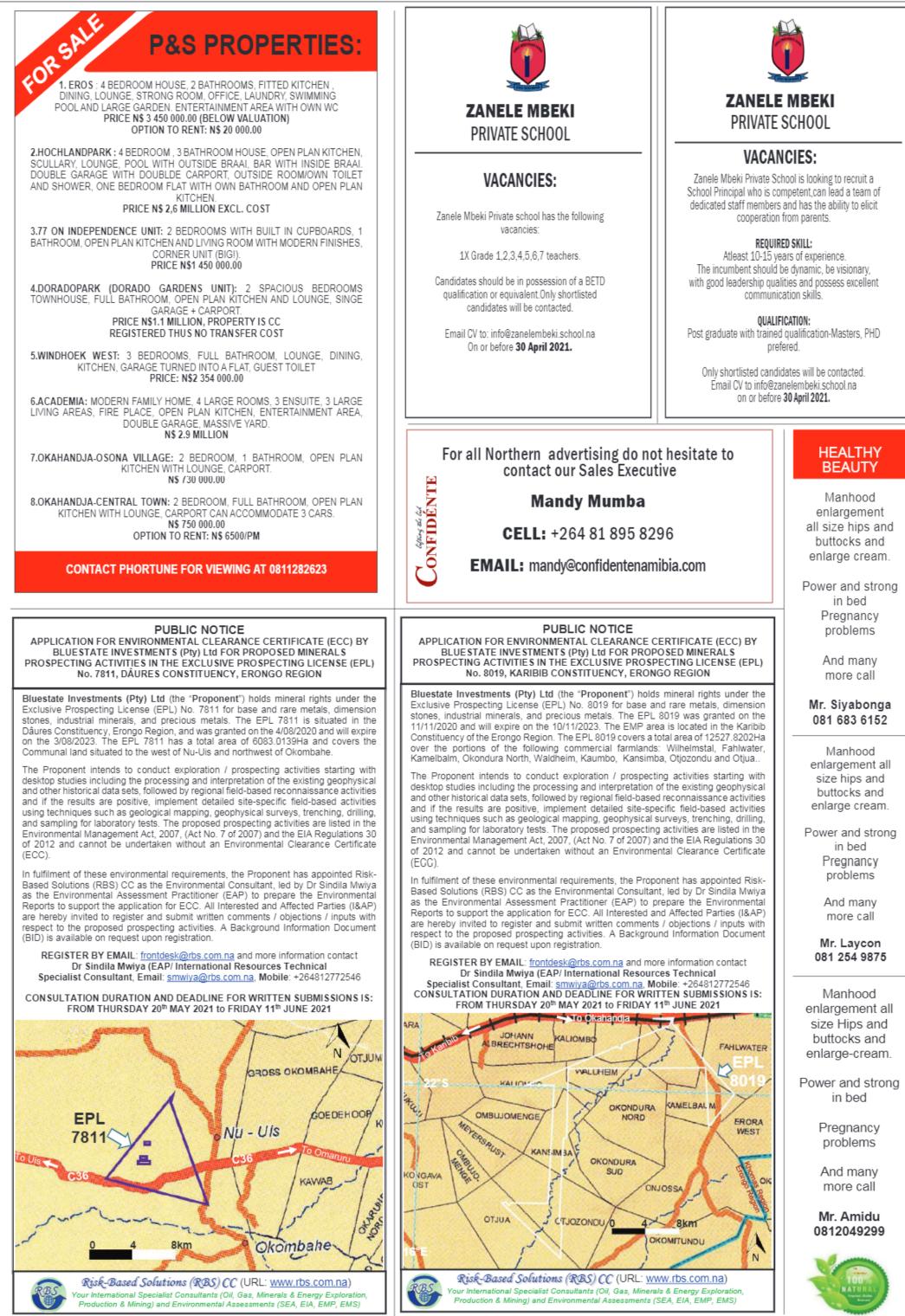
Confidente | lifting the lid



Dundee supports community efforts to combat crime

Staff Writer

undee Precious Metals Tsumeb Vice President and Managing Director, Zebra Kasete, handed over a donation of building materials valued at N\$50, 000.00 to the Tsumeb Men and Women Network, in recognition of their community's efforts to curb crime.

