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## ADDENDUM REPORT: PUBLIC CONSULTATION RECORD

Environmental clearance renewal and  
amendment application for ECC's 00715,  
00716 and 00896

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The addendum report was developed in response to the request by the MEFT: DEA to conduct public participation subsequent to the submission of the scoping report for the continued small-scale mining and exploration of semi-precious stones and precious stones now added to the client's portfolio.

The Proponent (Mr. and Mrs. Beukes) are in the process of carrying out exploration and small-scale artisanal mining activities, on legally held claims located approximately 30km south of Rosh Pinah, Karas Region, and Namibia. They jointly fund and manage the Project on all mining claims.

The Proponents intend to explore for and mine a sub-continental geological deposit for precious and semi-precious stones from serial claims 70814-70816, 71102-71111 and 71946-71950. The rationale behind this endeavour is potentially expanding national production of marketable precious and semi-precious stones, if yields permit.

This was made possible by the government of Namibia's promotion of industrialisation within its local economy more than a decade ago. The exploration process is still under way, and will continue for the duration of the environmental clearance period, if granted.

TLSP Enviro Services was appointed by Mr. and Mrs. Beukes to conduct an environmental scoping assessment (ESA) of the Project that will be used toward a renewal and amendment application of ECC 00715, 00716 and ECC 00896 issued under Section 37(2) of the Environmental Management Act (Act No.7 of 2007).

### 1.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The purpose of public participation is to engage with those interested in or affected by the proposed project through providing notices in various forms of notification stipulated in the regulations of the EM Act (2012). These forms of notifications include a) site notice boards, b) advertising in two national newspapers, and c) giving written notice to stakeholders / interested and affected parties.

#### 1.1.1 SITE NOTICE BOARDS

As per Section 21-2 (a) and 4 of the Environmental Management Act's regulations of 2012, site notice boards are to be placed at the boundary of or at the entrance to the site under assessment. Two site notice boards were erected at the boundary to the site close to the C13 road that bypasses the claims, in full view of all passing traffic. See Figures 1 and 2.



Figure 1 - Picture of a site notice board displayed



Figure 2 - Picture of a site notice board displayed

### 1.2.1 NEWSPAPER ADVERTS PLACED

As per Section 21-2 (c) Newspaper adverts were placed in three nationally circulating newspapers, which are the Republikein MarketWatch, the Allgemeine Zeitung and the Namibian Sun. The tear sheets of the advert's publications on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2023 in these circulars are shown in Appendix A.

### 1.3.1 PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting was scheduled for the 31<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 to be held in Rosh Pinah, the closest town to the project area, at 18:00PM. The venue for the meeting was at Amica Guesthouse. Although the details of the meeting were contained in the publicised adverts and in invitation letters (Section 21-2 (b)) sent to the stakeholders, no one attended the meeting. See Figure 3. The invitation letter to the meeting is contained in Appendix B.

Due to the fact that that T.E.S has not received any input from either the public or the identified and registered stakeholders of the Project and no attendance at the public meeting, it is evident that no opposition against the continuation of the Project exists.



Figure 3 - No attendance at the scheduled public meeting of the 31st of August 2023



## 2. CONCLUSION

T.E.S. on behalf of the Proponent complied with the criteria for public participation for the renewal and amendment of the mining claims application to the DEA. The proponent will need to maintain open lines of communication with all identified stakeholders throughout the duration of the ECC period should clearance be granted.



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## **APPENDIX A: NEWSPAPER ADVERT PUBLISHED**







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the Mining activities on ML 198, Kunene Region, Namibia

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## **APPENDIX B: STAKEHOLDER INVITATION LETTER**

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## Interested & Affected Party / Stakeholder

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

**Subject: Invitation to Participate in Ongoing ESIA for Renewal and Amendment of Environmental Clearance Certificate Application, Mining Claims 70814-70816 (ECC 00716) and 71946-71950 (ECC 00896) and 1112 -11111 (ECC 22115), Karas Region.**

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Beukes (the holders of the above mining claims) to invite you to participate in the ongoing Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) process for the renewal and amendment of their current Environmental Clearance Certificates (ECC) conducted by T.E.S.

As a neighbour, your participation is highly valued, and we believe that your expertise and input will be beneficial to the ESIA process. Our goal is to foster transparency and reach mutual agreement on matters pertaining to the ESIA and the proposed mining activities.

The ESIA process aims to comprehensively assess the potential environmental and social impacts associated with the proposed mining activities on these claims. By involving stakeholders like you, we aim to ensure that the project is conducted in a sustainable manner and that any adverse effects are effectively mitigated.

Your participation may involve attending meetings, providing expert opinions, sharing local knowledge, and offering feedback on key documents and findings. We understand the importance of your time and expertise and will provide the necessary information, documentation, and support to facilitate your engagement in the ESIA process.

A public meeting will be held about the Project in Rosh Pinah. The venue is **Amica Guesthouse, Conference Room @ 18:00 PM to 20:00 PM on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2023.**

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our dedicated ESIA team at info@tesnam.com. We are available to address any queries or provide clarifications as needed.

Thank you for considering our invitation, and we hope that you will accept our request to join us in this important endeavour. Your collaboration will contribute to responsible mining practices that are in harmony with the environment and local communities.

We look forward to your attendance and the opportunity to work together in the ESIA process.

**Yours sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lester Harker', written in a cursive style.

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