

A Public Consultation Report

Prepared to Support an Application to Amend an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) to Allow for Exploration of Base and Rare Metals Group (BRMG) and Industrial Minerals Group (IMG) on Mining Claim (MC-70725)

Karibib District, Erongo Region

August 2023

INFORMATION SHEET				
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MEFT Application No.	: APP-002312			
Applicant	Mr Jeano Foelscher Box 67 : KARIBIB Erongo Region Namibia			
Report Status	: Final			
Report Date	: August 2023			

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The project proponent is a small-scale miner (SSM) who has been mining semi-precious stones (SPS) in the Erongo Region for almost twenty years. In June 2018, the proponent pegged and registered one mining claim (MC) for SPS mining. The number designated to the MC by the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) is 70725, i.e. MC-70725. An Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) was granted for the operation on 17 April 2023.

The particulars of the project proponent and those of the MC are presented in Table 1 and 2 respectively. On the same MC, the SSM has plans to conduct exploration for a variety of minerals in tandem with SPS mining. This decision was precipitated by the results obtained from grab samples taken from MC-70725 which yielded good grades for tin, tantalite and lithium.

To validate the extent of mineralisation of BRMG and IMG minerals on the MC, the promoter would like to conduct exploration in terms of section 31(1(b) of the Minerals Act. This will require the SSM to have BRMG and IGM listed on the Mining Claim Registration Certificate (MCRC) which is not the case now. The current MCRC only specifies SPS as target minerals. When the Mining Commissioner was approached by the SSM to list BRMG and IMG on the MCRC, the SSM was advised to have the ECC amended.

This report has been prepared following a public consultation process conducted into the envisaged exploration activities.

1.2 THE PROMOTER

The particulars of the project proponent are presented in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Particulars of the Promoter

Name	Jeano Foelscher (Mr)
Contact No.	081 785 8576
Email:	j.foelscher@yahoo.com
Occupation/Profession	Small-scale Miner
Years of experience	±20 years
Postal Address	Box 67 Karibib
Physical Address	14 Richthoma Street Vineta Swakopmund

1.3 DETAILS OF THE MINING CLAIM

The details of the MC on which exploration activities will be conducted are presented in Table 2. The exploration footprint is also indicated as a percentage of the total area covered by the MC.

Table 2: Details of the MC Held by the SSM

MC Registered No.	Date MC Pegged	Current MC Status	Coverage (ha)	Current Mineral Group	Proposed Mineral Groups
MC-70725	29 June 2018	Application	15.15	SPS	BRMG & IMG
Total (ha)			15.15		
Exploration Core Drill Hole Footprint (5%)			0.7		
Estimated potential mining footprint – 60%			9	Exact footprint will exploration	be determined after

1.4 ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

An Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC – 2300296) allowing SPS mining was granted to the proponent 17 April 2023 and is valid until 17 April 2026.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCES

Public Participation Process (PPP) is an integral part of the EIA process, as outlined in section of 27(1) (h) of the Environmental Management Act and section 32 of Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations. Experience has demonstrated that effective Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is depended upon the full and rigorous participation of the community in which the proposed project, in this case the exploration of IMG and BRMG on the aforesaid MC-70725.

2.1 OBJECTIVES

One of the key objectives of the scoping assessment is to identify stakeholders or Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs), and to invite such IAPs to participate in the EIA process. Through the PPP, IAPs are provided an opportunity to express their concerns, make contributions and input and or to propose workable solutions. In broader terms, the objectives of the PPP are, amongst others, the following:

- To sensitize and to make the general public aware of the proposed exploration activities to define minerals classified in these categories - IMG and BRMG that can be mined economically.
- To outline the environmental impacts associated with the envisaged exploration and how such impacts can be minimised to acceptable levels.
- To ensure transparence and accountability in the decision-making process and therefore
 reducing conflict and misunderstanding, since decisions (i.e. granting of mineral rights and ECC)
 are deemed to have been made through a process which ensured transparence involving all the
 parties, the landowners and SSM.
- To ensure that the SSM secure the approval of the landowner which gives the proponent some measures of assurance and a sense of partnership with the landowner and in so doing to prevent unnecessary disputes and costs associated with litigations.

2.2 EIA ANNOUNCEMENT

The EIA was announced in the local newspapers on the dates as shown in the Table 2 below. Given that the MCs are located on a private commercial farm, and the proponent having held the four MCS for close to eighteen years the need to have a public meeting at Karibib or Omaruru was waived.

2.3 BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

A Background Information document (BID) on the project was prepared and made available to everyone who respondent to the EIA and quested the document. The BID was made available to landowner. The EIA was announced in the media on the date as shown in Table 2.

