

## APPENDIX C- EVIDENCE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The following was advertised in the 'Republikein, Sun, and Allgemeine Zeitung' newspapers on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

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MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2020

# Donkerhoek begs council for toilets

## Health hazard

Residents claim they've been living without proper toilets for the past 30 years.

Donkerhoek informal settlement residents in Khorixas want the Khorixas town council to speed up construction of toilets as the residents have been without toilets since Independence 30 years ago.

In interviews with *Nampá*, residents said it is a health hazard to live with

dug at some homes as toilets and to walk long distances to the bushes when nature calls and proper toilet facilities will be the only solution.

One of the residents, Selma Naruses, 36, said that living in informal settlements does not mean that they have to be denied basic services such as proper toilets.

"I have been living here my whole life and I would like them to build toilets for us. Councilors have come and gone with their empty promises. It is evident that they only wanted votes. It is a safety risk for us especially women and girls to walk distances just to relieve ourselves especially at night," she said.



About 5 000 people live at Donkerhoek. PHOTOS NAMPÁ

She added that with diseases such as Hepatitis E now, people living in the informal settlement here will easily contract the disease.

### 'Ghettos'

Maria Katimus, 40, suggested to the town council to at least build one block of toilets for residents to use. "I think building a toilet at every house in the informal settlement will take more than 10 years. If they

could put up a structure with even four toilets that would be okay for now. That will show that they really care for us. After all these years why is there not even a single toilet for us that are staying in these ghettos? It is because they do not care because they have toilets at their homes," she said.

Alphues Xamseh, 39, said: "I would like the council to at least build dry toilets for us at every house like we are seeing at farms. Imagine firms



The chief executive officer of the Khorixas town council, Andreas JHowoseb.

have toilets but we staying in a town don't have that."

In a recent interview with *Nampá*, Khorixas town council CEO, Andreas JHowoseb said: "The council has prioritised the provision of toilets to residents in informal settlements for the 2020/21 financial year. The first priority will be the planning of the sewerage system for toilets in Donkerhoek." The informal settlement has about 5 000 inhabitants. -Nampá

**NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES FOR BASE AND RARE METALS AND PRECIOUS METALS IN THE OTJOZONDJONA REGION, NAMIBIA**

Environmental Compliance Consultancy CC (ECC) hereby gives notice to the public that an application for an environmental clearance certificate in terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 1 of 2007 will be made to the following:

Applicant: **Kuiseb Copper Company (Pty) Ltd**  
 Environmental Compliance Consultancy  
 Khomas and Otjozondjona Regions, Namibia

Location: **Project Exploration activities on EPL 7526, 7528, 7530, 7531, 7532, 7533, 7534, 7535, 7536, 7537, 7538, 7539, 7540, 7541, 7542, 7543, 7544, 7545, 7546, 7547, 7548, 7549, 7550, 7551, 7552 for base and rare metals and precious metals in the Otjozondjona Region, Namibia**

**Proposed activity:** The proposed project is to carry out exploration activities for base and rare metals and precious metals in the Khomas and Otjozondjona regions in the Otjozondjona, Erongo and Kunene areas of southern Namibia. Exploration methods may include an airborne electromagnetic survey (AEM), ground truthing, ground sampling, geological mapping and geophysical surveys. Disturbance resulting from drilling may occur at a later stage should initial test results appear viable.

**Application for environmental clearance certificate:** In terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 1 of 2007, ECC on behalf of Kuiseb Copper Company is required to apply for an environmental clearance certificate from the competent authority, the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism for the above-mentioned project.

**Purpose of the review and registration period:** The purpose of the review and registration period is to introduce the proposed project and to afford interested and affected parties (I&A) an opportunity to register and comment on the Terms of Reference (ToR) and to ensure that potential issues and concerns are brought forward, captured and considered further in the assessment process.

**Registration period:** Effective from 21 September 2020 – 12 October 2020.

**How you can participate:** ECC is undertaking the required environmental assessment and public participation process in terms of the Act. I&As and stakeholders are required to register for the project at: <http://www.environmental.com.na>

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## Robust results' for Capricorn

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The analysts added: "The results were driven by strong top-line growth as net interest income increased by 2.3% y/y [year-on-year] and non-interest income delivered growth of 11.7%. The growth in net interest income was underpinned by a 5.3% y/y increase in advances, bringing the size of the advances book to N\$40.08 billion."

"Overall, the results are reasonably resilient given the economic environment," IJG said.

Cirrus commented: "While the results are good, and even better than expected, FY21 (financial year 2021) should be a more difficult period for the group with lower interest income and customers remaining distressed."

"Overall, Capricorn Group's response to a challenging year showed resilience and sustainability in our operations and people," Prinsloo said. He elaborated: "By ensuring the well-being of the business, our employees and clients as a priority during the pandemic, Capricorn Group endured and performed well under extremely challenging conditions. Bank Windhoek, our flagship brand, delivered strong results.

"Profitability was under pressure in



The financial director of Capricorn Group, Jaco Esterhuysen. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

the last three months of the financial year. The significant reduction in Namibia's repo rate by 225 basis points impacted Bank Windhoek's profits directly, declining by 9.8% compared to last year," Prinsloo said.

### NPLs

Cirrus said Capricorn's non-performing loans increased by N\$300 million during the twelve months under review to N\$1.9 billion. "This resulted in the NPL [non-performing loans] ratio increasing to 4.7% from 4.1% in the previous comparable period. The segmental breakdown showed that Bank Windhoek's NPLs increased 20.5% to N\$1.47 billion from N\$1.22 billion a year ago. Bank Gaborone report-

ed a 15.3% increase in NPLs during the period to BWP291.2 million or N\$198.2 million," Cirrus said.

Capricorn explained: "Impairment charges increased by 146.1% to N\$304.3 million for the year under review. Almost half of the increased charges is a direct result of stressed and prudent economic overlays, reflective of a severely depressed economic outlook applied to the expected credit loss models. The balance of the increase is mainly due to the prudent approach applied by the group in determining expected credit losses given the current economic circumstances where many customers are experiencing financial distress."

