



NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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The continent has an estimated annual infrastructure financing deficit of US\$60 billion to US\$90 billion. PHOTO NAMPA/AFP

African Union to set up infrastructure fund

DUNCAN MIRIRI

The African Union is setting up a fund to finance the construction of much-needed roads, railways and power plants on the continent, its infrastructure head said, turning to new sources of cash due to donor fatigue and higher debt levels. The continent has an estimated annual infrastructure financing deficit of US\$60 billion to US\$90 billion, the AU says, making it hard for the body to advance its goal of integrating the disparate individual markets into a single, free trade area. "Africa is financially starved as far as the need for infrastructure development is concerned," Raila Odinga, who is the AU's high representative for infrastructure, told Reuters. The 55-nation AU is now turning to sovereign wealth funds, insurance and retirement funds in countries like South Africa, Angola, Nigeria Morocco, Egypt and Kenya, to raise the cash. The funds will be invited to invest about 5% of their holdings, Odinga said, "which

is actually going to be more lucrative for those institutions, rather than having funds lie idle".

Funds

Talks with the funds are going on and the AU's experts are setting up the legal and financial structure for the infrastructure fund, which will be administered by the newly formed African Union Development Agency, Odinga said. The move bucks the past trend of dependence on wealthy donor nations and borrowing from financial markets. China, which has been one of the biggest funders of infrastructure projects on the continent over the past decade, has cut back on lending due to high debt levels among individual nations like Kenya. The drive to find new ways of funding the construction of roads and railways and other utilities comes as Africa seeks to bring together 1.3 billion people in a US\$3.4 trillion economic bloc known as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). **- Nampa/Reuters**

5-Megawatt solar photovoltaic plant

Old Mutual acquires a majority stake in Rosh Pinah



Christoff Bauernschmitt, Head of Alternative Investments at Old Mutual Investment Group. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

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An infrastructure investment fund managed by Old Mutual Investment Group (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd has acquired a majority stake in a 5MW solar PV (photovoltaic) plant at Rosh Pinah in the !Karas region of Namibia. The fund has acquired a majority of the shares in Aloe Investments Number Twenty-Seven (Pty) Ltd, the project company that owns and operates the Rosh Pinah 5MW solar plant.

The acquisition forms part of a joint transaction with Sturdee Energy Namibia (Pty) Ltd, which has acquired a minority stake in the plant. Sturdee Energy is an African independent power producer with a track record of developing, owning and operating 587MW of renewable energy projects. The shares were previously owned by AEE Power Ventures SL, a Spanish energy company, which developed and constructed the plant. AEE Power has disposed of its full shareholding in the plant to the Old Mutual-managed fund and Sturdee Energy Namibia (Pty) Ltd. The general manager for AEE Power Ventures SL, Miguel Zaldivar, was pleased with the business transaction that leaves a majority share in the hands of Namibians,

stating that "this will aid in transitioning Namibia's energy supplies towards a greater share of supply from renewable sources".

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Head of Alternative Investments: Old Mutual Investment Group


As part of the plan set out for the plant, shares will be majority owned by Namibians, with 30% owned by a group of pre-

viously disadvantaged Namibians. The 5MW plant commenced commercial operations in 2017, and supplies power to Nam-power under a long-term power purchase agreement as part of the Renewable Energy Feed-In Tariff (REFIT) programme.

Sustainable investments

Christoff Bauernschmitt, head of alternative investments at Old Mutual Investment Group and his team of portfolio managers describes the acquisition as a significant contributor towards the energy supply security in Namibia, and said "We are pleased to be part of a project that creates sustainable impact in the country". He concluded with surety, stating that "Old Mutual will continue to make sustainable investments that will make Namibians the owners of critical infrastructure assets."

