# Risk - Based Solutions (RBS) cc (the Proponent)

Environmental Management Plan (EMP) to support the Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the Proposed Exploration Activities in the Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No 8225, Mariental / Rehoboth Districts, Hardap Region

# PROPONENT, LISTED ACTIVITIES AND RELATED INFORMATION SUMMARY

#### MEFT ECC APPLICATION REFERENCE No.

APP-003300

# TYPE OF AUTHORISATIONS REQUIRING ECC

Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 8225

#### NAME OF THE PROPONENT

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#### **COMPETENT AUTHORITY**

Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME)

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#### PROPOSED PROJECT

Proposed Minerals Exploration / Prospecting activities in the Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 8225, Rehoboth District, Hardap Region

#### **PROJECT LOCATION**

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# NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

# 1. Background

Risk-Based Solutions (RBS) CC (the "Proponent") has applied for mineral rights under the Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 8225 with respect to base and rare metals, dimension stone, industrial minerals, non-nuclear fuels minerals, nuclear fuels minerals, precious metals, and precious stones groups (http://portals.flexicadastre. com/Namibia). The physical license of the EPL 8225 will only be granted by the Mining Commissioner in the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) once the Proponent has obtained an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner in the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT).

Under an EPL 8225 regime, the Proponent is only authorised by the Ministry of Mines and Energy to conduct prospecting, not mining. Mining is undertaken under a separate authorisation called a Mining License (ML) which is only granted if an applicant has discovered and proved that the discovered minerals deposit is viable and can be developed into a profitable mine.

The Proponent intends to conduct prospecting activities and looking specifically at greenfield areas, historically not known to have minerals potential or no detailed exploration has taken place in some these areas.

The Proponent intends undertake minerals exploration activities covering desktop studies, followed by site-specific activities on targets that may be delineated and using field-based exploration techniques/methods such as geophysical surveys, geological mapping, trenching, drilling, bulk sampling and test mining. The implementation of the site-specific field-based activities will be subject to the discovery of potential economic minerals deposits targets.

The proposed exploration activities are listed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2012 and the Environmental Management Act, 2007, (Act No. 7 of 2007) and cannot be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). This Environmental Management Plan (EMP) report has been prepared by Earth Environmental Services CC to support the application for ECC for the proposed exploration activities. The preparation of this EMP Reports is based on the outcomes of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The EPL 8225 is in the Mariental District, Hardap Region. The EPL 8225 has a total area of 76444.6536 Ha and covers the following commercial privately owned farmlands: Friedabrunn, Ostland, Farm No. 673, Farm No. 671, Farm No. 672, Gaitsabis, Kosis, Kachas, Keikanachab West, Orab and Alt Arab.

Hardap Region is located in a semi-arid area. The general area is regarded as "low" in overall (all terrestrial species) terrestrial diversity. The EPL area is in the Nama Karoo Biome classified as Dwarf Shrub Savanna, dominated by species such as the *Rhigozum trichotomum, Acacia hereroensis, and Combertu apiculatum.* To the eatern side of the EPL is dominated by Karas dwarf shrubland species including the *Acacia Hereoensis, Combretum apiculatum, Acacia reficiens, Acacia herbeclada, Ziziphus mucronate and Rhus species* (Mendelsohn et al. 2002).

The groundwater of the proposed EPL area is dominated by local fractured, fissured, karstified and porous rocks with moderate groundwater potential; the western part of the EPL is covered in rock bodies with little groundwater potential. Locally, the EPL falls under the fish river subgroup comprising of Gross Aub and Nababis. To the eastern side of the EPL are Dwyka sediments consisting of mudstone sandstone with minor faults in the north-north western and south-southwestern direction.

To the west, is the Nama group sediments folded forming a syncline where in the core there is Resenhof of the Gross Aub.

The environmental impacts that the proposed exploration activities and associated infrastructures and facilities will have on the receiving environment (physical, biological and socioeconomic) will depend on the extent of the proposed activities over the development area, management of the area and how the mitigations as detailed in this EMP report are eventually implemented by the Proponent.

# 2. Summary of the Proposed Mitigation Measures

Avoiding sensitive habitats such as Ephemeral River channels, rock heads and mountainous terrains as well as track discipline (including not killing/poaching of fauna and unnecessarily cutting down of trees) must be adhered to and/or enforced at all times. Mitigation measures shall be implemented as detailed in this EMP report and includes the following:

- 1. Project planning and implementation.
- 2. Implementation of the EMP.
- 3. Public and stakeholders relations.
- 4. Measures to enhance positive socioeconomic impacts.
- 5. Environmental awareness briefing and training.
- 6. Erection of supporting exploration infrastructure.
- 7. Use of existing access roads, tracks and general vehicle movements.
- 8. Mitigation measures for preventing flora destruction.
- 9. Mitigation measures for preventing faunal destruction.
- 10. Mitigation measures to be implemented with respect to the exploration camps and exploration sites.
- 11. Mitigation measures for surface and groundwater protection as well as general water usage.
- 12. Mitigation measures to minimise negative socioeconomic impacts.
- 13. Mitigation measures to minimise health and safety impacts.
- 14. Mitigation measures to minimise visual impacts.
- 15. Mitigation measures to minimise vibration, noise and air quality.
- 16. Mitigation measures for waste (solid and liquid) management.
- 17. Rehabilitation plan, and.

#### 3. Conclusions and Recommendations of the EMP

Based on the findings of the EIA and the mitigation measures provided in this EMP Report, it is hereby recommended that the proposed exploration activities be issued with an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). The following is the summary of the key conditions that shall be implemented by the Proponent for the proposed project activities:

- (i) The Proponent will undertake to implement the conditions of the land lease agreements to be concluded with the owners of the land as may be required to support the proposed exploration activities.
- (ii) The proponent shall implement and adhere to all the provisions of this EMP report.
- (iii) Mitigation measures shall be implemented as detailed in this EMP report.
- (iv) Rehabilitation must be undertaken at all times.
- (v) The Proponent shall adhere to all the applicable national regulations and standards as well as Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) that defines leading industry best practices as provided for in the Equator Principles and International Finance Corporation (IFC) environmental management guidelines and frameworks, and.
- (vi) The Proponent shall adopt the precautionary approach / principles in instances where baseline information, national or international guidelines or mitigation measures have not been provided or do not sufficiently address the site-specific project impact.

The following are the recommended actions (roles and responsibility) to be implemented by the Proponent as a part of the management of the impacts through implementations of this EMP Report:

- (i) Appoint an Environmental Control Officer to lead and further develop, implement and promote environmental culture through awareness raising of the workforce, contractors and sub-contractors in the field during the whole duration of the proposed project.
- (ii) Provide with other support, human and financial resources, for the implementation of the proposed mitigations, rehabilitation plans and effective environmental management during the planned mine project life cycle.
- (iii) Develop a simplified environmental induction and awareness programme for all the workforce, contractors and sub-contractors.
- (iv) Where contracted service providers are likely to cause environmental impacts, these will need to identify and contract agreements need to be developed with costing provisions for environmental liabilities.
- (v) Implement internal and external monitoring of the actions and management strategies developed during the project duration and a final Environmental Monitoring report to be prepared by the Environmental Control Officer and to be submitted to the regulators, and.
- (vi) Develop and implement a monitoring programme that will fit into the overall company's Environmental Management Systems (EMS) as well as for any future EIA related to the

expansion of the current delineated resources or development of completely new mine site within the EPL area.

All the responsibilities to ensure that the recommendations and provisions of this EMP Report are executed accordingly, rest with the Proponent. The Proponent shall provide all appropriate resource requirements for the implementation of this EMP as well as an independently managed (not directly controlled by the company) funding instrument for rehabilitation and associated environmental liabilities.

It is the responsibility of the Proponent to make sure that all members of the workforce including contractors and subcontractors are aware of the provisions of this EMP and its objectives. It is hereby recommended that the Proponent take all the necessary steps to implement all the recommendations of this EMP for the successful execution of the proposed exploration programme.

# 1. BACKGROUND

#### 1.1 Introduction

Risk - Based Solutions cc, the Proponent, holds mineral rights under Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 8225, as per the following summary:

Type of License: Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 8225.

❖ EPL Holder and Proponent: Risk- Based Solutions (RBS) CC.

**Application Date:** 29/06/2020

Commodities: Base and Rare Metals, Dimension Stone, Industrial Minerals, Non-Nuclear Fuels Minerals, Nuclear Fuels Minerals, Precious Metals and Precious Stones

**Size of the EPL:** 76444.6536

Risk - Based Solutions cc is locally owned Namibian company focused on the acquisition and development of mining projects in Namibia.

# 1.2 Proposed Scope of Work

The Proponent intends undertake exploration activities covering desktop studies: the purchase and interpretation of the existing Government high resolution airborne geophysical data sets, regional reconnaissance assessment covering field-based activities such as regional mapping and sampling to identify and verify potential targeted areas as delineated during the desktop stage, geological mapping, sampling, surveying and possible widely spaced trenching and drilling to test the viability of any delineated local target based on the regional data collected under localised site-specific detailed geological mapping, trenching, bulk sampling, surveying, and detailed drilling to determine the feasibility of the delineated local targets. If the detailed exploration activities lead to positive results, the exploration data collected will then be put together into a prefeasibility report and if the prefeasibility results prove positive, a detailed feasibility study supported by detailed site-specific drilling, bulk sampling and laboratory testing / test mining will be undertaken on the identified site-specific area.

# 1.3 Regulatory Requirements

The proposed prospecting activities are listed in the Environmental Management Act, 2007, (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the EIA Regulations, 2012 and cannot be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). The Proponent is required to have undertaken Environmental Assessment comprising this Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) reports for the proposed minerals prospecting activities.

In fulfilment of the environmental requirements, the Proponent appointed Earth Environmental Services (EES) CC as the Environmental Consultants led by Ms Emerita Ashipala as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner in the preparation of the EIA and EMP Reports in order to support the application for ECC.

# 1.4 Location, Land Use, Infrastructure and Services

#### 1.4.1 Location and Land Use

The EPL 8225 is in the Mariental District, Hardap Region. The EPL 8225 has a total area of 76444.6536 Ha and covers the following commercial privately owned farmlands (Figure 2- Figure 3): Friedabrunn, Ostland, Farm No. 673, Farm No.671, Farm No. 672, Gaitsabis, Kosis, Kachas, Keikanachab West, Orab and Alt Arab.

The land uses of the EPL area and surrounding general area is mainly centred on commercial agriculture including cattle, small stock, and game farming linked to tourism and trophy hunting operations (Figure 1- Figure 3). Irrigated crop farming operations are also increasingly being adopted despite limited water supply challenges in the local areas. Bush thickening or encroachment is viewed as an economic problem in the general area. The Hardap Game reserve (Hardap Recreational resort) is to the north of the EPL area situated about 24km from the town of Mariental, encompasses Namibia's largest dam, Hardap, which is on the Fish River. The area is known to have rich diversity of plants and animals that are attracted to the dam.

# 1.4.2 Supporting Infrastructure and Services

The EPL area is accessible along the B1 Road from Rehoboth to Mariental via Kalkrand and the minor roads D1259, D1292 and, D1262 that comes off the B1. Within the EPL 8221 area, a network of local tracks and private farm roads linked to the D1259, D1292 and, D1262 gravel roads may be used to access the EPL area. Private minor roads may require high clearance 4 x 4 vehicles and may only be used with permission from the land owners.

The following supporting infrastructures and services will be required if detailed field-based studies such as geological mapping, trenching, or drilling need to be conducted following the delineation of potential targets requiring field verifications and / or investigations:

- (i) External and internal roads network: The Proponent will use the already existing external and internal road networks during the exploration phase.
- (ii) Water supply: Raw water will be sourced from local groundwater resources. The Proponent will utilise the existing boreholes with permission from the land owners. The exploration activities such as drilling operations will require limited water resources which could also be supplied by a tanker truck.

- (iii) Energy: The proposed exploration operations will use diesels and solar energy as may be required for exploration equipment and lighting, respectively, and.
- (iv) Accommodation and other supporting facilities and services: The exploration team will utilise the exiting accommodation facilities and services in the area. In absence of such facilities and services, the Proponent will provide onsite camping accommodation and supporting portable infrastructures such as chemical toilets as well as other requirements as may be applicable. The establishment of an exploration camp will only be done with the permission of the land owner.