### Dividend

Capricorn declared a final dividend of 20c per ordinary share. Considering the interim dividend of 30c per ordinary share, this represents a total dividend of 50c per ordinary share.

"The total dividend per share for the year under review is 24.2% lower than the total dividend per share declared for the previous financial year. We believe that the total dividend balances prudence with a fair dividend yield for shareholders," Capricorn said.

One of the factors taken into account of the determination of the dividend was "the call by bank regulators to restrict dividend payments".

"As a consequence, Bank Windhoek's final dividend to the Group was 45% lower than the previous year," Capricorn said.

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The agriculture and forestry sector surged to 47.2 percent in real value added during the second quarter of 2020. PHOTOS NAMPA



Acceleration in the health sector is owed to the easing of the fiscal consolidation policy in the sector, coupled with the emergence of the pandemic.

## Easing of fiscal consolidation policy

# Agriculture, ICT, health drives growth

**ICT grew due to increased activities in the usage of data as demand surged up for data and calls as workers switch from working from offices to homes.**

The real Gross Domestic Product contracted by 11.1 percent during the period under review, compared to a decline of 3.6 percent in the same quarter of 2019.

**Drivers**  
The deeper reduction in the domestic economy was observed across all sectors of the economy,

except for agriculture and forestry, ICT and health. The poor performance of the economy was mainly due to the impact of measures that were put in place to combat the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, NSA says.

The agriculture and forestry sector surged to 47.2 percent in real



**Statistician-General** of the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) Alex Shimuafeni.  
PHOTO NAMPA

value added during the second quarter of 2020, relative to a steeper contraction of 31.8 percent registered during the same quarter of 2019, NSA added.

The main driver for the improved performance stems from an increase in activities of the crop farming sub-sector, which posted a massive

growth of 296.7 percent in real value added compared to decline of 61.0 percent in the corresponding quarter of 2019. The positive performance in the sector is attributed to the number of minutes used that increased during the period under review, the report further indicates.

-Nampa

The Namibian Statistics Agency (NSA) recorded improved performances in the agriculture and forestry, information and communication technology (ICT) and health sectors, according to the Producer Precise Index report.

The improved growth rates of 47.2 percent were recorded for agriculture and forestry, 11.0 percent for ICT, and 6.0 percent for the health sector, compared to the previous quarter in 2019.

"The ICT sector's growth results from increased activities in the usage of data as demand surged up for data and calls as workers switch from working from offices to homes," NSA pointed out.

This was further exacerbated by demand from higher institutions switching from face-to-face teaching to online learning. Acceleration in the health sector is owed to the easing of the fiscal consolidation policy in the sector, coupled with the emergence of the pandemic that saw increased activities resulting in the employment of more health workers to assist in containing the disease, NSA emphasised.

**NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES FOR BASE AND RARE METALS AND PRECIOUS METALS IN THE KHOMAS AND OMAHEKE REGIONS, NAMIBIA**

Environmental Compliance Consultancy ECC (ECC) hereby gives notice to the public that an application for an environmental clearance certificate in terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 will be made as per the following:

**Applicant:** Kuiseb Copper Company (Pty) Ltd  
**Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP):** Environmental Compliance Consultancy Khomas and Omaheke Regions, Namibia

**Project:** Exploration activities on EPL 7541, 7520, 7525, 7530, 7535, 7537, 7538, 7539, 7540, 7541, 7542, 7543, 7544, 7545, 7546, 7547, 7548, 7549, 7550, 7551, 7552 for base and rare metals and precious metals in the Khomas and Omaheke Regions, Namibia.

**Proposed activity:** The proponent proposes to carry out exploration activities for base and rare metals and precious metals in the Khomas and Omaheke regions in the Otjozondjupa, Erongo and Kunene areas of eastern Namibia. Exploration methods may include an airborne electromagnetic survey (ionospheric, coarse line spacing) and ground truthing, soil and rock chip sampling, geological mapping and geophysical surveys. Exploration trenching and drilling may occur at a later stage should initial test results appear viable.

**Application for environmental clearance certificate:** In terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007, ECC on behalf of Kuiseb Copper Company is required to apply for an environmental clearance certificate from the competent authority, the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism for the above-mentioned project.

**Purpose of the review and registration period:** The purpose of the review and registration period is to introduce the proposed project and to afford Interested and Affected Parties (IAAPs) an opportunity to register and comment on the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and to ensure that potential issues and concerns are brought forward, captured and considered further in the assessment process.

**Registration period:** Effective from 21 September 2020 – 12 October 2020

**How you can participate:** ECC is undertaking the required environmental assessment and public participation process in terms of the Act. IAAPs and stakeholders are required to register for the project at: <https://www.environmental.com.na/>

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Website: <http://www.environmental.com.na>  
Project ID: ECC-20-300-ACT-00-0

**NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 7760 HARBAP AND KHOMAS REGIONS, NAMIBIA**

Environmental Compliance Consultancy ECC (ECC) hereby gives notice to the public that an application for an environmental clearance certificate in terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 will be made as per the following:

**Applicant:** Jiri Peng Investments (Pty) Ltd  
**Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP):** Environmental Compliance Consultancy Harbap and Khomas Regions, Namibia

**Project:** Exploration activities on EPL 7760 for base and rare metals, dimension stones, industrial minerals, and precious metals on EPL 7760. The EPL surrounds the Rehoboth town, within the Hardap Region and extends into the Khomas Region to the east. Exploration methods may include geological mapping, soil sampling, geophysical surveys, trenching and drilling.

**Application for environmental clearance certificate:** In terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007, ECC on behalf of Jiri Peng Investments (Pty) Ltd is required to apply for environmental clearance to the competent authority (Ministry of Mines and Energy) and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism for the above-mentioned project.