Representing the consortium of previously disadvantaged Namibian shareholders in Aloe Investments, Panduleni Shaetonhodi welcomed the new shareholders to the project and commented "We look forward to the benefit that the backing of an established institution such as Old Mutual, combined with the technical expertise of Sturdee Energy Namibia, will bring to realise the full potential of the project". Sturdee Energy's Executive Directors, Andrew Johnson and James White, commented that they enjoyed working with Old Mutual's Namibian infrastructure team on this co-investment in the Namibian energy industry: "Sturdee is excited to contribute our renewable energy project expertise to the Rosh Pinah project, this adds important operational capacity to our growing portfolio in Namibia." Old Mutual continues to champion a mutually positive future through responsive investment of this nature, while remaining conscious that long-term success depends on operating in sustainable societies.



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EIA FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 6424, 6722, 7031 AND 8237 NEAR KHORIXAS IN THE KUNENE REGION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

Exploration 18 (Pty) Ltd has exclusive agreements with the owner of Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) 6424, Festus Haoseb, the owner of EPL 6772, Tuhafeni Ndinelaio Nashitati, the owner of EPL 7031, Di-Tani Investments (CC) and the owner of EPL 8237, Gabriel Nakatati to do exploration within their EPL boundaries.

EPL 6424 is located to the northwest of Khorixas and overlaps partly with the townlands as well as the western part of the Fransfontein Townlands. EPL 7031 is located to the south of Khorixas and overlaps with the southern parts of the townlands. EPL 6772 is located 20 km southeast of Khorixas and bordering EPL 7031. EPL 8237 is located approximately 15 km southwest of Khorixas on both sides of the C35 towards Uis (see Figure 1). All four EPLs are located on communal land, constituting a total surface area of 118,471.33 ha, but exploration activities will be limited to the targeted areas which cover a combined surface area of approximately 9,478 ha.

The exploration activities will include geological mapping; rock chip and soil sampling within the targeted areas, and drilling (depending on the results of the aforementioned activities).

2. ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

Prior to the commencement of the proposed exploration activities, an application for environmental clearance for each one of the four EPLs (i.e., four separate applications), will be submitted in terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 and the associated environmental impact assessment (EIA) regulations to the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME), as the competent authority. MME will review the applications and relevant reports and submit their comments to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT). A final decision relating to the applications will be made by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) of the MEFT.

The environmental clearance certificates will be issued to Exploration 18 (Pty) Ltd, who then is accountable for the implementation of an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for each of the EPLs.

An EIA process will be conducted in terms of the above-mentioned legislation.

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3. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document has been prepared by Namisun to inform you about:

- The proposed exploration activities (Section 5);
- The EIA process (Section 6);
- Potential environmental issues (i.e., aspects and potential impacts) (Section 7); and
- How you can register as an interested and affected party (I&AP) (Sections 4).

4. PARTICIPATION IN THE EIA PROCESS

Public participation is an essential part of the EIA process. If you want to register as an I&AP and have input into the EIA process, please refer to the box below. All comments / questions / concerns will be recorded and addressed in the EIA process.

