





WORTH BILLIONS Namibia's ivory stockpile continues to grow, with the country refusing to heed suggestions to burn the natural resources as it remains steadfast in clinging to its wealth.

Photo: Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism

# Ministry frustrated by ivory sale ban

• ARLANA SHKONGO

THE Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism continues being frustrated by a multilateral treaty that punishes endangered species by banning countries from selling their ivory, while their stockpiles grow.

Environment minister Pohamba Shifeta expressed these sentiments in the National Assembly last week. He was responding to questions from Popular Democratic Movement leader McHenry Wirani about the size of Namibia's ivory stockpile.

"We have a big stockpile of ivory and rhino horns."

"We have been trying to tell the world that it is our right to determine what to do with our natural resources," he said.

During the Kasser-Elophout Summit in Botswana in 2019, Namibia and other members of the Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (Kaza-TRCA), which is home to the largest population of elephants on the continent (an estimated 61%), agreed to propose that the ban on ivory trade be lifted.

Other Kaza-TRCA countries are

Zimbabwe, Zambia, Angola and Botswana.

At the 18th conference of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) held later in 2019, Namibia, South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe presented the proposal to delegates but it was rejected, with 101 of the 183 treaty members against the reopening of ivory trade in these countries.

According to Shifeta, Namibia and other southern African countries have since been lobbying for the lifting of the trade ban.

"We are in the process still and it's a protracted legal process that has some consultation. But we are determined."

"We are also looking at the domestic laws - which are clear. We just now have a problem with the international," he said.

International organisations and Western countries have in the past suggested that Namibia should burn its large ivory stockpile to thwart potential security risks posed by keeping a large stockpile of the high-value resource.

However, the country has been vehemently against this, stating that the proceeds of the ivory sale could be better

said for conservation and community development.

"As a country, we do not have any provision in our laws which permit us to destroy our natural resources."

"I've said that those who feel we should destroy this resource because of the cost of maintenance [...] can come and buy the ivory and burn it themselves," Shifeta said.

Furthermore, he said Namibia continues to heavily safeguard the stockpile by ensuring round-the-clock public and private security and secrecy around the location of the storage banks.

"The ivory is transported exactly the way money is transported. It is closely and properly guarded and they don't keep them in one place for long."

"Those who have keys [to the banks] are not known. We have kept their identities private. And we don't advertise the whereabouts of the banks," he said.

Venante said he is in support of not burning the ivory, however, he did raise concerns about the safekeeping of the stockpiles.

"How safe is the stockpile, because we have seen in other ministries, especially the ministry of home affairs where money that is stored from proceeds of crime being retained by some members of the forces," he said.

Namibia's ivory stockpile is made up of tusks confiscated from smugglers and poachers, as well those that were legally procured by the government through conservation hunting, dehorning, or from elephants which had died of natural causes.



Toivo Ndjebela

Gwen Lister

# Lister, Ndjebela press freedom champions

• CHARMAINE NGATJEHUE

THE Editor's Forum of Namibia (EFN) has named veteran journalists Gwen Lister and Toivo Ndjebela as champions for World Press Freedom Day (WPFD) 2021.

The event will be held in Namibia in honour of the 50th anniversary of the Windhoek Declaration, and for the first time in the country.

It will take place from 1 to 3 May. Lister is the chairperson of the Namibia Media Trust, founding editor of The Namibian, and a recipient of several international press freedom awards, including the Inter Press Service Journalism Award and the Commonwealth Press Freedom Award for Integrity.

In 2016, she was the first recipient of the Windhoek Declaration accolade conferred by the EFN.

Other recipients include Blacks Makhubu of eSwatini, Jacques Pauze of South Africa, and posthumously Jamal Khushoggi of Saudi Arabia.

Ndjebela currently serves as editor of daily newspaper Namibian Sun.

According to the forum's chairperson, Frank Steffen, the two champions will be spokespersons for the Namibian media during the event.

"They will provide unique insight into how they negotiated the seismic shifts journalism and press freedom have en-

dured over the last three decades, and what they think the future may hold for us," Steffen says. He says Lister was the co-chair of the historic 1991 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) seminar, together with the late Pius Njose of Cameroon, where the Windhoek Declaration was developed and adopted on 3 May.

Ndjebela represents everything the post-Windhoek Declaration era brought forth, Steffen says. "We want to thank Gwen and Toivo for making themselves available as champions, and we look forward to their sharing of the realities faced by journalists in their pursuit of information that serves the public good."