**Purpose of the review and registration period:** The purpose of the review and registration period is to introduce the proposed project and afford Interested and Affected Parties (IAAPs) an opportunity to register and comment on the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and to ensure that potential issues and concerns are brought forward, captured and considered further in the assessment process.

**Registration period:** Effective from 21 September to 12 October 2020

**How you can participate:** ECC is undertaking the required environmental assessment and public participation process in terms of the Act. IAAPs and stakeholders are required to register for the project at: <https://www.environmental.com.na/>

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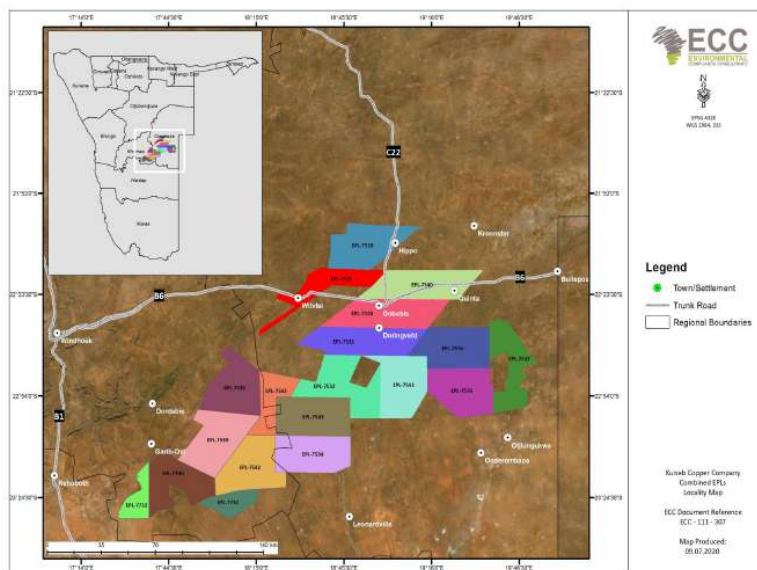
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## APPENDIX C.2 SITE NOTICE, LETTERS AND REGISTRATION FORM

### NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES FOR BASE AND RARE METALS AND PRECIOUS METALS, IN THE KHOMAS AND OMAHEKE REGIONS, NAMIBIA

Environmental Compliance Consultancy cc (ECC) hereby gives notice to the public that an application for an environmental clearance certificate in accordance with the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 will be made as per the following:

<b>Applicant:</b>	Kuiseb Copper Company (Pty) Ltd
<b>Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP):</b>	Environmental Compliance Consultancy
<b>Location:</b>	Khomas and Omaheke regions, Namibia
<b>Project ID:</b>	ECC-113 - 309



**Project:** Exploration activities on EPLs 7528, 7529, 7530, 7531, 7532, 7533, 7534, 7535, 7536, 7537, 7538, 7539, 7540, 7541, 7542, 7543, 7730, 7731, 7732 for base and rare metals and precious metals in the Khomas and Omaheke regions, Namibia.

**Proposed activity:** The proponent proposes to carry out exploration activities for base and rare metals and precious metals in the Khomas and Omaheke regions in the Gobabis, Witvlei and Doringveld areas, of eastern Namibia. Exploration methods may include an airborne electromagnetic survey (non-invasive, coarse line spacing) and ground truthing, soil and rock-chip sampling, geological mapping and geophysical surveys. Exploration trenching and drilling may occur at a later stage should initial test results appear viable.

**Purpose of the review and registration period:** The purpose of the review and registration period is to introduce the proposed project and to afford Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) an opportunity to register and comment on the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and to ensure that potential issues and concerns are brought forward, captured and considered further in the assessment process.

**Registration period:** Effective from **21 September 2020 – 12 October 2020**.

**How you can participate:** ECC is undertaking the required environmental assessment and public participation process in terms of the Act. I&APs and stakeholders are required to register for the project at: <https://eccenvironmental.com/projects/>





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ECC Ref: ECC-113-309-LET-64-A  
22 September 2020

Identified Stakeholder and or Potentially Interested Party for:  
Kuseib Copper Company Exploration Activities

Dear Sir or Madam:

**RE: NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES FOR BASE AND RARE METALS AND PRECIOUS METALS ON EPLs 7528, 7529, 7530, 7531, 7532, 7533, 7534, 7535, 7536, 7537, 7538, 7539, 7540, 7541, 7542, 7543, 7730, 7731, 7732 IN THE KHOMAS AND OMAHEKE REGIONS, NAMIBIA.**

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) has been engaged by Kuseib Copper Company (Pty) Ltd (the Proponent) to act on their behalf for the environmental clearance certificate application for the proposed exploration activities for base and rare metals and precious metals on EPLs 7528, 7529, 7530, 7531, 7532, 7533, 7534, 7535, 7536, 7537, 7538, 7539, 7540, 7541, 7542, 7543, 7730, 7731, 7732 in the Khomas and Omaheke regions, Namibia.

ECC is conducting the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 and will be submitted to the competent authority and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism for a record of decision.

The proposed project is to conduct mineral exploration activities on EPLs 7528, 7529, 7530, 7531, 7532, 7533, 7534, 7535, 7536, 7537, 7538, 7539, 7540, 7541, 7542, 7543, 7730, 7731 and 7732. As part of the proposed exploration project, the following activities are envisaged, which shall be confirmed, as the exploration program is refined:

- Airborne geophysical surveys (non-invasive, coarse line spacing);
- Potential creation of access tracks, where existing tracks cannot be utilised;
- Limited vegetation clearing for the creation of tracks, and survey access; and
- Ground exploration activities may include soil and rock-chip sampling, geological mapping, geophysical surveys, temporary trenching, drilling and drill-core sampling.

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MEMBERS: J L MOONEY & JS BEZUIDENHOUT  
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This letter is intended to engage stakeholders and potentially Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of the project and provide a communication channel to ECC for the project. You have been identified as either a stakeholder, interested or affected party; therefore ECC wishes to inform you of how you can become involved in the project.

