

## Communication with I&APs, and Means of Consultation Employed

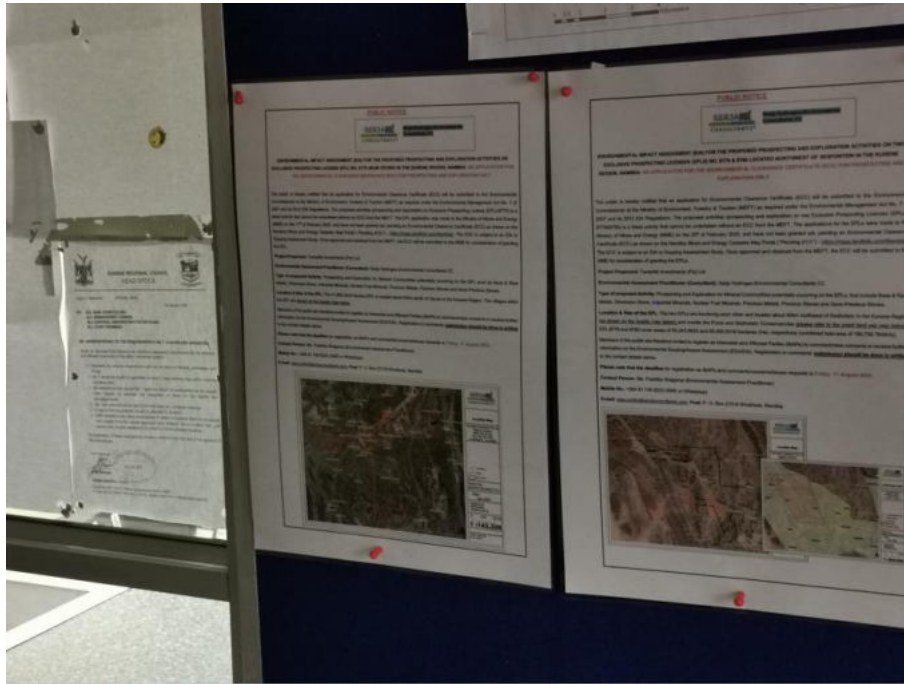
Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations details the steps to be taken during a public consultation process and these have been used in guiding this process. Communication with I&APs with regards to the proposed development was facilitated through the following means and in this order:

- A Background Information Document (BID) containing brief information about the proposed project was compiled and hand delivered to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) accompanying the ECC application, and uploaded on the MEFT (ECC) Portal for project registration and shared with registered Interested and Affected parties (I&APs).
- A Stakeholders' (I&AP) List was developed and updated as new I&APs register for the ESA.
- Project Environmental Assessment notices were published in the *New Era* and *Windhoek Observer* newspapers on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 (attached hereto). The first consultation period ran from the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 to the 04<sup>th</sup> of August 2023.
- A consultation meeting was scheduled and held with the two conservancies' members, Traditional Authority and public (in Sesfontein) on the 04<sup>th</sup> of August 2023. Some photos from the consultation meeting are provided below. The meeting was attended by twenty-seven (27) people as per the attendance register (people kept joining the proceedings throughout the day) since the meeting started from 11h00 to 16h30). The consultation meeting minutes were taken and are attached hereto.



**Consultation meeting in progress at the Community Hall in Sesfontein on 04 August 2023**

- A3 size posters were pasted at the Kunene Regional Council Head Office (in Opuwo), and Sesfontein Settlement (at the entrance of a local mini market) as shown in the Figures below.



ESA Study Poster at the Kunene Regional Council Office notice board in Opuwo



A3 ESA Study Poster at the entrance (door) of a Shop (Mini Market) in Sesfontein

**1.1 Feedback and Issues raised by the Stakeholders (I&APs)**

Issues were raised by I&APs during the consultation period and these issues have been recorded and incorporated in the ESA Report and EMP. The summary these few key issues are presented in the Table below and issues, comments as well as concerns received via email (as received) are attached hereto. The Issues and Response Trail Document to the comments is also appended hereto.

**Summary of main issues and comments received throughout the consultation period**

Aspect	Summary of impact or concern
<b>Comments and Issues received via email</b>	
Air, noise, visual and soil pollution	Soil pollution has far-reaching impacts on ecological processes far from the site where the pollution originates

Aspect	Summary of impact or concern
Impact on Tourism	In a region this dependent on tourism, this is of major concern.
Impact biodiversity (wild fauna)	The destruction of sense of place, noise and vehicle traffic have a potential severe impacts on endangered and protected species such as elephant, cheetah, rhino, and lion.
Displacement of wild animals due to the project	The displacement of wildlife such as rhinos or elephants leaving the area due to the disturbances caused would not return again and the benefits to the local community is minimal.
Disturbance of wildlife	-Disturbance of wildlife corridors for animal movement between the Hoanib and Hoarusib, Khumib river systems. -Disturbance of wildlife that disburse from the Hoanib – adjacent desert plains
Poaching	The presence of project related workers may lead to or contribute to the illegal hunting of wildlife in the area
Groundwater contamination	Potential groundwater contamination could be a huge problem in a desert environment where water is extremely scarce.
Impact on landscapes and sense of place	-The activities have potential significant negative impacts on the pristine natural landscapes and the sense of place of the area. -The aesthetic qualities of the area, thus, impacting its natural beauty and the areas sense of place as well as the integrity of these pristine areas
Archaeological and heritage resources	-The proposed project is considered to be in a highly sensitive region for archaeological resources.
<b>Comments and issues received or noted during the consultation meetings</b>	
Exclusion of sensitivity areas within the EPLs	-The I&APs requested for exclusion of very sensitive areas from exploration
Travelling time restrictions	-Consideration to limit travelling of exploration team in the area after hours and in the company of wildlife guards
Issue surrounding EPL approvals by MME	-There has been a mismatch of EPLs issued or approved before consultations are done
Impact of exploration and mining related activities on existing land uses	-The destructive nature of the proposed activities has a potential of impacting conservation and eventually tourism in the area which affect livelihoods relying on wildlife.
Impact of project activities on sensitive species such as rhinos and elephant movements	-The rhinos as well as elephants roaming in the area could be affected by the exploration activities which also lead to poaching due to the presence of project related people in the area where poaching is already a problem (cumulative).
The community development by operators	-Mining related projects should follow other developments (such as tourism operators) where conservancies, and operators come together to negotiate by creating joint ventures (JV)?
Relocation or resettlement due to mineral discovery	-Implications of finding mineral commodity on someone's land

Aspect	Summary of impact or concern
Timing of EIA consultation meetings compared to other developments	-The issue of why the consultation meeting for EPLs and other mining related projects are only done at this stage
Management of exploration team in the area	- The community needed to know how Proponent will manage its workforce movements in a conservation area.
The zoning of the Conservancies	-The Conservancies have zoning maps that categorize different land uses, some of which may be highly sensitive to destructive activities, thus, limiting such activities to maintain a no to less disturbance status.
Presence of heavy trucks in the area and impact on marginalized communities	-The movement of trucks in the area to sites may scare marginalized people who may run into the wild.
Impact of illegal hunting of wildlife by out of area people	Some people come in areas under the pretence of exploration or mining but they want to use that as an excuse to even do illegal activities such as poaching wildlife.

The consultation period ran from the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 to the 04<sup>th</sup> of August, however, it was extended to the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 to allow comments after the consultation meetings. Comments were submitted to Serja Consultant during consultation meetings as summarized above, indicated in the meeting minutes, incorporated into the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Report.

For review and further comments, the Draft ESA Report, Environmental Management Plan (EMP) as well as the associated appendices were circulated to the I&APs on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 for a period of seven day, i.e., until the 04<sup>th</sup> of September 2023.

**Appendix C: EIA Notification in the  
newspapers: *New Era* & *Windhoek  
Observer***

## Secretary beaten over witchcraft allegations

■ Festus Hamalwa

ONGWEDIVA - A 45-year-old secretary at Onyeka combined school was assaulted by parents for allegedly practising witchcraft.

The school is located in Endudi village in Oshana region.

During a visit by *New Era* on Wednesday at her homestead in Evale village, secretary Lusya Shilongo (not her real name) narrated that she was beaten by three women, who accused her of bewitching their children who attend school there.

Shilongo said the parents claimed they were told by a pastor that she was bewitching their children.

"They told me their children used to mention my name as a witch manifesting," she said.

According to Shilongo, parents first approached her at her workstation, demanding answers why she was practicing witchcraft on their children.

"In April, while I was on my way to town with my daughter, I was attacked by three women who hit me with sticks all over my body. They told me they are assaulting me because I was one of the biggest witches at school," she said as she related her ordeal.

Following the incident, Shilongo allegedly reached out to the school principal to find help but the principal, allegedly refused to get involved in the matter.

"They even threatened to burn the shack

where I used to sleep," she added.

In addition, Shilongo said her 13-year-old daughter is no longer free at school because she is always being taunted by her fellow pupils who call her a witch.

"I am no longer free at school. My colleagues are now scared of me since I am being accused of witchcraft," a distressed Shilongo lamented.

Shilongo said she had opened a case at the Ondangwa police station and the police warned the three women against attacking her.

"I am now staying at Ondangwa because we feel unsafe at that school. I have requested the director of Oshana region to transfer me to another school," she said.

Her daughter, who witnessed the assault on her mother says she is tired of the bullying and wanton insults she was subjected to.

"I feel like quitting school. Every day people are taunting me, saying my mom and I are witches," she bemoaned.

She added that she is no longer concentrating in class and that she had lost friends at school.

Lavinia Shikondjeni, the grandmother of the two pupils Shilongo allegedly bewitched also said she believes Shilongo was a witch.

Shikondjeni claimed she had evidence to back up her claims: "One of my children has been manifesting three times mentioning Shilongo's name. My granddaughter told me she is always spiritually attacked by Shilongo.

We have evidence," Shikondjeni said.

She added that it is not only her grandchildren who are spiritually attacked by Shilongo, but many other pupils at the school.

"We are tired of her. She must move to a different school," she added.

Shikondjeni denied assaulting Shilongo but confirmed hearing about Shikongo's beating by three women.

The headman of Ondudi village, Nabota Shikongo confirmed that the witchcraft matter was reported to his office, but he refused to get involved.

"Shilongo reported to me after she was assaulted. But I referred her to the police," he added.

Last week, Chief Inspector Christina van Dumen DaFonsech-Shikongo warned pastors and traditional doctors against accusing people of witchcraft.

She said under the Witchcraft Suppression Proclamation, Act 27 of 1933, the punishment for accusing somebody of witchcraft is a five-year jail term and/or a fine.

"Let us refrain from being fake prophets and traditional healers. I am not saying we should not have traditional healers in the villages because traditional healers are part of our culture, but we should not mislead people," she added.

DaFonsech-Shikongo is famously known for raiding fake churches and exposing those practicing witchcraft as a means of swindling desperate members of society of thousands of dollars.

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## Suspected cable thief electrocuted

■ Victoria Kaapanda

ONGWEDIVA - A 21-year-old man died instantly after he was electrocuted as he allegedly attempted to steal copper cables at Ekamba village last Tuesday night.