"We are especially keen to hear their experience of working in a country that is consistently ranked favourably by international press freedom and free expression rankings," Steffen says.

He says Namibia not only gave the world the seminal Windhoek Declaration, but can also serve as a positive role model for press freedom in Africa and beyond.

Steffen says the 2021 WPFD International Conference, a partially virtual and physical gathering, will be in line with Covid-19 regulations, and will be attended by a limited number of journalists and other media practitioners from across the globe.

"The conference will be preceded by a host of activities to celebrate the anniversary, led by the Namibian government, Unesco, and a range of partners, including the EFN," he says.

Minister of information and communication technology Pius Mashengwa last month said the theme for this year's event, "Information as a public good", is befitting as the government would soon finalise the access to information bill.

"The bill seeks to promote Namibia's access to public and private information. "This bill further aims to strengthen the country's democracy and its continued efforts for accountable, transparent and inclusive governance," the minister said.

We want to thank Gwen and Toivo for making themselves available as champions, and we look forward to their sharing of the realities faced by journalists in their pursuit of information that serves the public good.

— Frank Steffen



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Call for experts / team of experts, to assist with Namibia GACP [Good Agricultural and Collection Practices] compilation and implementation

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) commissioned the BioInnovation Africa Project. The Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT), in partnership with GIZ is currently implementing the Country Package for Namibia. NANCI has received a grant under this project.

NANCI and the Namibian Devil's Claw Exporters Association has partnered with Naturex and Givaudan Foundation to establish the Namibian GACP standard for Devil's Claw (*Herpogophyllum procumbens* and *H. zeyheri*).

Therefore, NANCI seeks two types of experts for the duration of the project:

- Environmental expert
- Training and knowledge transfer expert

Specification and terms sheet will be provided on enquiry via e-mail.

The tender/bid is open to Namibian Citizens and Namibian resident companies only.

Deadline for enquiries: Tuesday, 23 March 2021.  
Deadline for bids: Wednesday, 31 March 2021.

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**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSES NO. 496, 1967 & 868 LOCATED NORTHWEST OF DORRABAS SETTLEMENT IN THE KUNHAS REGION, NAMIBIA.**

Under the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2002, the proposed exploration activities by the EPA's 496, 1967 and 868 require an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) before commencement.

The public is hereby notified that an application for an ECC will be submitted to the Environmental Clearance Commission.

Brief Project Description: The environmental clearing process and identify potential impacts and mitigation measures arising from the proposed prospecting and exploration activities on EPA's No. 4282, 7047 and 8440. Prospecting and exploration activities are expected to take place upon issuance of an ECC.

Prepared: Ledaive Namibia (Pty) Ltd.  
Environmental Consultant: Earth Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd.

Members of the public are invited to register as interested and affected parties for comment upon contents of notice further information on the EPA's website. Registration requests and comments should be forwarded to Earth Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd on the contact details below, before or on 10 April, 2021.

Public meeting details:  
First site: Date: 23 March 2021 Time: 13h00 Venue: Givaudan Community Hall  
Second site: Date: 27 March 2021 Time: 13h00 Venue: Dorrabas Community Hall

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# Babi awaits bail judgement



Anxious wait... Self-proclaimed prophet Jackson Babi. Photo: Emmentee Naudulu

■ Maria Amakali

The bail judgement into the case of self-proclaimed prophet and founder of the House of Joy Ministries, Jackson Babi, is scheduled to be delivered next week in the Windhoek Magistrate's Court.

Magistrate Linus Samunzala will pronounce himself on whether Babi has satisfied the court that he should be granted bail pending the finalisation of his case.

The court scheduled the matter to 19 March and remanded Babi in police custody. The 'prophet' is scheduled to stand trial on bribery charges for allegedly offering investigating officers N\$15300 as an attempt to have him released on bail.

The incident happened on 26 June 2020. The investigating officers were tasked to investigate Babi's first case where he is facing charges of having two

rhino horns, a firearm and ammunition without a licence.

He was initially charged alongside Ananias Ananias last year. However, the prosecutor general decided not to prosecute Ananias for the crime due to a lack of evidence.

Babi, in his second case, is charged alongside Fritsje Naudulu Dumeni. Both men have since denied any wrongdoing during their preliminary plea on 3 March. They were arrested in May and form part of the group that was found to have rhino horns.

According to police reports at the time, the group of eight men includes a police officer from the VIP protection Directorate. The prosecution is charging the accused with counts of possessing or dealing in two rhino horns, hunting a rhinoceros that is protected by law and possessing a hunting rifle and ammunition without a licence.