Public participation is an important part of the EIA process, as it allows public and stakeholders to obtain information about the proposed project. Public participation occurs at various stages throughout a project lifecycle including:

- Advertising in newspapers;
- Distributing a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) to identified stakeholders and I&APs;
- Registered I&APs will also be informed of the available draft scoping report for a 7-day comment and review period, during this period I&APs will have the opportunity to review the draft document and raise any issues or concerns, and
- Stakeholders and I&APs who wish to register as an I&AP must do so on the ECC website as per the link provided below: <https://eccenvironmental.com/projects/>

If you are unable to complete the registration form online please email [info@eccenvironmental.com](mailto:info@eccenvironmental.com) and request an electronic copy of the form that you can complete, sign, scan and return via email to [info@eccenvironmental.com](mailto:info@eccenvironmental.com) to register as an I&AP for the project.

ECC values community input and participation in our projects and we look forward to working with you as the project develops.

The NTS can also be obtained from our website and provides a brief overview of the proposed project <https://eccenvironmental.com/projects/>

Should you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Yours sincerely,



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**INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES REGISTRATION FORM**

**PROJECT DETAILS**

**ECC Project Reference:** ECC-113-309 Kuseib Copper Company

**Project Title:** Exploration Activities on EPL 7528, 7529, 7530, 7531, 7532, 7533, 7534, 7535, 7536, 7537, 7538, 7539, 7540, 7541, 7542, 7543, 7730, 7731, 7732

**Applicant:** Kuseib Copper Company (Pty) Ltd

This form serves to register Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) for the above-mentioned project(s) and to solicit input and participation. This form will be submitted to the competent authority for consideration in the decision making process.

INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&AP) DETAILS	
Title (Mr/Mrs/Dr/Prof.):	
First Name:	
Surname:	
Cell Phone:	
Telephone other:	
Email Address:	
Postal Address:	
Organisation and/or property description (if landowner/lawful occupier)	
Stakeholder Group (please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Member of Affected Community <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial or Government Official <input type="checkbox"/> Local or District Official
GENERAL INTEREST IN THE PROJECT	
Please describe the nature of your interest in this project.	



**INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES REGISTRATION FORM**

<b>GENERAL INTEREST IN THE PROJECT</b>	
Do you have any specific concerns associated with the Project (for example: water, soil, pollution, Cultural or historical)?	
If you know of anyone else who should be informed about the project, please provide their contact details:	
<b>Title (Mr/Mrs/Dr/Prof.):</b>	
<b>First Name:</b>	
<b>Surname:</b>	
<b>Cell Phone:</b>	
<b>Telephone other:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Postal Address:</b>	
<b>Organisation and/or property description (if landowner/lawful occupier)</b>	

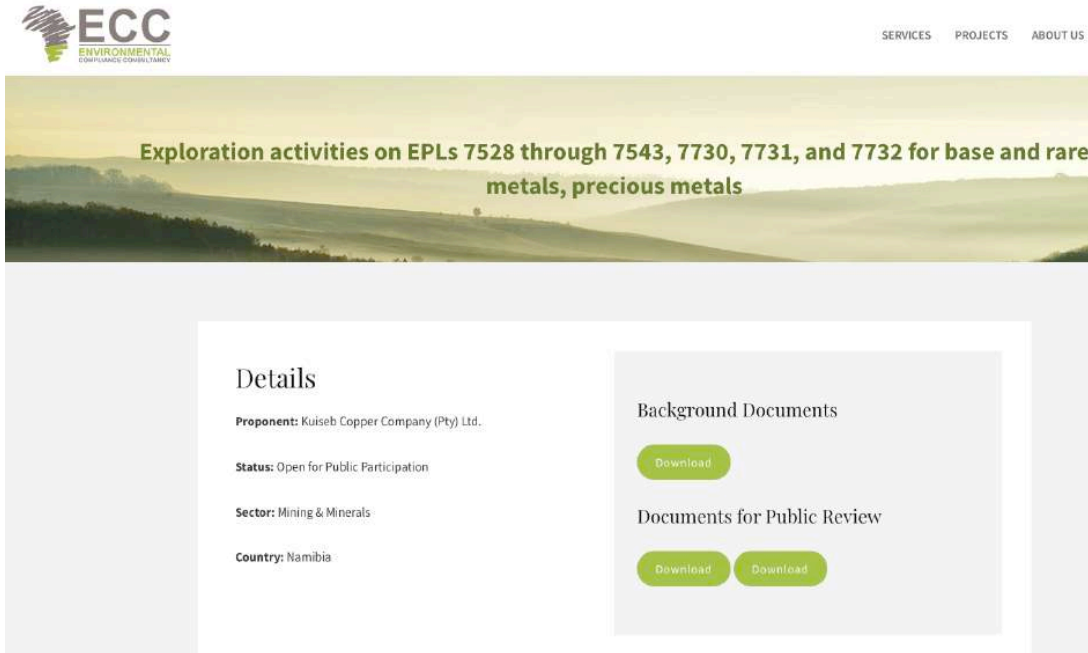
ECC respectfully requests that you please sign this letter and return it to [info@eccenvironmental.com](mailto:info@eccenvironmental.com) to confirm that you have received notification with regard to the above, and to ensure that your comments, concerns or objections are recorded. All comments, queries, and concerns must be received via this I&AP registration form and questionnaire or alternate means. Please note that only registered I&AP's will included in future correspondence regarding this process.

Signed..... Name..... Date.....



**Environmental Compliance Consultancy website:**

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### **APPENDICX C.3**

Commentary log of comments received from registered I&APs.

