

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

Exploration for Base and Rare Metals on Mining Claim 74467, Kunene Region



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BID	Background Information Document
CC	Close Corporation
DEA	Directorate of Environmental Affairs
EA	Environmental Assessment
EEC	Epic Environmental Consultancy
ECC	Environmental Clearance Certificate
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMA	Environmental Management Act No.7 Of 2007
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
IAPs	Interested and Affected Parties
MC	Mining Claim
MEFT	Ministry Of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
MME	Ministry of Mines and Energy
PPP	Public Participatory Process

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview

In Namibia, the mining sector contributes to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), state tax revenues and export returns.

The Proponent, Tjapeuare Nguezeeta intends to carry out small-scale mining activities of Base and Rare Metals in Kunene Region. Mining Claim measures 13.4165 hectares (ha) in extent. The proposed exploration activities will be undertaken within the Mining Claim boundary only.

Prior to beginning of this proposed activity, an approval in terms of the Environmental Management Act No.7 of 2007 and its EIA Regulations of 2012 for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) to be acquired from the competent authority (MEFT) and issued to the proponent.

All trenches and holes that will be drilled (if any) will be covered completely. Positive impacts of the proposed small-scale mining activities will include: temporary employment creation, skills and knowledge transfer.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF MINING CLAIM 74467

Mining Claim 74467 is located in Kunene Region. The project location GPS coordinates (19°16'02" S & 14°17'33"E). The MC is accessible via C35 road near Otjokovare area. Refer to locality map below (Figure 1), for the representation of the location for the proposed small-scale exploration activities.

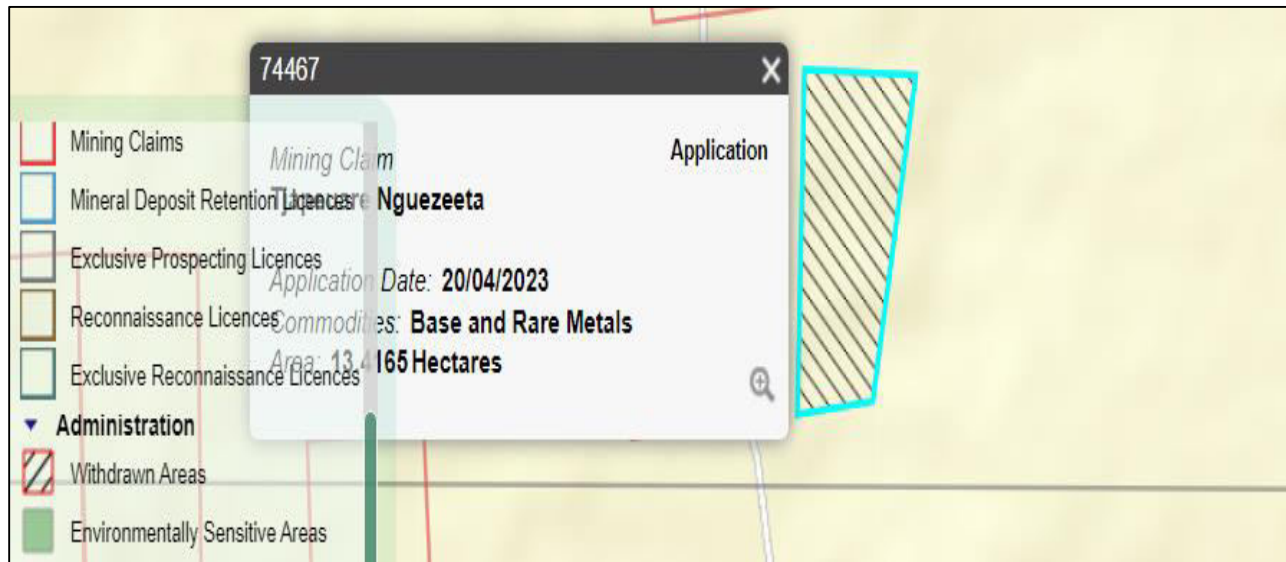


Figure 1: Shows the location of Mining Claim 74467, Kunene Region.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENT

3.1 Environmental Management Act (No.7 of 2007)

The Environmental Management Act (also referred to as the EMA), requires that for every activity which is listed under the EIA regulations, an Environmental Clearance Certificate obtained.

Section 7 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GN notice No. 30 of 2012), if an activity is listed, should be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner (EC) as part of the application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). Please see below:

"MINING AND QUARRYING ACTIVITIES

- ❖ *The construction of facilities for any process or activities which requires a licence, right or other form authorisation, and the renewal of a licence, right or other form of authorisation in terms of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining Act) of 1992.*
- ❖ *Other forms of mining or extraction of any natural resources whether regulated by law or not.*
- ❖ *Resource extraction, manipulation, conservation and related activities.*
- ❖ *The extraction or processing of gas from natural and non-natural resources, including gas from landfill sites.*
- ❖ *The extraction of peat."*

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- Newspaper adverts (Confidante Newspaper: 15th Septemebr 2023 & 22nd September 2023; and Windhoek Observer newspaper: 15th September 2023 & 22nd September 2023) respectively.
- Notices were put up at the Regional Council in Opuwo and at several notice boards.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSION

In conclusion, previous studies have proved that small-scale mining activities are not known to cause harm to the environment, as the negative impacts are relatively very low to zero; and the positive importance in the social impact has been attributed to potential of direct and indirect jobs related with the project and the possibility of contributing to the national economy through royalties, taxes and foreign currency earnings.