HOW TO REGISTER AS AN I&AP

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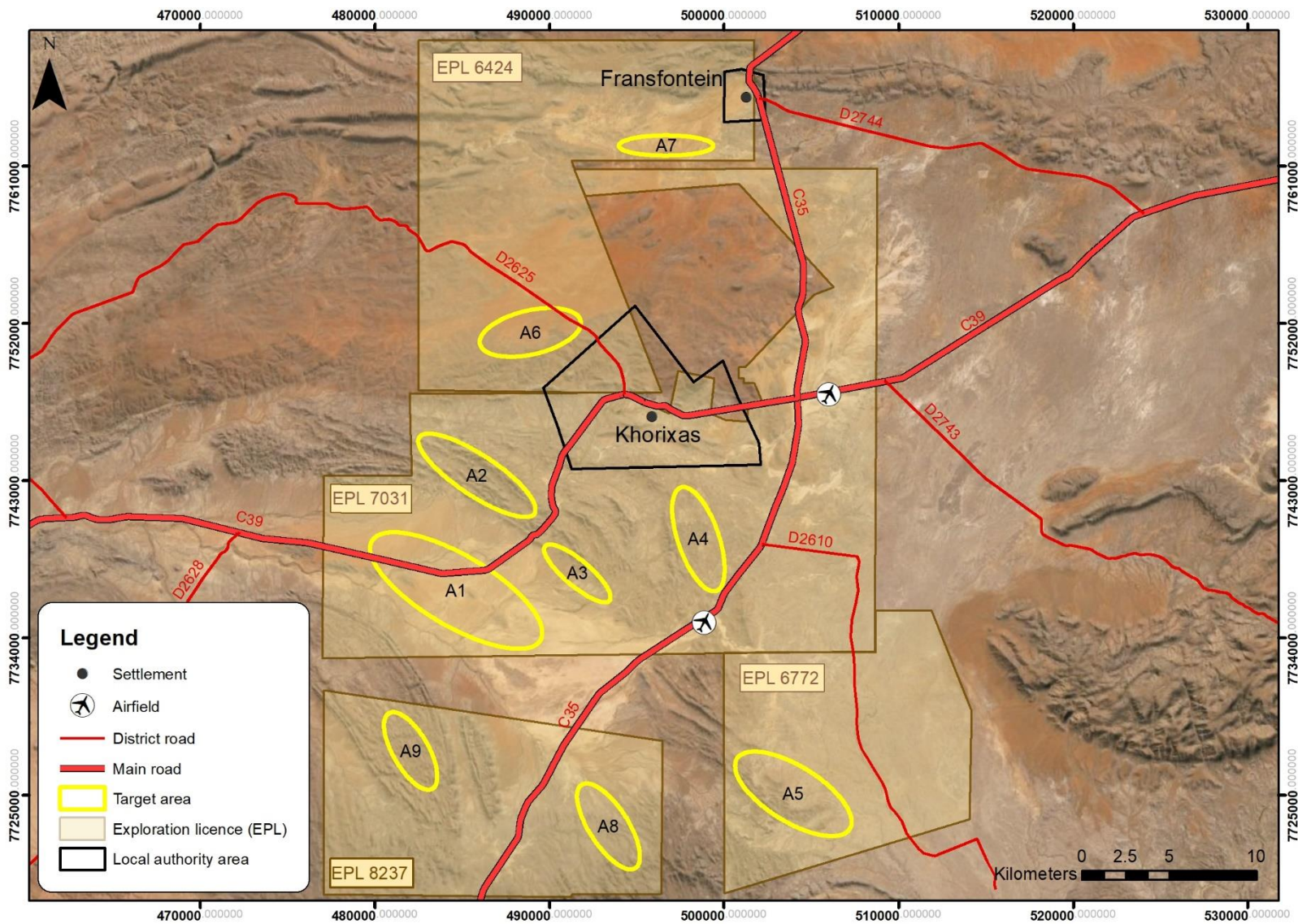


Figure 1: Locality map of EPL 6424, 6772, 7031 and 8237

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

Exploration 18 proposes to undertake exploration activities on EPL 6424, 6772, 7031 and 8237 for base and rare metals, industrial minerals and precious metals.

1. Exploration activities

The proposed exploration activities will include:

Phase 1

- Geological mapping: Review of geological maps of the area and onsite ground traverses and observations. Small samples of rock chips may be collected for further analysis.
- Soil sampling: Small pits (± 30 cm x 30 cm) will be dug and sample material will be collected in the target areas.

Phase 2

Depending on the Phase 1 results, the drilling of boreholes might be undertaken in target area(s).

- Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling: Holes are drilled, and drill samples collected for analysis. Small areas of land within the target areas (± 15 m x 15m) per hole will be used for drill rig establishment and environmental containment. These areas will be rehabilitated once drilling has been completed.
- Depending on the results, exploration activities may progress to ground geophysics and diamond drilling.

2. Machinery / vehicles

The following machinery / vehicles will be utilized in the drilling program per site area:

- 3 x pick-up trucks (bakkies)
- 1 x truck-mounted RC rig.
- 1 x truck-mounted compressor.