Prosecution claims Babi and Dumeni were in possession of death in two rhino horn and Babi's residence in Klippe Kappe in Windhoek on 26 and 27 May 2020. The alleged discovery of the horns, firearms and bullets also led to the arrest of Babi, Dumeni and two other suspects, Alberto Mbwale and Joseph Mathois.

It is alleged the much-sought horns are linked to the poaching of two rhinos found dead and with their horns removed in the area of Gobabis in May.

According to court records, Babi has a third case in Gobabis Magistrate's Court, where he faces charges of illegal hunting of specially protected game in the Gobabis district alongside Mbwale and Mathois.

The prosecutor general has instructed that his cases be compiled for a decision.

Babi is scheduled to appear to court on 16 April for the prosecutor general's decision in the second case.

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Chief Innocent Gaseb

## /Gaseb, Utoni to meet over council chair

■ Kuzenka Titimisa

Acting chairperson of the Council of Traditional Leaders in Namibia chief Innocent Gaseb has said he will next week Thursday have a meeting with urban and rural development minister Teatso Utoni to discuss the vacant chairperson position of the council.

The position became vacant following the passing of Ombokwintwa Inimwani Kaakara Elias of the Oshana Traditional Authority who served in that position from 1997 until at the time of his death in 2018. 'I am going to meet minister Utoni on Thursday next week to discuss whether we can have the council meeting to elect the new chairperson for the council.'

Remember last year we didn't have a meeting because of the virus,' Gaseb told New Era weekly upon inquiry yesterday. The late Elias and the late Ovambo traditional chief Monyaka U Ngarawa were elected as the first chairpersons and deputy chairpersons of the council in 1997, respectively. Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development by Gaseb.

According to the Council of Traditional Authorities Act, members of the council which shall consist of two members from all recognised traditional authorities shall at their first meeting elect a chairperson and vice chairperson of the council from their members.

The Act further says the chairperson and vice chairperson of the council shall hold office until he or she ceases to be a member of the council or resigns as chairperson or vice chairperson or is removed from office as chairperson or vice chairperson by resolution of the council.

Traditional authority leaders have been calling for the amendment of the Act so that the chairperson or vice chairperson positions can be on a five-year rotational basis.

## Council to deliberate on City Police issues

■ Loide Jayin

The City of Windhoek leadership is hoping a council meeting scheduled for tomorrow will address a number of issues facing the municipality, including the recent setback in which the labour commissioner instructed the deputy sheriff to attach and auction the City's vehicles to pay the salaries owed to employees.

The municipality has since 2019 failed to pay salaries and benefits worth more than N\$7 million owed to about 15 City Police employees as directed by the court.



Seized... Windhoek mayor Job Amupanda. Photo: Nanyo

Labour Commissioner Henry Kansen last week authorised the sale of about nine vehicles belonging to the City. Speaking to New Era yesterday, Windhoek mayor Job Amupanda confirmed that a council meeting has now been tasked to resolve the issue amicably following a Monday meeting in which members of the City's

management committee deliberated on the issue.

Amupanda also added there are a number of other personnel issues within the City Police that were also brought to the attention of the management committee during Monday's meeting.

'What I can tell you is that we had a meeting and we have picked up that there are a lot of personnel issues within the City Police, hence we decided to come up with a strategy that will solve it at once based on the outcome of the council meeting. I cannot divulge any details regarding the strategy before the council has pronounced its position,' he said. An insider at the City of Windhoek yesterday told New Era the City is expected to cough close to N\$400 000 for each affected employee.

The figure excludes interest accrued and which is backdated to the date of the ruling. New Era is also reliably informed the 15 superintendents spent more than N\$300 000 on legal costs to fight their employer.

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**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE NO. 0283, 743 & 848 LOCATED NORTHWEST OF DURGARD SETS, ERONTI IN THE ERONTI REGION, NAMIBIA**

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# Call to track, measure women's progress



**Women empowerment...** Boemo Sekgoma, secretary general of the SADC Parliamentary Forum (right). Photo: Contributed

■ **Moses Magadza**

As the world marked International Women's Day last week, the secretary general of the SADC Parliamentary Forum, Boemo Sekgoma, called for an advanced framework for tracking and measuring key indicators to ensure the progress of women in political participation.

Sekgoma made the call when she delivered keynote remarks during a virtual international engagement meant to discuss ways of enhancing women's political participation.