The donation will be used to build an office from which the Men and Women Network will operate in collaboration with other volunteers.

The Tsumeb Men and Women Network is a community policing volunteer organization that works in collaboration with local police in Tsumeb to fight crimes. "Violent and petty crimes are a growing problem in Namibia, particularly in informal settlements" said Kasete at the handover event.

He also outlined the detrimental effects of crime on the national economy and investment opportunities, with Deputy Commissioner: Head of Operations Division, Namibian Police Oshikoto Region, and Petrus Shigwedha adding that the police cannot solve public safety problems alone.

Shigwedha encouraged community policing and interactive partnerships that will result in the development of trust with community members.

Also, in attendance was, Tsumeb Municipality Council Member, Abraham Baseko and members of the Tsumeb Men and Women Network.



Community crime fighters unite... The objective of community-based policing is to get citizens involved in discouraging and preventing crime at the local level by encouraging neighbors to look out for each other. From left to right: Dundee Precious Metals Tsumeb Manager Community Development-Fabian Mubiana, Deputy Commissioner: Head of Operations Division, Namibian Police Oshikoto Region-Petrus Shigwedha, Men and Women Network Chairperson-Gottlieb Hayoonga and Dundee Precious Metals Tsumeb Vice President and Managing Director-Zebra Kasete.

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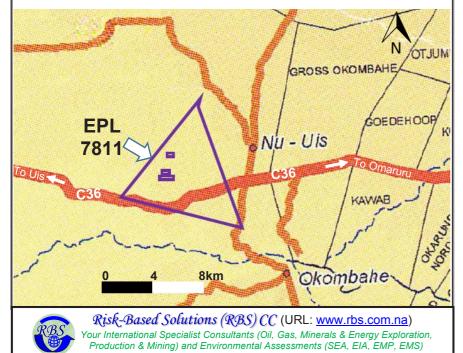
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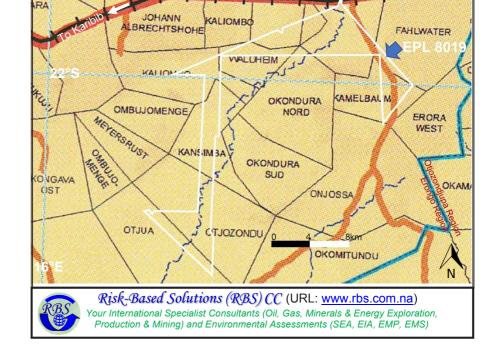
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SNAKES OF NAMIBIA

How snakes can help farmers

Paul Donovan

NSECTS are often blamed for attacking seedlings, when the real culprit could be a rat or a mouse. Not only do rodents damage seedlings, they also spoil stored grain with faeces and urine.

We treat insects with insecticides, we bang sticks and use scarecrows and other means to scare off birds, but when it comes to rodents, what can we do? In many cases we simply ignore them, or we resort to poison to kill them. Unfortunately, we can't control what animals may eat the poisoned rodents.

A better way to control rodents, and one that's often overlooked is to encourage natural predators to do the job. Rodents rate high on the feed list of many snakes.

If the world's snakes were eliminated, the rodent population would increase dramatically which would affect crop production.

Apart from the threat to food security posed by rodent population growth, increased disease outbreaks would put a heavy burden on the health services of many countries, especially developing ones.

Pest management

This alone should be enough for the farmer to realise that, far from being a menace, snakes are the farmer's friend and can be used as part of an integrated pest management system.

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We should be encouraging mole snakes (Pseudaspis cana) and house snakes (Lamprophis) into croplands. In coffee plantations in India, snakes (including venomous ones, such as cobras, kraits and Russell vipers) are used to control rodents. In-house education programmes teach employees how to spot snakes, where they're most likely to occur, which ones are dangerous and how to work beside them safely. This has brought human/ snake conflicts right down.

