

## 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The public participation process for the exploration activities aimed to ensure that all Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) and/or organisations that might be affected by the proposed exploration activities were informed of the project and could register their views and concerns. By consulting with IAPs the range of environmental issues to be considered in the Scoping Report (including the assessment of impacts) has been given specific context and focus.

Included below is a summary of the people consulted, the process that was followed, and the issues that were identified.

### 4.1 Stakeholders

**Table 1** provides a list of stakeholders to whom the Background Information Document (BID) has been directly emailed. Other individuals contacted the EIA team to register as an IAP after the newspaper adverts had been placed on 23 and 30 July 2021 (see **Table 1**). The detailed list of IAPs can be found in **Appendix E**.

**Table 1: Stakeholder list**

Organisation
Erongo Regional Council
Ministry of Mines & Energy
MEFT
The Chamber of Mines of Namibia
Namibian Chamber of Environment
Affected landowners
IAP
NBRI
Dip. Entrepreneurship and New Venture Management Co-Founder & Managing Director of Open Innovation Investment CC Chairperson of Open Foundation of Hope of the People (OFHP)

### 4.2 Steps in the consultation process

**Table 2** sets out the steps in the consultation process that were conducted during the EIA Scoping process:

**Table 2: Consultation process with IAPs.**

TASK	DESCRIPTION	DATE
<b>Notification - regulatory authorities and IAPs</b>		
IAP identification	See <b>Table 1</b> and a full list in <b>Appendix XX</b>	July 2021

TASK	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Newspaper Advertisements	Block advertisements were placed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allgemeine Zeitung</li> <li>• Republikein</li> <li>• Namibian Sun</li> </ul> Copies of the advertisements are attached in <b>Appendix C</b> .	23 & 30 July 2021
Distribution of background information document (BID)	BIDs were emailed to I&APs listed in <b>Table 1</b> on 23 July 2021. Hard copies of the BID were also provided to Farm Owners which the Environmental Team met with.  The purpose of the BID was to inform IAPs about the exploration activities, the EIA (Scoping) process being followed, environmental impacts and means of providing input to the EIA (Scoping) process. Attached to the BID was a registration and response form, which provided IAPs with an opportunity to submit their names, contact details and comments on the project.  A copy of the BID is attached in <b>Appendix D</b> .	04 February 2019
Site notices	A site notice was prepared and printed. However, during the site visit the Environmental Team could not find a suitable location to place the Notice that would add any value to the process. Rather, the Environmental Team ensured that the relevant landowners were informed through alternative means as further described in this table	-
Focus Group Meetings	Various one to one meetings (informal) and telephone discussions with farmers were held during and after the EIA registration period. Reference was made to the BID during these discussions / meetings. A summary of the (informal) meetings and discussions held by the Environmental Team is presented in <b>Appendix E</b> .	July - August 2021
<b>Comments</b>		
Comments and Responses	See <b>Table 3</b>	July – August 2021
<b>Review of draft Scoping Report</b>		
IAPs and authorities (excluding MEFT) review of	The Scoping Report has been distributed to all IAPs that are registered on the IAP database via e-mail.  Authorities and IAPs have 21 working days to review the Scoping Report and submit comments in writing to A.	October - November 2021

TASK	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Scoping Report and EMP	Speiser. The closing date for comments was 17 November 2021.	
MEFT review of Scoping Report and EMP	A copy of the final Scoping Report, including authority and IAP review comments, was delivered to MME and MEFT on completion of the public review process, for their review and decision.	November 2021

### 4.3 Summary of issues raised

**Table 3** and Error! Reference source not found. below summaries the comments received (though e-mail) and the responses. As only a few comments were received no separate Issue and Response document has been compiled. The original emails can be obtained from ASEC. A summary of the farmers contacted and the issues raised are included in **Appendix E**.