3. Employment

It is anticipated that the following personnel will be employed to carry out the exploration activities:

- 2 x geologists
- 8 x field assistants
- 6 x drilling operators (if drilling is justified by the sampling results)

4. Water supply

Drinking water will be transported from Khorixas to the field daily. If the project progresses to diamond drilling (depending on the results from RC drilling), a water tanker will transport water from Khorixas. In such a case the necessary arrangements with the local authority will be made.

5. Power supply

The various machinery and equipment required for drilling have their own power supply and or fixed generators. No electricity is needed for any other purpose.

6. Fuel supply and storage

Diesel is the main consumable and will be required for the generators as well as the vehicles used during the exploration activities. All vehicles will make use of the fuel station(s) in Khorixas and no fuel will be stored onsite.

7. Waste

All refuse generated will be contained and removed from site daily. Drip trays will be placed under all stationary vehicles and machinery, including the drilling equipment. Any oil spill will be scooped into bags and taken to a permitted disposal site.

Once a drilling site is established, a portable toilet will be placed onsite to ensure that sewage is contained and disposed of appropriately.

8. Access routes

Existing access routes and roads will be used during the exploration activities, as far as possible. The main access to the target areas will be via the C35, C39 and D2625. In liaison with landowners, local tracks will be used to access more specific target areas. No new roads will be constructed.

9. Staff / employment and accommodation

All staff will reside in Khorixas and nobody will stay onsite.

6. EIA PROCESS

The main objectives of the EIA process are to:

- Provide information on the proposed exploration activities and infrastructure.
- Describe the current environment in which the project will be situated.
- Identify, in consultation with I&APs, potential negative and positive environmental aspects.
- Assess the associated potential impacts of the proposed exploration activities.
- Develop an EMP to ensure management and mitigation measures are implemented during the execution of the activities, to avoid or minimise impacts as far as possible.

The likely steps and timeframes of the EIA process are provided in Table 1 and the steps on the process are illustrated in Figure 2.

Table 1: EIA Process for the proposed exploration activities.

STEPS IN THE EIA PROCESS
<p>PHASE I: Project initiation and internal screening (February - March 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIA project initiation. Notify MME and MEFT through the submission of the EIA Application Form and online (MEFT) Registration. Site visit and identify environmental issues. Identify key stakeholders.
<p>PHASE II – Combined scoping and assessment phase and EMP (March – May 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify other regulatory authorities and I&APs of the proposed project (via newspaper advertisements, this document, emails, site notices). Conduct key stakeholder focus group meetings. Carry out specialist investigations. Assess the potential impacts of the proposed exploration activities (including assessment report and EMP). Distribute the EIA reports for review and comment by regulatory authorities and I&APs. Consider comments received and compile the final reports (including an Issues and Response Report). Submit the final reports to MME and MEFT for their review and decision-making.

7. KEY ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

Potential environmental issues associated with the proposed exploration activities include:

- Biodiversity: Physical destruction and general disturbance of vegetation and terrestrial fauna because of the exploration activities.
- Waste: Management of waste generated from the exploration activities.
- Air quality: Dust generation from drilling activities and vehicular movement.
- Water: Potential surface and groundwater contamination from hydrocarbon spillages.
- Heritage: Possible impact / losses of historical, archaeological, or paleontological resources.
- Socio-economic: Potential impacts on current land use activities, nuisance-related impacts created by noise and visual disturbances.