If, required, field-based exploration activities will only be conducted once an Access Agreement has been concluded with the affected land owner/s.

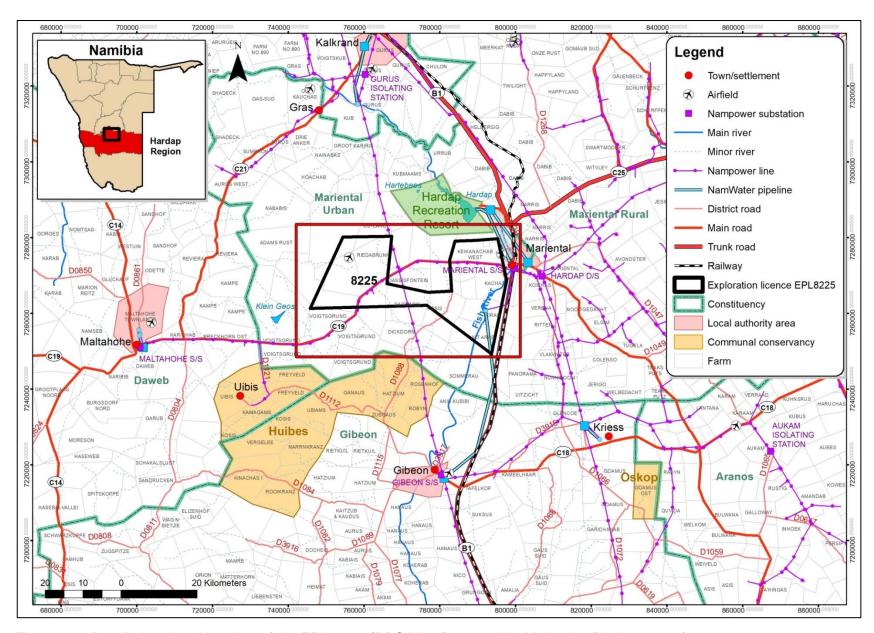


Figure 1: Detailed regional location of the EPL 8225 (RBS Map Prepared by Katharina Dierkes, 2021).

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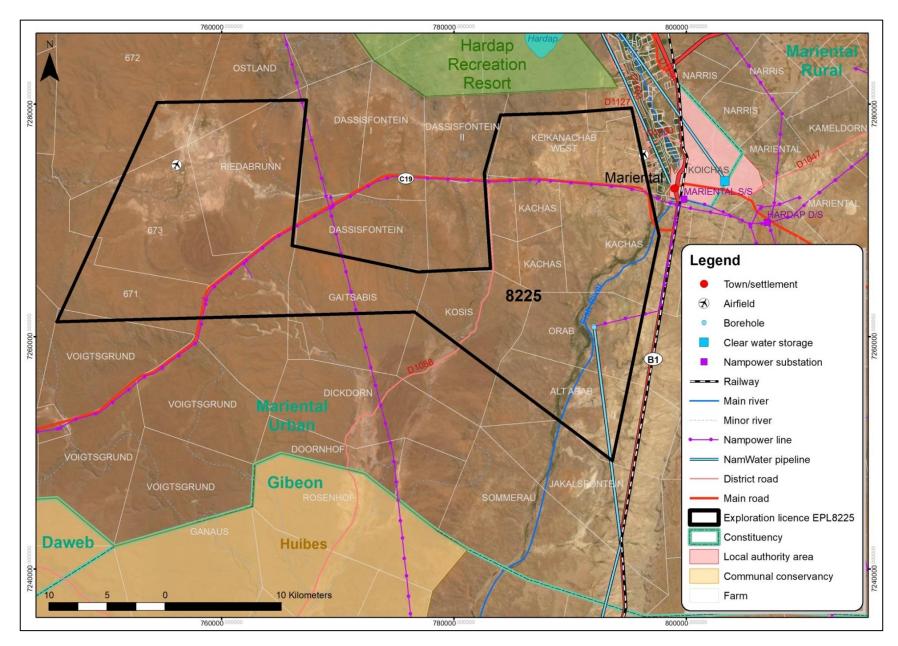


Figure 2: Commercial farmland covered by the EPL 8225 and access (RBS Map Prepared by Katharina Dierkes, 2021).

# 1.5 Summary of the Receiving Environment

#### 1.5.1 Climate

Hardap Region is located in a semi-arid area. Throughout the year there is virtually no rainfall, however, could vary from 50mm to 300mm decreasing from the east towards the west. The region has vast differences in temperature, which can drop below freezing point in winter and increase to above 40°C in summer. The average annual temperature is 21.8°C. The warmest month of the year is December, with an average of 26.0°C. The driest month is July; however, rainfall reaches its peak, with an average of 65mm in February (climate data.org).

In the absence of a weather station in the area, the climate data of the nearest town (Maltahöhe) has been used. Maltahöhe is considered to have a desert climate, the average annual temperature in Maltahöhe is 20.3 °C and the average annual rainfall is 150 - 200 mm (Figure 3) (climate data.org), (Mendelsohn et al. 2002).

The prevailing wind of the area is in the eastern direction, with the wind speed averaging to approximately 2.3 meters per second (Figure 4).

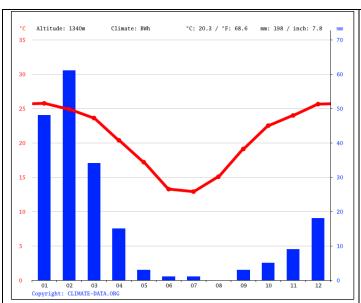


Figure 3: Average climate of Maltahöhe (Blue bars indicate the average rainfall and the red line indicated average temperatire over a period of 12 months (climate data.org).

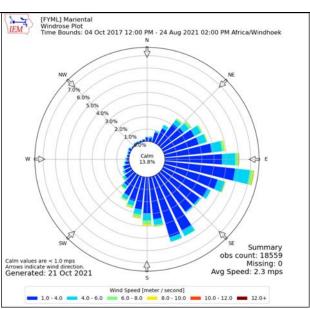


Figure 4: Average wind speed in Mariental (IEM, 2021)

# 1.5.2 Topography

Mariental elevation ranges from 1092 to 1171 masl, averaging to 1111.7 masl.

# 1.5.3 Habitats and Ecosystem

The general area is regarded as "low" in overall (all terrestrial species) terrestrial diversity. According to Simmons (1998b) central/eastern Namibia has between 40-120 endemic vertebrate. The overall mammal diversity is 61-75 species (Mendelsohn et al. 2002). The overall diversity and abundance of large herbivorous mammals (big game) is viewed as "average to high" with 3-6 species while the overall diversity of large carnivorous mammals (large predators) is determined at 2-4 species with

leopard and cheetah being the most important with "medium" (leopard) to "high" (cheetah) densities (Mendelsohn et al. 2002).

The EPL area is in the Nama Karoo Biome classified as Dwarf Shrub Savanna, dominated by species such as the *Rhigozum trichotomum*, *Acacia hereroensis*, and *Combertu apiculatum*. A portion of the north - eastern corner of the EPL is dominated by Karas dwarf shrubland where species such as the *Acacia Hereoensis*, *Combretum apiculatum*, *Acacia reficiens*, *Acacia herbeclada*, *Ziziphus mucronate* and Rhus species can be found (Figure 5). According to Mendelsohn et al (2002), the Dwarf Shrub Savanna is associated with eutric leptosols, low shrubs and Nama karoo landscape.

The Hardap Game reserve (Hardap Recreational resort) is to the north of the EPL area known to have rich diversity of plants and animals that are attracted to the dam. The reserve is situated approximately 24km from the town of Mariental and approximately 3km from the EPL Figure 5, encompasses Namibia's largest dam on the Fish River.

# 1.5.4 Geology

Regionally, the EPL area is located in the southern foreland basin of the Damara Orogenic Belt. It comprises of the Nama group sediments known as the sync-orogenic sediments.

The EPL falls under the Fish River Subgroup comprising of Gross Aub and Nababis Formations consisting Resenhof, Haribes and some quaternary sediments. To the east of the EPL are Dwyka sediments consisting of mudstone and sandstone with minor faults in the north-north western and south-southwestern direction. To the west, the Nama Group sediments are folded forming a syncline. The core consists of Resenhof member of the Gross Aub red-shale formation on top of the Nababis red sandstone, with a tertiary to quaternary sediment cover and a dam in the center. The incision of the river eroded the Dwyka sediments to the west and exposed the Nama sediments (Figure 6).

#### 1.5.5 Water

The groundwater of the proposed EPL area is dominated by local fractured, fissured, karstified and porous rocks with moderate groundwater potential; the western part of the EPL is covered in rock bodies with little groundwater potential (Figure 7). The fish river passes alongside the south-eastern side of the EPL, with many other ephemeral river streams running through the EPL.

The proposed project activities (exploration programme) will utilise local groundwater resources. No site-specific hydrogeological specialist study, groundwater modelling or water sampling and testing activities have been undertaken for this study.

For the proposed project activities (exploration programme), local groundwater resources will be utilised. No site-specific hydrogeological specialist study, groundwater modelling or water sampling and testing activities have been undertaken for this study. Should the need arise, for the proposed exploration and in particular the proposed drilling of exploration boreholes will be from existing groundwater resources and permission from the land owner shall be obtained as appropriate. Should there be a need to drill a water borehole to support the proposed exploration programme; the Proponent shall obtain permission from the land owner and Department of Water Affairs in the MAWLR.

#### 1.5.6 Socioeconomic

Locally the EPL falls in the Mariental Urban Constituency, bordering the Huiseb conservancy to the south. It comprises the city of Mariental and the surrounding area There are approximately 15 557 people in the constituency compared to 13,109 in 2001.

# 1.5.7 Archaeology, Historical and Cultural Resources

In the absence of a field-based assessment being undertaken, the EPL area does not have a known heritage site (https://maps.landfolio.com/Namibia).

Accordance to (Vogt, 2004) the Hardap region has several National Monuments of historical, political and landscape significance including the Historic monument of farm Voigtskub not far from Kalkrand, graveyard of Farm Nomtsas in Maltahöhe, and Driedoornvlagte found near Klein Aub (nhc-nam.org).

It is recommended that the Proponent must not disturb major natural shelters or cavities that may be unearthed because of the potential to hold highly significant historical or cultural sites that would require detailed documentation and possibly mitigation measures to be adopted in the event of encroachment by the proposed exploration activities.

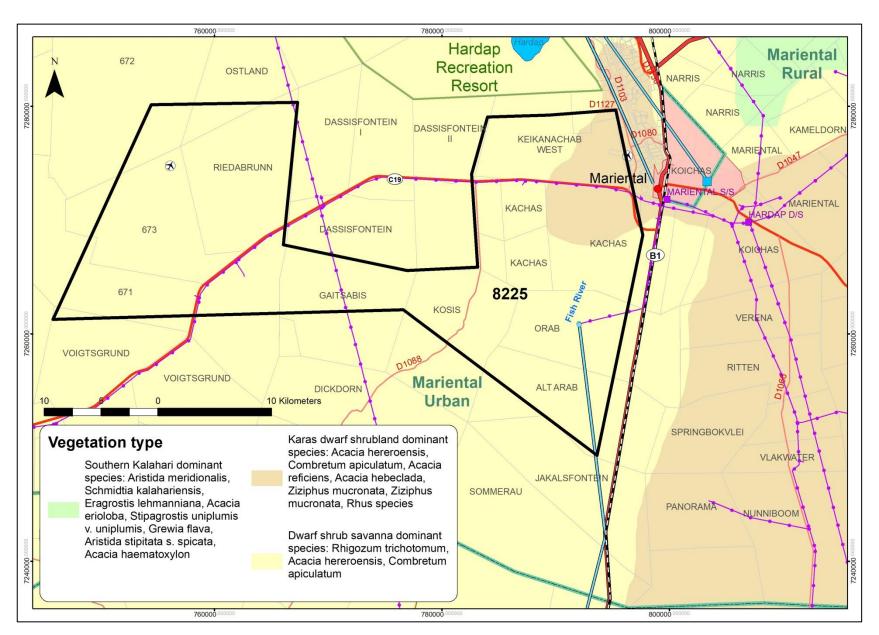


Figure 5: Vegetation Map of the EPL 8225 other existing minerals licenses and infrastructures in the surrounding areas (RBS Map Prepared by Katharina Dierkes, 2021).

