	Renewal Application Date:	09 October 2017
Commodities:	DS		
Comment:	09 March 2015: Letter to submit proof of EC application forwarded (see letter on file with renewal application)		

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Party Name	Party Type	Interest
Small Miners of Uis	Registered Owner	100.00%

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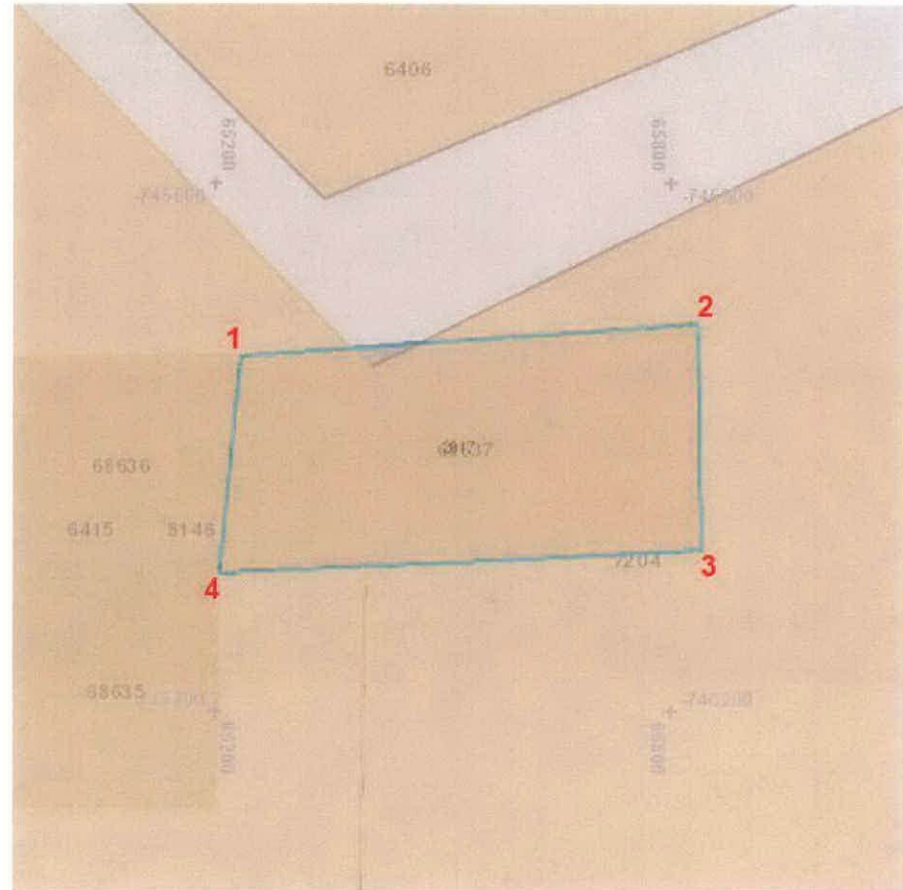
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License Shape



MC-68637 (68637)

Active (Pending Renewal)

Mining Claim (Claims)

General

Jurisdiction:	Namibia Mines MIN	Application Date:	
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Official Area:		Expiry Date:	13 June 2020
Application Number:		Grant Date:	15 June 2011
Old License Code:	68637	Last Renewal Date:	13 June 2018
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Parties

Party Name	Party Type	Interest
Small Miners of Uis	Registered Owner	100.00%