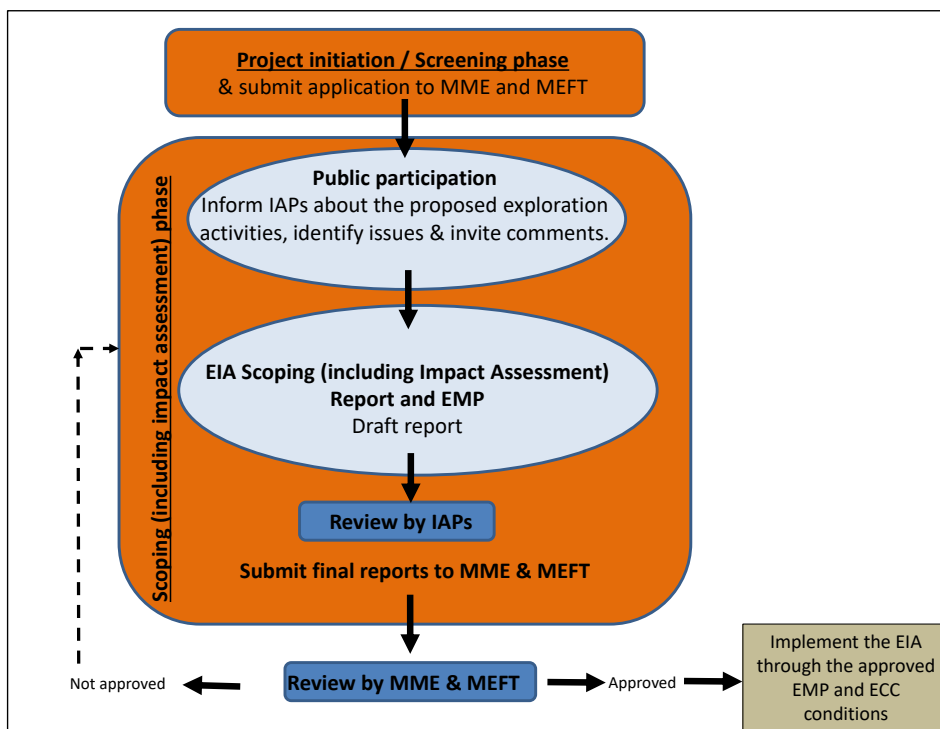


Figure 2: EIA Process



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MINUTES OF INITIAL MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS - KHORIXAS

MEETING DETAILS		
DATE	26 February 2021	
TIME:	10:00	
VENUE:	Chambers of the Khorixas Town Council	
PROJECT:	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR EXPLORATION 18 (PTY) LTD'S PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 6424, 6772 AND 7031 NEAR KHORIXAS, KUNENE REGION	
PURPOSE:	<p>The objectives of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a description of the proposed project activities. • Provide a description of the EIA process. • Provide stakeholders with initial opportunity to be involved in the EIA. • Identify any potential environmental issues and impacts • Describe the way forward, highlighting further opportunities to be involved in the EIA process. 	
ATTENDANCE: (See Appendix 2 for Attendance Register)	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Organisation:</u>
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	Daphny S Guriras	Aquablitz
	Andreas Howoseb	Khorixas Town Council
	Hon. Patience Hoaes	Khorixas Town Council
	Eben Xoagub	Khorixas Town Council
Carl Joone (CJ)	Exploration 18 (Pty) Ltd	
Pierre Smit (PS)	Namisun	

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND GENERAL INTRODUCTION

PS from Namisun Environmental Projects and Development introduced himself as the independent environmental practitioner, conducting the EIA process, and welcomed all to the meeting.

This was followed by a formal opening of the meeting by the CEO of the Khorixas Town Council, Mr. Andreas Howoseb.

PS shared information about the formalities of the meeting, which included:

- The meeting procedure, expectations and objectives of the meeting; and
- General introduction to the project (i.e., the proposed exploration activities of Exploration Pty Ltd on EPL 6424, 6772 and 7031) and brief explanation of the EIA process being followed.

2. INFORMATION SHARING

PS provided an overview of the proposed exploration activities and EIA Process by referring to the Background Information Document (BID). The BID included the following aspects:

- The proposed exploration activities on EPLs 6424, 6772 and 7031;
- EIA Process; and
- Key potential environmental and social issues.

PS explained that the EIA process will take about three months to complete and that the meeting with stakeholders (26 February) is about mid-way.

PS pointed out that a letter of consent in terms of heritage is required by the MEFT. Accordingly, a heritage specialist was appointed and will conduct a survey.