TABLE 8 - LOG OF ALL COMMENTS AND RESPONSES GENERATED THROUGHOUT PUBLIC CONSULTATION

NO.	CHAPTER	SECTION	I&AP / STAKEHOLDER COMMENT RECEIVED	STAKEHOLDER DETAILS	RESPONSE / CLARIFICATION
<b>COMMENTS RECEIVED BASED ON THE ADVERTIS PUBLISHED AND THE NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY PROVIDED TO REGISTERED INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&amp;APS)</b>					
1.	-	-	The project advertised today ECC-113-309-ADT-60-A does not appear on the website. When will same be listed? regards	Mr. Ronald L Kubas 21.09.2020	Response from ECC 21.09.2020 Dear Mr. Kubas,  Thank you for your enquiry. Please note that the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) also referred to as a background document is now available on our website by following the link below. This document introduces the project and sets out the means of engagement between interested and/or affected parties (I&APS) and the consultant (ECC).  <a href="https://eccenvironmental.com/project/exploration-activities-on-epls-7528-through-7543-7730-7731-and-7732-for-base-and-rare-metals-precious-metals/">https://eccenvironmental.com/project/exploration-activities-on-epls-7528-through-7543-7730-7731-and-7732-for-base-and-rare-metals-precious-metals/</a>
2	-	-	Dear Madam/Sir,  on Friday morning 9th October 2020 I noticed a person on the C 23 road to Leonardville setting up the notification board on our farm, not far from our farmyard,	Ursula Lüsse 12.10.2020	Response from ECC 13.10.2020 Dear Mrs. Ursula Lüsse,  Thank you for your email.  ECC is currently in the Public Participation phase of

	<p>announcing the environmental assessment..... for project exploration 7528 etc.....</p> <p>Had I not seen the board by coincidence we wouldn't have known about it and the already almost run-down registration period until the 12th of Oct 20 would have expired.</p> <p>Herewith I am complaining about the notification procedure which is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- too late</li> <li>-indirectly, unpersonally and anonymously</li> </ul> <p>I am appealing you to inform the public in a way that potentially interested and affected parties can actually be involved. The way it was done now creates the impression of deliberate negligence and causes a mistrust that is definitely not in mutual interest.</p> <p>I recommend that you get addresses of farmers association where the information could be spread with more people knowing what it is all about and what to do.</p> <p>Thank you in advance</p> <p>Kind regards</p>		<p>the assessment, which is to collect the details of direct and indirectly affected or interested parties through various means including site notices placed on or along the boundary of the project site.</p> <p>In addition, adverts were published in The Namibian Sun, Republikein, and Allgemeine Zeitung newspapers on the 21st and 28th of September 2020.</p> <p>Kindly take note that prior to the placement of the site notices in and around the project area, ECC has been in communication with the Farmers Associations for the Gobabis and Witvlei areas to gather information and compile a list of directly affected farm owners. Thus far only a few names could be retrieved, while the respective associations are still busy collecting more details on our behalf. The association has confirmed that it would distribute the draft environmental impact assessment document and management plan to its members once it is received.</p> <p>Although the legislation stipulates that Interested and Affected Parties (I&amp;AP) should be afforded a period of 21 days to raise their comments and concerns, ECC still accepts any comments raised after the stipulated period. Therefore, should anyone like to comment on the project prior to its submission to the government, you are welcome to do so.</p>
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			<p>Ursula Lüsse</p>		<p>In the meantime, we have registered you as an I&amp;AP for the project and will appreciate if you could provide us with details of your neighboring farmers in order for us to register them and keep them informed throughout the process.</p> <p>Kindly find the attached Non-Technical summary as well as the letter to stakeholders.</p> <p>For any further information, do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.</p>
3	-	-	<p>Dear Madam/Sir,</p> <p>On Sunday 11 October 2020 late afternoon I was informed of a board next to the road (C23) on my farm that wasn't there on Saturday morning. I drove there just to see it is a notification board, announcing the environmental assessment .... Exploration activities on EPLs 7528, 7529, 7530 ect.</p> <p>Had someone not noticed the board by coincidence and let me know about it, the already almost run-down registration period until 12 October 2020 would have expired.</p> <p>Herewith I am complaining about the notification procedure which is:</p>	<p>Ms Irene Human (12.10.2020)</p>	<p>Response from ECC 13.10.2020</p> <p>Dear Ms Human,</p> <p>Thank you for your email.</p> <p>ECC is currently in the Public Participation phase of the assessment, which is to collect the details of direct and indirectly affected or interested parties through various means including site notices placed on or along the boundary of the project site.</p> <p>In addition, adverts were published in The Namibian Sun, Republiken, and Allgemeine Zeitung newspapers on the 21st and 28th of September 2020.</p> <p>Kindly take note that prior to the placement of the</p>

			<p>too late and completely out of order indirectly, impersonal and anonymously I am appealing you to inform the public in a way that potentially interested and affected parties can actually be involved. The way it was done now creates the impression of deliberate negligence and causes a mistrust that is definitely not in mutual interest.</p> <p>I recommend that you get addresses of farmers from the NAU or the different farmers associations where the information could be spread with more people knowing what it is all about and what to do.</p> <p>Thank you in advance</p> <p>Kind regards</p>		<p>site notices in and around the project area, ECC has been in communication with the Farmers Associations for the Gobabis and Witvlei areas to gather information and compile a list of directly affected farm owners. Thus far only a few names could be retrieved, while the respective associations are still busy collecting more details on our behalf. The association has confirmed that it would distribute the draft environmental impact assessment document and management plan to its members once it is received.</p> <p>Although the legislation stipulates that Interested and Affected Parties (I&amp;AP) should be afforded a period of 21 days to raise their comments and concerns, ECC still accepts any comments raised after the stipulated period. Therefore, should anyone like to comment on the project prior to its submission to the government, you are welcome to do so.</p> <p>In the meantime, we have registered you as an I&amp;AP for the project and will appreciate if you could provide us with details of your neighbouring farmers in order for us to register them and keep them informed throughout the process.</p> <p>Kindly find the attached Non-Technical summary as well as the letter to stakeholders.</p> <p>For any further information, do not hesitate to</p>
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					contact us. Thank you.
4	Chapter 4 and EMP	Section 4.3 Section 4.8, 4.9 and EMP	more details on scope of mining water usage secure environment security road usage and much more issues	Werner & Renate Bader (12.10.2020)	Response from ECC 13.10.2020 Standard ECC I&AP acknowledgement reply with the stakeholder letter and Non-Technical summary attached to e-mail.
5	-	-	Dear Ms Nangula,  kindly contact Nina Farmers Association: ninaboevereniging@gmail.com in order to cover a number of potentially I&APs and please also attach a detailed map of the proposed undertakings.  Kind regards Ursula Lüsse	Ms Ursula Lüsse (12.10.2020)	Response from ECC 13.10.2020 Dear Ms, Lüsse, As requested, kindly find the attached detailed map, but should you require a map for a specific EPL, kindly let me know. I have also attached KMZ files outlining the borders of the EPLs and the Farm boundaries. Dear Nina, @ ninaboevereniging@gmail.com, As suggested by Ms. Lüsse I have attached an excel sheet with the farm details, kindly provide me with the necessary information (email address, contact number, and postal address) that you have for the farmers affected by this project. Should you require any further information, do not hesitate to contact us.
6	-	-	Good day Mr's Nangula  The board of the Nina Farmers Association	Ms Iris Stehn (16.10.2020)	Dear Ms. Stehn, Thank you for your response. That would be greatly