The use of certain chemicals is being phased out so that snakes can be conserved rather than suffer the often fatal consequences of eating poisoned rodents.

In some regions of Africa where sugarcane is grown, pythons are actively encouraged to control cane rats.

Cultural myths

Some farmers and farm workers may want to

pick up the nearest rock or stick and destroy every snake they come across on the farm. The reason for this is a mistaken belief that all snakes are dangerous and will kill people.

The truth is, most snakes are harmless to humans. It's far better to remember this rule: 'Leave a snake alone and it will leave you alone'. The rodents and other prey species are in danger in encounters with snakes.

Although I have worked with reptiles and insects for the past 30 years and have a passion for them, I can sympathise to some degree with the fear many people have.

But, at the end of the day, the snake doesn't know it shouldn't be there. After all, we are the invaders. Despite this, and as noted, snakes can really help us - especially when it comes to rodent extermination.

No predation, lower yields

Several years ago, researchers in the US decided to look at how important a role snakes play in controlling rodents in agriculture.

They chose a field, removed every snake they could find there and then planted it. Snakes were prevented from going into the land, but rodents were allowed free access into and out of the area.

With no predators to control their numbers, the rodents were able to feed uninterrupted. At harvesting, the crop yield dropped 40% from the previous year's yield. -farmersweekly

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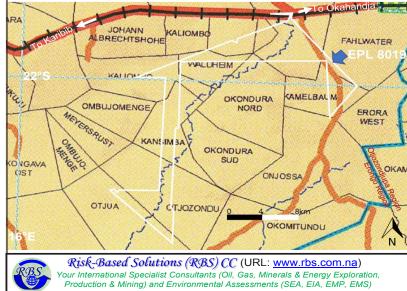
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STRANGE BREEDS

The Gaur

The gaur (Bos gaurus; /gaʊər/), also known as the Indian bison, is a bovine native to South and Southeast Asia, and has been listed as vulnerable on the IUCN Red List since 1986. The global population was estimated at a maximum of 21 000 mature individuals in 2016.

It has declined by more than 70% during the last three generations, and is extirpated from Sri Lanka and most likely Bangladesh. Populations in well-protected areas are stable and increasing.

It is the largest species among the wild cattle and the Bovidae. In Malaysia, it is called seladang, and pyaung in Myanmar. The domesticated form of the gaur is called gayal (Bos frontalis) or mithun.

The gaur is the largest extant bovid. It is a strong and massively built bovine with a high convex ridge on the forehead between the horns, which protrudes anteriorly, causing a deep hollow in the profile of the upper part of the head. There is a prominent ridge on the back.

The ears are very large. In the old bulls, the hair becomes very thin on the back. The adult male is dark brown, approaching black in very old individuals. The upper part of the head, from above the eyes to the nape of the neck, is ashy grey, or occasionally dirty white.

The muzzle is pale coloured, and the lower parts of the legs are pure white or tan. The cows and young bulls are paler, and in some instances have a rufous tinge, which is most marked in groups inhabiting dry and open areas. The tail is shorter than in the typical oxen, reaching only to the hocks. They have a distinct ridge running from the shoulders to the middle of the back; the shoulders may be as much as 12cm higher than the rump.

This ridge is caused by the great length of the



spinous processes of the vertebrae of the forepart of the trunk as compared with those of the loins. The hair is short, fine and glossy; the hooves are narrow and pointed.

The gaur does not have a distinct dewlap on the throat and chest. Both sexes have horns, which grow from the sides of the head, curving upwards. Between the horns is a high convex ridge on the forehead. At their bases they present an elliptical cross-section, a characteristic that is more strongly marked in bulls than in cows. The horns are decidedly flattened at the base and regularly curved throughout their length, and are bent inward and slightly backward at their tips.

The colour of the horns is some shade of pale green or yellow throughout the greater part of their length, but the tips are black The horns, of medium size by large bovid standards, grow to a length of 60 to 115 cm. The cow is considerably lighter in colour than the bull. Her horns are more slender and upright, with more inward curvature, and the frontal ridge is scarcely perceptible. In young animals, the horns are smooth and polished. In old bulls they are rugged and dented at the base.