**Table 3: Issues and comments received after the newspaper advertisements.**

Issues / Comments	Raised by	Responses
<p>The process should be sustainable to ensure that our natural beauty of Namibia, specifically in the Namib Naukluft park, be preserved for the future of our generations.</p> <p>Ensure that local people in the area surrounding should understand the process and future benefit it will bring to the region.</p> <p>If there is any unskilled work please make use of the local community from the region.</p>	Kennedy V. Kandjii:	<p>The EIA process has addressed this.</p> <p>EIA process explained in the EIA report.</p> <p>Will be addressed in the EMP.</p>
What exactly is planned for the exploration activities?	Ms Tromp	Please refer to section 7 for a description of the proposed exploration activities.
Received information about historic exploration activities (not specific to EPL 6605) that were not conducted very well and the exploration company made a mess and did not properly rehabilitate.		<p>Comment noted.</p> <p>However, an EIA process needs to be undertaken for the proposed exploration programme by (this EIA process / report) and the potential impacts assessed. An EMP is prepared on the basis of the assessment and Bezant must adhere to these</p>

Issues / Comments	Raised by	Responses
		commitments (see <b>Appendix H</b> ).
Very limited groundwater is available. it is unlikely that Groundwater will be available for the proposed exploration activities.	Various landowners (Farms on which the target areas are located – refer to <b>Figure 2</b> ):	This has been noted and the client needs to discuss access to water for drilling with the respective farm owners.
Concerned about access to the farm and the exploration team that would move around on the farm. There could be security issues and there is game that could be poached.		Exploration team members IDs need to be provided to the farm owners. Working hours will be from sunrise to sunset, if not otherwise agreed with the farm owner.  Accommodation needs to be discussed with the farm owner.
Animals (i.e .Oryx) move though the farm and specifically near the target area. Where will the exploration Team stay? If there are people moving in this area during the night time, it might spook the oryx away.	Mr. W Kessler (Farm Aros)	Accommodation needs to be discussed with the farm owner. Working hours will be from sunrise to sunset, if not otherwise agreed with the farm owner.
The BID states that the main access to the target areas will be via the M36 and C26 Roads. This cannot be. The target areas can only be access via the D1982 road.		Thank you for this comment. This is corrected in the Scoping Report (see section 7.6).
Once the start mining in this area, what will the benefits be to us as the land owners?	Ms J Groenewald	This EIA process and Scoping Report relates to the proposed exploration activities only. Therefore, no mining activities are yet proposed. Depending the exploration results and further feasibilities studies, Bezant might apply for a mining licence in future. However, this entails another EIA process where all the potential mining related activities need to be identified and assessed.



## **Appendix A: Adverts in the Republikein, Sun and Allgemeine Zeitung**

*The Gateway to Endless Opportunities* **City of Windhoek** Vision: To be a SMART and Caring City by 2022

**PUBLIC NOTICE** TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT THE VIRUS

Procurement Management Unit (PMU)  
 PO Box 69 – 80 Independence Avenue, Windhoek, NAMIBIA  
 Tel: (+264) 61 290 2270 / 2614 • Fax: (+264) 61 290 2331  
 E-mail: pmu@windhoekcc.org.na  
 Procurement Management Unit Portal / Website: www.windhoekcc.org.na

**Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

BID NO: NCS/ONB/COW-114/2021	
<b>Description:</b>	REPAIR, SERVICE AND OVERHAUL OF LIGHT VEHICLES, HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND PLANT FOR THE CITY OF WINDHOEK FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS
<b>Bid Documents:</b>	The bid documents will be available as from Friday, 23 July 2021, from 10H00 at the Customer Care Centre, Counter No. 3 of the Municipal Council of Windhoek Head Office, No. 80 Independence Avenue.
<b>Bid Briefing:</b>	Due to the Current Covid-19 Restrictions, written enquiries shall serve as pre-bid briefing and will be conducted from 26 July 2021 to 09 August 2021 - 07h30 - 16h30. The written responses will be communicated by Friday, 13 August 2021.
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Tuesday, 31 August 2021 at 10H00 (NAMIBIAN TIME)
<b>Levy:</b>	N\$ 300.00 (Non-refundable)
<b>Technical Enquiries:</b>	Mr. Vitalis Nepembe Tel: +264 (61) 290 2531 E-mail: Vitalis.Nepembe@windhoekcc.org.na
<b>**Clarification closing date on Tuesday, 17 August 2021 at 10H00</b>	