2.4 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

Table 3: EIA Newspaper Adverts

Date	Publication	Distribution	Language	Publication Rate
5 May to 11 May 2023	Confidante	Nationwide	English	Weekly, Friday to Thursday
12 May to 18 May 2023	Confidante	Nationwide	English	Weekly, Friday to Thursday
5 May 2023	The E-Villager	Nationwide	English	Daily, Mon to Fri
12 May 2023	The E-Villager	Nationwide	English	Daily, Mon to Fri

2.5 IDENTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS

One of the objectives of the PPP is to identify all possible stakeholders to the EIA. Listed in Table 2 below, are names of public officials representing Organs of State who have a direct bearing to the listed activity being assessed.

For this Scoping Assessment, interested and affected parties have been identified as landowners, neighbouring farms (as affected parties) and the holders of mineral rights or Mining Claim holders who are both interested and affected parties.

Table 4: Statutory Stakeholders (State Organs)

Names	Organization	Role	Remarks
Mr Timoteus Mufeti	MEFT	Environmental Commissioner	
Dr Caroline !Garus-Oas	MEFT	Dep Environmental Commissioner	
Ms Saima Angula	MEFT	Dep Director, DEA	
Mr Damian Nchindo	MEFT	Chief Environmental Officer	BID
Mr Hiskia Mbura	MEFT	Chief Environmental Officer	
Mrs Isabella Kandji-Chirchir	MME	Mining Commissioner	
Mr Abraham lilende	MME	Deputy Director, Mineral Rights	
Mr Brian Beukes	MME	Chief Mineral Rights	
Mrs Minsozi Sibeso	MME	Dep Director, SSM	BID
Hon Neville Andre	ERC	Governor	
Hon J Kambueshe	ERC	Chairman, ERC	
Hon John Amutenya	ERC	Omaruru Constituency Councillor	BID
Hon Melanie Ndjago	ERC	Karibib Constituency Councillor	BID
Ms L H Doëses	ERC	Chief Regional Officer	
Ms S Kauari	ERC	Director: Development Planning	BID

2.6 ENGAGEMENT WITH IAPS

Communication was held with the Farm Manager of Farm Omapyu Sud, Mr Willem Alweendo who confirmed that Mr Jeano Foelscher has been mining SPS on his MCs for many years. In fact, the farm was purchased by the Ministry of Defense about ten years ago and all existing mineral rights were retained and respected by the new landowner. The farm is operated as game farm and has a small lodge where hunting guests are accommodated.

According to Mr Alweendo – the farm management has good working relationship will all SSMs mining tourmalines on the property.

2.7 PROOF OF NEWSPAPER ADVERTS

Tear sheets from newspapers listed in **Table 2** are attached to this report as proof of advertisements.

3. COMMENTS

No comments were received from anyone.



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Enquiries: Isabella Shilongo

Our Ref:

NOTICE FOR OBJECTIONS

ALLOCATION OF VARIOUS ERVEN BY WAY OF PRIVATE TREATY IN TERMS OF SECTION 63(2) (3) OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACT, ACT 23 OF 1992

The Oranjemund Town Council intends to sell erven thereof as indicated in the table below by way of private treaty in terms of Section 63(2), (3) of the Local Authorities Act, Act 23 of 1992.

Maps with all the relevant information with respect to the erven or portions thereof are available for inspection at the offices of the Oranjemund Town Council, % 8th Avenue and 12th Street, during working days, from 07:30 to 16:30 hours.

All interested parties are called upon to lodge any objections against the intended sale of the below erven. Objections, and the grounds thereof, must be in writing, in a sealed envelope clearly marked "OBJECTIONS TO SALE OF VARIOUS ERVEN", Notice Number: 02/2021, addressed to the Office of the Acting Chief Executive Officer, P.O Box 178, by not later than Tuesday, 9th May 2023, at 12:00 hours.

SALE OF VARIOUS IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED PROPERTIES

Purchaser	Erf No	Size	Extension	Zoning	Council Resolution
		(M)			
Vintage Properties Developers	1540	778	Extension 5	Residential	(C/050/15/06/2021/3th
Real Estate (Pty) Ltd					OCM 2021)
Vintage Properties Developers	1541	778	Extension 5	Residential	(C/050/15/06/2021/3th
Real Estate (Pty) Ltd					OCM 2021)
Vintage Properties Developers	1542	742	Extension 5	Residential	(C/050/15/06/2021/3th
Real Estate (Pty) Ltd					OCM 2021)
Vintage Properties Developers	1543	540	Extension 5	Residential	(C/050/15/06/2021/3th
Real Estate (Pty) Ltd					OCM 2021)
Vintage Properties Developers	1544	540	Extension 5	Residential	(C/050/15/06/2021/3th
Real Estate (Pty) Ltd					OCM 2021)



All official correspondence must be addressed to the Chief Executive Office



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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 NAMES

(Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the establishment and mining of Base and Rare Metals, Dimension Stone, Industrial Minerals, Non-nuclear fuel minerals and Precious Metals and Precious Stones on mining claims; 73709, 73710 & 73712 in the Kunene Region, Namibia.