PS emphasized the importance of known sensitive aspects such as heritage finds, special biodiversity (e.g., welwitschias) and nearest receptors. PS invited the audience to provide further information of which the team is not aware of.

CJ provides an overview of Exploration 18 (Pty) Ltd, explained why the three EPLs near Khorixas were identified for exploration activities, and the planned process of conducting the exploration project. CJ provided information about the permissions, boundaries and the planned phases of the project as well.

The planned phases are:

- First stage – mapping and reconnaissance
- Second stage – field work
- Third stage – advanced exploration, focused small-scale targeted drilling

Depending on the result of the planned activities, the first and second stages of the exploration program are expected to take 5 to 6 months to complete (i.e., toward the end of 2021) with the third stage to commence in 2022. However, the program could be amended.

3. DISCUSSION (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)

A few questions / comments / issues were raised during the meeting. These have been recorded in the attached table (see Appendix 1). These issues will be addressed as part of the EIA process and responses provided in the Issues and Response section in the EIA Scoping Report.

4. THE WAY FORWARD

PS shared the necessary contact details of Namisun with the audience.

PS outlined the way forward as follows:

- Comments received to date and during this meeting will be included in the EIA Scoping Report
- The Draft EIA Scoping Report will be distributed for comment towards the beginning of April 2021.

5. CLOSE

The meeting was closed by the CEO of the Khorixas Town Council, Mr. Andreas Howoseb, at 12h00.

APPENDIX 1: QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / CONCERNS RAISED, WITH RESPONSES PROVIDED

NO.	QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / ISSUES RAISED	RESPONSE
1	John Hinda – Why did you choose these areas?	CJ gave an explanation of the use of geophysics maps and magnetic fields in relation to gold exploration and generation of targets. He emphasized the low success rate of gold exploration.
2	John Hinda – Are the farm names for the targeted areas available?	PS pointed out that the map in circulation contains details about the farm names.
3	John Hinda suggested that the targeted areas can be named after the farm names, instead of A1, A2, A3 and so forth.	PS agreed and indicates that the targeted areas can be described as such, where applicable.
4	John Hinda – Where will Exploration 18 (Pty) Ltd find staff to hire and how will their remuneration be determined?	CJ – the team during the early stages will be very small, less than ten people. Staff will be recruited as far as possible from local communities, e.g., Khorixas. PS – hiring will be done in compliance with the Labour Act.
5	Rheinholdt Horaseb – What would happen when a small miner finds a resource within the area of the EPL?	CJ explained what the law says. Exploration 18 (Pty) Ltd is interested in gold and agreement has been made with EPL holders accordingly. Exploration activities will focus on gold only, and not interfere with existing and ongoing activities or interests. The EPL's of interest have claim on all base and rare metals, industrial minerals and precious metals.
6	Judie Melekie – How will people that do not have access to the internet be able to review the documents and comment?	PS explained that communication will be done with all identified stakeholders – the audience present at the meeting as well as the identified stakeholders who could not attend; communication will be done on cell phone, email, or SMS. The traditional authorities and conservancies are seen as representatives and therefore communication will be done with the identified contact persons.
7	Charlton Richter – What are the regulations in terms of protected species?	PS – A permit is required for the removal of protected vegetation species as is required by the Forestry Act. It is not foreseen that any protected species will be harmed or killed during the first phase of the project as all activities are non-invasive. Provision is made for mitigation and management measures during the second phase when field work commences. PS – in case unknown species are discovered, the services of a specialist will be called in.

8	Judie Melekie – Can information about the EIA be shared with stakeholders?	PS – yes, the information will be made available to all people of which the email addresses are correct on the database (including the attendance register)
9	Judie Melekie – take note of the location of a planned hydroponic garden near the D2625 on the farm Halt at Post 2.	CJ – although the area falls within the targeted area A6, it is unlikely to be affected by the exploration activities. Provision is made for the necessary mitigation and management measures in the EMP.
10	Cornelius Bowe – Do graves of German soldiers count as heritage resources and if these graves are outside of the EPL – will they be recorded somehow?	PS – a heritage specialist was appointed and will conduct a survey specifically for the EPLs. The information about the graves, even if it is outside the EPL, can be shared with the specialist anyway. CJ – if something is found incidentally, it will be recorded and the Chance Find Procedure will be followed.
11	Unknown – What happens if a fossil is found?	CJ explained the geological context of the EPLs and pointed out that the possibility to find a fossil is very low. If found, the Chance Find Procedure will be followed.