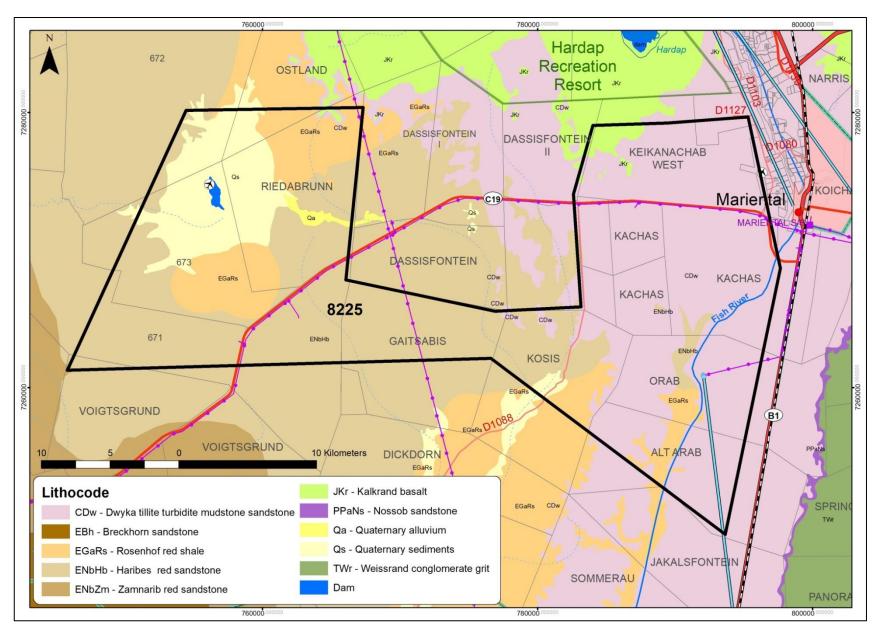


Figure 6: Simplified local geological map of the EPL 8225 (RBS Map Prepared by Katharina Dierkes, 2021).

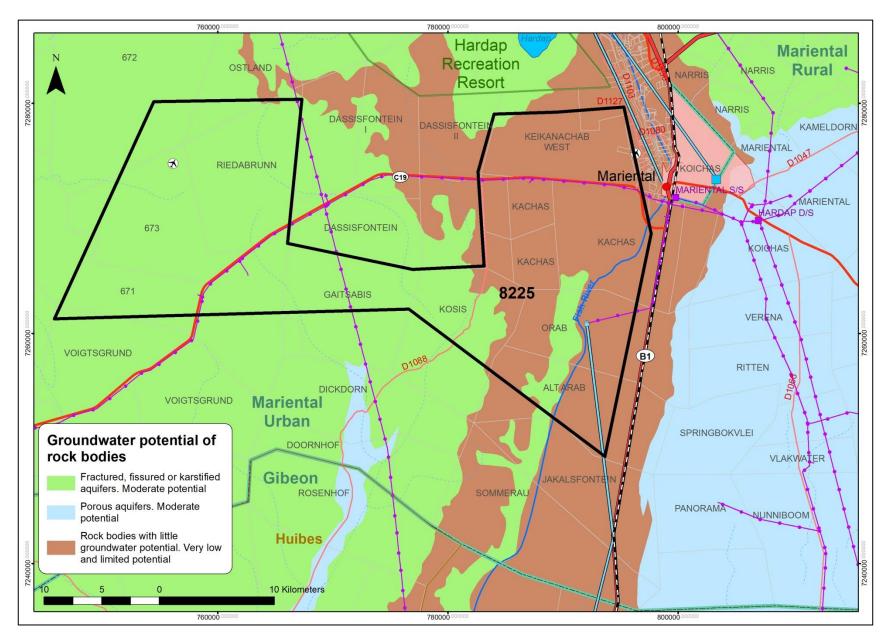


Figure 7: Simplified hydrogeological map of the EPL 8225 (RBS Map Prepared by Katharina Dierkes, 2021).

### 2. OBJECTIVES OF THE EMP

# 2.1 Summary Objectives

This EMP provides a detailed plan of actions required in the implementation of the mitigation measures for minimising and maximising the identified negative and positive impacts respectively. The EMP also provides the management actions with roles and responsibilities requirements for the successful implementation of environmental management strategies by Proponent.

# 2.2 EMP Management Linkages

The mitigation measures described in this EMP report are based on the impacts assessment results detailed in the EIA Report. The EMP must be continuously updated during the implementation of the proposed project activities and throughout the project lifecycle. This EMP Reports incorporates the provisions of the Namibian Environmental regulations and policies as well as international environmental best practices in mining development, operational, rehabilitation, and closure and aftercare activities.

# 2.3 Summary of Impact Assessment Results

# 2.3.1 Summary of Impacts Assessment Methodology

The EIA and EMP process used for this project took into considerations the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2012 and the Environmental Management Act (EMA), 2007, (Act No. 7 of 2007) as outlined in Figure 8.

The Proponent intends undertake exploration activities covering desktop studies, followed by site-specific activities on targets that may be delineated and using exploration techniques/ methods such as geophysical surveys, geological mapping, trenching, drilling, bulk sampling and test mining. The detailed outline of all the activities associated with each of the exploration stages as sources of potential environmental impacts are outlined in Table 1. The impact assessment methodology adopted a two-dimensional matrix approach in predicting the potential impacts of the proposed project on the receiving environment. The two-dimensional matrix consisted of the following cross-referencing (Table 7):

- The activities linked to the project that could have an impact on the receiving environment, and.
- The existing environmental and social conditions that could possibly be affected by the project.

The impact assessment considerations included land disturbance/land use impacts. potential impacts to specially designated areas. impacts to soil, water and air resources. impacts to vegetation, wildlife, wildlife habitat, and sensitive species. visual, cultural, paleontological, socioeconomic and potential impacts from hazardous materials are provided in the EIA Report.

#### 2.3.2 Summary of Impact Assessment Results

In order to determine the likely environmental impacts as well as the overall significant impacts of individual sources associated with the proposed exploration activities within the EPL area (Table 2), an impact identification and assessment process was undertaken as detailed in this report. Details of

the impact assessment results, definitions, methodology as well as the baseline \ receiving environment are provided in the EIA Report.

As detailed in the EIA Report, the significant impact identification and assessment processes focused on the evaluation of the influences of the proposed project activities pathways and the likely targets or receptor (receiving environment). In this process, components of the project activities that are likely to impact the natural environment (physical, biological and socioeconomic) were broken down into individual development stages and activities.

The summary of the overall impact and significant impact assessment results as detailed in the EIA Report associated with the proposed activities / sources of potential impacts with respect to the receiving environment that could potentially be affected are presented in Table 2 -Table 6.

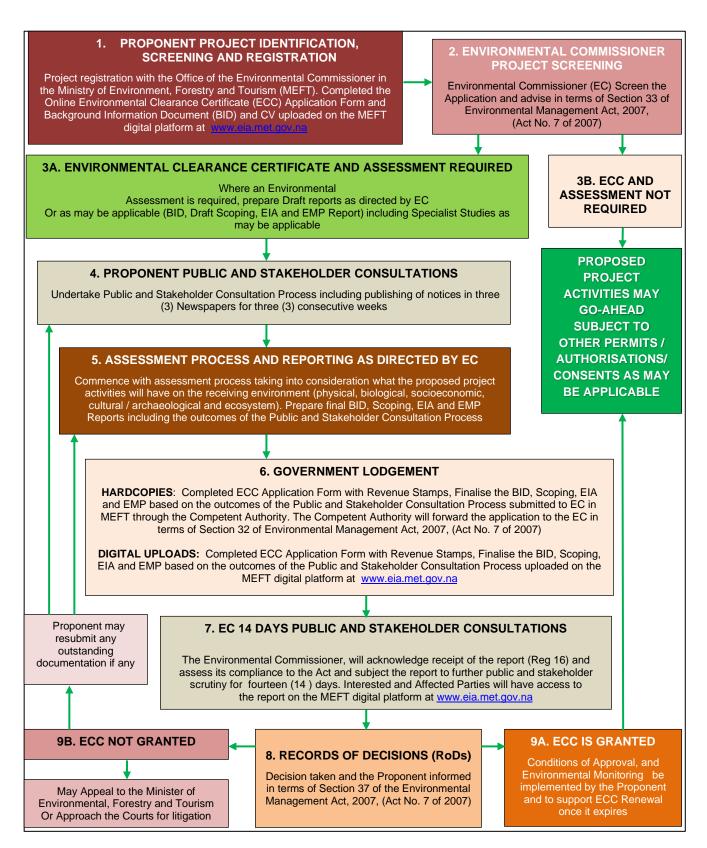


Figure 8: RBS Schematic presentation of Namibia's Environmental Assessment Procedure.

Table 1: Summary of the proposed activities, alternatives and key issues considered during the Environmental Assessment (EA) process covering Scoping, EIA and EMP Processes.

				Key Issues to be Evaluated and Assessed
	PROJECT	ACTIVITIES	ALTERNATIVES	with Environmental Management Plan
_		<u> </u>	CONSIDERED	(EMP) / Mitigation Measures Developed
1.	Project Implementation and Initial Desktop Exploration Activities	Review of existing information and all previous activities in order identify any potential target/s in within the EPL Area	(i) Location for Minerals Occurrence: A number of economic deposits are known to exist in different parts of Namibia and some have	Potential land use conflicts / opportunities for coexistence between proposed exploration and other existing land uses such as conservation, tourism and agriculture  • Water Quality
2.	Regional Reconnaissance Field-Based	Reginal mapping and sampling to identify and verify potential targeted areas based on the recommendations of the desktop work undertaken under (1) above  May include: Widely	been explored by different companies over the years. The proponent intends to explore / prospect for possible economic minerals occurrence in the EPL area as licensed. Minerals occurrence is linked to the geology or local rock autoropa.	Physical infrastructure and Resources Air quality, Noise and dust  PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT  Landscape and topography value Soil quality Climate Change Influences
3.	Initial Local Field-Based Activities	spaced geological mapping, sampling, surveying and possible trenching and drilling in order to determine the viability of any delineated local target/s  Following the delineation of	outcrops and site-specific.  (ii) Other Alternative Land Uses: Game farming, tourism and agriculture  (iii) Ecosystem Function (What the Ecosystem Does.	BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT  BIOLOG
4.	Detailed Local Field-Based Activities on Delineated Targets If Any	potential target/s, conduct detailed mapping, trenching, sampling, surveying and drilling in order to determine the viability of the project.	<ul><li>(iv) Ecosystem Services.</li><li>(v) Use Values.</li><li>(vi) Non-Use, or Passive Use.</li><li>(vii) The No-Action Alternative</li></ul>	Local, regional and national socioeconomic settings     Commercial Agriculture  SOCIOECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND Protected Areas
5.	Prefeasibility and Feasibility Studies	Assess the viability of any delineated local target/s and more detailed mapping, trenching, bulk sampling, drilling and test mining activities where applicable. If the project proves viable, a feasibility report and application for Mining License will be undertaken.	(viii) Others to be identified during the public consultation process and preparation of the EIA and EMP Reports	Tourism and Recreation     Cultural, Biological and Archaeological Resources

Table 2: Results of the sensitivity assessment of the receptors (Physical, Socioeconomic and Biological environments) with respect to the proposed exploration / prospecting activities.