She noted that although "women's political participation is a fundamental prerequisite for gender equality, democracy and for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", more remains to be done to ensure their meaningful political participation.

While she acknowledged positive developments resulting from more than a century of women's struggle against oppressive patriarchal social arrangements and practices, she also highlighted several barriers that continue to limit women's political participation.

Sekgoma noted that such factors as the under-representation of women "across all branches of government", the "imbalances of women's presence" in senior "political decision-making positions", their lack of influential power "to change the existing patriarchal structure" despite the presence of "highly visible roles in political leadership", their nominal representation by "members of elite political families/dynasties" as well as "violence against women politicians", among other things, continue to limit women's political participation.

She also noted that "increased numerical representation" of women in leadership positions "does not automatically translate into increased influence for women", as they may not have the room to speak or be listened to.

As an antidote to these challenges, the secretary general suggested that "understanding and measuring perceptions is particularly important for measuring changes in women's participation and leadership."

For her, "understanding how women's voice translates into influence needs to begin from women's own experiences".

Sekgoma also noted that "it is important to appreciate 'women's political effectiveness' as 'the ability to use 'voice' to politicise issues of concern to women, to use electoral leverage to press demands on decision-makers to trigger better responsiveness from the public sector to their needs and better enforcement of constitutional commitments to women's equal rights".

In addition, she argued that "measuring progress requires us to capture complex qualitative and quantitative indicators that can

tell us about the changing realities of women's lives".

She went on to propose a framework for tracking and measuring progress in addressing gaps in the political participation of women. The framework involves the following:

First, "putting in place model legislative frameworks to promote, enforce and monitor equality and non-discrimination on the basis of sex is key".

Second, "measuring model laws that address women's issues and the extent to which they have facilitated the review and amendment of existing national legislation (as well as the adoption of new legislation) is a key indicator of an enabling and supportive environment for women".

Third, the framework also involves recognising, documenting and overcoming barriers to women's ascension to key political positions.

She noted that barriers such as "women's access to resources, like time, money and experience – and their levels of motivation, such as drive, ambition and interest in politics" shape the availability of women for public offices.

Fourthly, it involves applying "fast-track strategies" that increase "women's political resources and ambitions, revising selectors' attitudes towards female candidates, and changing public attitudes towards women in politics".

Fifth, Sekgoma also suggested that "regional parliaments have the opportunity to sustain political momentum on topical issues that impact

women – and these include Universal Health Coverage, ICPD25 and Gender Equality" by establishing "monitoring and accountability frameworks that map progress and inspire action".

Lastly, she noted that "findings from thematic policy evaluations provide the opportunity for policy review and change" as well as for "issue positioning" and the "promotion of policy coherence, especially when international standards and regional frameworks are the subjects of adoption".

For her, "indicators must not only

measure if women are represented but also the extent to which they are able to be actively involved in and influence decision-making processes at all levels through their participation".

The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) – a consortium of six civil society organisations from across Africa that seeks to enhance and support the inclusion of women in African politics – Women in Political Participation (WPP) and Sweden, convened the webinar.

## Elephant kills man in Omusati

A 46-year-old man died after he was reportedly attacked by an angry elephant at Okatseidhi village in the Omusati region's Tsandi constituency on Sunday.

Speaking to *Nampa* on Monday, councillor for Tsandi Junias Amunkete said the victim was one of six villagers who tried to drive a herd of elephants from their crop fields at the village.

According to Amunkete, the villagers attempted to chase the elephants away from 18h00 until late in the evening and only realised late that night that the victim was missing.

"They realised he was not with them when it was already dark. He was discovered dead in the field on

Sunday morning when they went looking for him," stated Amunkete.

He pointed out that the elephants were still in the area.


Approached for comment on Monday, spokesperson of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism Romeo Muyunda told *Nampa* the elephants in question reside in the area after being relocated from Etosha National Park.

Muyunda confirmed that officials of the ministry were still in the area on Monday to deal with the situation, further indicating that the elephants in question were just three.

"We have declared one of the elephants as dangerous. It will be put down and its meat will be given to the local community," Muyunda explained, adding that the ministry will also pay N\$100 000 for the funeral of the victim.

The Omusati police also confirmed the incident and named the victim as Abner Iyambo Petrus from Okatseidhi village.