-thisisfarming.com

Annex 3: Public and Stakeholder Consultation Materials

Stakeholder No. 1

From: W Talaska <buschhotel@iway.na>
Sent: Wednesday, 26 May 2021 8:30 PM
To: 'Dr Sindila MWIYA' <frontdesk@rbs.com.na>; smwiya@rbs.com.na
Cc: okondura@africaonline.com.na; rolfhaase@iway.na; kansimba@africaonline.com.na; alberg@iway.na
Subject: RE: EPL 8019 Wilhelmstal

Dear Dr. Mwiya

Thank you for your prompt reply. We are all well aware of the procedures around the Environmental Impact Study and the EPL holder.

It is rather suspicious that no information whatsoever can be found about "Bluestate Investment"- absolutely nothing in the entire Internet....?!

Except for that you have done a study for them already and reported to a certain "Sue Ming", which sounds , without prejudice, chinese.

Our concern: Any company with serious intentions would have a profile/portfolio of some sort.

For you to carry out an environmental study on the Bluestate Investment prospecting and mining activities, you surely are in possession of the scope of work, duration and machinery to be used. We want you to share all this information with us as well as who we are dealing with in advance.

We as farmers are furthermore concerned that your environmental study is worth only the paper that it is written on, if nobody is responsible to supervise these activities.

Hoping on fruitless efforts in both involved parties, I remain yours Wolfgang Talaska

From: Dr Sindila MWIYA [mailto:frontdesk@rbs.com.na]
Sent: 25,05, 2021 05:58 PM
To: 'W Talaska'; smwiya@rbs.com.na
Cc: okondura@africaonline.com.na; rolfhaase@iway.na; kansimba@africaonline.com.na; alberg@iway.na
Subject: RE: EPL 8019 Wilhelmstal

Dear Wolfgang,

Thank you very much for your email below and for the information provided. We will add you details on the register of stakeholder with respect to this specific Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) application for the EPL 8019. As it is difficult to obtain emails and mobile numbers of the land owners with the exception of the postal boxes that we were able to obtain from the Deed Office, we will appreciate greatly if you can assist us with the emails of the other farm owners or forward this message to the other landowners of the following farms so that they can contact us / include them on the stakeholder register: Wilhelmstal, Kamelbalm, Okondura North, Waldheim, Kaumbo, Kansimba, Otjozondu and Otjua.

Please find attached to this message the background information document with more information on the proposed prospecting activities as requested. Please note that the company is only authorised and proposing to conduct prospecting activities not mining because there is nothing to mine. The company has not yet identified any potential promising exploration target/s within the EPL. There is no guarantee that the prospecting activities will results in any economic minerals discoveries within the EPL area. If potential targets are identified and there is a need to conduct fieldwork on certain farms, a Bluestate (EPL holder) representative, not us who are just

consultants supporting the application for the ECC, will contact the specific land owner to request for permission to access the property and any future access and related Access Agreement may be negotiated as may be required or necessary do to further fieldwork.

Our work does not cover the negotiations of access agreements with land owners which falls within the responsibilities of Bluestate Investments.

Many thanks, and we highly appreciate your email below.

Dr Sindila Mwiya

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From: W Talaska <<u>buschhotel@iway.na</u>>
Sent: Friday, 21 May 2021 9:32 PM
To: <u>smwiya@rbs.com.na</u>
Cc: <u>okondura@africaonline.com.na</u>; <u>rolfhaase@iway.na</u>; <u>kansimba@africaonline.com.na</u>; <u>alberg@iway.na</u>
Subject: EPL 8019 Wilhelmstal

Dear Dr. Mwiya

Our community was informed about another Environmental study in our area for "Bluestate investments Pty Ltd" It would be wise to find out who the specific farm owners are and to inform them personally about your intentions. (Newspaper advertisement will not do). You should be well aware that you need the permission of each individual farm owners and sign agreements to do whatever you plan to do. Otherwise access to the mentioned farms will be difficult.