			<p>held yesterday its meeting. It was decided that we are going to inform OUR members.</p> <p>We can't speak for those who are not members of our association and therefore you need to follow up your information with neighbouring farmers.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Iris Stehn</p>		<p>appreciated.</p> <p>Would you kindly provide us with your details and that of your members for us to communicate with them in writing? (Email and postal addresses).</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
7	-	-	<p>Dear Ms. Amwele</p> <p>We received the attached information from our Farmer's Union on 15/10/2020.</p> <p>Please note that I direct this to you just in an effort to understand what the implications of this may be, and that by no means are we trying to just be "difficult".</p> <p>Although I can only speak from my own viewpoint and do not have authorisation to do so on behalf of others, I wish to mention some points:</p> <p>1. This is the first time that we had any mention of these activities in our area. Apparently, an information sign had been put up at Farm Gum-gams, about 60km from</p>	<p>Mr Herman Kuschke 16.10.2020</p>	<p>Clarifications or responses to each individual point raised follows below.</p> <p>I&amp;AP COMMENT (Mr. Hermann Kuschke) ECC RESPONSES</p> <p><b>1. Response to point 1:</b> Thank you for informing us of the poorly chosen site location for this sign, we would like as many affected people to see it – as we are not in the area we would be most appreciative if you would or someone would like to move it to a more suitable location.</p> <p>Please also note that four additional site notices were placed at various locations within the broader project area including Gobabis and Witvlei.</p> <p><b>2. Response to point 2:</b> All comments received after the 28th of September are still valid and will be incorporated into the assessment reports. We really value stakeholder input, so we keep these windows open to allow for continued engagement.</p>



8	<p>us at Farm Constance, on a road which we almost never use and therefore we will not see such a sign.</p> <p>2. If the 21 days since 28/9/20200 is still applicable, then please note that I am particularly concerned, even though most of us have no idea of what the consequences of this operation may be.</p> <p>3. I also wish to request you to explain to us exactly what this whole operation means, and what are the practical consequences that may follow.</p> <p>4. Please also inform us who the applicant of the prospecting licence is – we need to know what may happen on farmland which is our bread and butter.</p> <p>Kind regards Hermann Kuschke</p>	<p>Mr Jandre van der Schyff 16.10.2020</p>	<p>Standard acknowledgement email was sent on the 19th October 2020.</p> <p><b>Response to point A:</b> At ECC our team use a variety of channels to reach out to, and establish contact with potentially interested or affected parties, some of the tools are more effective than others, please allow us to explain our approach: o Firstly, we access a database of farm owners and</p>
	<p>I herewith confirm that I'm acting on behalf of the following property owners - 1. H.S. van der Schyff, Deeds ID FMIL/00400/00REM, Anaboom (previous owner was P.G. Pretorius); 2. B. Venter, Deed ID FMIL/00400/00002,</p>		<p><b>3 Response to point 3:</b> The details of the proposed project will be further explained in the EIA report to be made available to all the registered I&amp;AP in due course. We would be willing to have a call with you to explain should this be of interested, kindly let me know.</p> <p><b>4. Response to point 4:</b> Kuiseb Copper Company (Pty) Ltd in Joint venture partnership with Rio Tinto. - Kuiseb Copper is a Namibian company with sound exploration experience and knowledge. The company is only interested in base metals (for example Copper and Silver).</p>