SOCIOECONOMIC, RECEPTOR SENSITIVITY **PHYSICAL CULTURAL AND** BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT **ENVIRONMENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT** Physical infrastructure and Resources Biological and Archaeological Resources use use SENSITIVITY RATING CRITERIA The receptor or resource is resistant to change or is of little environmental value. Negligible national Community Protected Areas Quality, Noise and Dust Climate Change Influences Ecosystem functions, services, non-Use or passive -andscape Topography Local, regional and nation socioeconomic settings Commercial Agriculture The receptor or resource is tolerant of change without detriment to its character. 2 Low is of low environmental or social value, or is of local importance. Protected Areas Water Quality The receptor or resource has low capacity to absorb change without **Tourism and** Soil Quality Recreation fundamentally altering its present character, is of high environmental or social Habitat 3 Medium Fauna Flora value, or is of national importance The receptor or resource has moderate capacity to absorb change without significantly altering its present character, has some environmental or High social value, or is of district/regional importance. The receptor or resource has little or no capacity to absorb change Cultural, without fundamentally altering its present character, is of very high Verv Hiah environmental or social value, or is of international importance. General evaluation of satellite, topographic, land tenure. accessibility, supporting infrastructures and socioeconomic 1 Initial Desktop environment data **Exploration** Purchase and analysis of existing Government high resolution Activities magnetics and radiometric geophysical data Purchase and analysis of existing Government aerial 1 hyperspectral Data interpretation and delineating of potential targets for future reconnaissance regional field-based activities for delineated 1 targets Regional geological, geochemical, topographical and remote sensing mapping and data analysis Regional geochemical sampling aimed at identifying possible Regional targeted based on the results of the initial exploration and 1 Reconnaissance regional geological, topographical and remote sensing mapping Field-Based and analysis undertaken Activities Regional geological mapping aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the initial exploration and 1 regional geological, topographical and remote sensing mapping and analysis undertaken Limited field-based support and logistical activities including 1 1 1 exploration camp site lasting between one (1) to two (2) days Laboratory analysis of the samples collected and interpretation of 1 1

the results and delineating of potential targets for future detailed

RECEPT	OR SENSITI	VITY		SICAL IRONM	1ENT				BIOL	.OGIC/	AL ENV	/IRONN	ИENT	CULT ARCI	<b>TURAL</b>	OGIC	,	
SENSIT	TIVITY RATING	CRITERIA  The receptor or resource is resistant to change or is of little environmental value.		ources	st			S					s, use e use	al		as		ological
2	Low	The receptor or resource is tolerant of change without detriment to its character, is of low environmental or social value, or is of local importance.		Res	d Du	aphy		ence		S			rvice: assiv	ation tings	ılture	d Areas		chae
3	Medium	The receptor or resource has low capacity to absorb change without fundamentally altering its present character, is of high environmental or social value, or is of national importance	Water Quality	ture and	Air Quality, Noise and Dust	Landscape Topography	Soil Quality	Climate Change Influences	Habitat	Protected Areas	Flora	Fauna	ions, se Jse or p	ocal, regional and national socioeconomic settings	Commercial Agriculture	Community Protected	Tourism and Recreation	l and Ar
4	High	The receptor or resource has moderate capacity to absorb change without significantly altering its present character, has some environmental or social value, or is of district/regional importance.	Water	ıfrastruc	uality, N	ndscape	Soil	ate Cha	H	Protect	II.	Щ.	m funct Id non-l	Local, regional socioeconom	mmercia	nunity F	Touri	iologica Resc
5	Very High	The receptor or resource has little or no capacity to absorb change without fundamentally altering its present character, is of very high environmental or social value, or is of international importance.		Physical infrastructure and Resources	Air Q	Lar		Clim					Ecosystem functions, services, values and non-Use or passive	Local	Co	Comr		Cultural, Biological and Archaeological Resources
		site-specific exploration if the results are positive and supports further exploration of the delineated targets		_														
		Local geochemical sampling aimed at verifying the prospectivity of the target/s delineated during regional reconnaissance field activities	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Initial Loc	ral Field-	Local geological mapping aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the regional geological and analysis undertaken	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Based A		Ground geophysical survey (Subject to the positive outcomes of i and ii above)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
		Possible Trenching (Subject to the outcomes of i - iii above)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
		Field-based support and logistical activities will be very limited focus on a site-specific area for a very short time (maximum five (5) days)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
		Laboratory analysis of the samples collected and interpretation of the results and delineating of potential targets	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Detailed	Local	Access preparation and related logistics to support activities	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Field-Bas Activities		Local geochemical sampling aimed at verifying the prospectivity of the target/s delineated during the initial field-based activities	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
		Local geological mapping aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the regional geological and analysis undertaken	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
		Ground geophysical survey, trenching, drilling and sampling (Subject to the positive outcomes of i and ii above).	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Prefeasib	oility and	Detailed site-specific field-based support and logistical activities,	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

RECEP	TOR SENSITI	VITY		SICAL IRONM	1ENT				BIOL	.OGIC/	AL ENV	'IRONN	MENT	CULT ARCH	URAL	.OGIC		
3 4	Negligible Low Medium High	CRITERIA  The receptor or resource is resistant to change or is of little environmental value.  The receptor or resource is tolerant of change without detriment to its character, is of low environmental or social value, or is of local importance.  The receptor or resource has low capacity to absorb change without fundamentally altering its present character, is of high environmental or social value, or is of national importance  The receptor or resource has moderate capacity to absorb change without significantly altering its present character, has some environmental or social value, or is of district/regional importance.  The receptor or resource has little or no capacity to absorb change without fundamentally altering its present character, is of very high environmental or social value, or is of international importance.	Water Quality	Physical infrastructure and Resources	Air Quality, Noise and Dust	Landscape Topography	Soil Quality	Climate Change Influences	Habitat	Protected Areas	Flora	Fauna	Ecosystem functions, services, use values and non-Use or passive use	Local, regional and national socioeconomic settings	Commercial Agriculture	Community Protected Areas	Tourism and Recreation	Cultural, Biological and Archaeological Resources
Feasibil	ity Studies	surveys, detailed geological mapping																
		Detailed drilling and bulk sampling and testing for ore reserve calculations	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
		Geotechnical studies for mine design	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
		Mine planning and designs including all supporting infrastructures (water, energy and access) and test mining activities	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
		EIA and EMP to support the ECC for mining operations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
		Preparation of feasibility report and application for Mining License	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Table 3: Results of the scored time period (duration) over which the impact is expected to last.

RECEPTOR SENSIT	IVITY		SICAL IRONIV	1ENT				BIOL	_OGIC/	AL ENV	/IRONI	MENT	CULT ARCI	URAL	OGIC	,	
SCALE	DESCRIPTION		sonrces									s, use e use					eological
			d Re	St			S					, services, or passive	ıal		sas		rcha
T	Temporary		e an	n Dr	γ		ence						and national settings	re	Are		β Pi
Р	Permanent		cture	anc	grap		nflu					ons, Ise c	and nati	ultu	cted		al ar
		Water Quality	Physical infrastructure and Resources	Air Quality, Noise and Dust	Landscape Topography	Soil Quality	Climate Change Influences	Habitat	Protected Areas	Flora	Fauna	Ecosystem functions, values and non-Use c	Local, regional ar socioeconomic se	Commercial Agriculture	Community Protected Areas	Tourism and Recreation	Cultural, Biological and Archaeological Resources
Initial Desktop	General evaluation of satellite, topographic, land tenure, accessibility, supporting infrastructures and socioeconomic environment data	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
Exploration Activities	Purchase and analysis of existing Government high resolution magnetics and radiometric geophysical data	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
	Purchase and analysis of existing Government aerial hyperspectral	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
	Data interpretation and delineating of potential targets for future reconnaissance regional field-based activities for delineated targets	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
	Regional geological, geochemical, topographical and remote sensing mapping and data analysis	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
Regional Reconnaissance Field-Based	Regional geochemical sampling aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the initial exploration and regional geological, topographical and remote sensing mapping and analysis undertaken	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
Activities	Regional geological mapping aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the initial exploration and regional geological, topographical and remote sensing mapping and analysis undertaken	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
	Limited field-based support and logistical activities including exploration camp site lasting between one (1) to two (2) days	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
	Laboratory analysis of the samples collected and interpretation of the results and delineating of potential targets for future detailed site-specific exploration if the results are positive and supports	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т

RECEPTOR SENSIT	TIVITY		YSICAL VIRONI					BIOL	.OGIC	AL EN\	/IRONI	MENT	CUL <sup>-</sup> ARCI	ΓURAL	LOGIC	•	
			sonices									use use					ological
SCALE	DESCRIPTION		Res									ces, sive	_		တ္		hae
Т	Temporary		and	and Dust	>		Jces					, services, or passive	national ings	4)	Area		Arc
Р	Permanent		iure	and	aph		flue						and natic settings	ılture	ted,		anc
		Water Quality	Physical infrastructure and Resources	Air Quality, Noise	Landscape Topography	Soil Quality	Climate Change Influences	Habitat	Protected Areas	Flora	Fauna	Ecosystem functions, values and non-Use c	Local, regional and socioeconomic setti	Commercial Agriculture	Community Protected Areas	Tourism and Recreation	Cultural, Biological and Archaeological Resources
Initial Local Field-	further exploration of the delineated targets														_		
Based Activities	Local geochemical sampling aimed at verifying the prospectivit of the target/s delineated during regional reconnaissance field	/   T	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
	activities  Local geological mapping aimed at identifying possible targeter														_		
	based on the results of the regional geological and analysis undertaken	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
	Ground geophysical survey (Subject to the positive outcomes of i and ii above)		Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
	Possible Trenching (Subject to the outcomes of i - iii above) Field-based support and logistical activities will be very limited	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
	focus on a site-specific area for a very short time (maximum fiv (5) days)	еТ	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
	Laboratory analysis of the samples collected and interpretation the results and delineating of potential targets	'	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
Detailed Local	Access preparation and related logistics to support activities	T	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
Field-Based	Local geochemical sampling aimed at verifying the prospectivit of the target/s delineated during the initial field-based activities	/ T	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
Activities	Local geological mapping aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the regional geological and analysis undertaken	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
	Ground geophysical survey, trenching, drilling and sampling (Subject to the positive outcomes of i and ii above).	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
	Detailed site-specific field-based support and logistical activitie surveys, detailed geological mapping	<sup>3</sup> , T	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
Prefeasibility and Feasibility Studies	Detailed drilling and bulk sampling and testing for ore reserve calculations	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т

RE	CEPTOR SENS	SCALE DESCRIPTION  T Temporary  P Permanent  Geotechnical studies for mine design  Mine planning and designs including all supporting infrastructures (water, energy and access) and test reactivities				SICAL IRONIV	IENT				BIOL	.OGIC/	AL ENV	/IRONN	MENT	CULT ARCI	TURAL	.OGIC		
	SCALE		DESCRIPTION			Resources									es, use sive use					Archaeological
	T	Te	mporary			and	Dust			ces					, services, or passive	national ings		Areas		Arch
	Р	Pe	rmanent				and [	aph)		Influence							ılture			and
					Water Quality	Physical infrastructure	Air Quality, Noise	Landscape Topography	Soil Quality	Climate Change	Habitat	Protected Areas	Flora	Fauna	Ecosystem functions values and non-Use	regional	Commercial Agriculture	Community Protected	Tourism and Recreation	
					Т	Т	Т	T	T	T	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	T	Т	Т	Т	T
		infrastructu	ning and designs including a ures (water, energy and acc	all supporting cess) and test mining	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
				mining operations	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
		Preparation License	n of feasibility report and ap	oplication for Mining	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т

Table 4: Results of the scored geographical extent of the induced change.