We further want ALL details about the proposed mining operation.

Take note that all farms mentioned are fully operational agricultural units that cannot afford disturbance. Please be aware that currently criminal activities (theft and poaching) are high and such only acknowledged people can be considered to roam the veld.

Furthermore has Epangelo Mining in conjunction with "Red Dune" just in December of last year had the same issue with us.

Best Regards Wolfgang Talaska

Farm Fahlwater

Stakeholder No. 2

From: Karl Gowaseb <kgowaseb6@gmail.com> Sent: Saturday, 12 June 2021 2:02 PM To: Dr Sindila MWIYA <frontdesk@rbs.com.na> Subject: Re: Affected Parties

Dear Dr Mwiya

Our interested group is called Ama Investment. We operate from farm Onjossa and but also have interest in Kamelbalm, which we fought for through a court case with Sisa Namandje. Okondura Nord is also in our area of interest. I shall forward you with email contacts as soon as some of my colleagues forward them to me.

Regards

Mr Karl //Gowaseb Project Manager AMA Investment Mobile: +264 812561090

On Wed, Jun 9, 2021 at 5:50 AM Dr Sindila MWIYA <<u>frontdesk@rbs.com.na</u>> wrote: Dear Mr Karl,

What is the name of your farm covered by the EPL 8019? Do you perhaps have emails contacts of the other farms covered by this EPL?

Many thanks,

Dr Sindila Mwiya

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From: Karl Gowaseb <<u>kgowaseb6@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 9:33 PM To: Dr Sindila MWIYA <<u>frontdesk@rbs.com.na</u>> Subject: Re: Affected Parties

Dr Mwiya

Thank you very much for the BID doc.

Regards

Mr //Gowaseb.

On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 8:41 PM Dr Sindila MWIYA <<u>frontdesk@rbs.com.na</u>> wrote: Dear Mr Karl, Please see attached the BID document for EPL 8019.

Many thanks,

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From: Karl Gowaseb <<u>kgowaseb6@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 8:38 PM To: Dr Sindila MWIYA <<u>frontdesk@rbs.com.na</u>> Subject: Re: Affected Parties

Dear Dr S. Mwiya

I am interested in EPL 8019. Will you please be so kind and send me the Background Information Document (BID) regarding the specific document as mentioned.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Karl //Gowaseb Program Coordinator Peter Eneas Nanyemba Co-operative WINDHOEK +264 812561090

On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 6:25 PM Dr Sindila MWIYA <<u>frontdesk@rbs.com.na</u>> wrote: Dear Mr Karl,

For which EPL or advertisement?. Attached is our recent advertisement we made and we are going to re-run it.

Many thanks,

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From: Karl Gowaseb <<u>kgowaseb6@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 12:05 PM To: <u>smwiya@rbs.com.na</u>; <u>frontdesk@rbs.com.na</u> Subject: Affected Parties

Dear Dr Mwiya

Can you please send me your advertisement so that I can provide comments regarding your Environmental Certificate. I need the original ad of the area because I heard about it that it appeared in the Namibian newspaper, but I missed it because my secretary failed to cut it out.

I shall appreciate a copy to see the area. I am an interested party because I farm in the area. Regards

11 Viljoen Street AIMS Centre Windhoek-West Namibia Tel. +264 61 305421 Mobile: +264 812525200 Fax. +264 61- 241914 From: Dr Sindila MWIYA <frontdesk@rbs.com.na>
Sent: Monday, 12 July 2021 9:21 AM
To: 'Vanessa Stein' <Vanessa.Stein@meft.gov.na>
Cc: 'Sonja Loots' <Sonja.Loots@meft.gov.na>
Subject: RE: Proposed mineral prospecting activities in EPL no. 8019, Karibib Constituency, Erongo Region Importance: High

Dear Vanessa,

Thank you very much for the information provided.