According to Oshana police spokesperson Thomas Aiyambo, the incident happened behind the Ekamba clinic in Oshana region.

The man, who is from Omafio village in the Etayi constituency was electrocuted while trying to steal high-voltage copper cables connected to a power transformer.

His body was discovered by a passerby who alerted the paramedics at Oshakati state hospital.

The pair of pliers the man allegedly used to cut the cables was found next to the body. His next of kin have been informed of his death.

This comes a few days after NBC's Kati FM went silent for over 24 hours after thieves stole cables that feed telecommunication services to three major institutions in Oshakati.

Aiyambo said the theft also affected Oshana regional council and the regional directorate of education, alongside the state broadcaster's regional office.

The thieves stole the cables that passed through a manhole behind the regional council office.

They cut the cables from the ground as well as the connection cables on the poles.

Aiyambo said the thieves mostly sell the stolen copper wires to scrap metal dealers.

Aiyambo urged scrap metal dealers to stop buying copper wires and report such incidents to the police.

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# PDM kicks off 2024 campaign

■ Festus Hamalwa



**Campaigning... McHenry Venaani, the leader of PDM**  
Photo: Contributed

The Popular Democratic Movement (PDM) launched its 2024 Presidential and National Assembly elections campaign on Saturday with scores of supporters thronging the Romanus Kampungu stadium in Rundu, Kavango East region.

Addressing the party rally, PDM leader McHenry Venaani had a strong anti-corruption message, equating the vice to cancer, "a monstrous hydra that eats away the soul of the Namibian nation and degrades their dignity".

He said PDM will continue tirelessly advocating for a stable and fair economy, eradicating corruption and monopolistic tendencies to create an economic space wherein every Namibian can thrive.

Venaani's campaign was anchored on building a future all Namibians can be proud of.

He said it is disheartening to observe within the government ranks, the disregard for moral stewardship and the looting of state resources.

Such transgressions have fertilised the ground for corruption to flourish, he said.

"According to Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index, Namibia is ranked 57 out of 180 countries, a fall from its previous ranking of 53.

"This is not just a number on a chart for a country as vibrant and promising as Namibia, which carries a flame of hope in Africa, but this also shows us an alarmingly downward trend," Venaani said.

He added that corruption in Namibia has become an endemic, systemic problem.

"One only needs to cast a thought at the unsettling Fishrot

scandal, a malignant stain on our nation's reputation. Public officials siphoning off hundreds of millions meant for our nation's fisheries, resulting in an erosion of public trust, a plummeting national economy, and most painfully, the harsh blow dealt to the thousands of our fishermen who were left unemployed. Namibians, that is the true cost of corruption," Venaani stressed.

He added that people must remind themselves as Namibians, as Africans, and as global citizens, that maintaining silence in the face of wrongdoing renders them complicit.

"Swapo seems engulfed in an unsettling lethargy. We just need to look at the insufficient budget for the ACC every year to conclude this for ourselves. The lack of urgency resonates with a silence that deafens our collective conscience into

senseless tolerance of wrongdoing," the 45-year-old leader said.

Venaani turned to the human-wildlife conflict that has hit the region, saying over nine lethal crocodile attacks, "each one a tragic loss, each one a harsh reminder of the urgency this issue demands".

"It is also a stark reminder of the hardships endured by our farming population - the hands that sow the seeds of tomorrow - as they meander through treacherous terrain and confront gruesome forces of nature, just to ensure that their families can drink, clean, and live," he added.

Venaani said the PDM has repeatedly proved its commitment to safeguarding the well being of all Namibians and the focus should be geared towards educational campaigns about combating the threat of crocodiles and creating awareness about the safe use of

water resources.

However, Venaani faces challenges of his own within the party.

The party is currently without a functional youth wing, while parliamentarian, Vipuakuje Muharukua's campaign to dislodge Venaani from the helm has gone into overdrive as the party's congress slated for early next year approaches.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE: PARTICIPATION & SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

**Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Prospecting and Exploration Activities on Two Exclusive Prospecting Licenses (EPLs) No. 8779 & 8780 located northwest of Sesfontein in the Kunene Region, Namibia**

The public is hereby notified that an application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner as required under the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed prospecting and exploration are listed activities in the EIA Regulations that cannot be undertaken without an ECC, which is issued upon approval of an EIA Study Report and Environmental Management Plan.

**The Proponent of the proposed Activities:**  
Tamarillo Investments (Pty) Ltd

**Project Nature and Location:** Upon issuance of the ECC for the proposed exploration activities and granting of the EPLs by the Ministry of Mines & Energy, the Proponent will plan for and commence with the prospecting and exploration of mineral commodities on the two EPLs. The EPLs are bordering each other and located about 40km northwest of Sesfontein in the Kunene Region and overlies parts of the Puros and Sesfontein Conservancies. EPL- 8779 and 8780 cover areas of 95,243.9533 and 95,492.8316 hectares (Ha), respectively.

**Appointed Environmental Consultant:**  
Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC

The public is therefore invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and submit comments and or receive further information on the EIA process. The requests for registration as I&APs and submission of comments, issues or concerns should be done before or on Friday, 04 August 2023. **The consultation meeting in the area will be held around the 04<sup>th</sup> & 05<sup>th</sup> of August 2023.**

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## BIDDING INVITATION NAMIBIA REVENUE AGENCY

The Namibia Revenue Agency is a State Owned Enterprise (SOE) established in terms of Namibia Revenue Agency Act 12 of 2017 and came into operation on 7 April 2021.

### REQUEST FOR SEALED QUOTATION

PROCUREMENT REFERENCE	PROCUREMENT DESCRIPTION	COST
CS/RB/NAMRA/01-3/2023	Provision of Consultancy Services- Employees Benefits for the NamRA Provident Fund	NO COST

### INFORMATION TO BIDDERS

Bidding documents are obtainable from the NamRA website: [www.namra.org.na](http://www.namra.org.na)

### BID SUBMISSION ADDRESS

Namibia Revenue Agency  
Tender Box- Old Inland Revenue Building, 5<sup>th</sup> floor

**Closing Date: 21 July 2023 at 11h00**  
**NB! LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC MEETING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Envirofficient Consultants cc hereby gives notice to all potentially interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that an application will be made to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012) for the following:

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Rezoning of Erf 568 Extension 2 Katima Mulilo from Public Open Space to Industrial and construct a garage.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Erf 568 Extension 2 Katima Mulilo, Zambezi Region


**PROponent:** Wenxi Investments cc

**ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTITIONER:** Envirofficient Consultants cc

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**  
The proponent intends to construct and operate a motor vehicle repair garage on Erf 568 Extension 2, Katima Mulilo. The proposed development require the rezoning of this Erf from the current zone of Public Open Space to Industrial land use. The subject area is along the B8 Road between Natis and Petrosol Service station in Extension 2.

**REGISTRATION OF I&APs AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS:**  
In line with Namibia's Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and EIA regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012), Members of the public are hereby invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP). All I&APs are hereby invited to register and submit their comments, concerns or questions as well as obtain background information document (BID) in writing via Email: envirofficient@gmail.com or Cell: +26481 3077 370 on or before **Friday, 28 July 2023**.

Based on the interest expressed by the public and stakeholders regarding the proposed project it will be determined if a public meeting is to be held. Should a public meeting be held all registered I&APs will be informed accordingly.



**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS: THE KATIMA-NGOMA PHASE 3-4 AND THE RESERVOIR RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES IN THE ZAMBEZI REGION**

All potential interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby notified in terms of the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations that an application for Environmental Clearance certificate will be made to the Environmental Commissioner for the following proposed development and its associated activities:

**Proponent:** Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLRF)  
**Financier:** African Development Bank (ADB)  
**Environmental Assessment Practitioner:** D&P Engineers and Environmental Consultants

**Project Description:** The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLRF)'s Directorate of Water Supply & Sanitation Coordination (DWSSC) proposes to upgrade the water supply network under Phase 3 and Phase 4 and associated elevated water tanks in the Zambezi Region as follows:

- Phase 3:** Comprises the extension of the rural water supply network between Katima Mulilo and Ngoma, on the Botswana border in the Zambezi Region. This Phase comprises an area of approximately 1,220km<sup>2</sup>, stretching from Bukalo to Ngoma including an area of 10km on either side of the road (D3510) from Bukalo via Kabbe, Lusee along the road (D3512) to Kuumwe. The total length of the pipe will be 60km of bulk feeder lines, with 53km of branch feeders.
- Phase 4:** Approximately 545 manholes will be installed, providing water to approximately 12,000 people.
- Phase 5:** Comprises the extension of the rural water supply network between Katima Mulilo and Ngoma on the Botswana border in the Zambezi Region. The Phase comprises the final section of the total project area, an area of approximately 1160km<sup>2</sup> and stretches from Bukalo in a southerly direction to Moyaab and further along road (D3507) via Iku to Ngoma. The total length of pipe will be approximately 61km of bulk pipelines and 153km of branch pipelines. Approximately 350 manholes will be linked to the system that will provide an estimated 8,700 people with potable water.
- Reservoir:** The Katima Mulilo Reservoir has originally been planned to provide for additional load that the rural water supply schemes would add to the existing Katima Mulilo Bulk water supply schemes.

**Project Location:** The Project is in the Zambezi Region (the locality map is provided in the Background Information Document (BID) which can be provided upon request).

To fulfil the requirements of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007), D&P Engineers and Environmental Consultants (a team of Independent Environmental Consultants) to undertake an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Study for the proposed water supply project and to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the project prior to its implementation.

**Public participation process:** Interested and affected parties are hereby notified that public participation meetings will be held as follows. Therefore, members of the public are encouraged to attend the consultation meeting near them for a face-to-face interactive session with the Consultants, and submit their comments.

Date and Time	Activity	Venue/Place
Monday, 10 July 2023: 10h00	Public Consultative Meeting	Moyaab Khuta
Monday, 10 July 2023: 14h00	Public Consultative Meeting	Ngoma Khuta
Tuesday, 11 July 2023: 10h00	Public Consultative Meeting	Kabbe Consultancy Office
Tuesday, 11 July 2023: 14h00	Public Consultative Meeting	Lusee Khuta

**The last day for registration as I&AP and submitting comments, concerns and issues to the ESIA Study is Friday, 28 July 2023**

To register or request for documents submit your details in writing to the Environmental Consultant or alternatively fill the online form, link and contact details given

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**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS: THE RUACANA SOUTH PHASE 1 AND THE RESERVOIR RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES IN THE OMUSATI REGION**

All potential interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby notified in terms of the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations that an application for Environmental Clearance certificate will be made to the Environmental Commissioner for the following proposed development and its associated activities:

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**Environmental Assessment Practitioner:** D&P Engineers and Environmental Consultants

**Project Description:** The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLRF)'s Directorate of Water Supply & Sanitation Coordination (DWSSC) proposes to upgrade the water supply network in the following area of the Omusati Region:

- Phase 1 area extends southwards for a distance varying between 7 and 15km from the Oshahandja-Ruacana tarred road. This Phase covers the Ruacana South Rural Water Supply Scheme (Ruacana South RWSS) and Reservoir Rural Water Supply Schemes in the Omusati Region. The project envisaged water supply to the area between the Oshahandja Purification Plant in the east to the Ruacana Falls in the west.