  

BID NO: NCS/ONB/COW-115/2021	
<b>Description:</b>	THE MECHANICAL LABOUR IN RESPECT OF MACHINING AND REPAIR OF DIESEL AND PETROL ENGINE COMPONENTS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS
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<b>Closing Date:</b>	Tuesday, 7 September 2021 at 10H00 (NAMIBIAN TIME)
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<b>Technical Enquiries:</b>	Mr. Vitalis Nepembe Tel: +264 (61) 290 2531 E-mail: Vitalis.Nepembe@windhoekcc.org.na
<b>**Clarification closing date on Tuesday, 24 August 2021 at 10H00</b>	

**BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT 10:15am ON THE ABOVE STATED CLOSING DATES VIA ONLINE MICROSOFT TEAMS PLATFORM. (THE LINK TO THE VIRTUAL SESSION WILL BE PROVIDED, UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE)**

PMU Enquiries: **Shekape Mufilita** Tel: +264 - (0)61 - 290 2270 E-mail: Shekape.Mufilita@windhoekcc.org.na  
**Hileni Amutenya** Tel: +264 - (0)61 - 290 2604 E-mail: Hileni.Amutenya@windhoekcc.org.na

Delivery address: City of Windhoek head office, 80 Independence Avenue, Windhoek, Namibia, at the Customer Care Centre - in the bid box. For bid information, visit our PMU portal at www.windhoekcc.org.na.

**Notice No.: 16/2021**  
**BIDS TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE MARKED BID BOX**

Issued by: Office of the Chief Executive Officer  
 Corporate Communications, Marketing and Public Participation  
 E-mail: cowcommunication@windhoekcc.org.na

# Covid hampers informal trade

## Border posts' revenue in Zambezi falls

**Revenue collection in the region decreased by N\$23 million in 2020 compared to the previous year.**

Border posts in Zambezi recorded a 26% decrease in revenue during the 2020/21 financial year, regional governor Lawrence Sampofu has said. Delivering his State of the Region Address this week, Sampofu said the global impact on trade caused by the Covid-19 pandemic had a visible impact on operations at the two main borders in the region. "The border posts experienced a 26% decrease in revenue collection due to the movement restrictions on informal cross-border trade emanating from the Covid-19 pandemic. The agency collected revenue of N\$65 million compared to N\$88

million, indicating a significant reduction," he said.

Import and export declarations, however, increased to 15 889 and 16 010 respectively compared to 13 321 imports and 14 375 exports recorded in the previous financial year.

Sampofu further said joint law enforcement teams conducted 34 operations, roadblocks, and border and river patrols to curb illegal activities and to ensure regulatory compliance.

During the operations, penalties to the value of N\$225 000 were collected.

Furthermore, 59 detentions worth N\$330 000 and 73 seizures worth an approximate value of N\$48 000 were recorded.

### CHALLENGES

The governor also noted some challenges experienced in the region during the period under review,

saying in most cases, the Covid-19 pandemic hindered progress.

Challenges experienced included resistance from community members in settlements to make way for development, particularly at Chinchimane, Sibbinda, Lusese and Sangwali.

"Flood impact in the Kabbe North, South and Katima Mulilo rural constituencies slowed the implementation of projects," Sampofu said.

He also noted that the porousness of the borderline remains a major contributing factor to revenue leakage and the importing of illicit goods.

"Even while the Covid-19 regulations were in force, both Namibian and foreign nationals continued to smuggle goods across the local rivers, leading to numerous arrests and seizures of goods," Sampofu stated.

- Nampa




**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR BEZANT RESOURCES' EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 6605, LOCATED EAST OF THE NAMIB NAUKLUFT NATIONAL PARK**

Hope Namibia Mineral Exploration (Pty) Ltd (HNME) holds Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) 6605. HNME is a subsidiary of Bezzant Resources PLC.

Bezzant Resources PLC has commissioned A. Speiser Environmental Consultants cc (ASEC) to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and to compile an Environmental Scoping (including impact assessment) Report and Environmental Management Plan for their proposed exploration activities on EPL 6605.