GEOGRAPHICAL E	XTENT OF IMPACT		SICAL IRONN					BIOL	-OGIC	AL ENV	/IRONN	MENT	CULT ARCI	URAL	OGIC	,	
SCALE	DESCRIPTION		Physical infrastructure and Resources									s, use ve use				ļ	and Archaeological
L	limited impact on location		nd R	nst			sec					services, r passive	onal		Areas		Arch
0	impact of importance for municipality		re a	nd D	aphy		luen						and natic settings	ture	ed A		and ,
R	impact of regional character		ructi	se a	ogra		e Inf		S			ction Use	and	gricul	otect		
N	impact of national character	llity	frast	, No.	Top		ıang		Areas			functic non-U	onal	al Aç	/ Pro	pe_	joloi
M	impact of cross-border character	Quality	ä	ality	cape	ualit	e C	=			_	stem and	regi	ierci	unit	m ar ation	al, B irces
		Water	hysic	Air Quality, Noise and Dust	andscape Topography	Soil Quality	Climate Change Influences	Habitat	Protected	Flora	Fauna	Ecosystem functions, values and non-Use c	Local, regional and national socioeconomic settings	Commercial Agriculture	Community Protected	Tourism and Recreation	Cultural, Biological Resources
Initial Desktop	General evaluation of satellite, topographic, land tenure, accessibility, supporting infrastructures and socioeconomic environment data	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Exploration Activities	Purchase and analysis of existing Government high resolution magnetics and radiometric geophysical data	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Purchase and analysis of existing Government aerial hyperspectral	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Data interpretation and delineating of potential targets for future reconnaissance regional field-based activities for delineated targets	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Regional geological, geochemical, topographical and remote sensing mapping and data analysis	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Regional Reconnaissance Field-Based	Regional geochemical sampling aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the initial exploration and regional geological, topographical and remote sensing mapping and analysis undertaken	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Activities	Regional geological mapping aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the initial exploration and regional geological, topographical and remote sensing mapping and analysis undertaken	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Limited field-based support and logistical activities including exploration camp site lasting between one (1) to two (2) days	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Laboratory analysis of the samples collected and interpretation of	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L

GEOGRAPHICAL E	XTENT OF IMPACT		SICAL	MENT				BIOL	.OGIC/	AL ENV	/IRONN	MENT	CULT ARCI	URAL	OGIC	·	
SCALE	DESCRIPTION		Physical infrastructure and Resources									, services, use or passive use					Cultural, Biological and Archaeological Resources
1	limited impact on location		d Re	ıst			Se					, services, or passive	nal		eas		rcha
0	impact of importance for municipality		e an	Air Quality, Noise and Dust	hy		Climate Change Influences					, ser or pa	national ings	ıre	Community Protected Areas		Α pc
R	impact of importance for manicipality		ctur	and	andscape Topography		Influ					Ecosystem functions, values and non-Use c	l and natic s settings	Commercial Agriculture	ctec		al al
	·		astru	loise	odo		Jge		eas			uncti on-L	al aı ıic sı	Agri	rote		ogic
N	impact of national character	Jalit	infra	, Z,	Je T	iŧy	Char		A Are			m fr n br	gion nom	cial ,	ity F	and	Biol
M	impact of cross-border character	ğ	ical	uali	scal	Jua	ate (	tat	ctec	m m	Ø	yste es ar	I, re	mer	unu	sm eatic	ıral,
		Nater Quality	hys	Α̈́	and	Soil Quality	iii.	Habitat	Protected Areas	Flora	auna	cos	Local, regional a socioeconomic s	comi	Com	Tourism and Recreation	Sultu
	the results and delineating of potential targets for future detailed site-specific exploration if the results are positive and supports further exploration of the delineated targets				_	3,		_			_		_ ,			, –	
	Local geochemical sampling aimed at verifying the prospectivity of the target/s delineated during regional reconnaissance field activities	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Local geological mapping aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the regional geological and analysis undertaken	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Initial Local Field- Based Activities	Ground geophysical survey (Subject to the positive outcomes of i and ii above)	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	Ш	L	L	L
	Possible Trenching (Subject to the outcomes of i - iii above)	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Field-based support and logistical activities will be very limited focus on a site-specific area for a very short time (maximum five (5) days)	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Laboratory analysis of the samples collected and interpretation of the results and delineating of potential targets	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Access preparation and related logistics to support activities	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Detailed Local	Local geochemical sampling aimed at verifying the prospectivity of the target/s delineated during the initial field-based activities	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Field-Based Activities	Local geological mapping aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the regional geological and analysis undertaken	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Ground geophysical survey, trenching, drilling and sampling (Subject to the positive outcomes of i and ii above).	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Access preparation and related logistics to support activities	L	L	L L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L.
	Local geochemical sampling aimed at verifying the prospectivity	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	

GEOGRAPHICAL E	XTENT OF IMPACT		SICAL RONM	IENT				BIOL	OGIC <i>P</i>	AL ENV	/IRONN	MENT	CUL <sup>T</sup> ARCI	URAL	_OGIC/	•	
SCALE	DESCRIPTION		Resources									es, use ive use					Archaeological
L	limited impact on location		and F	Dust			ses					, services, or passive	onal		Areas		Arch
0	impact of importance for municipality		Ire a	and D	phy		neu					s, se or p	national ngs	ture	A be		and ,
R	impact of regional character		ructu	se aı	Topography		lJul e		S			functions non-Use	and setti	Agriculture	Protected		ical
N	impact of national character	lity	frast	Noi	Тор		Change Influence		Areas			fung	onal	al Ag		and on	Biological and es
М	impact of cross-border character	Quality	älin	Quality, Noise	cape	Quality	e Cr	#				stem and	regic	iercia	unity	m ar ation	al, Bi
		Water	Physical infrastructure	Air Qu	Landscape <sup>-</sup>	Soil Q	Climate	Habitat	Protected	Flora	Fauna	Ecosystem functions, values and non-Use	Local, regional a socioeconomic s	Commercial	Community	Tourism and Recreation	Cultural, Bid Resources
Detailed Local	of the target/s delineated during the initial field-based activities																
Field-Based Activities	Local geological mapping aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the regional geological and analysis undertaken	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Ground geophysical survey, trenching, drilling and sampling (Subject to the positive outcomes of i and ii above).	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Detailed site-specific field-based support and logistical activities, surveys, detailed geological mapping	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Prefeasibility and Feasibility Studies	Detailed drilling and bulk sampling and testing for ore reserve calculations	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
,	Geotechnical studies for mine design	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Mine planning and designs including all supporting infrastructures (water, energy and access) and test mining activities	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	EIA and EMP to support the ECC for mining operations	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
	Preparation of feasibility report and application for Mining License	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L

Table 5: Results of the qualitative scale of probability occurrence.

IMPACT PROBABIL	TY OCCURRENCE		SICAL IRONM	1ENT				BIOL	.OGIC/	AL EN\	/IRONI	MENT	CULT ARCH	URAL	OGIC	,	
SCALE	DESCRIPTION		Resources									s, use e use					and Archaeological
Α	Extremely unlikely (e.g. never heard of in the industry)		Re	+=			w					, services, or passive	7		as		cha
В	Unlikely (e.g. heard of in the industry but considered unlikely)		anc	Dus	>		nce					serv pag	national ings	(I)	Areas	ļ	Ā
С	Low likelihood (egg such incidents/impacts have occurred but are uncommon)		ucture	e and	ograph		Influe					tions, s Use or	and nation settings	icultur	Protected		cal and
D	Medium likelihood (e.g. such incidents/impacts occur several times per year within the industry)	ality	nfrastrı	, Nois	е Торс	≥:	hange		Areas			n functions d non-Use		ial Agr		pu c	siologic S
E	High likelihood (e.g. such incidents/impacts occurs several times per year at each location where such works are undertaken)	Nater Quality	Physical infrastructure and	Air Quality, Noise and Dust	andscape Topography	Soil Quality	Climate Change Influences	Habitat	Protected	Flora	Fauna	Ecosystem functions, values and non-Use c	Local, regional socioeconomic	Commercial Agriculture	Community	Tourism and Recreation	Cultural, Biological Resources
Initial Desktop	General evaluation of satellite, topographic, land tenure, accessibility, supporting infrastructures and socioeconomic environment data	A	A	А	А	A	А	A	А	A	А	А	A	A	А	A	A
Exploration Activities	Purchase and analysis of existing Government high resolution magnetics and radiometric geophysical data	Α	Α	А	Α	Α	Α	Α	А	А	Α	Α	Α	Α	А	Α	А
	Purchase and analysis of existing Government aerial hyperspectral	Α	Α	Α	А	А	Α	Α	Α	А	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	А
	Data interpretation and delineating of potential targets for future reconnaissance regional field-based activities for delineated targets	Α	А	А	A	А	А	Α	А	A	А	А	Α	Α	А	А	А
	Regional geological, geochemical, topographical and remote sensing mapping and data analysis	Α	А	А	А	Α	Α	Α	Α	А	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	А
Regional Reconnaissance Field-Based	Regional geochemical sampling aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the initial exploration and regional geological, topographical and remote sensing mapping and analysis undertaken	A	A	A	A	A	A	Α	A	A	A	A	Α	Α	A	Α	A
Activities	Regional geological mapping aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the initial exploration and regional geological, topographical and remote sensing mapping and analysis undertaken	А	A	А	A	А	A	A	A	A	A	А	A	A	A	A	A
	Limited field-based support and logistical activities including exploration camp site lasting between one (1) to two (2) days	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
	Laboratory analysis of the samples collected and interpretation of the results and delineating of potential targets for future detailed	Α	Α	Α	А	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α

IMPACT PROBABILITY OCCURRENCE				PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT							AL EN\	/IRONN	MENT	SOCIOECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT					
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Α		Extremely unlikely (e.g. never heard of in the industry)		l br	ıst			es					, services, or passive	nal		Community Protected Areas		rch	
В		Unlikely (e.g. heard of in the industry but considered unlikely)		e ar	Air Quality, Noise and Dust	andscape Topography		enc		Areas				and n settin				þ þ	
С		Low likelihood (egg such incidents/impacts have occurred but are uncommon)		ucture				Influ					tions, Use o					cal ar	
D		Medium likelihood (e.g. such incidents/impacts occur several times per year within the industry)	ality	ıfrastr			>	Change Influences					functions non-Use				pu C	siologi	
E	E High likelihood (e.g. such incidents/impacts occurs several times per year at each location where such works are undertaken)		Water Quality	Physical infrastructure and	ir Quality	andscap	Soil Quality	Climate C	Habitat	Protected	Flora	Fauna	Ecosystem functions, values and non-Use c	Local, regional socioeconomic	ommerci	ommunit	Tourism and Recreation	Cultural, Bid Resources	
site-specific exploration if the results are positive and supports further exploration of the delineated targets				_	<		S	0	I			Ш	ШЗ	م تـ	0	0	<u> </u>	0 &	
	Loc of t	Local geochemical sampling aimed at verifying the prospectivity of the target/s delineated during regional reconnaissance field activities			А	А	А	А	А	А	А	А	Α	Α	Α	А	А	А	
Initial Local Field- Based Activities	bas	Local geological mapping aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the regional geological and analysis undertaken			В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	
		Ground geophysical survey (Subject to the positive outcomes of i and ii above)			В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	
	Pos	Possible Trenching (Subject to the outcomes of i - iii above)			В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	
	foc	ld-based support and logistical activities will be very limited us on a site-specific area for a very short time (maximum five days)	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	
	Lak	Laboratory analysis of the samples collected and interpretation of the results and delineating of potential targets			А	А	А	Α	Α	А	А	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	А	А	
		cess preparation and related logistics to support activities	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	
Detailed Local	of t	cal geochemical sampling aimed at verifying the prospectivity he target/s delineated during the initial field-based activities	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	
Field-Based Activities	bas und	cal geological mapping aimed at identifying possible targeted sed on the results of the regional geological and analysis dertaken	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	
	(Su	ound geophysical survey, trenching, drilling and sampling bject to the positive outcomes of i and ii above).	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	
	sur	Detailed site-specific field-based support and logistical activities, surveys, detailed geological mapping			С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	
Prefeasibility and	De	tailed drilling and bulk sampling and testing for ore reserve	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	

IMPACT PROBABILITY OCCURRENCE				PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT						.OGIC/	AL EN\	/IRONN	MENT	SOCIOECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT					
SCALE A B		DESCRIPTION  Extremely unlikely (e.g. never heard of in the industry)		and Resources	Dust			ses					, services, use or passive use	onal		Areas		Archaeological	
С		Unlikely (e.g. heard of in the industry but considered unlikely)  Low likelihood (egg such incidents/impacts have occurred but are uncommon)		Physical infrastructure a	and	Topography		Influence		Areas			~ 0	and national settings	iculture	ected A		and	
D		Medium likelihood (e.g. such incidents/impacts occur several times per year within the industry)	ality		, Nois	odo1 e	>	Change					n functions d non-Use	jional a	al Agr	y Prot	and on	Biological	
E		High likelihood (e.g. such incidents/impacts occurs several times per year at each location where such works are undertaken)	Water Quality	hysical ir	Air Quality, Noise	andscape	Soil Quality	Climate Cl	Habitat	Protected	Flora	Fauna	Ecosystem to values and its	Local, regional a socioeconomic	Commercial Agriculture	Community Protected	Tourism and Recreation	Cultural, Bid Resources	
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Ţ		otechnical studies for mine design	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	
	infr	Mine planning and designs including all supporting infrastructures (water, energy and access) and test mining activities		С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	
	EIA	and EMP to support the ECC for mining operations	Α	Α	Α	А	Α	Α	А	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	
	Preparation of feasibility report and application for N License		А	A	A	А	А	А	А	A	A	А	А	Α	A	A	A	А	

Table 6: Significant impact assessment matrix for the proposed exploration activities.