PROJECTS LOCATION: The mining claims are located approximately 35 Km South-west of Opuwo in the Kunene Region

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project involves conducting Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) for the establishment and mining of Base and Rare Metals, Dimension Stone, Industrial Minerals, Non-nuclear fuel minerals and Precious Metals and Precious Stones on mining claims; 73709, 73710 & 73712 in the Kunene Region.

PRO IECT INVOLVEMENT:

Proponent: Mr. Malauli Mateu

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 on or before Friday 12th May 2023.

Public meeting will be held as follows: Date: Saturday, $6^{\rm th}$ May 2023

Meeting venue: Pekungurua Village Meeting place, Kunene Region Time: 10h00 a.m.

Mobile: 0815720258



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: Xinfeng 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 **09/05/2023**.

Public meeting will be held on 13 May 2023, Time: 10h00, Venue: Uis Community hall in Uis. The meeting will also cover concerns pertaining to mining activities on mining claims: 70515 & 70516, 73409 - 73418, 74090 - 74098, 74119 - 74121, 74164 - 74168 & 74155 - 74163



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Mining Claims	MC-67922, MC-67923, MC-68561, MC-68562, MC-71159, MC-71307, MC-71334, MC-72114 & MC-73382			
Location of MCs	The MCs are registered with the Ministry of Mines and Energy and pegged on three commercial farms situated in the district of Omaruru, Erongo Region			
Holder of MCs	Mr Joano Foelscher			
EIA Consultant:	Ekwao Consulting	Fax: 088 645 026 Cell: 081 418 3125 Email: <u>ekwao@iway.na</u>		
Closing Date:	Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) are hereby invited to register for the EIA in order to receive a Background Infrmation Document (BID) on the aforesaid activities. Furthermore, IAPs are invited to participate in the EIA process by submitting comments and/or concerns that they may with respect to the			

proposed listed activities to Ekwao Consulting by not later than 26 May 2023.

Local Cosmetics

Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub (USAID TradeHub) deal.

lipumbu said these steps show the importance of combined joint efforts by all stakeholders to improve Namibia's business and trade competitiveness in the global market.

"These initiatives are a testament to Namibia's trade and manufacturing sector's rapid development with the vision to identify new ideas and trends that shall harness our capabilities, to deliver more benefits to our people," she said.

According to research, about 6,000 people in rural communities get their income from the harvesting of Marula nuts, of which 90% are women.

Co-founder and CEO of Saneta Investment Nampa Nengola said, as a cosmetic producing company and exporter, they face several challenges when it comes to exporting their products, the biggest one being shipping costs and tariff.

"The clients have to pay several import duties depending on the country they are exporting from," she explained. The company exports to countries like Germany, Spain and France.

Nengola said access to capital is also hampering their ability to export their products to the European market.

She further stated that the excitement comes when their local products are being sold outside the country and making an income in foreign currency.

"But I think the challenges are much more than what is exciting. So if there was more support we could increase our product volumes because even though I told you that we do export, we are not exporting at the volumes that are sufficient to sustain us as a business," she pointed out.

Nengola said that opportunities are there for other local producers if the challenges can be navigated together with the SMSEs and the government. "Yes, there is more potential, there are more opportunities as long as cosmetic producers are given more support to get over those challenges. But the opportunities are definitely there".

The company exports its products via both airfreight and oceanfreight, depending on the customers request.

However, she said the inconvenience only comes when there are additional charges that the customer did not expect.

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NOTICE

Take notice that HARMONIC TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANTS CC. Town and Regional Planners, on behalf of the owner of the respective erf, intends to apply to the Mariental Municipality for the:

- Rezoning of Portion 120 A Portion of Portion C of the Farm Koichas No.89 from "Undetermined" to "Special" for the establishment of shops, offices, a bottle store and General **Business Buildings.**
- Consent to start with the construction and use the Erf in accordance with the new zoning while the rezoning is in progress.