The EPL lies east of the Namib Naukluft National Park, approximately 150 km east of Walvis Bay and 100 km southwest of Windhoek, overlapping the Erongo and Karas Regions.

An application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be submitted to the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) as the competent authority who will review and forward the application to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (Environmental Commissioner) in terms of the Environmental Management Act, 7 of 2007 and Regulation 6 of the EIA Regulations (January 2012) for the activities associated on the EPL.

Bezzant plans to concentrate on exploration for 'volcanogenic massive sulfide' style copper-gold-silver mineralization deposits in specific target areas on the EPL. The following activities are planned: Mapping; Sampling of rock chips; Ground magnetic and electromagnetic geophysical surveys; and Drilling and collecting of samples.

**Name of consultant to contact for further information**  
 A. Speiser Environmental Consultants cc (ASEC)  
 Contact person: Ms Alexandra Speiser or Mr. W. Petrick  
 Tel: 081 124 5655 or 081 739 4591  
 E-mail: [amspeiser@yahoo.com](mailto:amspeiser@yahoo.com) or [wpetrick@namisun.com](mailto:wpetrick@namisun.com)

**Registration of IAPs and availability of a background information document**  
 To ensure that you are identified as an interested and/or affected party (IAP), please submit your name, contact details and interest in the project to the ASEC address given above. More detail regarding the proposed project is available in a background information document (BID). A copy of the BID will be made available on request to ASEC.

**Submission of comments**  
 To ensure that your issues and/or comments are included in the EIA Scoping Report, these should be provided to ASEC in writing to the address provided above by **6 August 2021**.





## Together we can stop Covid-19

COVID-19 dramatically changed our lives and we as Namibians have witnessed the devastating effects of the pandemic first-hand. I got vaccinated as an act of love and patriotism. Let's put this virus behind us.

**Ronelle Rademeyer, Republikein News Editor**  
 Namibia Media Holdings





*We want you to be safe*



People queue to buy food at a supermarket in South Africa. PHOTO NAMPA/REUTERS

# SA plans billions in relief




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## 'Ripple effects of graft'

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### ALEXANDER WINNING AND WENDELL ROELF

South Africa plans about R36 billion of relief measures to support businesses and individuals affected by unrest this month and by Covid-19 restrictions, the finance ministry said on Wednesday.

The interventions would be funded by better government revenues and by shifting around some spending, senior officials told a news conference, expanding on measures announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa on Sunday.

The government tightened lockdown restrictions at the end of June as coronavirus cases spiked, but they have since been eased. An economic recovery drive was dealt a big blow by arson and looting triggered by the jailing of former President Jacob Zuma this month.

"We are funding this package within available resources currently. We are not going to be going for borrowing," National Treasury Director-General Dondo Mogajane said.

Edgar Sishi, acting head of the budget office, said increased revenue linked to higher commodity prices meant R36.2 billion of new spending could be accommodated "so long

as those measures are temporary". The largest component of the relief package is the reinstatement of a R350 -a-month social relief grant until the end of March 2022, which will cost R26.7 billion, an annexure released later by the National Treasury showed.

### Claims

State insurer Sasria will get R3.9 billion to help pay out claims related to the unrest, R2.3 billion will be spent on helping businesses not covered for civil unrest, and a tax incentive will be expanded by R5 billion to encourage employers to hire and retain staff. More than R2.6 billion of spending will be reprioritised.

Finance Minister Tito Mboweni said one estimate of the damage during the riots was R50 billion. He said an extra R250 million would be allocated to the police and R700 million to the military, and that Sasria which covers against risks including civil unrest would start paying out claims immediately.

The Unemployment Insurance Fund has set aside R5.3 billion in new support, he added. Mogajane said he had reassured investors that the country's economic fundamentals were intact and reforms were happening. Sporadic protests erupted in Zuma's home province after his imprisonment for contempt of court and then escalated, with violence fuelled by the poverty and inequality that persist almost three decades after the end of apartheid.

-Nampa/Reuters



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