His next of kin have been informed about his death. - *Nampa*



**Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd**

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:  
EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSES NO. 4265 & 7847 & 8440  
LOCATED NORTHWEST OF DORDABIS SETTLEMENT  
IN THE KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA**

Under the Environmental Management Act. (No.7of2007), the proposed exploration activities on the EPLs 4265,7847and 8440 require an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) before commencement.

The public is hereby notified that an application for an ECC will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner.

**Brief Project Description:** The environmental scoping process will identify potential positive and negative impacts stemming from the proposed prospecting and exploration activities on EPLs No.4265,7847 and 8440 Invasive and non-invasive exploration activities are expected to take place upon issuance of an ECC.

**Proponent:** Lodestone Namibia (Pty) Ltd

**Environmental Consultant:** Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd

Members of the public are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties to comment/raise concerns or receive further information on the EIA process. Registration requests and comments should be forwarded to Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd on the contact details below, before or on **15 April, 2021**.

**Public meeting details:**

<b>First slot:</b>	<b>Second slot:</b>
<b>Date: 25 March 2021</b>	<b>Date: 27 March 2021</b>
<b>Time: 11h00</b>	<b>Time: 11h00</b>
<b>Venue: Dordabis Community Hall</b>	<b>Venue: Dordabis Community Hall</b>

**Contact: Mr. Nerson Tjelos**  
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# TENDER

MTC hereby invites appropriately qualified companies to apply for the following tender:

**MTC06/21/0:**

**PROVISION OF COURIER SERVICES TO VARIOUS LOCAL DESTINATIONS FOR MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATION LIMITED.**

**BRIEFING MEETING: 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021, via MICROSOFT TEAMS @ 10H00**

**CLOSING DATE:**

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 by 14H30**


\* Only successful bidders will be contacted.  
\* Tender status updates shall be posted on the website.

**Tender documents are available at:**  
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**Hon. Rachel Jacob**  
on 12 November 2020

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSES (EPLS) NO. 4265, 7847 & 8440 LOCATED NORTHWEST OF DORDABIS SETTLEMENT IN THE KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA**

Under the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 EIA Regulations, the public is hereby notified that an application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the proposed exploration activities on the EPLs No. 4265, 7847 & 8440 will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner.

**Proponent:** Lodestone Namibia (Pty) Ltd

**Environmental Consultant:** Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd

**Type of activity:** Exploration activities on EPLs No. 4265, 7847 & 8440

**Footprint:** The EPLs covers a combined surface area of 15 712.2184 ha; the following mineral commodity groups are targeted in this EPL area: (i) Base and Rare Metals and (ii) Industrial Minerals, (iii) Precious Metals and (iv) Precious Stones.

Members of the public are further invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in order to comment/raise concerns or receive further information on the EA process.

Registration is to be done with EDS on the contact details below.

**Public meeting will be held in Dordabis:**

**Date:** Saturday, 17 April 2021

**Time:** 11H00

**Venue:** Dordabis Community Hall



The renovated Dordabis Community Hall  
was officially handed over by  
the Chairperson of the Khomas Regional Council,  
**Hon. Rachel Jacob**  
on 12 November 2020

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BILL FOR THE REGULATIONS IN SUPPORT OF  
EXCLUSIVE PROTECTING LICENSES (PLN) NO. 4264, 7047 & 8446 LOCATED  
WESTWARD OF FONDABO SETTLEMENT IN THE KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA**

Client: Eco Environmental Management (Pty) Ltd, 111 2602 and 11 2612 Van Riebeeckstr., the  
public & the affected area in cooperation with Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd, 2111 1st  
Floor National Administrative Building on the 19th Ave, 1000, Windhoek and the contractor(s)  
& the Environmental Commission.

Registration: Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd  
Environmental Services, Windhoek, Namibia (Pty) Ltd

**Type of activity:** Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd, 111 2602 & 111 2612

**Background:** The Bill covers a proposed licence area of 15,712,200 ha for the following mineral  
concessions: Group 10 (Group 10), Group 11 (Group 11) and Group 12 (Group 12) in the  
communal, all-Private (Private) and All-Private (Private).

Members of the public who have interest in regard to the proposed mineral concessions  
or other environmental concerns are invited to participate in the public hearing  
regarding the Bill from 15th to 17th of November 2020.

**Public hearing will be held in Windhoek:**  
Date: Wednesday, 11 April 2020  
Time: 12:00  
Venue: Dordabis Community Hall

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## PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:

### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSES (EPLS) NO. 4265, 7847 & 8440 LOCATED NORTHWEST OF DORDABIS SETTLEMENT IN THE KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA

**Date:** 17 April 2021

**Time:** 11h00

**Venue:** Dordabis Community Hall, Khomas Region

### INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

Mr. Nerson Tjelos (Environmental Consultant) welcomed those in attendance and briefly explained the project.

