

EIA-Public Participation Process for the proposed mining of industrial minerals in the locality of Goanikontes in Arandis constituency, Erongo region, Namibia.

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6.3 Public Participation in the EIA process

The public participation process (PPP) provided a platform to IAPs and stakeholders in an independent and neutral way that encouraged IAPs and stakeholders to participate and raise comments, issues of concern and suggestions for inputs into the EIA and EMP reports. During the EIA phase, public participation allowed IAPs and stakeholders to review and provide comments on the findings of the environmental assessment and the proposed management measures. IAPs and stakeholders will be notified about the outcome of the authority's decision and by when the decision may be appealed.

6.3.1 Public Notices and Invitations

Following the EMA Act No 7 of 2007 (and its regulations of 2012), public notices were placed in two local newspapers (Confidente and The Namib Times) on the 8th and 15th March 2024 calling for registration of IAPs and stakeholders ([Appendix B](#)). Furthermore, notices were put at the notice board of the Erongo Regional Council Office, the Ministry of Mines and Energy office and the Swakopmund Constituency Office in Swakopmund as well as Arandis Constituency Office in Arandis ([Appendix B](#)). In addition, proactive measures were taken to engage directly with identified affected community at Goanikontes through the management of the resort at the Goanikontes Oasis as well as Bannerman Energy per request of Goanikontes camp and resort management ([Appendix C](#)). A public meeting was called for via email, by the consultant to take place on the 27th March 2024 at Goanikontes resort.

6.3.2 Public meeting and participation

After a wide coverage of the public invitations to register their interest in the assessment process as indicated in 6.3.1 (above), only two people/organisations registered as interested and/or affected parties via email ([Appendix C-III](#)). Attempt to host a meeting in Goanikontes was futile due to no interest shown despite proactive measures ([Appendix B & C](#)) to engage directly with identified affected community at Goanikontes who are mostly workers at the Goanikontes Resort and Camping site and agricultural activities. The estimated population of this community is about 100 people (Advisor.Travel, 2024).

Despite the few individuals registering as interested and affected parties and the subsequent decision not to hold a public meeting, it is crucial to underscore that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was conducted with utmost diligence and independence. This thoroughness was ensured through comprehensive dissemination of information via public notices published in local newspapers and prominently displayed on notice boards at strategic locations such as the Erongo Regional Council Office, the constituency Councillor's office, and the Ministry of Mines and Energy.

Moreover, proactive measures were taken to engage directly with identified affected communities, although regrettably, they did not demonstrate interest in participating. Despite this lack of engagement, the EIA process proceeded meticulously, with all relevant stakeholders being informed and given the opportunity to contribute.

The evidence ([Appendix B & C](#)) supporting these efforts, including detailed email conversations, serves as concrete proof of the commitment to fulfilling the requisite public consultation aspect of the EIA process. It reflects a conscientious approach to ensuring transparency, accountability, and inclusivity in the assessment of environmental impacts.

In addition, the draft EIA and EMP report was shared for inputs with all the established contacts despite lack of interest shown ([Appendix C](#)).

APPENDIX B: Public Adverts.

I. Namib Times Adverts

COMMUNITY NEWS 8 MARCH 2024

Meetings for Green and Pipelines **New Board for Jonah Children's Home**

NOTICE

Retha Muller Properties herewith intends to apply to the Swakopmund Municipal Council for “Resident Occupation Special Consent”, to operate an “administrative Office” on the premises of Erf 4067, Swakopmund Extension 11 (10 Tsavorite Street) as provided for in terms of Clause 6 of the Swakopmund Zoning Scheme details of which are obtainable from the General Manager: Engineering and Planning Services.

Any person having any objections against such application should lodge such objection/s in writing and within 14 days of the last publication to the Swakopmund Municipality and the applicant, during normal business hours.

Closing date for objections or comments is: **25th March 2024.**

Contact person: Mrs R Muller, Cell: 081 250 2889
Email: rethamullerproperties@gmail.com

Or

Mr. J. Heita (Manager: Town Planning)
Tel: +264 (64) 4104403.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MINING OF INDUSTRIAL MINERALS IN ARANDIS CONSTITUENCY, ERONGO REGION

Oshana Repair CC (Or the Proponent) intends to apply for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) through the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) to mine industrial minerals (mica) on a state land in the locality of Goanikontes in the Arandis Constituency, Erongo Region, Namibia.

APPOINTED CONSULTANT: The Proponent has appointed Portal Research and Engineering CC to facilitate public consultations and prepare reports required to support an application for the ECC at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT). The appointed Consultants would like to notify the public in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and its Regulations of 2012 that application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be launched with the Environmental Commissioner at MEFT.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE: Interested & Affected Parties (I & APs) are notified to register in order to participate in the public participation process. In order to receive information about this activities, kindly register at www.portalresearch.com.