	SIGNIFICANT IMPACT								PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT							LOGI			SOCIOECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT					
	IMPACT RECEPTOR CHARACTERISTICS (SENSITIVITY)															use	_		Ø					
	Magnitude, Duration, Extent, Probability	Very Hi	igh (5)	High(4)	Medium (3)	Low (2)	Negligible (1)	Nater Quality	ructure and ces	Air Quality, Noise and Dust	Landscape Topography	ıality	Climate Change Influences	Habitat	Protected Areas	Flora	Fauna	Ecosystem functions, services, values and non-Use or passive	200	Commercial Agriculture	tected Areas	and tion		
	Very High (5)	Major	[5/5]	Major [4/5[	Moderate [3/5]	Moderate [2 /5]	Minor 1/5	ler Q	Physical infrastructure Resources	, Noi	pe Tc	Soil Quality							al, regional ocioeconom		Community Protected	Fourism and Recreation	Biolo	
	High (4)	Major	[5/4]	Major [4/4]	Moderate [3/4]	Moderate [2/4]	Minor[1/4]	Wai		ıality	dsca	So										Tou	tural, teolog	
$  \cdot  $	Medium (3) Low (2)	Major		Moderate[4/3]		Minor[2/3]	None[1/3] None[1/2]		hysi	ğ	Land												Cult	
╽├	Negligible (1)	Modera Minor	te [5/2]	Moderate[4/2] Minor [4/1]	Minor[3/2] None [3/1]	None[2/2] None [2/1]	None [1/1]			⋖								Ecosys values	ت				4	
H	0 0 1.7				n of satellite,		land tenure											<u> </u>						
1.	Initial Desktop     Exploration		accessibility, supporting infrastructures and socioeconomic					1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	
	Activities  (ii) Purchase and analysis of existing Government high resolution magnetics and radiometric geophysical data				1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1				
		(iii) Purchase and analysis of existing Government aerial hyperspectral						1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	
	(iv) Data interpretation and delineating of potential targets for future reconnaissance regional field-based activities for delineated targets						1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1		
		possible targeted based on the results of the initial exploration and regional geological, topographical and remote sensing mapping and analysis undertaken					1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1		
2.	Regional Reconnaissan ce Field- Based Activities						1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1		
		(iii)			al mapping air the results of			1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	

	SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT								LOGIO			SOCIOECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT					
IMPACT SEVERITY  Magnitude, Duration, Extent, Probability  Very High (5)	RECEPTOR CHARACTERISTICS (SENSITIVITY)  /ery High (5) High(4) Medium (3) Low (2) Negligible (1)	Water Quality	structure and urces	oise and Dust	Landscape Topography	Soil Quality	Change Influences	Habitat	Protected Areas	Flora	Fauna	ons, services, use se or passive use	Local, regional and national socioeconomic settings	Commercial Agriculture	Community Protected Areas	Tourism and Recreation	Cultural, Biological and Archaeological Resources	
High (4)  Medium (3)	Major [5/5]         Major [4/5]         Moderate [3/5]         Moderate [2/5]         Minor 1/5           Major [5/4]         Major [4/4]         Moderate [3/4]         Moderate [2/4]         Minor[1/4]           Major [5/3]         Moderate [4/3]         Moderate [3/3]         Minor[2/3]         None[1/3]           Moderate [5/2]         Moderate [4/2]         Minor [3/2]         None [2/2]         None [1/2]           Minor [5/1]         Minor [4/1]         None [3/1]         None [2/1]         None [1/1]	Water	Physical infrastructure Resources	Air Quality, Noise	Landscape	Soil G	Climate Char	Ha	Protect	H	Fa	Ecosystem functions, services, values and non-Use or passive	Local, regiona socioecono	Commercia	Community Pr	Touris	Cultural, Bid Archaeologic	
	regional geological, topographical and remote sensing mapping and analysis undertaken																	
	(iv) Limited field-based support and logistical activities including exploration camp site lasting between one (1) to two (2) days	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	
	(v) Laboratory analysis of the samples collected and interpretation of the results and delineating of potential targets for future detailed site-specific exploration if the results are positive and supports further exploration of the delineated targets	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	
	(i) Local geochemical sampling aimed at verifying the prospectivity of the target/s delineated during regional reconnaissance field activities	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	
3. Initial Local Field-Based Activities	(ii) Local geological mapping aimed at identifying possible targeted based on the results of the regional geological and analysis undertaken	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	
	(iii) Ground geophysical survey (Subject to the positive outcomes of i and ii above)	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	
	(iv) Possible Trenching (Subject to the outcomes of i - iii above)	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	
Dial Bassal O	(v) Field-based support and logistical activities will be very limited focus on a site-specific area for a very short time	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	

	SIGNIFICANT IMPACT				PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT			BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT			SOCIOECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT										
	IMPACT SEVERITY Magnitude, Duration, Extent, Probability	RECEPTOR C	Medium (3)	S (SENSITIVITY	Negligible (1)	lity	cture and	and Dust	ography	ty	Change Influences		reas			, services, use or passive use	a	riculture	sted Areas	pu u	ical and esources
	/ery High (5) High (4) Medium (3) Low (2)	Major [5/5] Major [4/5]  Major [5/4] Major [4/4]  Major [5/3] Moderate [4/  Moderate [5/2] Moderate [4/1]	2] Minor[3/2]	Moderate [2 /5] Moderate [2/4] Minor[2/3] None[2/2] None [2/1]	Minor 1/5 Minor[1/4] None[1/3] None[1/2] None [1/1]	Water Quality	Physical infrastructure Resources	Air Quality, Noise and Dust	Landscape Topography	Soil Quality	Climate Change I	Habitat	Protected Areas	Flora	Fauna	Ecosystem functions, values and non-Use c	egional a economic	Commercial Agriculture	Community Protected Area	Tourism and Recreation	Cultural, Biological and Archaeological Resources
		(maximum five (5		Hone [271]																	
		(vi) Laboratory and interpretation of targets			ollected and g of potential	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1
4.	Detailed Loca	(i) Access preparati	on and related I	ogistics to sup	oport activities	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	3/2	3/2	3/2	3/2	3/2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2
l	Field-Based Activities		ical sampling ne target/s delin			2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	3/2	3/2	3/2	3/2	3/2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2
		(iii) Local geologica targeted based of analysis underta	on the results of	ed at identif the regional g	ying possible geological and	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2
		(iv) Ground geophys (Subject to the p				2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	3/2	3/2	3/2	3/2	3/2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2
and	D. C 11 114	(i) Detailed site-sp activities, survey	s, detailed geolo	gical mapping	)	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2
	Prefeasibility and Feasibility Studies		ons		esting for ore	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3
		(iii) Geotechnical stu	dies for mine de	sign		2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2	2\2

	SIGNIFICANT IMPACT				PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT			BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT			SOCIOECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT										
IMPACT SEVERITY				ס	st			S					s, use re use	न		as		တ္			
Magnitude, Duration, Extent, Probability	Very High (5)	High(4)	Medium (3)	Low (2)	Negligible (1)	uality	Physical infrastructure and Resources	se and Dust	Topography	Quality	Change Influences	at	Protected Areas	ά	Ja	ıs, services, e or passive	and national iic settings		Community Protected Areas	n and tion	Biological and gical Resources
Very High (5)	Major [5/5]	Major [4/5[	Moderate [3/5]	Moderate [2 /5]	Minor 1/5	er Q	fras	, Noise		g ii	ang	Habitat	cted	Flora	Fauna	functions non-Use	regional peconom		Pro	Tourism and Recreation	Biol
High (4)	Major [5/4]	Major [4/4]	Moderate [3/4]	Moderate [2/4]	Minor[1/4]	Wat	Water cal infra Reso		Landscape	Soil		l	Prote			n fun d nor	cal, regional ar socioeconomic	Commercial	unity	<sup>l</sup> 호જ	Cultural, Biolc
Medium (3)	Major [5/3]	Moderate[4/3]	Moderate[3/3]	Minor[2/3]	None[1/3]		ysic	r Quality,	-anc		Climate					Ecosystem values and r	ocal, soci	Sor	m m		Cult
Low (2)	Moderate [5/2]	Moderate[4/2]	Minor[3/2]	None[2/2]	None[1/2]		<u>a</u>	Air			ਹ					osy	۳ د		ပိ		₹
Negligible (1)	Minor [5/1]	Minor [4/1]	None [3/1]	None [2/1]	None [1/1]											Ec			ĺ	ļ	
	(iv) Mine planning and designs including all supporting infrastructures (water, energy and access) and test mining activities		3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3			
	(v) EIA and EMP to support the ECC for mining operations		1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1			
(vi) Preparation of feasibility report and application for Mining License		1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1				

# 2.4 Implementation of the EMP

### 2.4.1 Roles and Responsibilities

Management of the environmental elements that may be affected by the different activities of the proposed / ongoing exploration is an important element of the proposed / ongoing exploration activities. The EMP also identifies the activity groups / environmental elements, the aspects / targets, the indicators, the schedule for implementation and who should be responsible for the management to prevent major impacts that the different exploration activities may have on the receiving environment (physical and biological environments).

### 2.4.2 Proponent's Representative (PR) / Project Manager (PM)

The Proponent is to appoint a **Proponent's Representative (PR) / Project Manager (PM)** with the following responsibilities with respect to the EMP implementation:

- Act as the site project manager and implementing agent.
- ❖ Ensure that the Proponent's responsibilities are executed in compliance with the relevant legislation.
- Ensure that all the necessary environmental authorizations and permits have been obtained.
- ❖ Assist the exploration contractor/s in finding environmentally responsible solutions to challenges that may arise.
- ❖ Should the PR be of the opinion that a serious threat to, or impact on the environment may be caused by the exploration activities, he/she may stop work. the Proponent must be informed of the reasons for the stoppage as soon as possible.
- ❖ The PR has the authority to conduct disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the company policies and national legislation requirements and provisions for transgressions of basic conduct rules and/or contravention of the EMP.
- Should the Contractor or his/her employees fail to show adequate consideration for the environmental aspects related to the EMP, the PR can have person(s) and/or equipment removed from the site or work suspended until the matter is remedied.
- Maintain open and direct lines of communication between the landowners and Proponent, as well as any other identified Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with regards to environmental matters, and.
- Attend regular site meetings and inspections as may be required for the proposed / ongoing exploration programme.

#### 2.4.3 Project Health, Safety and Environment (Project HSE)

The Proponent is to appoint a Project Health, Safety and Environment (Project HSE) with the following responsibilities with respect to the EMP implementation:

- Assist the PR in ensuring that the necessary environmental authorizations and permits have been obtained.
- Assist the PR and Contractor in finding environmentally responsible solutions to challenges that may arise.
- Conduct environmental monitoring as per EMP requirements.
- Carry out regular site inspections (on average once per week) of all exploration areas with regards to compliance with the EMP. report any non-compliance(s) to the PR as soon as possible.
- Organize for an independent internal audit on the implementation of and compliance to the EMP to be carried out half way through each field-based exploration activity. audit reports to be submitted to the PR.
- Continuously review the EMP and recommend additions and/or changes to the EMP document.
- Monitor the Contractor's environmental awareness training.
- ❖ Keep records of all activities related to environmental control and monitoring. the latter to include a photographic record of the exploration activities, rehabilitation process, and a register of all major incidents, and.
- Attend regular site meetings.