Portion 120 A Portion of Portion C of the Farm Koichas No.89, measures ± 1,4420 hectares in extent and is zoned "Undetermined". The proposed rezoning to "Special" will enable the erf owner to establish shops, offices, a bottle store and will enable the owner to erect a business building on the property.

Sufficient parking for the development will be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Mariental Zoning Scheme.

Further take notice that the plan of the erf lies for inspection on the town planning notice board at the Mariental Municipality and at Harmonic Town Planning Offices, 76B Pasteur Street, Windhoek West.

Further take notice that any person objecting to the proposed use of the land as set out above may lodge such objection together with the grounds thereof, with the Mariental Municipality and with the Applicant in writing within 14 days of the last publication of this notice (final date for objections is Friday, 02 June 2023).



Contact: Harold Kisting Harmonic Town Planning ConsultantsCC Town and Regional Planners P.O. Box 3216 Windhoek Cell 081 127 5879 Fax 088646401 Email: hkisting@namibnet.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMANENT CLOSURE OF PROPOSED PORTIONS A & B OF ERF 3059 (STREET), NOMTSOUB EXTENSION 8 AS "STREETS" (PORTIONS A & B/3059, NOMTSOUB EXTENSION 8 ARE $\pm 2486 M^2$ IN EXTENT) AND WILL BE REZONED TO "INSTITUTIONAL".

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 50 (1) (a) (ii) of the Local Authorities Act of 1992 (Act 23 of 1992) that the Tsumeb Municipality proposes to close permanently the under-mentioned erf as indicated on locality plan, which lies for inspection during office hours at the office of Town Planning, Tsumeb Municipality Offices, Moses Garoeb Street, Tsumeb.

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Objections to the proposed closing are to be served on the Secretary: Urban and Regional Planning Board, Private Bag 13289, and the Chief Executive Officer, Private Bag 2012, Tsumeb within 14 days after the appearance of this notice in accordance with Section 50 (1) (c) of the above Act.

Applicant: Nghivelwa Planning Consultants Issued by: The Chief Executive Officer P O Box 40900 Tsumeb Municipality Private Bag 2012, Tsumeb Ausspannplatz Tel: 061 269 697/085 3232 230 Tel: 067 - 220898

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that KAMAU TOWN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST has been appointed by the owner of Erf 1147, Mont Blanc Street Eros, Windhoek, to apply to the City of Windhoek for the:

- CONSENT APPLICATION TO USE ERF 1147 MONTE BLANC STREET, EROS, WINDHOEK, FOR A HOTEL (BOUTIQUE), IN TERMS OF TABLE B OF THE WINDHOEK TOWN PLANNING SCHEME.
- CONSENT TO USE THE RESPECTIVE ERF AS A HOTEL (BOUTIQUE) WHILE THE REZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL TO OFFICE IS UNDERGOING FINALISATION (COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 98/03/2004)

Erf 1147 Mont Blanc Street Eros, Windhoek, is located at the corner of Mont Blanc and Groot Tiras Street. The Erf lies on a fairly flat surface and measures 1360sqm in extent and is undergoing a rezoning to 'office' in terms of the Windhoek Town Planning Scheme.

The owner intents to use Erf 1147, Mont Blanc Street, Eros, Windhoek, as hotel (boutique), this use is in accordance with the consent uses of office zoning. The boutique hotel will have 5 rooms. The client does not intent on doing major construction or structural changes.

The owner intends on having minor renovations done, thus no major impact on noise, air pollution or traffic congestion is anticipated with the new minor upgrades.

Please further take note that -

(a) for more enquiries regarding the consent use, visit the Department of Urban and Transport Planning at the City of Windhoek.

(b) any person having objections to the consent concerned or who wants to comment, may in writing lodge such objections and comments, together with the grounds, with the Chief Executive Officer at City of Windhoek, and with the applicant within 14 days of the last publication of this notice, i.e. no later than 9 June 2023.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND QUERIES, KINDLY CONTACT:



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PUBLIC NOTICE - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENTS AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS

AOFEI Mining (Pty) Ltd (the 'Proponent') has applied for three Exclusive Propecting Licences (EPLs) as indicated in the table below. The EPLS have been applied for in terms of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act of 1992. In this connection, notice is hereby given that **Environmental Impact Assessements** (EIAs) and Public Participation Processes (PPPs) are being conducted in terms of the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007) and related EIA regulations.

tion of the aforesaid EIAs and PPPs, formal app ations will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner in the Ministry of Environment, Foretsry and Tourism for consideration to grant Environmental Clearance Certificates (ECCs) for each EPL