**Project Location:** The Project is in Omusati Region (the locality/route map is provided in the Background Information Document (BID) upon request).

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Date and Time	Activity	Venue/Place
Monday, 17 July 2023: 09h30	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	RUACANA CONSTITUENCY OFFICE (IN OSHIFO)
Monday, 17 July 2023: 14h00	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	OTIFHO VILLAGE GROWTH POINTS (RUACANA-OMAKANGE T1 JUNCTION ROAD)
Tuesday, 18 July 2023: 09h30	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	OMALHAWAHANGWA GROWTH POINT
Tuesday, 18 July 2023: 14h00	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	OTILOPITE VILLAGE GROWTH POINTS
Wednesday, 19 July 2023: 09h30	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	OMAKANGE VILLAGE CONSERVANCY HALL
Monday, 17 July 2023: 09h30	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	RUACANA CONSTITUENCY OFFICE (IN OSHIFO)
Monday, 17 July 2023: 14h00	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	OTIFHO VILLAGE GROWTH POINTS (RUACANA-OMAKANGE T1 JUNCTION ROAD)
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**PUBLIC NOTICE: PARTICIPATION & SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING & EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) NO. 8770 NEAR OPUWO IN THE KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA**

The public is hereby notified that an application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner as required under the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed prospecting and exploration are listed activities in the EIA Regulations that cannot be undertaken without an ECC, which is issued upon approval of an EIA Study Report and Environmental Management Plan.


**The Proponent of the proposed Activities:** Tamarillo Investments (Pty) Ltd

**Project Nature and Location:** Upon issuance of the ECC for the proposed exploration activities and granting of the EPL, the Proponent will plan for and commence with the prospecting and exploration of mineral commodities on EPL-8770. The EPL is located about 40km south of Opuwo in the Kunene Region and covers an area of 41,695,3434 hectares (Ha). The villages near the EPL are Kaako-Otavi, Orumana and further south, is Omao Village.

**Appointed Environmental Consultant:** Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC

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**CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION ON EPLs 8383 & 8473**

This notice serves to inform all 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 the Environmental Regulations (GN 30 of 2012).

**Project:** The licences are located 7 km Northwest and Southwest of Omaruru. The proponent intends to explore for gold. Exploration methods may include geological mapping, geophysical surveys, sampling, and drilling.

**Proponent:** Qualicom Investments cc

All interested and affected parties are hereby invited to register and submit their comments regarding the proposed project on or before **04/08/2023**. Contact details for registration and further information:

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**Mr. S. Andjamba**  
**Email: public@impalac.com. Tel: 061-258910**



**VACANCIES**

**Administrative Officer**

Responsibilities	Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Liaising with team members, clients, and stakeholders.</li> <li>- Answering calls and replying to emails.</li> <li>- Issuing quotations, invoices, and receipts.</li> <li>- Completing bid requests and tender documents.</li> <li>- Carrying out any administration work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Valid driver's licence.</li> <li>- Excellent communication skills.</li> <li>- Experience in office administration would be advantageous.</li> <li>- Proficiency in computer usage and Microsoft office applications.</li> </ul>

All applications to be submitted via our online form:  
<https://forms.gle/jpsdaTpdXJDpaCEX9> Closing date: **26/07/2023**

**Junior Environmentalist**

Responsibilities	Requirements
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**NOTICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Healthy Earth Environmental Consultants CC (HEEC) hereby gives notice to all potentially interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that an application will be made to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No 7 of 2007) and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012) for the following:

**PROJECT NAME:** Environmental Assessment (EA) for the establishment and mining of dimension stones on mining claim: 74042, Omaruru District, Erongo Region.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Farm Kompaneno 104, Omaruru District, Erongo Region


**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project involves conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the establishment and mining of dimension stones on mining claim: 74042, Omaruru District, Erongo Region. The proponent intends to mine dimension stones on mining claim: 74042 at Farm Kompaneno 104, Omaruru Constituency, Erongo Region, located about 23 km off the C36 road onto the D2344 road from Omaruru to Omatjete.

**PROJECT INVOLVEMENT:**  
**Proponent:** Mr. Otaniel Kouju

**Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP):** Healthy Earth Environmental Consultants CC (HEEC)

**REGISTRATION OF I&APs AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS:** In line with Namibia's Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and EIA regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012), all I&APs are hereby invited to register and submit their comments, concerns or questions in writing via: Email: [askheec@gmail.com](mailto:askheec@gmail.com) on or before **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023**.

**Public meeting will be held as follows:**  
**Meeting venue:** Omaruru Community Hall  
**Date:** Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023  
**Time:** 11h30 a.m.  
**Mobile:** 0815720258



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**PUBLIC NOTICE: ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION**

In terms of the Environmental Management Act (Act no. 7 of 2007) as well as the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Government Notice No.30 of 2012), notice is hereby given to all potentially interested and affected parties (I&APs) that an application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be made to the Office of the Environmental Commissioner for the following activities:

**Project Description:** Construction and Operation of a Solar PV Power Plant at Erf 1865, Aimablaagte, Mariental.

**Site Locality:** Erf 1865, Aimablaagte, Mariental.

**Proponent:** Mariesol (Pty) Ltd

**Environmental Assessment Practitioner:** Ecolab Environmental cc

All interested and affected parties are hereby invited to register with Ecolab Environmental cc. The Background Information Document (BID) can be requested and any comments, issues or concerns related to the project can be submitted to Ecolab Environmental cc. All comments/concerns must reach Ecolab Environmental cc by close of business on 24 July 2023.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE: PARTICIPATION & SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS**

**Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Prospecting and Exploration Activities on Two Exclusive Prospecting Licenses (EPLs) No. 8779 & 8780 located northwest of Sesfontein in the Kunene Region, Namibia**

The public is hereby notified that an application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner as required under the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed prospecting and exploration are listed activities in the EIA Regulations that cannot be undertaken without an ECC, which is issued upon approval of an EIA Study Report and Environmental Management Plan.


**The Proponent of the proposed Activities:** Tamarillo Investments (Pty) Ltd

**Project Nature and Location:** Upon issuance of the ECC for the proposed exploration activities and granting of the EPLs by the Ministry of Mines & Energy, the Proponent will plan for and commence with the prospecting and exploration of mineral commodities on the two EPLs. The EPLs are bordering each other and located about 40km northwest of Sesfontein in the Kunene Region and overlies parts of the Puros and Sesfontein Conservancies. EPL-8779 and 8780 cover areas of 95,243.9533 and 95,492.8316 hectares (Ha), respectively.

**Appointed Environmental Consultant:** Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC

The public is therefore invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and submit comments and/or receive further information on the EIA process. The requests for registration as I&APs and submission of comments, issues or concerns should be done **before or on Friday, 04 August 2023**. The consultation meeting in the area **will be held around the 04<sup>th</sup> & 05<sup>th</sup> of August**

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# Africans benefit from journalism training on disasters

■ John Muyamba

ANKARA – Fifteen journalists from various African countries spent last week in Türkiye, where they were taken through intensive training on disaster reporting.

The Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), in collaboration with the Turkish public media agency Anadolu Ajansı (AA), have concluded the first training on disaster journalism aimed at equipping journalists from different countries with essential skills to cover and report on disasters effectively.

The training covered disaster journalism, disinformation and ethics in disaster journalism, preparation for the disaster area and safety of reporters in the area, as well as disinformation and access to reliable information in the disaster area.

They also had sessions on trauma and stress management, first aid and news writing and news language in the disaster area, amongst other topics.

TIKA believes that with natural disasters happening, journalists ought to be equipped with the necessary skills to keep them safe while attending to duty.

“Since the last three years, our country had been hit by many disasters, from wildfires to floods and now the recent earthquake, where we witnessed that it was very difficult for journalists to



**Equipped...** TIKA coordinator Büşra Bağda (fifth from right) with some of the participating journalists during the disaster reporting training last week. Photo: Contributed

work in the field because even the conditions were very harsh, and some ethics were required. They had also witnessed terrible scenes that they weren't prepared for. They endured emotional distress, anger and so forth, and we realised that this required special training,” said Büşra Bağda, the TIKA coordinator of media training.

“So, I brought up the idea, and told our coordinators that we needed to develop a new training module which is disaster journalism training to prepare journalists to work effectively in disaster events. In collaboration with AA, we usually train journalists in war journalism and so on, but disaster journalism is a totally new programme,” she observed.

The training which was held in Ankara comprised five Turkish journalists and one each from

15 different countries, including Namibia, South Africa, the Gambia, Senegal and Somalia.

Regarding the participants, TIKA sent out requests to their coordinators stationed abroad or out of Türkiye, and asked them to identify suitable participants.

“And there was a criteria, for instance journalists with experience in disaster journalism, or their country to have a past history of some sort of natural disasters. So, they sent us around 25 names, and among them we considered the experience of the journalist,” Bağda noted.

“We cannot say that this workshop has taught us journalistic rules again. What was new was how to abide by those rules in a chaotic situation. Speakers during training told us their own experiences, and the difficulties that they went through.

We have an idea of how to tackle such a thing if ever it should happen in our country, and I really pray it never happens,” said Alioune Diouf from Senegal.

He said some details and tips shared by the experts during training can be of great use. “Like preparing your own life space in the disaster area, before starting your job, taking care of your own security and health so as to be able to collect the information and avoiding the ‘reporter blindness’, and not to take unnecessary risks because one has to be alive to tell the story,” he continued.

Ethically, one should not interview freshly-saved victims; and finally fact-checking information, as usual,” said Diouf, who has worked as a journalist for the past 27 years for the Senegal national news agency APS, a French acronym of Senegalese

press agency.

“Floods are common in Senegal,” he added.

Another participant, Rohey Bittaye from the Gambia, is a journalist working for the Gambia Radio and Television Services. She said the training came at the right time, and offered the opportunity to learn from senior colleagues in the media from photography to ethics of the profession, and how they can better prepare for disaster scenes as well as in promoting responsible journalism during disaster situations.

“The Türkiye earthquake experience was the centre of attention, but disasters are not only limited to earthquakes. For a country like the Gambia, we usually experience disasters such as flooding and fires. The 2022 flood was one of the biggest disasters we experience as a country,” she added.

“Now, this training has exposed me to skills on how to approach disaster situations, whereas I can disseminate the information without hurting the victims emotionally and physically.

“It was not only an opportunity to learn, but also it helped us to network as media professionals for better service delivery,” Bittaye noted.

The training started on 16 July, and came to an end on 22 July with a tour of the city of Ankara.

Other participants came from Kosovo, Croatia, Lebanon, Kyrgyzstan and Montenegro.

# Adequate correctional staff critical to safety - Mbumba

**O**MARURU - Adequate correctional facilities' staff is critical in order to ensure safety and security on a 24-hour basis, while creating a conducive environment for the effective delivery of rehabilitation programmes.