APPENDIX 2: ATTENDANCE REGISTER

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR EXPLORATION 18 (PTY) LTD'S PROPOSED EXPLORATION
ACTIVITIES ON EPL 6424, 6772 AND 7031 NEAR KHORIXAS, KUNENE REGION**

MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS - KHORIXAS

MEETING DETAILS		
DATE	21 May 2021	
TIME:	10:00	
VENUE:	Chambers of the Khorixas Town Council	
PROJECT:	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR EXPLORATION 18 (PTY) LTD'S PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 6424, 6772,7031, 7183 AND 8237 NEAR KHORIXAS, KUNENE REGION	
PURPOSE:	<p>The objectives of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an overview of the proposed exploration activities. • Describe and explain the EIA process. • Provide feedback of the assessment process to date • Invite stakeholders to review the drafted documents. 	
ATTENDANCE: (See Appendix 2 for Attendance Register)	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Organisation:</u>
	Samson B. Awaseb	/Gaio-Daman Braunfels Traditional Authority
	ST Nangombe	Private
	Eben Xoagub	Khorixas Town Council
	Cornelius Bowe	Swartbooi Traditional Authority
	Charisma Shipena	Khorixas Town Council
	Joakobus !Nuab	Khorixas Town Council
	Judie J Melekie	Greenhouse project
	Charlton Richter	Aquablitz
	Harry Haradoeb	≠Ao-dam Traditional Authority
	Jeffrey Hanadaob	Huab Conservancy
	Anna Ganes	≠Ao-dam Traditional Authority
	Gerson Namiseb	Doro !Nawas Conservancy
	Roswindie Nomxas	Private
	Gerhardt Kariseb	Private
Harmen Potgieter (HP)	Exploration 18 (Pty) Ltd	
Pierre Smit (PS)	Namisun	

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND GENERAL INTRODUCTION

PS from Namisun Environmental Projects and Development introduced himself as the independent environmental practitioner, conducting the EIA process, and welcomed all to the meeting.

This was followed by a formal opening of the meeting by Charlton Richter from the Khorixas Constituency office.

PS shared information about the formalities of the meeting, which included:

- The meeting procedure, expectations and objectives of the meeting;
- General overview of the project, and
- Progress of the environmental impact assessment process.

For the purpose of orientation, laminated colour maps were produced for the meeting and circulated among all present. Hard copies of the drafted documents were also circulated among all present.

2. INFORMATION SHARING

HP from Exploraion 18 (Pty) Ltd introduced himself and provided an overview of Exploration 18 (Pty) Ltd and its activities. HP described the five EPLs in terms of ownership, permissions (agreements), access, size and target areas, as well as the planned process of conducting the exploration activities. The planned phases are:

- First stage – mapping and reconnaissance
- Second stage – field work
- Third stage – advanced exploration, focused small-scale targeted drilling

Depending on the result of the planned activities, the first and second stages of the exploration program are expected to take 5 to 6 months to complete (i.e., toward the end of 2021) with the third stage to commence in 2022. However, the program could be amended.

PS explained that two EPLs were added to the project since the initial meeting with stakeholders in February 2021. During a visit to the offices of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism in Windhoek, permission was granted to add the two EPLs in the assessment process. Accordingly, one overall Scoping Report and five separate Environmental Management Plans (one for each of the EPLs) are composed.

As part of the overview of the EIA process and progress to date, PS explained that the assessment process is in an advanced stage, with drafted documents prepared for public review. Stakeholders were informed accordingly, by means of emails, sms and whatsapp, and soft copies were sent to all registered stakeholders. Hard copies were also made available at the offices of the Khorixas Town Council for stakeholders without access to email. All stakeholders were invited to provide input and comments before 17 June 2021.