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REGISTRATION OF PLUMBERS IN TERMS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACT

is hereby given in terms of the Model Water Regulations and the Model Sewerage and the Regulations of the Local Authorities Act that Municipal Council considers the following information of plumbers and drain layers, details of which are obtainable from the GM: Engineering & Services:

ngolo Plumbing Technics – I. Nangolo
Schieler Plumbing – M. Schieler
nic Plumbing – J. Shilamba

t Person: Mr A. Louw Tel.: (064) 4104402
Mrs V. Reischauer-Buchert
Tel.: (064) 4104400

erson having any objections to the proposed information may lodge such objections, duly motivated in with the Chief Executive Officer until 2 April 2024.

ENO: 26/2024

A Benjamin
Chief Executive Officer

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Any person having any objections against such application should lodge such objection/s in writing and within 14 days of the last publication to the Swakopmund Municipality and the applicant, during normal business hours.

Closing date for objections or comments is: **2nd April 2024.**

Contact person: Mr P van Wyk, Cell: 081 122 5225
Email: pine@stewardship.com.na
Or

Mr. J. Heita (Manager: Town Planning)
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II. **Confidante Adverts**

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 P.O. Box 2822, Windhoek, Namibia
 www.portalresearchandengineering.com Namibia - 0644133988

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WOLFS BRAND
 www.confidante.com.na