These remarks were made by Vice President Nangolo Mbumba while addressing the shortage of custodial



**Correct...** Vice President Nangolo Mbumba wants the shortage of custodial officers within the Namibian Correctional Service addressed. Photo: Nampa

their dedication, hard work and unwavering commitment in carrying out their demanding duties, and further acknowledge the resilience and determination of the offenders who have taken steps towards rehabilitation.”

Erongo governor Neville Andre likewise emphasised the crucial role of the correctional service in ensuring public safety, maintaining order and providing opportunities for offenders to reintegrate into society.

He said in 2022 in the Erongo region, 72 inmates were enrolled in the Thinking and Living Skills for Re-Integration programme, whilst 69 completed several other programmes offered during their rehabilitation.

“I would, therefore, like to commend the Namibian government, through the NCS, for creating an opportunity to raise awareness of the department and the commendable work it does to foster community engagement, and to advocate for positive changes within the correctional system,” he added.

The event was held under the theme ‘Striving Towards a Safe Society Through Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Offenders’.

It was also attended by commissioner generals of the Zimbabwean, Eswatini, Zambian, South African and Botswana correctional services/prisons.

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officers within the Namibian Correctional Service (NCS), required to provide dynamic and human intervention security.

He said during the celebration of the 17th NCS Day held in Omaruru on Thursday that this shortage has negatively impacted the daily responsibilities of correctional services, such as the manning of entrances and exits, and guarding of inmates admitted at public hospitals, amongst others.

“Therefore, more efforts should be made to ensure that adequate staff are recruited to improve effective delivery of services at our national correctional centres,” he expressed.

Mbumba, however, commended the NCS' offender risk management correctional strategy which was implemented in 2010, noting that it has been instrumental in enhancing the effectiveness of Namibia's correctional system, and ensuring the successful rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders.

“I would also like to express my appreciation and gratitude to all those who are involved in the correctional service for

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## PUBLIC NOTICE: PARTICIPATION & SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Prospecting and Exploration Activities on Two Exclusive Prospecting Licenses (EPLs) No. 8779 & 8780 located northwest of Sesfontein in the Kunene Region, Namibia

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**The Proponent of the Proposed Activities:**  
Tamarillo Investments (Pty) Ltd

**Project Nature and Location:** Upon issuance of the ECC for the proposed exploration activities and granting of the EPLs by the Ministry of Mines & Energy, the Proponent will plan for and commence with the prospecting and exploration of mineral commodities on the two EPLs. The EPLs are bordering each other and located about 40km northwest of Sesfontein in the Kunene Region and overlies parts of the Puros and Sesfontein Conservancies. EPL-8779 and 8780 cover areas of 95,243.9533 and 95,492.8316 hectares (Ha), respectively.

**Appointed Environmental Consultant:**  
Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC

The public is therefore invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and submit comments and/or receive further information on the EIA process. The requests for registration as I&APs and submission of comments, issues or concerns should be done before or on Friday, 04 August 2023. The consultation meeting in the area will be held around the 04<sup>th</sup> & 05<sup>th</sup> of August 2023.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE: PARTICIPATION & SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING & EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) NO. 8770 NEAR OPUWO IN THE KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA**

The public is hereby notified that an application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner as required under the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed prospecting and exploration are listed activities in the EIA Regulations that cannot be undertaken without an ECC, which is issued upon approval of an EIA Study Report and Environmental Management Plan.

**The Proponent of the proposed Activities:** Tamarillo Investments (Pty) Ltd

**Project Nature and Location:** Upon issuance of the ECC for the proposed exploration activities and granting of the EPL, the Proponent will plan for and commence with the prospecting and exploration of mineral commodities on EPL-8770. The EPL is located about 40km south of Opuwo in the Kunene Region and covers an area of 41,695.3434 hectares (Ha). The villages near the EPL are Kaoko-Otavi, Orumana and further south, is Omaso Village.

**Appointed Environmental Consultant:** Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC

The public is therefore invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and submit comments and or receive further information on the EIA process. The requests for registration as I&APs and submission of comments, issues or concerns should be done **before or on Friday, 04 August 2023**. The consultation meeting in the area will be held around the 04<sup>th</sup> & 05<sup>th</sup> of August

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**Project Description:** Construction and Operation of a Solar PV Power Plant at Erf 1865, Aimablaagte, Mariental.

**Site Locality:** Erf 1865, Aimablaagte, Mariental.

**Proponent:** Mariesol (Pty) Ltd

**Environmental Assessment Practitioner:** Ecolab Environmental cc

All interested and affected parties are hereby invited to register with Ecolab Environmental cc. The Background Information Document (BID) can be requested and any comments, issues or concerns related to the project can be submitted to Ecolab Environmental cc. All comments/concerns must reach Ecolab Environmental cc by close of business on 24 July 2023.

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**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS: THE KATIMA-NGOMA PHASE 3-4 AND THE RESERVOIR RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES IN THE ZAMBEZI REGION**

All potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby notified in terms of the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations that an application for Environmental Clearance certificate will be made to the Environmental Commissioner for the following proposed development and its associated activities:

**Proponent:** Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR)

**Financier:** African Development Bank (AfDB)

**Environmental Assessment Practitioner:** D&P Engineers and Environmental Consultants

**Project Description:** The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR)'s Directorate of Water Supply & Sanitation Coordination (DWSSC) proposes to upgrade the water supply network under Phase 3 and Phase 4 and associated elevated water tanks in the Zambezi Region as follows:

- Phase 3:** Comprises the extension of the rural water supply network between Katima Mulilo and Ngoma, on the Botswana border in the Zambezi Region. This Phase comprises an area of approximately 1,220km<sup>2</sup>, stretching from Bukalo to Ngoma including an area of 10km on either side of the road (D3510) from Bukalo via Kabbe, Lusese along the road (D3512) to Ikumwe. The total length of the pipe will be 60km of bulk feeder lines, with 83km of branch feeders.
- Approximately 545 manifolds will be installed, providing water to approximately 12,900 people.
- Phase 4:** Comprises the extension of the rural water supply network between Katima Mulilo and Ngoma on the Botswana border in the Zambezi Region. The Phase comprises the final section of the total project area, an area of approximately 1160km<sup>2</sup> and stretches from Bukalo in a southerly direction to Muyako and further along road (D3507) via libu to Ngoma. The total length of pipe will be approximately 61km of bulk pipelines and 153km of branch pipelines. Approximately 350 manifolds will be linked to the system that will provide an estimated 8,700 people with potable water.
- Reservoir:** The Katima Mulilo Reservoir has originally been planned to provide for additional load that the rural water supply schemes would add to the existing Katima Mulilo Bulk water supply schemes.

**Project Location:** The Project is in the Zambezi Region (the locality map is provided in the Background Information Document (BID) which can be provided upon request).

To fulfil the requirements of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007), D&P Engineers and Environmental Consultants (a team of Independent Environmental Consultants) to undertake an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Study for the proposed water supply project and to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the project prior to its implementation.

**Public participation process:** Interested and affected parties are hereby notified that public participation meetings will be held as follows. Therefore, members of the public are encouraged to attend the consultation meeting near them for a face-to-face interactive session with the Consultants, and submit their comments.

Date and Time	Activity	Venue/Place
Monday, 10 July 2023: 10h00	Public Consultative Meeting	Muyako Khuta
Monday, 10 July 2023: 14h00	Public Consultative Meeting	Ngoma Khuta
Tuesday, 11 July 2023: 10h00	Public Consultative Meeting	Kabbe Constituency Office
Tuesday, 11 July 2023: 14h00	Public Consultative Meeting	Lusese Khuta

The last day for registration as I&AP and submitting comments, concerns and issues to the ESIA Study is Friday, 28 July 2023

To register or request for documents submit your details in writing to the Environmental Consultant or alternatively fill the online form, link and contact details given

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**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS: THE RUACANA SOUTH PHASE 1 AND THE RESERVOIR RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES IN THE OMUSATI REGION**

All potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby notified in terms of the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations that an application for Environmental Clearance certificate will be made to the Environmental Commissioner for the following proposed development and its associated activities:

**Proponent:** Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR)

**Financier:** African Development Bank (AfDB)

**Environmental Assessment Practitioner:** D&P Engineers and Environmental Consultants

**Project Description:** The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR)'s Directorate of Water Supply & Sanitation Coordination (DWSSC) proposes to upgrade the water supply network in the following area of the Omusati Region:

- Phase 1 area extends southwards for a distance varying between 7 and 15km from the Olushandja—Ruacana tarred road. This Phase covers the Ruacana South Rural Water Supply Scheme (Ruacana South RWSS) and Reservoir Rural Water Supply Schemes in the Omusati Region. The project envisaged water supply to the area between the Olushandja Purification Plant in the east to the Ruacana Falls in the west.

**Project Location:** The Project is in Omusati Region (the locality/route map is provided in the Background Information Document (BID) upon request).

To fulfil the requirements of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007), D&P Engineers and Environmental Consultants (a team of Independent Environmental Consultants) to undertake an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Study for the proposed water supply project and to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the project prior to its implementation.

**Public participation process:** Interested and affected parties are hereby notified that public participation meetings will be held as follows. Therefore, members of the public are encouraged to attend the consultation meeting near them for a face-to-face interactive session with the Consultants, and submit their comments.

Date and Time	Activity	Venue/Place
MONDAY, 17 JULY 2023: 09h30	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	RUACANA CONSTITUENCY OFFICE (IN OSHIFO)
MONDAY, 17 JULY 2023: 14h00	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	OTJITHO VILLAGE GROWTH POINTS (RUACANA-OMAKANGE T-JUNCTION ROAD)
TUESDAY, 18 JULY 2023: 09h30	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	OMUDHUWAHAWANGA GROWTH POINT
TUESDAY, 18 JULY 2023: 14h00	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	OTJORUTE VILLAGE GROWTH POINTS
WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY 2023: 09h30	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	OMAKANGE VILLAGE, CONSERVANCY HALL
MONDAY, 17 JULY 2023: 09h30	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	RUACANA CONSTITUENCY OFFICE (IN OSHIFO)
MONDAY, 17 JULY 2023: 14h00	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	OTJITHO VILLAGE GROWTH POINTS (RUACANA-OMAKANGE T-JUNCTION ROAD)
TUESDAY, 18 JULY 2023: 09h30	PUBLIC / COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING	OMUDHUWAHAWANGA GROWTH POINT

The last day for registration as I&AP and submitting comments, concerns and issues to the ESIA Study is Friday, 28 July 2023

To register or request for documents submit your details in writing to the Environmental Consultant or alternatively fill the online form, link and contact details given: <https://forms.gle/wdms7mc4unbk2wfH8>

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**CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONS OF A LITHIUM MINERAL PROCESSING PLANT ON MC 73418, DAURES CONSTITUENCY, ERONGO REGION**

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 Impact Assessment Management Act (No.7 of 2007) and Environmental Regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012) for the proposed activity:

**Project:** Proposed establishment and operations of a lithium processing plant on Mining Claim 73418.

**Location:** The project is located in Erongo Region, approximately 50 km SW of Uis settlement, Dâures constituency, via C35 and D2342 from Uis.