3. DISCUSSION (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)

Although the purpose of the meeting was to inform stakeholders on the progress of the environmental impact process and to provide feedback on some of the outcomes, a few questions / comments / issues were raised during the meeting. These have been recorded in the attached table (see Appendix 1) and are also considered in the assessment process.

4. THE WAY FORWARD

PS shared the necessary contact details of Namisun and Exploartion 18 (Pty) Ltd with the audience, as well as details about the availability of the documents to stakeholders without email access.

PS outlined the way forward as follows:

- Comments received until 17 June 2021 will be included in the final documents before submission to the authorities

5. CLOSE

The meeting was closed by PS, at 13h00.

APPENDIX 1: QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / CONCERNS RAISED, WITH RESPONSES PROVIDED

NO.	QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / ISSUES RAISED	RESPONSE
1	Harry Haradoeb – Were officials from the MEFT invited as stakeholders to attend the meetings?	PS – Yes, officials were invited to both meetings. For the second meeting an invitation was sent to the office of the deputy director in Outjo. The invitation was confirmed with a telephone call, an email and a follow-up SMS as well.
2	Charlton Richter – Is there a cut-off date for the program of the exploration activities and if so, when?	HP – No cut-off date in terms of a timeline exists, instead the exploration activities are determined by the budget available.
3	Harry Haradoeb – Another exploration company was doing prospecting near Khorixas but apparently terminate the activities due to the shortage of groundwater. Will that not happen again?	HP – Exploration activities will primarily focus on the availability of a minable resource. Based on the economic feasibility of the resource, the needs for water, power, and other infrastructure will be determined by means of specialized studies afterwards.
4	Judie Melekie – What are the options to obtain water from the conservancies?	HP – It is planned that the water during the first phase will be obtained in Khorixas. Quantities are small, mostly for daily drinking water only. It is not expected that larger quantities are needed on the short term.
5	Harry Haradoeb – What is the recruitment strategy of Exploration 18 (Pty) Ltd?	HP – During the first phase the work team will be very small, less than ten people. Staff will be recruited as far as possible from local communities, e.g., Khorixas. Hiring and remuneration will be done in compliance with the Labour Act.
6	Samson Awaseb – Will all conservancies and traditional authorities be taken into consideration during the recruitment process?	PS – The conservancies and traditional authorities as well as the Khorixas Town Council are well informed about the proposed exploration activities, and this provides a platform for engaging the traditional authorities and conservancies during the recruitment process. A list with names of jobseekers is a good idea and the offices of the Khorixas Town Council could be requested for such a list.
	Jeffrey Hanadaob – As the proposed target areas overlap with conservancies and the traditional authorities, and are all located in proximity of Khorixas, would it be possible to provide a list with names of jobseekers?	

7	Samson Awaseb – How will sensitive areas within the conservancies be protected during the exploration activities?	<p>HP – Exploration activities will be restricted to the target areas and will only take place if the necessary access agreements are in place.</p> <p>PS – The EMPs stipulate management and mitigation requirements to ensure that sensitive areas are protected.</p>
8	Jeffrey Hanadaob – How will conservancies benefit from mining?	<p>PS – Mining follows long after exploration. Therefore, it is important not to create expectations at such an early stage. However, from the examples elsewhere in Namibia there is ample evidence how mining benefits conservancies, for example the Gaingu Conservancy at Spitzkoppe that benefit from the uranium mines in its vicinity.</p>
9	Gerson Namiseb – It is important to ensure effective communication with all stakeholders at all levels.	<p>PS – Agreed. It is for this reason that a database for all stakeholders exist, and that communication is done via emails, SMS and cell phone to all registered parties. It is also important that representatives from the conservancies and traditional authorities communicate all information to the people they represent.</p>

APPENDIX 2: ATTENDANCE REGISTER