### 2.4.4 Contractors and Subcontractors

The responsibilities of the **Contractors and Subcontractors** that may be appointed by the Proponent to undertake certain field-based activities of the proposed / ongoing exploration programme include:

- Comply with the relevant legislation and the EMP provision.
- Preparation and submission to the Proponent through the Project HSE of the following Management Plans:
  - Environmental awareness training and inductions.
  - o Emergency preparedness and response.
  - Waste management, and.
  - Health and safety.
- Ensure adequate environmental awareness training for senior site personnel.
- Environmental awareness presentations (inductions) to be given to all site personnel prior to work commencement. the Project HSE is to provide the course content and the following topics, at least but not limited to, should be covered:

- The importance of complying with the EMP provisions.
- Roles and responsibilities, including emergency preparedness.
- Basic rules of conduct (do's and don'ts).
- EMP: aspects, impacts and mitigation.
- Conduct disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the company policies and national legislation requirements and provisions for transgressions for failure to adhere to the EMP, and.
- Health and safety requirements.
- Record keeping of all environmental awareness training and induction presentations, and.
- ❖ Attend regular site meetings and environmental inspections.

### 3. EMP MITIGATION MEASURES

# 3.1 Hierarchy of Mitigation Measures Implementation

A hierarchy of methods for mitigating significant adverse effects has been adopted in order of preference and as follows:

- (i) Enhancement, e.g. provision of new habitats.
- (ii) Avoidance, e.g. sensitive design to avoid effects on ecological receptors.
- (iii) Reduction, e.g. limitation of effects on receptors through design changes, and.
- (iv) Compensation, e.g. community benefits.

# 3.2 Mitigation Measures Implementation

The Environmental Management Plan (EMP) provides a detailed plan of action required in the implementation of the mitigation measures for minimising and maximising the identified negative and positive impacts respectively.

The EMP also provides the management actions with roles and responsibilities requirements for implementation of environmental management strategies by the Proponent through the Contractors and Subcontractors who will be undertaking the exploration activities.

The EMP gives commitments including financial and human resources provisions for effective management of the likely environmental liabilities during and after the implementation of the proposed / ongoing exploration programme.

Based on the findings of the EIA, key mitigation measures as detailed in Table 7 have been prepared to be implemented by the Proponent with respect to the proposed / ongoing exploration programme

activities and in particular for the field-based exploration activities. The following is the summary of the key areas of the migration measures provided in Table 7:

- 1. Project planning and implementation.
- 2. Implementation of the EMP.
- 3. Public and stakeholders relations.
- 4. Measures to enhance positive socioeconomic impacts.
- 5. Environmental awareness briefing and training.
- 6. Erection of supporting exploration infrastructure.
- 7. Use of existing access roads, tracks and general vehicle movements.
- 8. Mitigation measures for preventing flora destruction.
- 9. Mitigation measures for preventing faunal destruction.
- 10. Mitigation measures to be implemented with respect to the exploration camps and exploration sites.
- 11. Mitigation measures for surface and groundwater protection as well as general water usage.
- 12. Mitigation measures to minimise negative socioeconomic impacts.
- 13. Mitigation measures to minimise health and safety impacts.
- 14. Mitigation measures to minimise visual impacts.
- 15. Mitigation measures to minimise vibration, noise and air quality.
- 16. Mitigation measures for waste (solid and liquid) management.
- 17. Rehabilitation plan, and.
- 18. Environmental data collection.

Table 7: Key areas of the migration measures

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		nd implementation	
Establish a strong environmental awareness protocol from project implementation to final closure in order to ensure the least possible impact to the environment.	<ol> <li>Resources (Human and Financial) are provided for the Environmental Awareness and Training, Regular Safety, Health and Environment meetings and for internal and external Environmental Monitoring Costs as well as for any rehabilitation costs that may arise.</li> <li>Appointment of senior and experienced persons as Proponent's Representative (PR), Project Manager (PM) and Project HSE to assume responsibility for environmental issues.</li> <li>All individuals including subcontractors who work on, or visit, the sites are aware of the contents of the Environmental Policy and the EMP.</li> <li>The EMP and Environmental Policy will be included in Tender Documents.</li> <li>Field visit will take place during which main access tracks will be discussed in cooperation with the land owner/s</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Regional reconnaissance field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>Initial local field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping, geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.</li> <li>Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.</li> </ol>	(i) Proponent's Representative (PR) (ii) Project Manager (PM) (iii) Project HSE (iv) Contractor (v) Subcontractors
	Implementation	on of the EMP	
<ol> <li>Define roles and responsibilities in terms of the EMP. To make all personnel, contractors and subcontractors aware of these roles and responsibilities to ensure compliance with the EMP provisions.</li> <li>Implement environmental management that is preventative and proactive.</li> <li>Establish the resources, skills, etc.</li> </ol>	Senior staff and senior contractors are aware of, and practice the EMP requirements. These persons shall be expected to know and understand the objectives of the EMP and will, by example, encourage suitable environmentally friendly behaviour to be adopted during the exploration      Recognition will be given to appropriate environmentally	<ul> <li>(i) Regional reconnaissance field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(ii) Initial local field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(iii) Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping, geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.</li> </ul>	(i) Proponent's Representative (PR) (ii) Project Manager (PM) (iii) Project HSE (iv) Contractor (v) Subcontractors

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required for effective environmental	acceptable behaviour.	(iv) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.	
management.	3. Inappropriate behaviour will be corrected. An explanation to why the behaviour is unacceptable must be given, and, if necessary, the person will be disciplined. e.g. fees set out for noncompliance		
	Public and stakel	holders relations.	
Maintain sound relationships with the Other land users/ land owner/s and another stakeholders / public	No littering or any other activity prohibited     Permission to utilise water as well as all applicable permits are obtained.	<ol> <li>Regional reconnaissance field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>Initial local field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping, geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.</li> <li>Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.</li> </ol>	(i) Proponent's Representative (PR) (ii) Project Manager (PM) (iii) Project HSE (iv) Contractor (v) Subcontractors
	Measures to enhance positi	ive socioeconomic impacts.	
	1. Stipulate a preference for local		
Measures to enhance positive socioeconomic impacts in order to:  1. Avoid exacerbating the influx of unemployed people to the area.  2. Develop a standardised recruitment method for sub-contractor and field workers.	contractors in its tender policy. Preference to local contractors should still be based on competitive business principles and salaries and payment to local service providers should still be competitive.	<ul> <li>(i) Regional reconnaissance field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(ii) Initial local field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(iii) Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping, geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.</li> <li>(iv) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.</li> </ul>	(i) Proponent's Representative (PR) (ii) Project Manager (PM) (iii) Project HSE (iv) Contractor (v) Subcontractors

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	in permanent unskilled/skilled positions as they would reinvest in the local economy.  5. Must ensure that potential employees are from the area, they need submit proof of having lived in the area for a minimum of 5 years.  6. Must ensure that contractors adhere to Namibian Affirmative Action, Labour and Social Security, Health and Safety laws. This could be accomplished with a contractual requirement stipulating that monthly proof should be submitted indicating payment of minimum wages to workers, against their ID numbers, payment of social security and submission of affirmative action data.  Encouraged to cater for the needs of employees to increase the spending of		
	wages locally.		
	Environmental awarene	ss briefing and training.	
Implement environmental awareness briefing / training for individuals who visit, or work, on site.	<ol> <li>Every senior/supervisory member of the team shall familiarise themselves with the contents of the EMP. They shall understand their roles and responsibilities with regard to personnel and project compliance with the EMP.</li> <li>Subject to agreement of the parties, the Environmental Coordinator will hold an Environmental Awareness Briefing meeting, which shall be attended by all contractors before the start of the mineral exploration activities.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>(i) Regional reconnaissance field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(ii) Initial local field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(iii) Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping, geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.</li> <li>(iv) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.</li> </ul>	(i) Proponent's Representative (PR) (ii) Project Manager (PM) (iii) Project HSE (iv) Contractor (v) Subcontractors
	3. Briefings on the EMP and Environmental Policy shall discuss the potential dangers to the environment of the following activities: public relations, littering,		

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		off-road driving, waste management, poaching and plant theft etc. The need to preserve soil, conserve water and implement water saving measures shall be presented.		
		Individuals can be questioned on the Environmental Philosophy and EMP and can recall contents.		
		Erection of supporting ex		
	Get Environmental Clearance before implementation  Establishment of the supporting exploration infrastructure done on an area with the least disturbance to the environment and within the non-sensitive areas	<ol> <li>Documented Environmental Clearance from MET.</li> <li>All on site exploration infrastructure (e.g. water tanks, sewage tanks, waste disposal) are not situated on environmental sensitive area and have disturbed as less as possible.</li> <li>No littering.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>(i) Regional reconnaissance field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(ii) Initial local field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(iii) Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping, geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.</li> <li>(iv) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.</li> </ul>	(i) Proponent's Representative (PR) (ii) Project Manager (PM) (iii) Project HSE (iv) Contractor (v) Subcontractors
		Use of existing access roads, track	ks and general vehicle movements	
1.	Plan a road/track network that considers the environmental sensitivity of the area and a long-term tourism potential, and which is constructed in a technically and environmentally sound manner.  Stick to the recommended track and sensitivity management zones.	<ol> <li>Avoid unnecessary affecting areas viewed as important habitat – i.e. Ephemeral River and its network of tributaries of ephemeral rivers. rocky outcrops. Clumps of protected tree species.</li> <li>Make use of existing tracks/roads as much as possible throughout the area.</li> <li>Do not drive randomly throughout the area (could cause mortalities to vertebrate fauna and unique flora. accidental fires. erosion related problems, etc.).</li> <li>Avoid off-road driving at night as this increases mortality of nocturnal species.</li> <li>Implement and maintain off-road track discipline with maximum</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>(i) Regional reconnaissance field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(ii) Initial local field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(iii) Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping, geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.</li> <li>(iv) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.</li> </ul>	(i) Proponent's Representative (PR) (ii) Project Manager (PM) (iii) Project HSE (iv) Contractor (v) Subcontractors

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	speed limits (e.g.30km/h) as this		
	would result in fewer faunal		
	mortalities and limit dust pollution. 6. Use of "3-point-turns" rather than		
	"U-turns".		
	7. Where tracks have to be made to		
	potential exploration sites off the		
	main routes, the routes should		
	be selected causing minimal		
	damage to the environment – e.g.		
	use the same tracks. Cross		
	drainage lines at right angles. Avoid		
	placing tracks within drainage lines. Avoid collateral damage (i.e. select		
	routes that do not require the		
	unnecessary removal of		
	trees/shrubs, especially protected		
	species).		
	8. Leave vehicles on tracks and walk		
	to point of interest, when possible.		
Mitigation ma	Rehabilitate all new tracks created.	votem destruction and premation of	aanaawatian
Miligation me	asures for preventing flora and ecos  1. Limit the development and avoid	ystem destruction and promotion of	Conservation.
	rocky outcrops throughout the entire		
	area.		
	2. Avoid development and associated		
	infrastructure in sensitive areas -	(i) Regional reconnaissance field-	
	e.g. Ephemeral River, in/close to	based mapping and sampling	
	drainage lines, cliffs, boulder and	activities.	
	rocky outcrops in the area, etc.	(ii) Initial local field-based mapping and	
	This would minimise the negative	sampling activities.	
	effect on the local environment	(iii) Detailed local field-based activities	
	especially unique features serving	such as local geological mapping,	
	as habitat to various species.  3. Avoid placing access routes (roads	geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of	
	and tracks) trough sensitive areas –	closely spaced boreholes and bulk	
	e.g. over rocky outcrops/ridges and	sampling.	(i) Proponent's Representative (PR)
	along drainage lines. This would	(iv) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.	(ii) Project Manager (PM)
Prevent flora and ecosystem	minimise the effect on localised	(11) The second of the second	(iii) Project HSE (iv) Contractor
destruction and promote conservation	potentially sensitive habitats in the		(v) Subcontractors
accuration and promote concervation	area.		(v) Cabcontractors
	4. Avoid driving randomly through the		
	area (i.e. "track discipline"), but		

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	rather stick to permanently placed roads/tracks – especially during the detailed field-based exploration phase. This would minimise the effect on localised potentially		
	sensitive habitats in the area.  5. Stick to speed limits of maximum 30km/h as this would result in less dust pollution which could affect certain flora — e.g. lichen species. Speed humps could also be used to		
	ensure the speed limit.  6. Remove unique and sensitive flora (e.g. all Aloe sp.) before commencing with the development activities and relocate to a less sensitive/disturbed site if possible.		
	7. Prevent and discourage the collecting of firewood as dead wood has an important ecological role – especially during the development phase(s). Such collecting of firewood, especially for economic reasons, often leads to abuses – e.g. chopping down of live and/or protected tree species such as Acacia erioloba which is a good		
	quality wood.  8. Attempt to avoid the removal of bigger trees during the development phase(s) — especially with the development of access routes — as these serve as habitat for a myriad of fauna.		
	9. Prevent and discourage fires — especially during the development phase(s) — as this could easily cause runaway veld fires causing problems (e.g. loss of grazing and domestic stock mortalities, etc.) for the neighbouring farmers.		
	Rehabilitation of the disturbed areas     i.e. initial development access		