	<p>Anaboom (previous owner F. G. de Jager); 3. D.F. du Plessis, Deeds ID FML/00092, Ivanhoe; 4. W.P. Michau, Deeds ID FML/00469/00003, Hertzog (previous owner W.S. Michau) and Deeds ID FML/00590, Tunis (previous owner W.S. Michau); 5. C.J. Labuschagne, Deeds ID FML/00408/00001, Auhelb (previous owner P.G. Pretorius),</p> <p>Please register all the above-mentioned parties as relevant I&amp;APs (contact details will follow below) -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. H.S. van der Schyff: jawds@gmail.com &amp; schyffes@iway.na</li> <li>2. B. Venter: venter@iway.na</li> <li>3. D.F. du Plessis: duples@iway.na</li> <li>4. W.P. Michau: skaiarabians@iway.na</li> <li>5. C.J. Labuschagne: labuschagnestoffel@gmail.com</li> </ol> <p>A. None of the above-mentioned parties have received any communication regarding this application directly from ECC. Note that all the property owner information, except that of D.F. du Plessis, is wrong on the excel spreadsheet indicating the properties directly affected by the prospecting right application. This is a point of worry as it</p>		<p>details from the Ministry of Land Reform (Deed office) – unfortunately, it is often the case, that the information on this governmental database is not accurate – but this is always our starting point. This is why some of the details in our excel are incorrect as they are sourced directly from the Government database.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Secondly, we then try and verify this list and amend such details with entities/organisations and individuals on the ground through a public participation process (this is the phase we are currently in).</li> <li>o We then place adverts in the newspapers as another means to try and establish a connection to potentially interested or affected parties (Please note that newspaper notices were placed in three national newspapers for a two- week period (21/09/2020 and 28/09/2020)</li> </ul> <p>\$ The purpose of the advert is to notify the public of the assessment and invite them to register their interest in the project in order to receive more information and to be consulted with on an ongoing basis throughout the EIA process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Thirdly we also place site notices in locations where people can see then as another means to try and establish contact with potentially interested or affected parties.</li> </ul> <p>- Please understand that at no point in time is it ECC's intention to utilise wrong information on purpose and for this reason ECC has reached out to the farmers unions known to us within the project</p>
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	<p>proves that the consultation process is not as effective as might be expected. Please indicate how ECC will rectify this issue?</p> <p>B. It is mentioned in the NTS document that activities will be generally low-impact and non-intrusive, but that exploration activities might be "scaled up" depending on the exploration findings. Please define "scaled up".</p> <p>C. It is furthermore mentioned that "temporary trenching" might make part of the ground exploration activities. We are of opinion that "temporary trenching" cannot be considered as low-impact nor non-intrusive. What will the extent of such trenching entail? And what will the rehabilitation thereof entail should it be decided that trenching should make part of the ground exploration activities?</p> <p>D. Under paragraph 2.6 Potential Impact of the Project very few impacts have been identified as potential impacts. Are these all the impacts identified by ECC?</p> <p>E. It is mentioned under paragraph 2.6.2 Environmental that some potential vegetation loss due to possible tracks creation, the vegetation is expected to</p>		<p>area.</p> <p>- We would appreciate your cooperation with the provision of up-to-date contact details of your members with email addresses as this will greatly assist us in reaching the correct people.</p> <p><b>Response to point B:</b> Exploration programs generally commence with geological analytical activities i.e., desktop analysis of geological aerial maps, geological mapping, aerial surveys, soil sampling, etc. Depending on the findings from these initial activities more invasive methods (i.e., drilling) may be required to verify results and to zone in on a location of interest should something be identified in the first phase.</p> <p><b>Response to point C:</b> Trenching will only become an option in the rare event that drilling is not suitable for the project for various geological and/or logistical reasons. More often than not simple soil sampling is conducted in preference to trenching. Rehabilitation of any exploration "feature" within the landscape will happen through a collaborative process between the explorer, the farmer, and the environmental consultants.</p> <p><b>Response to point D:</b> The full spectrum of impacts assessed will be outlined in the environmental impact assessment report that will be made available to all registered I&amp;APs for review and commentary in due course. The impacts are developed and assigned mitigation measures as the project progresses and as more information</p>
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	<p>recover fully during ensuing rain seasons. Please elaborate on this point in the case where trenching might occur and whether the restoration of the environment will be as simple as recovering during ensuing rain seasons, seeing that these properties affected are fully dependent on vegetation for the successful operation of the farms.</p> <p>F. It is mentioned that the use of resources, which include surface and groundwater, might be utilized during the exploration activities. Please indicate how the proponent is planning to approach this aspect.</p> <p>G. It is mentioned under paragraph 2.6.2 that minor risk of loss of contaminant of hydrocarbon, chemical or drill fluids from exploration activities potentially leading to localised ground contamination; this aspect will be controlled at all times. Please indicate how this potential impact will be controlled and mitigated.</p> <p>H. Under paragraph 3, which discusses the alternatives to the project, it is written that the activities shall be specific to the EPLs, which were granted by the MME. Please confirm whether the MME has already granted the EPLs or whether it is still to be</p>		<p>becomes available to us.</p> <p>Impacts are identified by ECC and also by the community in the consultation phase – which is why we are going to such lengths to make contact with them.</p> <p><b>Response to point E:</b> During exploration activities, the first option is for the proponent to use existing roads or tracks to access work sites. However, sometimes drill sites are required in areas without road access, in which case new temporary tracks need to be created. To do this, minimal vegetation will be cleared if necessary and to required standards. The Environmental Management Plan (EMP) provides recommendations in this regard to preserve root systems for example and to preserve the extracted topsoil to resurface the track once drilling is completed. This is always communicated with the farmer and agreed on, and all relevant permits will be obtained.</p> <p><b>Response to point F:</b> If water is to be obtained directly from a farm owner's borehole a signed agreement between the farm owner and the proponent will ensue. Access agreements will also be formalised and signed between both parties, and all relevant permits will be obtained.</p> <p><b>Response to point G:</b> The Environmental Management Plan will contain practical measures to be implemented on site to ensure proper containment structures are put in place as well as monitoring and management activities to ensure</p>
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	<p>granted.</p> <p>Is it accurate to say that the alternatives do not take into consideration location alternatives, but merely operational alternatives?</p> <p>I. Please confirm in which stage the EISA currently is.</p> <p>J. It is mentioned under paragraph 4.1 that vegetation clearance might occur due to the creation of tracks and access, but also possibly for the set up for survey teams field camps. Please elaborate on the possible survey teams field camps and what it will entail.</p> <p>K. A major concern is the water resource development, and that groundwater might have to be abstracted on the properties for the exploration activities. Please elaborate on how this aspect is planned to be approached in these areas considering that water plays a vital role in the day-to-day farming operations.</p> <p>L. Please indicate whether there will be any Stakeholder meeting (it is mentioned that it is only a possibility).</p>		<p>compliance to such measures.</p> <p><b>Response to point H:</b> The EPLs have been granted by the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME). Alternatives are predominantly operational and technical alternatives.</p> <p><b>Response to point I:</b> The EIA is at the beginning of the process and we have commenced with the Public Participation Process (PPP) stage.</p> <p><b>Response to point J:</b> If they are required, details of field camps will be contained in the assessment report. Please see chapter 4 within this assessment report.</p> <p><b>Response to point K:</b> The proponent aims to buy water from the local authority as their first point of call.</p> <p>Abstraction via private boreholes are subject to a mutually beneficial written agreement between the farm owner and the proponent.</p> <p>Should new boreholes be sunk, this will be subject to an abstraction permit from the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and land reform.</p> <p><b>Response to point L:</b> Yes, we certainly intend to have meetings with the stakeholders.</p> <p>An initial meeting was held with the Namibia Agriculture Union on Thursday 22nd October 2020. At this meeting it was resolved that all communication to farm owners should be channeled through their respective farmers unions.</p>
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			<p>M. Please indicate what the next steps in the process will be and when we can expect any elaborated reports regarding the exploration activities.</p> <p>Regards</p>		<p><b>Response to point M:</b> After public participation the reports will be developed which will include all comments received from the public participation phase and incorporated. The draft documents will then be circulated to all registered I&amp;APs to review and comment on. From those comments received the Final reports will be drafted and submitted to government.</p>
9	-	-	<p>"Good day, Various NAU members have contacted us with regard to your attached map and list of names. Our Executive Manager, Mr Roelie Venter, would like to make an appointment with you to get more information about your exercise so that we can inform our members accordingly. Would it be possible to meet with a representative from your firm on Monday, 19 October 2020 at 10:00 or 11:00? I look forward to your feedback and thank you in anticipation. Kind regards Erika Namibia Agricultural Union (NAU)"</p>	<p>Mrs Erika von Gierszewski Namibia Agricultural Union 16.10.2020</p>	<p>Response from ECC on 19.10.2020 Dear Mrs. Erika, Thank you for your email, an appointment has been made with Mr Venter for this coming Thursday at 10am in Windhoek regarding this. Our office is located at 1 Jan Jonker Way Klein Windhoek. With kind regards, Jessica Bezuidenhout (Mooney) P.S. The meeting with the NAU was rescheduled for the 22.10.2020</p>
10	-	-	<p>Good day Lovisa,</p>	<p>Mr. Jandre van der Schyff</p>	<p>Dear Mr. van der Schyff,</p>