**Proponent:** Long Fire Investment (Pty) Ltd

**Project description:** The proponent intends to construct and operate a lithium processing plant on mining claim 73418. The lithium ore to be sourced from mining claims 73409 – 73418 and other mining claims proximal to the project.

In accordance with Namibia's Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and Environmental Regulations (GN 30 of 6 February 2012), all interested and affected parties (I&APs) are invited to register and submit comments, concerns and questions in writing to the email given below on or before 09/08/2023.

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**Appendix D: Minutes from the Consultation Meetings with stakeholders / Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs)**



Date: 04 August 2023

**Consultation Meeting Minutes for the:**

**Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Study: The Proposed Prospecting and Exploration Activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licenses (EPLs) No. 8779 & 8780 northwest of Sesfontein in the Kunene Region, Namibia**

**Date:** Friday, 04 August 2023

**Time:** 10h00 for 11h00 to 16h30

**Venue:** Sesfontein Community Hall in Sesfontein Settlement

**The Project Proponent:** Tamarillo Investments (Pty) Ltd

The Meeting was attended by twenty-nine (29) people (**Please refer to the attached attendance register**)

- Two (2) Environmental Consultants from Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants
- Twenty-seven (27) members of the public (Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs)) and local stakeholders (Sesfontein Settlement Office, Puros and Sesfontein Conservancies as well as Nami-Daman Traditional Authority for the EPLs' area) - as shown on the photos in Figure 1 below.



*Figure 1: The consultation meeting in progress at the Community Hall in Sesfontein on 04 August 2023*

**1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING**

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Denboy Tjambiru, an official from the Sesfontein Settlement Office. Mr. Tjambiru requested the Consultants to introduce themselves and handed over to the Consultants to present their agenda to the attendees. Due to that majority of the attendees were elders with very little to no understanding of English and

only spoke Otjiherero, Damara-Nama and Afrikaans, there were language translations to ensure that all the attendees understand the proceedings of the meeting. Thus, Mr. Tjambiru translated from English to Otjiherero and vice-versa for the first part of the meeting. The second part of the meeting, the translations (in Otjiherero and Afrikaans) were done by Mr. John Kasaona.

The lead Environmental Assessment Practitioner / Consultant from Serja Consultants, Ms. Fredrika Shagama thanked the public for attending the meeting. She informed the meeting attendees that they have been appointed by Tamarillo Investments (Pty) Ltd (who applied to the Ministry of Mines & Energy (MME)) to be granted the two EPLs (8779&8780) to undertake an EIA Study for the EPLs in accordance with the 2012 EIA Regulations of the Namibian Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007. She also explained that the meeting is a requirement as per the Public Consultation Process (Regulation 21 to 24) of the EIA Regulations.

Ms. Shagama requested the attendees to sign the meeting attendance as proof of consultation to be appended to the ESA Report as well as for the purpose of further information sharing for the ESA process. Printed copies of the Background Information Document (BID) were also distributed among the attendees for self-reading.

## **2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION**

Ms. Shagama presented the agenda of the meeting which included the following main points:

### **2.1 Explanation of what an ESA is, its Process and the Public Role in the Process**

Ms. Shagama explained what an ESA is and that the proposed prospecting and exploration works is one of the listed that cannot be undertaken without an environmental clearance certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner, and that the consultation meeting is one of the requirements to the EIA study process to apply for the ECC. The ECC is also required by the MME to consider issuing the EPLs to the Proponent.

### **2.2 Brief Description of the Project**

A brief description of the planned project activities was presented as per the provided BID copy. Ms. Shagama emphasized the importance of understanding that the proposed activities are not for mining activities but prospecting and exploration only, because one cannot mine on EPLs. Mining can only be done or considered once the exploration activities yield positive (economic feasible) results, which would mean EPL holders with successful EPLs would need to apply for Mining Licenses (MLs), i.e., to apply for the conversion of an EPL into a ML. The ML will be subject to another detailed EIA Study with specialists which would follow this same process but on a detailed level, and apply for an ECC for mining activities.

### **2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts**

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, Ms. Shagama also presented the potential pre-identified potential positive and negative environmental impacts anticipated from the proposed prospecting and exploration activities pre-listed in the BIDs.

### **2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)**

The attendees were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and/or raise concerns with regards to the proposed project activities.

The key comments and issues made in the meeting were recorded and noted for consideration and inclusion in the ESA Report and EMP. These issues and comments are presented in Table 1.

**Table 1: Issues, suggestions and comments received during the Consultation Meeting on the 04<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 in Sesfontein, Kunene Region**

No.	Name of the speaker/commentor & Capacity	Comment/Issue/Suggestion	Response provided by:
1.	Mr. Louis Nortje	-Can the community or members of the community request for the exclusion of some areas from being explored?	<b>Ms. Fredrika Shagama (Ms. FS) - Serja Consultants:</b> Yes, this can be requested, especially for very sensitive site areas and considered. The point of the EIA process is to identify these areas and or potential impacts (with the help of I&APs). Therefore, yes, request for exclusion of certain areas is part of management and mitigation measures for consideration in the EIA/ESA Report and EMP. Sensitive site areas will also be mapped in the Report.
2.	Mr. John Kasaona	-There are existing operations in the area. Where would the drilling start in the area to ensure that they do not interrupt the existing operations?	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> The sites for the actual drilling cannot be determined at this stage. This is because exploration an iterative process whereby each activity is done as a follow up to the other to confirm/ground truth preliminary finds in a funnel system type of process. In other words, exploration starts with non-invasive methods such as mapping, then verified by slightly intrusive activities such as soil and rock sampling, followed up/verified by intrusive/invasive activities such as trenching and then exploration drilling. The drilling will therefore be done on the selected sites within the EPLs based on the preceding activities (focusing only the site areas with promising finds).
3.	Mr. Louis Nortje	-When will the two Conservancies probably give comments or conditions to say for instance, no travelling in the night and without wildlife guards or authorized company from the Conservancies?	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> The Conservancies can include this in the consultation proof letters that we need from them for the EIA Study, where they can also put conditions and requirements to that regard. Furthermore, there will be further meetings between the Proponent, Conservancies and Traditional Authority once the EPL certificate is issued because today's meeting is just the beginning of the process and part of the EIA Study requirements. Besides, the Proponent cannot just simply show up in the area tomorrow telling people (stakeholders) that they are starting with exploration next week or month without proper engagements and following local procedures after all the paperwork are obtained (ECC and EPL certificate). These conditions you rightly provided as an example will also form part of the measures in the EMP.
4.	Mr. Robbin Uatokuja	-There has been a mismatch whereby MME used to just issue EPLs without consulting the communities. The communities rely on conservation, tourism and livestock for livelihood	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> This has been noted. I think the issue of EPLs issued without consultations ended around 2019, because according to my experience in similar meetings where this same issue has been raised, MME has embarked on this change as of 2020. The MME simply accept applications for EPLs but before approving the applications or issuing EPL certificates to the applicants (proponents),

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			they inform the proponents to first undertake an EIA Study, which entails public (communities) consultation, and this is why we are here today for your inputs on behalf of Tamarillo Investments.
5.		-At Puros Conservancy, we are not yet at the stage of working together with mining as we have rhinos roaming in the area. The government gave us the area, as marginalized communities to benefit from the tourism and wildlife. The area is predominately occupied by conservation and tourism. Furthermore, conservancies are currently fighting poaching. We are also trying to conserve the rhino species. Therefore, Puros cannot compromise on this.	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> This is well noted. The impact will be assessed in the ESA Report.
6.	Mr. Uriel Naub	-The conservancies were established to ensure that communities derive benefits from natural resources. Why is mining not like other developments (such as tourism operators) where conservancies, and operators come together to negotiate by creating joint ventures (JVs)?	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> We should understand that developments are not the same on how they start or even operate, and that different developments are regulated by different authorities (ministries) that also have different mandates to contribute to national economy. Potential mining related developments such as exploration activities cannot just start off with having JV talks when the EPLs are still not even yet granted to the applicant (they are still in application stage which is subject to this EIA process for the ECC issuance before EPL certificates can be issued by MME). Only once the EPLs are certified and approved, the EPLs holder can start such negotiations and other engagements prior to any groundwork or mobilizing into the area. I believe that it would be deceitful for one to start giving false hope of owning EPLs when these have not been issued to them yet. Therefore, discussions and coming together for the EPL holder, conservancies, traditional authority and other stakeholders can be safely held once the EPLs are granted (with proof of EPL certificates and ECC).
7.		-What if a diamond ore or major mineral commodity is found under someone's house or land?	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> Usually for exploration we advise exploration companies to avoid people's dwellings/houses. However, should it come to light that the potentially feasible mineral ore is found on someone's land, the landowner would need to be notified and kept updated before the proponent can proceed to applying for a mining license with the MME. If it is necessary that the landowner will need to be relocated, the necessary resettlement procedures will be followed, including the national compensation policy. Some landowners (common with private farms) would either lease out part of their

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			land to the company intending to mine or propose for an option to buy that part of the land to use it for mining. Please also note that anything from 2 or 4 metres below ground belongs to the government and not individual (be it communal or commercial land). Therefore, you and I cannot own mineral commodities even if it is on/under my or your land.
8.		-All applications for developments are done through procedures. We are only learning about the EPLs applications when they have already applied for. Why not earlier?	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> As explained under your first question (point 6 above), this process is done according to the procedures and to the Environmental Management Act and requirements by the Mining Commissioner on EPL applications. The applications for the EPLs subject to this EIA process for the ECC which entails these type of meetings as a starting point.
9.	Mr. Steven Kasaona	-I have not seen anyone from the area who owns a mining claim or EPL that has advanced to mining, why is this so?	<p><b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> Mining does not always mean success, especially if we are talking about an EPL. I personally believe that people who invest in EPLs are risk takers because there is no guarantee that the prospecting and exploration activities will lead to mining (by converting the EPL into a mining license for actual mining). If that was the case (all EPLs being successful), then we would be having mines everywhere in this country. Therefore, this is like gambling, and such investors seem to use the money they do not need at the time, thus, investing in something that will either not yield any return on investment or the return on investments will only be seen after 10 or even 20 years later.</p> <p>With regards to mining claims, the ones in the area, particularly for Kunene Region have been just primarily for small-scale mining of semi-precious stone for individuals. The mining claims are also limited in size, and not having enough or proper technology and equipment to mine efficiently could also be one of the contributing affecting the output from the mining claims.</p>
10.		-The Puros Conservancy has lost millions and three rhinos. We are confused and now wondering that maybe the EPL application were the ones who caused this loss. How did they know that there are mineral resources in the area?	<p><b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> The loss that is already existing cannot be linked to the applicant of the EPLs without proof, however, we understand this concern and respect your opinion.</p> <p>The way people apply for EPLs, they do not necessary need to be on the ground (in the area) but the application can be done by looking at the national geological map, then one choose a certain area and what kind of mineral resources can be potentially occur in the rocks (according to the geological conditions) in the area. One may also use the historical data of exploration and mining, if any in an area.</p>

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			There is a National Mines and Energy Cadastre Portal developed by the Ministry of Mines & Energy that also displays the geology. The interested person or company then submit an application to the Ministry, as long as one meets the requirements of applying for an EPL. One can only then confirm their assumptions of the mineral existence by doing groundwork (exploration), which is only done after the applications are environmentally cleared.
11.		-The Nami-Daman Traditional Authority said they would not issue the Consent Letter	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> Noted. However, the Traditional Authority still need to pronounce themselves in writing through a letter where they state or list their reasons because one cannot simply say this by word of mouth. We need written communication on an official letterhead stating this. The letter will also serve as a guide for the writing of our EIA Report and possibly EMP.
12.		-In terms of development, other people usually come to the Traditional Authority and conservancies to invest in the area, but mining does not see to follow the same process.	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> This has been answered under Mr. Naub's question/comment (see point 6 above).
13.		-The communities would also be opting to own an EPL, then request the investor to do so on their own terms.	<p><b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> Noted. However, whether the EPL belongs to the community or someone else, it will still follow this same process of environmental assessment and consultations to get an environmental clearance, except that you will be a Proponent (as the owner of the EPL). Other stakeholders can provide comments or put restrictions on what or how to operate in the area because at the end of the day, all EPLs, regardless of who owns the EPL, the exploration activities will still have the same potential impacts.</p> <p>We should also understand that owning an EPL does not guarantee anyone a green ticket to wealth or mining itself, because many EPLs have ended there (in exploration phase) because exploration results are not worth further investment (mining phase).</p>
14.	Mr. Kakuvatere Tjambiru	-There are other existing land uses within the Puros area EPL	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> These has been noted for consideration.
15.		-Puros does not receive enough rain. Therefore, groundwater resources need to be protected.	