The meeting was attended by the Dordabis Community, as well as affected farmers/stakeholders in the vicinity of the EPLs. **An attendance register was signed by the attendees.**

Mr. Tjelos gave a brief introduction. The members present were given the opportunity to have an interactive session with the Environmental Consultants during which they could submit their comments, issues and suggestions.

The following issues and comments were recorded and are presented in the **Table 1** below.

**Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the public meeting on the 17 April 2021, at Dordabis Community Hall.**

Comment/ issue by:	Issue / comment / question	Response and name of responder:
Mr. Marc Biederlack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is that the same document that was sent to us?</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos (Environmental Consultant):</b> Yes, we pulled a few points from that document.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are another two licenses held by Lodestone, but you are not doing the EIA's?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> No, we were only employed to do EIA for EPLs 4265, 7847 &amp; 8440. We do not know of any other EIA's that other companies are doing for Lodestone.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I do not agree with that. There is a mining license that Lodestone also owns. How could Lodestone employ you without you knowing what other licenses they have.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> If a company has many EPLs they may decide to start with a certain number of EPLs first before moving to the next. We are not the only environmental company that they may employ to do their EIA. That is why we do not know about the previous EIA's that were done.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are licenses that are very old. I do not agree with the 6months story.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> There is a requirement that the ministry set out for the EPLs. The license is valid for 3 years but you are required to produce an environmental impact assessment within 6 months of receiving the EPL.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>So you do not have to do two EIA's for one EPL?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> No, we only do one EIA for those three Licenses.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When do you propose this document (report) will be done? Because, the last time we received two weeks' notice, which is not sufficient time to produce a proper report with various concerns.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Normally we give two weeks for comments to be sent through for us to prepare the final report.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there any member of the Lodestone Company present at this meeting?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> I do not think so.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where did you get our information from? Who provide you with my email address?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> We got a hold of your details from Lodestone's previous EIA meeting done in the past.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you approached Lodestone they should have provided you with the necessary information of the community in the surrounding areas. That tells us that they are not being honest with the community of Dordabis.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Yes, if we are approached by a client we do not ask for the details of the people in the area. We only asked if they have any available details of the farmers that is in the EPL area. Which they provided a list for.</p>
Mrs Steenkamp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How did you go about collecting information such as our contact details?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> We have received some information from Lodestone and some from the Ministry of Land.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How did they manage to renew their license without handing in a progress report that shows you did nothing for those years?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> If you can present a letter that says "I have acquired an investor" which means only now I can proceed with an EIA, then you will be granted a renewal.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was no communication to the community for other EPL 4265, except the one that the mining activities are currently taking place. I am not sure how they were able to renew that license. There is a general feeling that Lodestone does not inform the community of any activities taking place.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Point well noted.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the EPL phase, there is not a big possibility of job creation. In the mining field there is also not a big possibility of employment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Correct, for the EPL phase but not for the Mining phase. Most contractors are unskilled or semiskilled. That is why we cannot really say how many people will be employed but there is always a possibility of employment for people when the mining phase initiates.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What other form of communication is there to submit our concerns? Some people do not have access to email to submit concerns.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> The best is to write all the concerns down and hand it in to someone who has an email address. We do the same with farmers, they all write on one letter, which they all sign just so that the letter reaches our offices for their concerns to be addressed in the report.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can the affected parties also appeal?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Yes, if you are not happy with the outcome of the EIA you can appeal. The same goes for the owner of the EPL. If he is not happy with the outcome, especially if he did not receive the clearance, he can also appeal.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I don't think the map is very clear on the presentation slides and believe that most of the affected parties here did not receive the BID, since not all have access to the internet or email. Are the people aware that one of these EPL's falls in the Stinkwater community/area?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> There are a few printed copies of the map, but if it is not clear enough for everyone we can send the map via email or WhatsApp upon your request.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The block where the Stinkwater area is, when on a later stage the EPL turns into mining, the houses that the people are residing in, will their houses be knocked down for the mining to take place?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> If that is the case that will be another engagement. This will then be an agreement between the company and the residents of that area. That is if they find the commodities.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>So there was no magnetic mapping done with any airborne device?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Dr. Peter Schrek:</b> There are rules laid out by the government that states that there can only be mining activities taking place. In some cases, you must make sure that mining activities take place some 300 meters from any structure, such as houses. It is not allowed to just bulldoze an entire village because you found something in the ground.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are people from various communities on the various EPLs that are not present at this meeting. Please make sure that there is communication to all parties that are in those areas. Was the councilor of this area informed about this meeting?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Yes, we do inform the councilor. It is not necessary for the councilor to notify the community; we do not keep the councilor accountable for not communicating to the community.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The communication is really the main issue here. Not just from Lodestone but the consultant as well. There was no communication to the various areas that are affected by these EPLs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Unfortunately, our form of communication stems only from emails and letters. If there are not email addresses available, we communicate via postal letters, which may not reach you before the meeting.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What commodity are they searching for on these EPLs?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Generally, they do not go in with a specific commodity. That is why in the document they state a group. They always set out to find if the group that is more likely.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Just for my clarity, must we wait for the draft report to submit concerns or can we start immediately after the meeting? And is there a timeline to give our concerns.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> No, concerns should be sent in so that they are part of the draft report, and not only the final report, because you need to see that your concerns were taken into consideration and not ignored. There is a cut-off date to submit concerns. Normally we give two weeks after the public meeting.</p>
Mr. Mouton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Let us not sell hope for employment, we are a community with a lot of unemployed people.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Yes, we are not here to sell hope, it is an assessment to get a clearance, which we can get or not get. We are here to give the impacts associated with the project. That</p>