			<p>Thank you for elaborating on the concerns we've raised thus far.</p> <p>Just to clarify, are there going to be a public meeting scheduled to directly consult property owners as well?</p> <p>Regards</p>	23.10.2020	<p>We had a meeting with Mr. Venter from the NAU yesterday.</p> <p>In that meeting, it was resolved that ECC would attend the Gobabis and Windhoek Regional Agriculture Union's (RAU) remaining quarterly meetings to introduce the EIA process in person and address all concerns that any farm owner may have with regards to this project.</p> <p>Once we have established contact with the unions and ascertained dates for this year, the unions will communicate our attendance to their members accordingly.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
11	-	-	<p>Hi Lovisa,</p> <p>This email only has to do with one property - Ivarhoe, D.F. du Plessis (FML/00092).</p> <p>I've attached a map to this email for your reference. You will notice that the property at hand has a very small part being affected by the PR application (EPL-7543).</p> <p>The property owner has asked whether the proponent will consider removing that small part of the PR area from the property, excluding the property from the PR</p>	<p>Mr. Jandre van der Schyff</p> <p>23.10.2020</p>	<p>Response from ECC on 23.10.2020</p> <p>Dear Mr. van der Schyff,</p> <p>Thank you for your query (as per the attached email).</p> <p>The licence area has been granted by the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME).</p> <p>The proposed exploration program may initially include an airborne survey which will then allow the client to zoom in on areas of potential interest. Until the airborne survey work is completed it will be difficult to determine which areas are of interest</p>

			<p>application? The area is ±290ha.</p> <p>Looking forward to hearing back from you.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Thank you for your feedback Lovisa. We'll wait for the results of the aerial survey then.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Jandré van der Schyff</p>		<p>or not.</p> <p>We thank you for your understanding, if anything is unclear please do not hesitate to ask.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
12	-	-	<p>Good morning Lester,</p> <p>Attached please find the Farm Details – Kuiseb Copper Company. You will note that there are numerous farms whose owners are not members of the MAU. However, I think the spelling of some farm names are wrong and thus show as non-members on our member list.</p> <p>Furthermore I herewith attach a list of the Regional Agricultural Unions and Farmers Association managements for the Khomas and Omaheke regions.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	<p>Mrs Erika von Gierszewski</p> <p>Namibia Agricultural Union</p> <p>29.10.2020</p>	<p>Response from ECC on 30.10.2020</p> <p>Thank you for this Erika</p> <p>It is highly appreciated.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Lester Harker</p>
13	-	-	<p>Good evening,</p> <p>Just for clarification on your side, the ECC you send us is not applicable to our farm</p>	<p>Wilfried and Sonja Pack</p> <p>11.11.2020</p>	<p>Response from ECC 23.11.2020</p> <p>Dear Wilfried and Sonja Pack,</p> <p>Thank you for your e-mail received on the 11</p>



			<p>Grünental as we have an EPL 7029 registered.</p> <p>Before sending out this information, make sure to reach the correct farm owners in the Omaheke Region.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>		<p>November 2020.</p> <p>Please accept our apologies for wrongly including you in our email sent out to potentially Interested and Affected Parties (I&amp;AP's) on this project.</p>
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**COMMENTS RECEIVED BASED ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AND EMP PROVIDED TO REGISTERED INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&APs)**

1	-	-	<p>PLEASE CALL ME URGENTLY</p> <p>JEAN MARAIS SC</p> <p>0811500117</p> <p>And</p> <p>DEAR LESTER,</p> <p>THANK YOU FOR THE PROMPT RESPONSE. IT IS APPRECIATED.</p> <p>REGARDS</p> <p>JEAN MARAIS SC</p>	<p>Mr. Jean Marais</p> <p>11.11.2020</p>	<p>Response from ECC 11.11.2020</p> <p>Dear Mr. Marais,</p> <p>Thank you for your email and telephone conversation earlier.</p> <p>As per your request to know whether or not your farm De Jager 279 is potentially affected, we can confirm that it is covered over by EPL 7534. However, your farm does not fall within the area of interest delineated for the exploration project.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further assistance.</p>
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