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16.		-The Conservancies have contractual agreements with tourism operators and we cannot go against the contracts for tourism.	
17.	Mr. Pollen Karutjaiva	-There are many tourism activities in the area of Puros and whoever went there to choose and apply for the EPLs, they should have seen the area that is purely for tourism and conservation.	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> Noted. With regards to someone to have gone to the area and decided to apply for the EPLs, in most cases and the case of Tamarillo, geologists do not necessary need to go to an area to apply for an EPL. This can be easily done by just looking at the geological map and archived information on historical exploration or mining activities in an area and applied at the MME. Advanced technology also made things easier nowadays to do certain studies or preliminary analyses remotely.
18.		-After mining commences, how will the Proponent control its people to move and live a conservation area? Have you ever come across conservation area where they are doing exploration?	<p><b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> Our EIA study is about exploration (searching) only and not mining (as I explained earlier that mining cannot be done on EPLs). However, for exploration, an EMP will be developed for the exploration activities which will contain management and mitigation measures on the presence of exploration team in the area, among other aspects to be managed and mitigated. The EMP usually has people assigned to its implementation such as an Environmental Control Officer (Health, Safety &amp; Environment Officer) as well as Exploration Manager.</p> <p>On whether I have come across exploration in a conservation area? Yes, I have and recently completed 2 EIA Studies for EPLs in the Tsiseb Conservancy about 40km and 50km west of the Brandberg Mountain. The only difference with these 2 EPLs is that they are far from communities that the consultation meetings were only done with the Tsiseb Conservancy Management and Traditional Authority in Uis. The Conservancy had provided their comments and will draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the EPL applicants once the ECCs and EPL certificates are issued and obtained, respectively. Even around Uis (where the mine is) which is under the Tsiseb Conservancy has active EPLs. Some of the pre-conditions that the Tsiseb Conservancy will include in the MoU are reporting to the Conservancy office before mobilizing to site, how many people (their names) would be onsite, their tasks and duration (how long). This will also include aspects like the Proponent's assisting the Conservancy with combating poaching while in the area (providing basic assistance to wildlife rangers</p>

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			<p>and reporting any suspicious activities to the Conservancy ad Police). The Conservancy would also select and approve sites for exploration campsite and access roads, if needed.</p> <p>It is truly just a matter of ensuring that the potential negative impacts that are foreseen during the EIA stage are properly mitigated during the exploration by implementing the EMP and all paperwork that need to be signed prior to exploration are in place.</p>
19.	Mr. Hans Kasaona	-We are making long-terms based on the future. We have learned to live with wildlife, and people have adapted to survive through conservation	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> Noted.
20.		-The conservation zoning are done to ensure that the area is less disturbed	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> Noted. We will have a look at the zoning maps and rate these areas into sensitivity to limit or avoid destructive activities in such areas, thus, maintaining a no to less disturbance status.
21.		-Most people are not used to seeing trucks and might start running into the wild (as they are marginalised)	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> This is noted. However, we need to remember that this exploration and it is not like there will be a convoy of heavy trucks roaming the area every day or even week. From experience, an EPL would usually have one truck only that comes onsite during trenching (transporting an excavator) and exploration drilling where the drill rig needs to be brought onsite. A second truck would come to the area once a week or twice a month to deliver goods and services ranging from water supply, exploration equipment and other project supplies. Therefore, the presence of more than 2 trucks at a time is unlikely. Furthermore, since exploration is a phased activity, the first months or even year of exploration there would probably only be 2 or 3 4x4 bakkies for soil and rock sampling whereby the team would probably stay in nearby accommodation establishments in the area during the sampling period.
22.		-During COVID-19 time, the lodges (tourism operators) in the area provided people with food parcels such as combos of maize flour, and Russians (sausages) to get by as there was no income. Do EPL owners provide food to the people like what the lodges did for the communities?	<p><b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> This is noted and commendable, and it was just fair and reasonable for the lodges to continue supporting the communities as they had been operating in the area and that should have formed part of the corporate social responsibility (CSR).</p> <p>EPL holders and or applicants who had EPLs at that time should have done the same if they had started working on the EPLs. However, knowing the process, some EPLs especially that were issued prior to</p>

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			2020 did not probably do the EIA studies to get environmental clearances yet which would have enabled them to start exploration at the time, to have made it possible to make such contributions. In some cases, EPL holders would still be looking for investors to start/fund both the EIA Study and exploration after or some have environmental clearances and are looking for investors to explore (actual prospecting and exploration activities). You can own an EPL but struggle to get investors, if you are not the investor and EPL holder at the same time. However, EPLs are time limited, i.e., they are valid for 2 years and MME expects a report on what you have done on the EPL, and this plays a role during the renewal process.
23.	Mr. Andries Liebenberg	-What is Tamarillo Investments' background?	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> Tamarillo Investments (Pty) Ltd is a Namibian registered company with BIPA (Business Registration No.: 2021/1071), postal address P.O. Box 22040 Windhoek, Namibia. The company is represented by an Accredited Agent, Mr. Johannes K. Engelbrecht. The company have applied for a couple of mineral licenses that it is intending on working on once certificates are issued by MME.
24.		-When is the cut-off date for comments?	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> The initial comments deadline was today, 04 August 2023 (as indicated on the newspaper adverts) but we usually allow a week to 2 weeks after the consultation meetings for further comments. Therefore, we will be receiving comments until 18 August 2023.
25.		-How do I&APs get notified going forward?	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> we will communicate through the email addresses provided.
26.	Mr. Tobias	-The areas overlain by the EPLs are demarcated for tourism. Therefore, the community cannot accept the EPLs.	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> This is noted for consideration the EIA Report.
27.	Mr. Archie Gambas	-In summary, the conservancies employ about 300 people in the tourism industry. There is also movement of elephants (protected species) in the area. Therefore, the proposed activities might jeopardize this.	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> This is noted for consideration the EIA Report.
28.	Mr. Paul Kasupi	-Most of these processes are done in Windhoek that MME makes decision there, but they overlook the Traditional	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> On the issue of MME making decisions in Windhoek and overlooking Traditional Authorities, we cannot comment on that as we do not know why. However, from our records of documentation received from Tamarillo, the Traditional Authority was engaged by the Tamarillo in 2022 whereby the EPL applicants, in this case Tamarillo was requested by MME to obtain a consent from the

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		Authorities in the areas. Why is it like this or why are we in these meetings?	Nami-Daman Traditional Authority as a pre-requisite for submitting applications for the EPLs – the 2 consent letters with conditions were issued to Tamarillo on 21 June 2022 This meeting is scheduled because of the EIA process, which is a requirement by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism pertaining to the Environmental Management Act and its EIA Regulations on environmental clearance applications.
29.	Mr. Robbin Uatokuja	-MME should consider revising the current Minerals Act to change they issue mineral licenses and make it more considerate for local communities	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> Noted. The MME will also see these meeting minutes because a copy of the EIA report and EMP are also submitted to their office at the end of the EIA process.
30.		-Other people in the country rely on fishing, agriculture, and we depend on wildlife (tourism), and this is the only thing we can generate income from for our livelihood.	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> This has been noted.
31.	Mr. John Kasaona	-We are not opposing development but we are just selective in terms of what we can take on (such as conservation) to uplift the communities & contribute to national development.	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> This has been noted.
32.		-The community is only against development such as the destructive ones (mining being one) that conflict their current activities.	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> This has been noted.
33.		-Some people come in areas under the pretence of exploration or mining but they want to use that as an excuse to even do illegal activities such as poaching wildlife.	<b>Ms. FS - Serja Consultants:</b> This has been noted for incorporation into the EIA Report.

There were no further questions or comments/concerns.

Ms. Shagama thanked the attendees for their time, inputs in the form of comments, suggestions, and issues/concerns. These inputs/comments made will be used to compile Meeting Minutes which will be shared within a week. These comments and issues will be used for form basis of the environmental assessment documents, i.e., to be incorporated into the ESA report and aid in drafting the EMP.

The meeting was closed and adjourned at 16h30.

CONSULTATION MEETING ATTENDANCE REGISTER

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON TWO EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSES (EPLS) NO. 8779 & 8780 LOCATED NORTHWEST OF SESFONTEIN IN THE KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA:

Project Proponent: ..... Tamarillo Investments Pty Ltd

Date & Time: ..... Friday 04 August 2023, 10h00 for 11h00 -

Venue: ..... Sesfontein Community Hall, Sesfontein Settlement

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**Appendix E: Issues, and Comments  
received from I&APs via email (pre-  
consultation meeting)**

**APPENDIX E: Comments, Issues and Concerns as received from some of the I&APs on the proposed exploration activities**

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**From:** Louis Nortje - Natural Selection [mailto: [REDACTED]@el]

**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 11:25 AM

**To:** eia@loudimaresources.com; Bernadus Hoeb [REDACTED]@ [REDACTED].com; eias.public@serjaconsultants.com

**Subject:** EPL 8779 and EPL 8780

Hi Fredrika,

We were not included in any of your notices . I heard of this from the Sesfontein Conservancy.

Can you please register Natural Selection Safaris as an interested and affected party to the 2 EPL EIA's ?

Our Hoanib Valley Camp operates in the same areas as the EPL's and the camp seems to be located right inside the areas.

**Timeline**

Is this EIA for exploration activities only?

Will a new EIA be done for the actual mining phase?

Starting date of project.

**Locations**

Provide exact locations of exploration activities in kml format.

Provide access routes to every location - kml format.

**Employment and skills**

How many community members will be employed

Temporary

Permanent

Unskilled positions

Skilled positions

Skills transfer: will it be on a significant level?