III. Swakopmund Constituency Office, Swakopmund

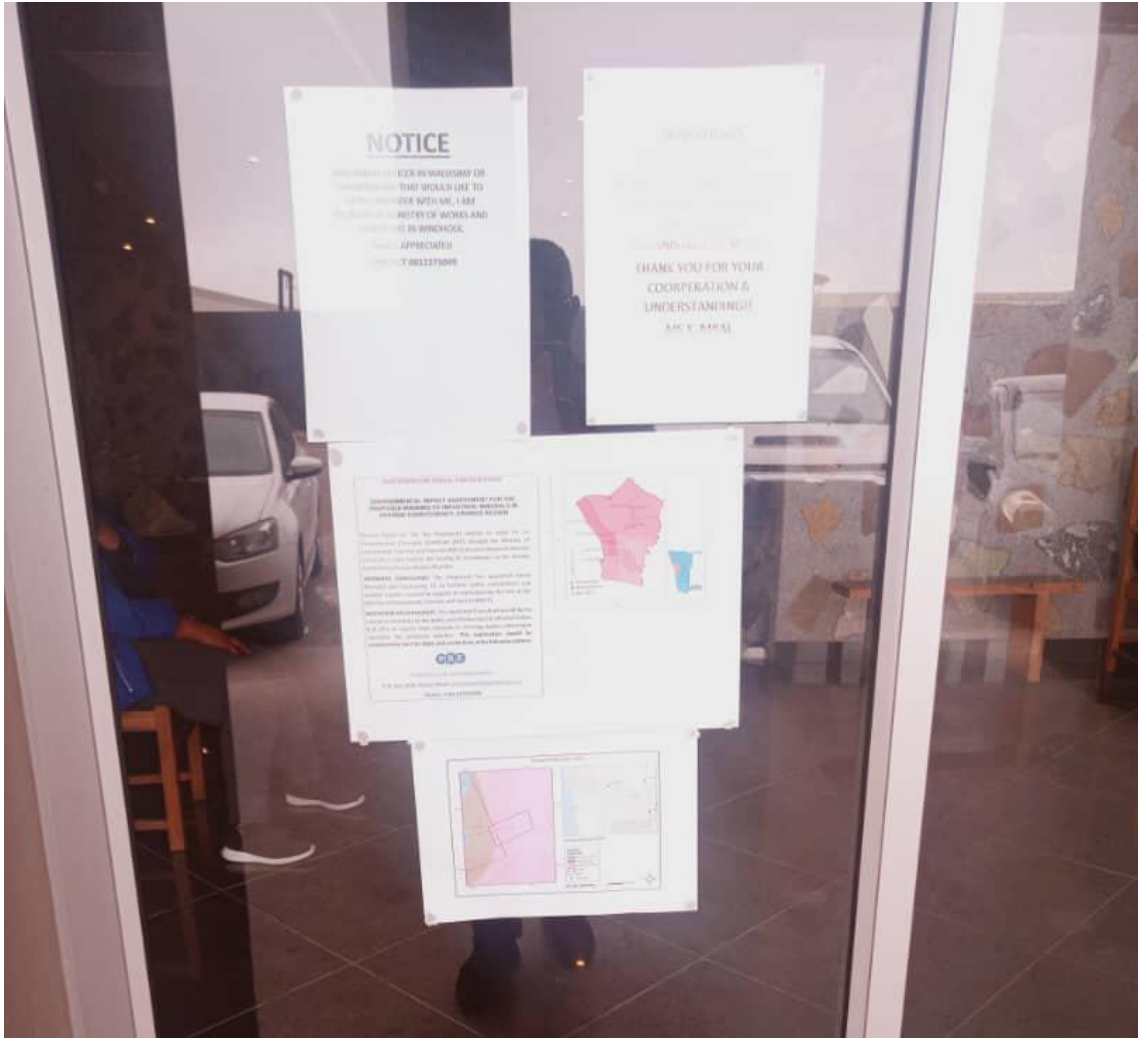


IV. Erongo Regional Council Office, Swakopmund



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V. Ministry of Mines and Energy Office, Swakopmund



APPENDIX C: Email Communications.

I. Communication with Goanikontes Resort and Camping Site.

Re: Invitation to a public meeting

Tobias Endjambi
info@goanikontesoasis.com 19 Mar

PUBLIC NOTICE_PRE.pdf
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BID to Support
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4 attachments (3.4 MB)

Dear Sir/Madam

The documents attached contain a background document on a proposed mining of industrial minerals (mica) in the locality of Goantikotes Oasis. As an appointed consultant to carry out an environmental impact assessment, we would like you to consider our appeal to host a public consultation meeting at your resort for your staff and neighbouring communities to solicit inputs for consideration when we conduct the assessment.

I have also attached the invitation notice with a date for next week Wednesday at 10:00.


Should this date and time be ideal, kindly send me a quote for the venue and for printing out the attached notice and put it on your notice board. For quotation/booking purposes, the meeting should not exceed an hour.

You may also suggest an alternative date for next week.

NB: Notices were published on the 8th and 15th of March, 2024 in the Namib Times and Confidante Newspapers.

Thank you

Regards
Tobias



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Tobias Endjambi
info@goanikontesoasis.com 20 Mar

Dear Sir/Madam


This is just to follow up on the email below:

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GO Goanikontes Oasis - Info
Tobias Endjambi, + 1 25 Mar

Don't hesitate to contact us for any further information

Kind Regards



Direct: +264 81 4633427
Email: info@goanikontesoasis.com

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Reply all

Tobias Endjambi
info@goanikontesoasis.com, + 1 25 Mar

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Dear Manager

I have attached again the background information document and meeting notice to this email for your manager.

Kindly, let us know if you will be interested in the meeting and give us a quote if so. IF you believe that you will not be affected, kindly respond to this email indicating so.

Regards
Tobias



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Tobias Endjambi
info@goanikontesoasis.com, + 1 25 Mar

Dear Madam

As per our phone conversation where you indicated that i should contact Bannerman mining instead. I wish to inform you that I will contact them. Thank you.

Due to unresponsive to my queries in the trailing emails, regarding conducting a public meeting at Goanikontes Oasis. I will take it that you are not interested in being part of this assessment. However, I will give you until Tomorrow, 26 March, 2024 to get back to me if you reconsider.

Thank You



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Tobias Endjambi

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Dear Madam

Kindly receive the attached EIA and EMP report for review.

I will appreciate if you send your inputs by next week Monday 22 April 2024, at 10H00.