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		include social and economic impacts. We also just suggest our views on those impacts. That does include the employment as well. We are not selling hopes; we are just here to address impacts.
Ms. Rosewitha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is quite important for the community to also view themselves as stakeholders.</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Correct, the unemployed are also interested in the project for job purposes, therefore they are stakeholders.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That is why it is important for the community to give their issues regarding unemployment. That will be included in the report under the socio-economic effects of the proposed activities.</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> That is correct. Thank you.
Mr. Harold Mouton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What we are basically saying is that you should not sell hope, since most mines use skilled workers. Therefore, telling the people of Dordabis that there will be people employed is selling hope to the community. There needs to be a way in which you address the part of employment not to sell hope to unskilled workers.</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Noted, but we only suggest a possible solution to the social and economic impacts.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I want to make a suggestion that you make use of the radio to inform other parts of the affected areas about the meetings. Then you should have another</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Yes, thank you, we will consider that and arrange another meeting.

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	<p>meeting for other communities. You need to inform all the communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So you are addressing the need for employment in the community?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> We do address that in the report, but this is only exploration, it has not yet moved to a mining operation. If we get to the mining stage than that EIA should also address employment.</p>
Mr. Patrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think this is very good especially the public participation. My concern is that we are being consulted so that the company gets their clearance and then they keep quiet. We just want to establish that whether you can recommend that our people are being considered for employment. In the report it must indicated that there will be skill transfer, because the owners just say that we do not have enough skills that is required for the job.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Point well noted.</p>
Mr. Frederick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With our input, we would like to include our laws to take into consideration the people from our community.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Correct, that is why we suggest always to employ people from local communities in the EPL area.</p>

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I&AP (8) (name not stated/clear)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the meeting only done here? Because, there are other areas affected by these EPLs and it is quite a distance to reach this hall by foot. Those people are not present at this meeting.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Normally when we are consulting with the public, we try to find a spot that people from that EPL area can reach easily. We can however always accommodate every single person. So most of the time if the affected persons cannot attend the meeting, we do provide them with a letter, or email with the details of the meeting.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We also want to see the manager of the current mine to come to the next meeting. He needs to also answer some questions that the community has raised.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> What has happened in the past, is that we notify the owner, and it might be that a few days to the meeting there is an issue and they can no longer attend the meeting. But we will communicate to them that you would like to arrange a meeting with them.</p>
Tobias	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Was the meeting agenda just to inform us of the meeting or was it for consent from the community? If this is the case not all affected persons have raised their concerns about this project.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Firstly, it is to introduce the project to the community. Then to ask the people what their concerns are if these exploration activities were to take place.</p>
Graem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We just want clarity on what the outcome of this meeting would be? Or what is the actual purpose of this meeting, other than just raising our concerns? Can we email our concerns to your office?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Nerson Tjelos:</b> Correct, but it is not to say if you have a concern now, you can only send it via email. You are allowed to come to us</p>



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		now, or state it in this meeting to be noted down in the minutes.

#### FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION

Final remarks from Mr. Nerson Tjelos was that all comments will be taken into account when discussing the details for the exploration works with the Client.




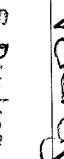






Once again Mr. Tjelos thanked everyone in attendance for their time and contribution. The finalized meeting minutes will be included in the Environmental Assessment report.

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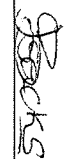










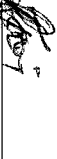




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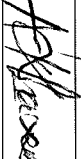







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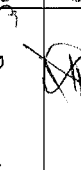
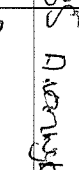
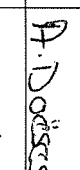



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My initial comments, issues or concerns are:

FARM LANGBEEN NO 86 (EPL 8440):  
1. MULTI MILLION INVESTMENT WAS  
DONE ON THE FARM LAND  
2. SEVERAL GAME SPECIES AND EXOTIC  
GAME SPECIES ARE FOUND ON THE LAND.  
3. INCOME IS GENERATED OUT  
OF 3.1 WILDLIFE SALES.  
3.2. TROPHY HUNTING.  
3.3. TOURISM AND  
3.4. VENUE, WHICH OPERATIONS  
WILL ALL BE EXTREMELY NEGATIVELY  
INFLUENCED BY MINING OPERATIONS  
AND WILL PUT THE INVESTMENT AT  
Other individuals, stakeholders, organizations or entities that RISK  
should be registered are:

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**From:** abrandt@edsnamibia.com  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 July 2021 2:33 PM  
**To:** 'Anton Dresselhaus'; 'Harold Mouton'  
**Cc:** 'Anton Dresselhaus'; 'info@edsnamibia.com'; 'Nerson - Excel Dynamic Solutions'  
**Subject:** RE: Written concerns: Environmental Assessment (EA) Report for Exclusive Prospecting License (EPLs) No. 4265, 7847 & 8440 located northwest of Dordabis in the Khomas Region, Namibia - Public input  
**Attachments:** Lodestone EPLs - Locality map.png

Good day Mr. Dresselhaus, Mr. Mouton

Thank you for your email in this regard.

We take note of your concern. However, the areas referred to (Bloukrans and Stinkwater) are both out of the EPLs' vicinity prioritised for exploration (EPLs 4265 and 7847) and EPL 8440 was just an application, which the Ministry of Mines & Energy (MME) did not approve. Therefore, EPL 8440, which included Stinkwater and the near vicinity of Bloukrans, will not be part of the application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for now. Please see attached a map indicating the location of the EPLs with respect to Bloukrans and Stinkwater. You are also more than welcome to confirm the boundaries and ownership of EPLs 4265 and 7847 at MME.

Kindly, note that when we as the consultants conduct stakeholders consultation, the focus is not only on areas covered by the EPLs but on all parties who find interest in the project, from various parts of the region and the country. For this reason, we chose Dordabis for the last meeting because of the facilities to enable us to share the project information to as many stakeholders as possible.

We do, however, agree in retrospect, that a location like Stinkwater would have been more accessible to the residents, and had planned to have a second meeting on the 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2021. However, the updated COVID-19 regulations have made it difficult for our team to have another meeting in due time as planned. We are, at the moment, working on finding ways to make sure we are as accommodative as possible to interested and affected parties (IAPs) from Stinkwater and Bloukrans. Perhaps we could send some copies of the draft report to a public/space or office there and allow our I&APs to give us their input, comments and concerns that we will include in the final report. If there are any different suggestions from your side on how we could perhaps reach out better amidst the regulations of the pandemic, or further general comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to relay them to us.

Best regards,

Ms. A. Brandt

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**From:** Anton Dresselhaus [mailto:info@ankawini.com]  
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Dear Ms A C Brandt,

With reference to above EA, I wish to put the following points on record:

1. Although it was brought to your attention during the meeting of 17 April 2021, that your list of Interested and Affected Parties were outdated and incomplete and you were informed that Lodestone Namibia (Pty) LTD received updated information, the list in Appendix D of the document in question, is still not updated.
2. It was furthermore brought to your attention that the communities of Stinkwater and Bloukrans were not informed of the Public Meeting of 17 April 2021. You undertake to hold another public meeting after informing the said communities but I cannot find any proof that such meeting took place. Your document place mainly focus on the Dordabis community that is not even in the geographical area of the EPL but Stinkwater and Bloukrans residents and farmers, who reside directly in the geographical area of the EPLs, are excluded.

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