### **Development benefits**

No development benefits?

### **Air, noise, soil & visual pollution**

In a region this dependent on tourism, this is of major concern.

Apart from destruction of sense of place, noise and vehicle traffic have severe impacts on endangered and protected species - elephant, cheetah, rhino, lion.

Soil pollution has far-reaching impacts on ecological processes far from the site where the pollution originates.

### **Heritage**

Project is in a HIGHLY sensitive region for archaeological resources.

Provide copies of your Heritage Impact Assessments for every proposed site and all access routes.

Provide evidence of consent to develop from the Heritage Council - with reference to every individual site.

Regards,



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**Cc:** Hamish Hofmeyr - Wilderness; Tertius Knoetze - Wilderness; Alex Henderson - Wilderness; 'Desertlion Logist[REDACTED]'  
**Subject:** Registration as an interested an affected party EPL-8779 & 8780:

Dear Ms Fredrika Shagama.

Wilderness would like to register as an Interested and affected party with regards to the BID related to the EPL's in the attached document.

Wilderness operates a lodge (Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp) that is located adjacent to the EPL area and also operates tours through the area.

It is important to note that the area is finding itself in a gripping drought for an extended period of time.

There is very little wildlife in the area but important significant species occur in this area the described activity will further pressurise the small numbers of wildlife in the area in a significant manner.

Presently local communities rely on tourism and partnerships with tourism operators as the key source of funding and employment.

These types of exploration activity has a huge potential to have significant negative impacts on the pristine natural landscapes and the sense of place of the area.

The negative impacts of the described activity has huge potential to negatively influence and permanently scar the landscape and drive away sensitive high value wildlife like rhino, elephants and lions.

The Hoanib and Hoarusib rivers are the furthest northern area where Desert Adapted Elephants and Lions occur. There are also a few Desert Adapted Black Rhino in the area reside inside the EPL.

These animals are all key drivers for the tourism product in the area.

When disturbances like the described invasive techniques occur it has huge potential to disturb the wildlife and the environment.

In the Huab conservancy this has proved disastrous with the displacement of Rhino and eventually the tourism operator had to pull out of the area. This resulted in job losses and long term sustainable income.

The BID documents mentions a minimum of 8 persons with 2 skilled 2 semi-skilled and 4 unskilled persons. The tourism Jobs in the area in comparison represents in a quick tally at least 200 but most likely more permanent long terms jobs.

The activity will provide minimal jobs but place a huge amount of peoples jobs and our tourism investments at risk.

Please provide more details of the following

#### Dimension Stone Exploration

Down the hole drilling – Type of equipment, noise impacts, visual impacts in the potential sites.

Rock and soil sampling from small pits/trenches – Please describe the activity in more detail – how long / big will these pits and trenches be and the equipment used to create them.

These described potential impacts in the BID document are devastating, and it's not something an emp can fix.

- Potential impact on water resources and soils (over-abstraction and pollution),
- Air quality (compromise the surrounding air quality),
  - Visual impacts due to unrehabilitated disturbed site areas as result of trenching and drilling activities and dimension stone exploration,
  - Potential occupational health and safety risks,
  - Noise associated with exploration drilling and movement of heavy trucks to site,
  - Vehicular traffic safety & impact on local roads,
  - Environmental pollution (littering), and
  - impact on Archaeological and cultural heritage resources

These impacts are permanent and apart from what can be seen if the last Rhino's or elephants leave the area due to the disturbances caused they will not return again and the benefits to the local community is minimal.

1. Proponent details, Where is the company registered? Ownership?
2. What are the benefits for the local communities? (Apart from 4 jobs and perhaps a small amount of trade)

#### Key concerns

1. Disturbance of Wildlife that disburser from the Hoanib – Adjacent desert plains.
2. Disturbance of wildlife corridors for animal movement between the Hoanib and Hoarusib, Khumib river systems
3. Poaching of wildlife.
4. Its noted in the potential impact section that potentially contamination of ground water can occur – This is a huge problem in a desert environment where water is extremely scarce.
5. Impacts on the aesthetic qualities of the area and impacting its natural beauty and the areas sense of place.

Kind regards

Johan



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**Subject:** BID on EPL's

Good day Fredrika.

Please register Sanctuary Retreats as an IAP as we have not been notified on any of the above mentioned and were notified by other affected parties.

We would like to attend the meetings and would like to be kept up to date on the processes and progress.

We understand that this is the beginning phase, but as an Operator in these sensitive areas this would have a direct effect on us should exploration and/or mining commence. We would like to make sure that our operation in Purros and other operators and surrounding areas are not negatively affected as well as the environmental integrity of these pristine areas.

Regards,

**Andries Liebenberg**  
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**Appendix F: Issues & Response Trail for  
Comments received from I&APs via email  
(pre-consultation meeting)**



**APPENDIX F: Issues and Response Trail Received on the proposed prospecting and exploration activities on EPL-8779 & 8780**

The significant issues and concerns raised during the public consultation period (after advertising in the newspapers and from the Consultation Meetings) are noted/summarized below and responses provided thereof. These comments, issues and suggestions are presented as received under Appendix E.

No.	Name of I&AP, Date & Mode of Communication	Summary of the Comment/issue	Response by Serja HGE Consultants
<b>Comments, Issues, and concerns received via email prior the consultation meetings</b>			
1.	Louis Nortje on the 31 <sup>st</sup> of July 2023, via email	Is this EIA for exploration activities only?	Yes, the EIA/Scoping Assessment Study is for exploration activities only. This is because one is not allowed or cannot mine on an EPL. Mining can only be done or considered once the exploration activities yield positive (economic feasible) results, which would mean EPL holders with successful EPLs would need to apply for Mining Licenses (MLs), i.e., apply for the conversion of an EPL into a ML. The ML would then be subject to another detailed EIA Study with specialists which would follow this same process but on a detailed level, and apply for an ECC for mining activities. Therefore, the EIA for EPL-8779&8780 is for prospecting and exploration only (as required by the Environmental Management Act and Ministry of Mines & Energy (MME) to grant the EPLs)
		Will a new EIA be done for the actual mining phase?	Yes, if exploration activities provides results that are worthy of converting the EPLs or one of them into a Mining License (not guaranteed). Please refer to the response above.
		Starting date of project	The starting date for exploration is yet known because the EPL applicant needs to first have the EIA Study for it to be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism for evaluation and consideration of the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). This evaluation process can take up to 3 months minimum (rarely) and even up to 8 months or more. Once the ECC is approved and issued by the Environmental Commissioner (at MEFT), the Proponent will submit the ECC to the Ministry of MME for consideration of the granting the EPLs. Once the EPL certificate is issued, the Proponent will then prepare for exploration activities, but before moving to site, they will notify the stakeholders of their intended date of commencement and what type of activities will be done. Therefore, therefore, due to the paperwork and approvals involved, it can go up to 1 year or more, before the actual exploration activities can start.

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		Provide exact locations of exploration activities in kml format.	<p>The only location information available at the moment are the coordinates of the EPLs as provided by the MME. These are:</p> <p><b><u>EPL-8779 (11 corner points)</u></b></p> <p>-18.445899 13.081601, -18.445201 13.21299, -18.483499 13.224126, -18.56100 13.223202, 18.555902 13.30101, -18.545101 13.303100, 18.56000 13.342100, -19.022198 13.341499, -19.022198 13.263599, -19.022200 13.201284 and -19.021500 13.142900</p> <p><b><u>EPL-8780 (5 corner points)</u></b></p> <p>-18.413646 12.502123, -18.41080 13.065381, -18.445899 13.081601, -19.021500 13.142900 and -19.02960 13.03144.</p> <p>With that said, currently there are no exact exploration activities as the target sites will only be determined by the first activities such as soil sampling before trenching and drilling can follow (upon issuance of the ECC and EPL certificate). This information will be shared with all registered stakeholders/interested &amp; affected parties (I&amp;APs) when the time comes. It should also be noted that the areas of the EPLs are huge to increase the chances of finding something, however, this does not imply that every spot of the EPLs will be explored.</p>
		Provide access routes to every location – kml format.	Same as the preceding response.
		How many community members will be employed	The number of community members to be employed for the exploration activities will be dependent on their capability (locally available skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled) and project stages' needs. Please refer to Table 2-1 of the ESA Report (page 12).
		Temporary, Permanent, Unskilled positions Skilled positions, and Skills transfer: will it be on a significant level?	The work will be temporary as exploration is a time defined activity. Therefore, the workers will be needed during the exploration duration. Employment opportunities will be provided based on the project needs – please refer to Table 2-1 of the Report.

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		<p>Development benefits</p> <p>No development benefits?</p>	<p>These will be based on the potential positive impacts provided in the Report under section 7.1 and as assessed under section 7.4 (Table 7-3 from page 60 to 61).</p>
		<p>Air, noise, soil &amp; visual pollution</p> <p>In a region this dependent on tourism, this is of major concern.</p> <p>Apart from destruction of sense of place, noise and vehicle traffic have severe impacts on endangered and protected species – elephant, cheetah, rhino, lion.</p> <p>Soil pollution has far-reaching impacts on ecological processes far from the site where the pollution originates.</p>	<p>These issues were incorporated and formed basis of the environmental scoping assessment (ESA) report and provided for in the Draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP).</p> <p>Please refer to Table 7-3 of the ESA Report (under inclusive impacts' description and assessment of the potential negative impacts) as well as respective table rows in the Draft EMP (section 5.2, Table 5-1, "<i>Prospecting and Exploration Phase</i>" on page 15).</p>
		<p>Heritage</p> <p>Project is in a HIGHLY sensitive region for archaeological resources.</p>	<p>Yes, this has been assessed by a qualified and experienced Archaeologist from TARO Heritage Consultants who have carried several Archaeological &amp; Heritage Impact Assessments (AHIAs) throughout Namibia for EPLs, mining and other development projects of which consent letters have been issued. A write-up to the EIA Study has been done and incorporated into the Report and mitigation measures provided in the EMP, respectively. Given the fact that, the need for AHIA Reports and subsequent Heritage consents for EPLs are usually determined by the screening of EPLs by the Ministry of Environment, usually compulsory for EPLs in a highly sensitive Erongo Region, the AHIA is not required for the scoping assessment to submit the EIA report. However, the Archaeologist will undertake a study into the area and be present during intrusive exploration methods such as trenching and drilling for guidance.</p>