Regards

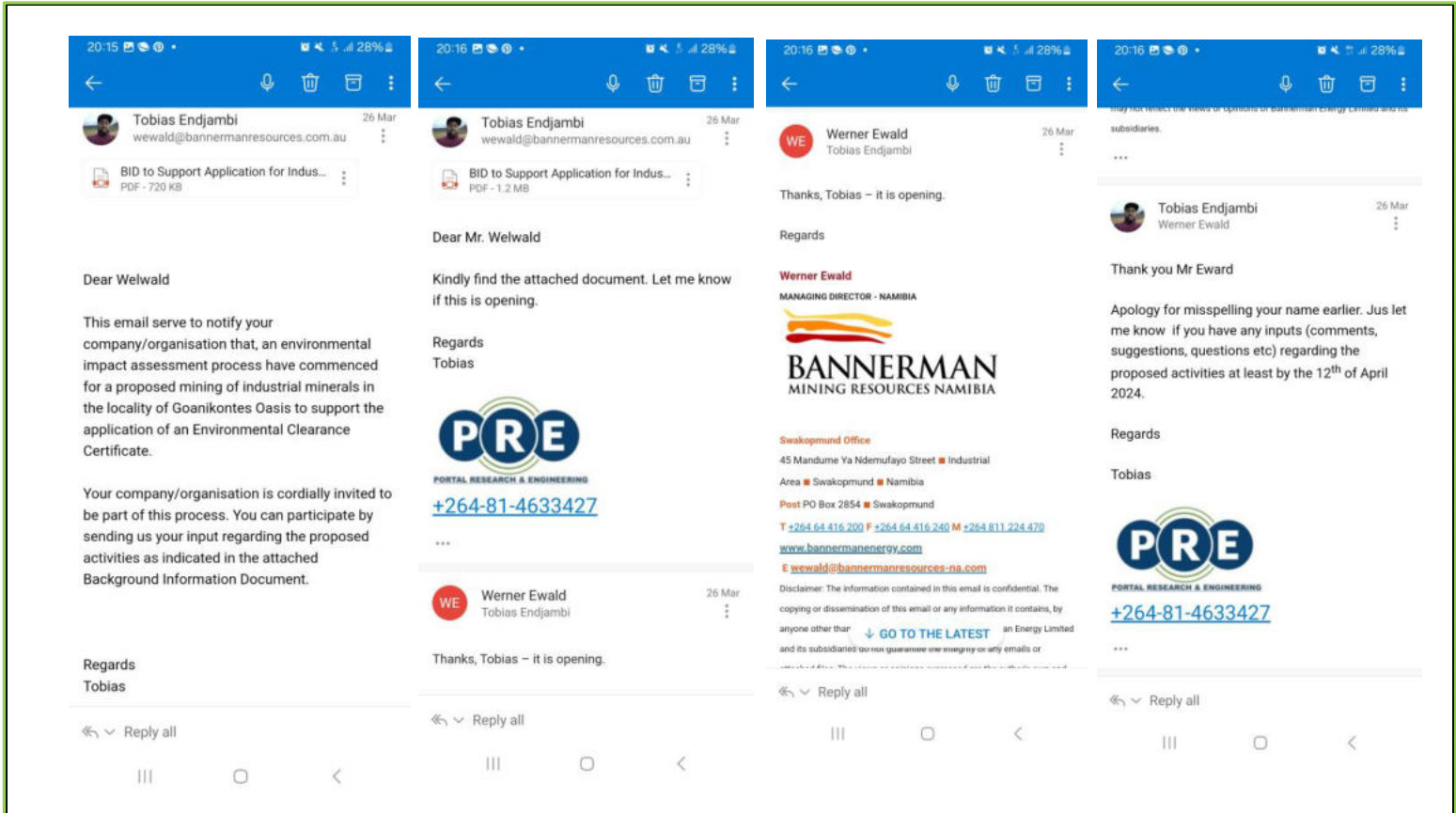
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II. Communications with Bannerman Mining Resources Namibia



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Regards

Tobias



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III. Communication with other interested and affected parties

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Re: Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed mining of Industrial Minerals in Arandis Constituency, Erongo Region

info@eia-tracker.org.na
connectportal@outlook.com 4 Apr

Dear Portal Research and Engineering CC

I hereby request to be registered as an I&AP for the EIA:

- Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed mining of Industrial Minerals in Arandis Constituency, Erongo Region, as issued in your public notice in The Namibian newspaper on the 15th of March 2024

Kindly forward me the BID

Regards

Ndelimona Iipingwe
EIA Tracking and Monitoring in Namibia (EIA Tracker)
Namibian Environment and Wildlife Society
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Dear Ndelimona

Thank you for registering your interest. Attached is the BID. let me know if you have any input that we should consider for the assessment. You may request for any further information too.

Regards

Tobias


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info@eia-tracker.org.na
Tobias Endjambi 4 Apr

Thank you Mr Tobias

All well received
I don't have a comment at the moment, but I will let you know if I have one

Regards

Ndelimona Iipingwe
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Registration as an I&AP for the proposed mining of industrial minerals in Arandis Constituency, Erongo Region

Info ECC
info@eccenvironmental.com

To You connecttoportal@outlook.com
Friday, 12 April at 16:50

Good day,

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (Pty) Ltd (ECC), would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the proposed mining of industrial minerals in Arandis Constituency, Erongo Region. ECC would like to stay informed about the project.

Kindly see our details below:

Office num: [+264 81 669 7608](tel:+264816697608)
 Postal: PO BOX 91193 | Klein Windhoek | Namibia
 Address: 1 Jan Jonker St | Wasserberg Park | Klein Windhoek | Namibia
 Email: info@eccenvironmental.com


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To Info ECC info@eccenvironmental.com
Friday, 12 April at 17:23


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Hi there at ECC

Thank you for registering your interest.

Attached find the BID. We will send you the Draft EIA and EMP reports once they are ready for dissemination.

Regards


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