At this stage of the proposed early stage prospecting activities covering mainly desktop studies supported by probably 1 or 2 days field reconnaissance or verifications, I see no reason why the Proponent must undertake a **full botanical** specialist study over a 12, 527.8202 Ha covering Farms Wilhelmstal, Fahlwater, Kamelbalm, Okondura North, Waldheim, Kaumbo, Kansimba, Otjozondu and Otjua. It is highly unlikely that the entire EPL will be an Area of Interest and it never happens and it will never happen with this EPL because the geology controls the site-specific exploration narrative going forward.

As you rightfully acknowledged, the Proponent is only licensed to undertake prospecting activities and at present there is **<u>zero</u>** target/s that has been identified within the EPL 8019 area.

Usually, and in absence of any field-based site-specific target/s that may be linked to any likely sensitive area/ habitat within the license area, there are no benefits in implementing a full botanical specialist study over an EPL area with respect to high-level project screening stage (early exploration stages). Once and if site-specific targets are delineated within the EPL area based on the desktop work such as the interpretation of aerial magnetics and radiometric data sets, then yes, specialist studies such as flora, fauna, habitats, archaeology, geology etc, may be implemented before the start of site-specific and possibly destructive exploration activities such as trenching or drilling. Environmental specialist studies are progressively part of the exploration scoping, prefeasibility and feasibility studies leading to the application for a mining license if the Proponent is fortunate enough to have made a commercial discovery. The probability of any EPL to advance to a mining project (commercial discovery) is 0.001 or equal to zero and that means most EPLs will expire without any fieldwork whatsoever being undertaken and it is only the Government that makes their money in form of subsurface minerals rights rentals. Yes, State income on subsurface mineral rights rentals, global capital markets, environment, exploration and mining, if it ever happens, are all interlinked but with competing and conflicting interests and will remain so.

Overall, yes, the recommended full botanical specialist study will be undertaken as the project progresses, but not at this early stage of exploration process. Currently the Proponent is required to submit a Scoping and EMP report/s to apply for an ECC. Appropriate recommendations will be provided in the Scoping and EMP Report/s to guide the exploration process going forward and this will be linked to the environmental requirements and compliances. However, the implementation of the EMP, monitoring and reporting thereof is the full responsibility of the Proponent with oversight left to the Government, and is beyond our current scope of support of applying for an ECC to support the proposed exploration activities.

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Cc: Sonja Loots <Sonja.Loots@meft.gov.na>
Subject: Re: Proposed mineral prospecting activities in EPL no. 8019, Karibib Constituency, Erongo Region

Good afternoon Dr Mwiya

Thank you for the communication regarding the BID. I have received it in good order. Below are a few suggestions/comments from our side:

We do realise that this project is only in the prospecting phase but we would like to caution parties involved in the physical sampling (even for chemical testing purposes), to excise great care as to not cause irreversible damage to flora when doing so. In the area of interest there are about 20 odd species that are endemic to near endemic, 3 species that are protected under CITES as well as species that are near threatened. The full list can be obtained from us under a formal information request. Usually with this many endemics we usually recommend a full botanical study to be carried out in order to determine which species are endemic (especially slow growing species, e.g. Commiphora) to the area. We can recommend someone.

If activities should progress to full scale digging and exploration, the appropriate permits should be obtained from Directorate of Forestry, within Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, for the removal of said species. This will also require expertise to identify such species and if possible relocate plants so that they are not destroyed.

We would appreciate further communication as the project progresses. For now that is all we have to contribute.

Kind regards,

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I hereby confirm your registration as stakeholders on behalf of the National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) with respect to the proposed minerals exploration activities in the EPL No. 8019, Karibib Constituency, Erongo Regio.

Please find attached the BID.

Many thanks,

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Dear Sir/Madam

Kindly register me as an Interested and Affected Party (IAP) on behalf of the National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI). If the Background and Information Document (BID) is available, please forward it to me as well.

Thank you, Kind regards Vanessa Stein Forester National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) Ministry of Environment, Forestry And Tourism Windhoek Namibia Tel: +264-61-2022013 Fax: +264-61-258153 E-mail: <u>Vanessa.Stein@mawf.gov.na</u> webpage: <u>www.nbri.org.na</u>