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		Provide copies of your Heritage Impact Assessments for every proposed site and all access routes.	The access routes to the exact exploration sites cannot be determined at this stage as the target sites will only be determined by the first activities such as soil sampling before trenching and drilling can follow (upon issuance of the ECC and EPL certificate). However, provision has been in terms of the wider area AHIA assessment and management and mitigation measures.
		Provide evidence of consent to develop from the Heritage Council – with reference to every individual site.	The need for the Heritage Consent (full AHIA Reports) for EPLs is usually determined by the screening of EPLs by the Ministry of Environment upon lodging an application on the ECC Portal. Heritage Consents are usually compulsory for EPLs in a highly sensitive Erongo Region. Based on the screening of these two EPLs by the Ministry of Environment on the Portal, the Consent is not required for this EIA. However, the Archaeologist have provided management and mitigation measures thereto – section 7.5 of the ESA Report and section 5.2, page 23 to 25 of the EMP, will undertake a study into the area and be present during intrusive exploration methods such as trenching and drilling for guidance.
2.	Johan Fourie on the 31 <sup>st</sup> of July 2023, via email	There is very little wildlife in the area but important significant species occur in this area the described activity will further pressurise the small numbers of wildlife in the area in a significant manner.	Noted. However, this impact has been provided for in the ESA Report (Table 7.3)
		Presently local communities rely on tourism and partnerships with tourism operators as the key source of funding and employment.	This has been well not. However, we do not believe that the localised and short-term exploration activities will have a significant negative impacts on the existing activities, if the EMP is effectively implemented and monitored as required.
		These types of exploration activity has a huge potential to have significant negative impacts on the pristine natural landscapes and the sense of place of the area.	This has been well noted, but we do not believe that the localised and short-term exploration activities will have a significant negative impacts on the existing activities, if the EMP is effectively implemented and monitored as required.
		The negative impacts of the described activity has huge potential to negatively influence and	

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		permanently scar the landscape and drive away sensitive high value wildlife like rhino, elephants and lions.	
		The Hoanib and Hoarusib rivers are the furthest northern area where Desert Adapted Elephants and Lions occur. There are also a few Desert Adapted Black Rhino in the area reside inside the EPL.	
		These animals are all key drivers for the tourism product in the area.	
		When disturbances like the described invasive techniques occur it has huge potential to disturb the wildlife and the environment.	
		In the Huab conservancy this has proved disastrous with the displacement of Rhino and eventually the tourism operator had to pull out of the area. This resulted in job losses and long term sustainable income	
		The BID documents mentions a minimum of 8 persons with 2 skilled 2 semi-skilled and 4 unskilled persons. The tourism Jobs in the area in comparison represents in a quick tally at least 200 but most likely more permanent long terms jobs.	The number of people to be employed for the exploration activities will be dependent on the project human resources needs and on their capability (locally available skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled). Please refer to Table 2-1 of the ESA Report (page 12). Furthermore, the exploration activities will not replace tourism jobs as the Proponent will need to undertake the work on the EPLs as required of them by the MME (if granted the EPLs). This does not also imply that the exploration activities will disregard

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		The activity will provide minimal jobs but place a huge amount of peoples jobs and our tourism investments at risk.	the existence of other important and uses/activities in the area nor operate irresponsibly. Thus, the EMP implementation and monitoring will be crucial for exploration to ensure that the potential negative impacts including existing job opportunities are minimized throughout the activities.
		Dimension Stone Exploration  Down the hole drilling – Type of equipment, noise impacts, visual impacts in the potential sites.	The detailed exploration activities for dimension stone such as drilling are basically meant at obtaining sample blocks for analysis, and the samples are reasonably smaller compared to actual dimension stone mining, i.e., no major extraction or quarrying apart from small site areas to obtain exploration samples and get sufficient exploration data for evaluation and determine feasibility for future mining – Please refer to the section 2.3, section 7.4 (Table 7.3, page 65 and management measures provided in the EMP, page 20.
		Rock and soil sampling from small pits/trenches – Please describe the activity in more detail – how long / big will these pits and trenches be and the equipment used to create them.	Please refer to Table 2-1, from page 12 to page 13 of the Report.
		These described potential impacts in the BID document are devastating, and it's not something an EMP can fix.	The statement is understandable and considered. However, these impacts are considered potential based on the project type, but it does not mean that they will all occur. This is because sometimes, exploration activities may only end at soil sampling or trenching without getting to drilling for instance, due to poor results analysis from soil or trenching samples. Prospecting and exploration activities are
		Potential impact on water resources and soils (over-abstraction and pollution),  -Air quality (compromise the surrounding air quality),  -Visual impacts due to unrehabilitated disturbed site areas as result of trenching and drilling activities and dimension stone exploration,  -Potential occupational health and safety risks,	localised and short-term because unlike mining, the aim of exploration is to collect samples for laboratory analysis, and these are collected from small localized and selected areas within the EPLs, and not necessarily dig around the whole area. In other words, exploration activities are minimal (small-scale and in extent), site specific bound - to be narrowed down (selected EPL sites only but not the whole EPL area) and short-term. Regardless, the management and mitigation measures are provided where certain potential negative impacts cannot be avoided, so that its significance can be reduced (which is the purpose of EIA studies). The EMP is a document developed, but its success would depend on its effective implementation and monitoring onsite throughout the activities. During monitoring, one (Environmental Control Office) and even stakeholders/I&APs would pick up where measures may not be properly

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		<p>-Noise associated with exploration drilling and movement of heavy trucks to site,</p> <p>-Vehicular traffic safety &amp; impact on local roads,</p> <p>-Environmental pollution (littering), and</p> <p>-impact on Archaeological and cultural heritage resources</p> <p>These impacts are permanent and apart from what can be seen if the last Rhino's or elephants leave the area due to the disturbances caused they will not return again and the benefits to the local community is minimal.</p>	<p>implemented or working or more is needed to be done to ensure environmental management and protection.</p>
		<p>1. Proponent details, Where is the company registered? Ownership?</p>	<p>Tamarillo Investments (Pty) Ltd is a Namibian registered company with BIPA (Business Registration No.: 2021/1071), postal address P.O. Box 22040 Windhoek, Namibia. The company is represented by an Accredited Agent, Mr. Johannes K. Engelbrecht (his contact details can be provided upon further request). The company have applied for a couple of mineral licenses that it is intending on working on once certificates are issued by MME.</p>
		<p>2. What are the benefits for the local communities? (Apart from 4 jobs and perhaps a small amount of trade)</p>	<p>The work will be temporary as exploration is a time defined activity. Therefore, the workers will be needed during the exploration duration. Employment opportunities will be provided based on the project needs – please refer to Table 2-1 of the Report.</p> <p>The potential positive impacts are also provided in the Report under section 7.1 and as assessed under section 7.4 (Table 7-3) from page 60 to 61.</p>
		<p>Key concerns</p>	<p>These issues were incorporated and formed basis of the ESA report and provided for in the Draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP).</p>

No.	Name of I&AP, Date & Mode of Communication	Summary of the Comment/issue	Response by Serja HGE Consultants
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disturbance of Wildlife that disburses from the Hoanib – Adjacent desert plains.</li> <li>2. Disturbance of wildlife corridors for animal movement between the Hoanib and Hoarusib, Khumib river systems</li> <li>3. Poaching of wildlife.</li> <li>4. Its noted in the potential impact section that potentially contamination of ground water can occur – This is a huge problem in a desert environment where water is extremely scarce.</li> <li>5. Impacts on the aesthetic qualities of the area and impacting its natural beauty and the areas sense of place.</li> </ol>	<p>Please refer to Table 7-3 of the ESA Report (under inclusive impacts' description and assessment of the potential negative impacts) as well as respective table rows in the Draft EMP (section 5.2, Table 5-1, "<i>Prospecting and Exploration Phase</i>" on poaching of wildlife, water resources use &amp; contamination/pollution and visual impacts).</p>
3.	Andries Liebenberg on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of August 2023 via email	The I&AP would like to make sure that their operation in Puros and other operators and surrounding areas are not negatively affected as well as the environmental integrity of these pristine areas.	<p>The potential issues/impacts associated with the proposed exploration activities have been incorporated into the ESA report and provided for in the Draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP).</p> <p>Please refer to Table 7-3 of the ESA Report (under inclusive impacts' description and assessment of the potential negative impacts) as well as respective table rows in the Draft EMP (section 5.2, Table 5-1, "<i>Prospecting and Exploration Phase</i>").</p>



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON TWO EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSES (EPLs) NO. 8779 & 8780 LOCATED NORTHWEST OF SESFONTEIN IN THE KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA: **AN APPLICATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ONLY**

The public is hereby notified that an application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism (MEFT) as required under the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 EIA Regulations. The proposed activities on two EPLs-8779&8780 is a listed activity that cannot be undertaken without an ECC from the MEFT. The applications for the EPLs were made to the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2022, and have not been granted yet, pending an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) as shown on the Namibia Mines and Energy Cadastre Map Portal ("Pending ECC") - <https://maps.landfolio.com/Namibia/>. The ECC is subject to an EIA or Scoping Assessment Study. Once approved and obtained from the MEFT, the ECC will be submitted to the MME for consideration of granting the EPLs.

**Project Proponent:** Tamarillo Investments (Pty) Ltd

**Environmental Assessment Practitioner (Consultant):** Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC

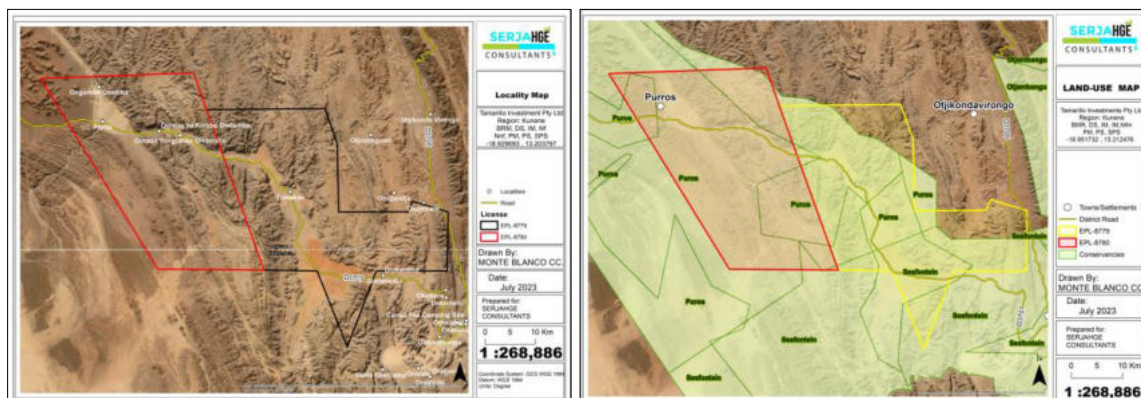
**Type of proposed Activity:** Prospecting and Exploration for Mineral Commodities potentially occurring on the EPLs, that include Base & Rare Metals, Dimension Stone, Industrial Minerals, Nuclear Fuel Minerals, Precious Metals, Precious Stones and Semi-Precious Stones.

**Location and Size of the EPL:** The two EPLs are bordering each other and located northwest of Sesfontein in the Kunene Region (as shown on the locality map below) and overlie the Puros and Sesfontein Conservancies. EPL-8779 and 8780 cover areas of 95,243.9533 and 95,492.8316 hectares (Ha).

Members of the public are therefore invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to comment/raise concerns or receive further information on the Environmental Scoping/Impact Assessment (ESA/EIA). Registration or comments' **submission should be done in writing**. Please note that the Consultation Meeting are as follows:

- **Date:** Friday, 04 August 2023
- **Time:** 14h30
- **Venue:** Sesfontein Community Hall, Sesfontein Settlement

The deadline for registration as I&APs and comments/concerns/issues requests is **Friday, 11 August 2023**.



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