Listed Activities	Prospecting and Exploration		
EPLs	EPL-9420, EPL-9421 & EPL-9422		
Location of EPLs	Opuwo Rural & Sesfontein Electoral Constituencies, Kunene Region		
Mineral Groups Targetted	Base and Rare Metals, Industrial Minerals, Nuclear Fuel, Precious Metals, Precious Stones and Semi-precious Stones		
Intereted and Affected Parties (IAPs)	All AIPs are hereby invited to register for the EIA and to submit written comments, inputs, objections and or concerns with respect to the envisaged activities. A Background Information Document (BID) on each EPL is available upon request on registration.		
Consultation Period	The duration to receive written submissions from IAPs starts from 15 May 2023 to 15 June 2023		
EIA Consultant	Fax: 088 645 026 Cell: 081 418 3125		

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Consulting

Fruit Trees

per seedling.

Overall, fruit tree seedlings that are grafted and imported cost much higher than those directly grown from seedlings locally.

Most of the fruit farmers in the country procure their seedlings directly from nurseries outside of Namibia, or otherwise from local nurseries that also import these seedlings from other countries. However, if one zoom in on the country's fruits trade, Namibia is a net exporter of fruits, this is mainly due to the high production of table grapes that are targeted for export markets.

Namibia was the 20th country with high export growth in 2019, having exported about N\$944,4 million worth of fruits and nuts, dominated by grapes, and slightly by mangoes.

South Africa accounted for 97% of the fruits and nuts imported by Namibia, whereas, 3% was imported from Spain, and the rest from Israel, Botswana, Zambia, China, Angola, Germany, Panama, Portugal, and Vietnam, the researchers found.

On average, China has been the fastest-growing worldwide import market for fruits and nuts for the last three years.

Nigeria and Senegal are the only African countries appearing in the top ten (10) world's fast-growing import markets of fruits and nuts in terms of value, whereas Namibia is the 23rd country on the list of the world's import-growing markets, the research found.

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PUBLIC NOTICE - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENTS AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS

AOFEI Mining (Pty) Ltd (the '**Proponent**') has applied for three **Exclusive Propecting Licences** (EPLs) as indicated in the table below. The EPLS have been applied for in terms of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act of 1992. In this connection, notice is hereby given that **Environmental Impact Assessements** (EIAs) and **Public Participation Processes** (PPPs) are being conducted in terms of the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007) and related EIA regulations.

On completion of the aforesaid EIAs and PPPs, formal applications will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner in the Ministry of Environment, Foretsry and Tourism for consideration to grant **Environmental Clearance Certificates** (ECCs) for each EPL.

Listed Activities	Prospecting and Exploration		
EPLs	EPL-9420, EPL-9421 & EPL-9422		
Location of EPLs	Opuwo Rural & Sesfontein Electoral Constituencies, Kunene Region		
Mineral Groups Targetted	Base and Rare Metals, Industrial Minerals, Nuclear Fuel, Precious Metals, Precious Stones and Semi-precious Stones		
Intereted and Affected Parties (IAPs)	All AIPs are hereby invited to register for the EIA and to submit written comments, inputs, objections and or concerns with respect to the envisaged activities. A Background Information Document (BID) on each EPL is available upon request on registration.		
Consultation Period	The duration to receive written submissions from IAPs starts from 15 May 2023 to 15 June 2023		
EIA Consultant:	Fax: 088 645 026 Cell: 081 418 3125 Email: ekwao@iway.na (Joel Shafashike)		

NOTICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESMENT

Notice is hereby given that three applications for **Environmental Clearance Certificates** (ECCs) will be made to the Environmental Commissioner in the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism in terms of the Environmental Management Act, (No. 7 of 2007) and related EIA regulations to permit **listed activities** to be undertaken on **Mining Claims** (MCs) as indicated below:

Listed Activities	Mining and Exploration Work under the mining claim regulatory framework
Mining Claims	MC-67922, MC-67923, MC-68561, MC-68562, MC-71159, MC-71307, MC-71334, MC-72114 & MC-73382
Location of MCs	The MCs are registered with the Ministry of Mines and Energy and pegged on three commercial farms situated in the district of Omaruru, Erongo Region
Holder of MCs	Mr Joano Foelscher
EIA Consultant:	Fax: 088 645 026 Cell: 081 418 3125 Consulting Email: ekwao@iway.na
Closing Date:	Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) are hereby invited to register for the EIA in order to receive a Background Infrmation Document (BID) on the aforesaid activities. Furthermore, IAPs are invited to participate in the EIA process by submitting comments and/or concerns that they may with respect to the proposed listed activities to Ekwao Consulting by not later than 26 May 2023 .