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	route "scars" and associated tracks		
	as well as temporary		
	accommodation sites. Preferably		
	workers should be transported		
	in/out to the EPL area on a daily		
	basis to avoid excess damage to		
	the local environment (e.g. fires,		
	wood collection, poaching, etc.).		
	Such rehabilitation would not only		
	confirm the company's		
	environmental integrity, but also		
	show true local commitment to the		
	environment.		
	11. Implement erosion control. The		
	area(s) towards and adjacent the		
	drainage line(s) are easily eroded		
	and further development may		
	exacerbate this problem. Avoid		
	undertaking any exploration		
	activities including supporting		
	activities such as camping within		
	20m of the main drainage line(s) to		
	minimise erosion problems as well		
	as preserving the riparian		
	associated fauna.		
	12. Conduct a thorough investigation on the flora associated with the		
	proposed exploration site(s).		
	13. Prevent the introduction of		
	potentially invasive alien plant		
	species (e.g. Tecoma stans,		
	Pennisetum setaceum, etc.) for		
	ornamental purposes as part of the		
	landscaping should mining activities		
	eventually commence. Alien		
	species often "escape" and become		
	invasive causing further ecological		
	damage.		
	A thorough investigation of water use		
	and ground water extraction should take		
	place before actual exploration activities		
	commence as this would affect the local		
	flora, especially the ephemeral riparian		

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	vegetation, not only locally, but		
Baltimations	downstream as well.		f concernation
witigation mea	asures for preventing faunal and ecos	system destruction and promotion of	or conservation
Prevent faunal and ecosystem destruction and promote conservation	<ol> <li>Limit the development and avoid rocky outcrops throughout the entire area.</li> <li>Avoid development &amp; associated infrastructure in sensitive areas – e.g. in/close to drainage lines, cliffs, boulder and rocky outcrops in the area, etc. This would minimise the negative effect on the local environment especially unique features serving as habitat to various species.</li> <li>Avoid placing access routes (roads &amp; tracks) trough sensitive areas – e.g. over rocky outcrops/ridges and along drainage lines. This would minimise the effect on localised potentially sensitive habitats in the area.</li> <li>Avoid driving randomly through the area (i.e. "track discipline"), but rather stick to permanently placed roads/tracks – especially during the detailed field-based exploration phase. This would minimise the effect on localised potentially sensitive habitats in the area.</li> <li>Stick to speed limits of maximum 30km/h as this would result in fewer faunal road mortalities. Speed humps could also be used to ensure the speed limit.</li> <li>Remove (e.g. capture) unique fauna and sensitive fauna before commencing with the development activities and relocate to a less sensitive/disturbed site if possible.</li> <li>Prevent and discourage the setting of snares (poaching), illegal</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>(i) Regional reconnaissance field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(ii) Initial local field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(iii) Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping, geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.</li> <li>(iv) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.</li> </ul>	(i) Proponent's Representative (PR) (ii) Project Manager (PM) (iii) Project HSE (iv) Contractor (v) Subcontractors

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	collecting of veld foods (e.g.		
	tortoises, etc.), indiscriminate killing		
	of perceived dangerous species		
	(e.g. snakes, etc.) and collecting of		
	wood as this would diminish and		
	negatively affect the local fauna -		
	especially during the development		
	phase(s).		
	8. Attempt to avoid the removal of		
	bigger trees during the development		
	phase(s) – especially with the		
	development of access routes - as		
	these serve as habitat for a myriad		
	of fauna.		
	9. Prevent and discourage fires -		
	especially during the development		
	phase(s) - as this could easily		
	cause runaway veld fires affecting		
	the local fauna, but also causing		
	problems (e.g. loss of grazing &		
	domestic stock mortalities, etc.) for		
	the neighbouring farmers.		
	10. Rehabilitation of the disturbed areas		
	- i.e. initial development access		
	route "scars" and associated tracks		
	as well as temporary		
	accommodation sites. Preferably		
	workers should be transported in/out to the EPL area on a daily		
	basis to avoid excess damage to		
	the local environment (e.g. fires,		
	wood collection, poaching, etc.).		
	Such rehabilitation would not only		
	confirm the company's		
	environmental integrity, but also		
	show true local commitment to the		
	environment.		
	11. Implement erosion control. The		
	area(s) towards & adjacent the		
	drainage line(s) are easily eroded		
	and further development may		
	exacerbate this problem. Avoid		
	undertaking exploration activities		

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	including supporting activities such as camping within 20m of the main drainage line(s) to minimise erosion problems as well as preserving the riparian associated fauna.  12. Conduct a thorough investigation on the fauna associated with the proposed exploration site(s).  13. Prevent the number of domestic pets — e.g. cats & dogs — accompanying the workers during the field-based exploration activities as cats decimate the local fauna and interbreed & transmit diseases to the indigenous African Wildcat found in the area. Dogs often cause problems when bonding on hunting expeditions thus negatively affecting the local fauna. The indiscriminate and wanton killing of the local fauna by such pets should be avoided at all costs.		
Mitigation me	asures to be implemented with respe	ect to the exploration camps and exp	oloration sites.
Promotion of conservation through preservation of flora, fauna and ecosystem around the exploration camps and exploration sites	<ol> <li>Select camp sites and other temporary lay over sites with care – i.e. avoid important habitats.</li> <li>Use portable toilets to avoid faecal pollution around camp and exploration sites.</li> <li>Initiate a suitable and appropriate refuse removal policy as littering could result in certain animals becoming accustomed to humans and associated activity and result in typical problem animal scenarios – e.g. baboon, blackbacked jackal, etc</li> <li>Avoid and/or limit the use of lights during nocturnal exploration activities as this could influence and/or affect various</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>(i) Regional reconnaissance field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(ii) Initial local field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(iii) Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping, geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.</li> <li>(iv) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.</li> </ul>	(i) Proponent's Representative (PR) (ii) Project Manager (PM) (iii) Project HSE (iv) Contractor (v) Subcontractors

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	nocturnal species - e.g. bats and		
	owls, etc. Use focused lighting for		
	least effect.		
	5. Prevent the killing of species		
	viewed as dangerous – e.g. various		
	snakes – when on site.		
	6. Prevent the setting of snares for		
	ungulates (i.e. poaching) or		
	collection of veld foods (e.g.		
	tortoises) and unique plants (e.g.		
	various Aloe and Lithop) or any		
	form of illegal hunting activities.		
	7. Avoid introducing dogs and cats as		
	pets to camp sites as these can		
	cause significant mortalities to local		
	fauna (cats) and even stock losses		
	(dogs).		
	8. Remove and relocate slow moving		
	vertebrate fauna (e.g. tortoises,		
	chameleon, snakes, etc.) to suitable		
	habitat elsewhere on property.		
	9. Avoid the removal and/or damaging		
	of protected flora potentially		
	occurring in the general area - e.g.		
	various Aloe, Commiphora and		
	Lithop species.		
	10. Avoid introducing ornamental		
	plants, especially potential invasive		
	alien species, as part of the		
	landscaping of the camp site, etc.,		
	but rather use localised indigenous		
	species, should landscaping be		
	attempted, which would also require		
	lessmaintenance (e.g. water).		
	11. Remove all invasive alien species		
	on site, especially <u>Prosopis sp.,</u>		
	which is already becoming a major		
	ecological problem along various		
	water courses throughout Central		
	Namibia. This would not only		
	indicate environmental commitment,		
	but actively contribute to a better		
	landscape.		

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	<ol> <li>Inform contractors/workers regarding the above-mentioned issues prior to exploration activities and monitor for compliance thereof throughout.</li> <li>Rehabilitate all areas disturbed by the exploration activities – i.e. camp sites, exploration sites, etc.</li> <li>Implement a policy of replacing 2 tree species (preferably the same species) for every 1 protected tree species having to be removed (if necessary).</li> <li>Although fires are not expected to be a major issue in the general area due to the overall lack of grass cover, some years it may be necessary to consider fire prevention. Ensure that adequate firefighting equipment (e.g. fire beaters. extinguishers, etc.) is available at camp sites and clear kitchen areas to avoid accidental fires.</li> <li>Employ an independent environmental auditor to ensure compliance, especially of the rehabilitation of all the affected areas.</li> </ol>		
		negative socioeconomic impacts.	
Effective management of socioeconomic benefits of the proposed / ongoing project activities	<ol> <li>The employment of local residents and local companies should be a priority. To ensure that potential employees are from the area, they need submit proof of having lived in the area for a minimum of 5 years.</li> <li>Providing information such as the number and types of jobs available, availability of accommodation facilities and rental costs and living expenses, could make potential job</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>(i) Regional reconnaissance field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(ii) Initial local field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(iii) Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping,</li> </ul>	(i) Proponent's Representative (PR)

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	<ul><li>12. Ensure that drivers adhere to speed limits and that speed limits are strictly enforced.</li><li>13. Ensure that vehicles are road worthy and drivers are qualified.</li><li>14. Train drivers in potential safety issues.</li></ul>		
		ise health and safety impacts	
Promotion of health and safe working environment in line with national Labour Laws	<ol> <li>Physical hazards: Follow national and international regulatory and guidelines provisions, use of correct Personal Proactive Clothing at all times, training programme, as well as the implementation of a fall protection program in accordance with the Labour Act.</li> <li>Some of the public access management measures that may be considered in an event of vandalism occurring are:         <ul> <li>All exploration equipment must be in good working condition and services accordingly.</li> <li>Control access to the exploration site through using gates on the access road(s) if required.</li> <li>The entire site, must be fenced off. the type of fencing to be used would, however, be dependent on the impact on the visual resources and/or cost. and.</li> <li>Notice or information boards relating to public safety hazards and emergency contact details to be put up at the gate(s) to the exploration area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>There is a comprehensive First Aid Kit on site and that suitable antihistamine for bee stings / snake</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>(i) Regional reconnaissance field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(ii) Initial local field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(iii) Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping, geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.</li> <li>(iv) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.</li> </ul>	(i) Proponent's Representative (PR) (ii) Project Manager (PM) (iii) Project HSE (iv) Contractor (v) Subcontractors

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OBJECTIVES	<ol> <li>bites should be available.</li> <li>Rubber gloves are used in case of an accident to reduce the risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.</li> <li>All individuals have received instructions concerning the dangers of dehydration or hyperthermia. Encourage all to drink plenty of clean water not directly from the surface water bodies.</li> <li>No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs is allowed to work on site.</li> <li>The Exploration Manager ensures compliance with the requirements of the relevant Namibian Labour, Mining and Health and Safety Regulations.</li> <li>Dangerous or protected / sensitive areas are clearly marked and access to these areas is controlled or restricted.</li> <li>Due care must be taken when driving any vehicles on any roads particularly the gravel roads. ALL Drivers must drive with their headlights switched on when travelling on the gravel roads (day and night).</li> </ol>	SCHEDULE	RESPONSIBILITY
	Persons driving a vehicle must be in possession of a valid driver's license     Awareness on HIV/AIDS among workers is raised		
	Mitigation measures to r	ninimise visual impacts	
	Consider the landscape character	puotoi	
Preserve the landscape character in the development of supporting infrastructure and choice of visual	and the visual impacts of the exploration area including camp site from all relevant viewing angles, particularly from public roads.  2. Use vegetation screening where	<ul> <li>(i) Regional reconnaissance field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(ii) Initial local field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>(i) Proponent's Representative (PR)</li><li>(ii) Project Manager (PM)</li><li>(iii) Project HSE</li></ul>

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screening	<ul> <li>applicable. Do not cut down vegetation unnecessary around the site and use it for site screening.</li> <li>3. Avoid the use of very high fencing.</li> <li>4. Minimise access roads and no offroad that could result in land scarring is allowed.</li> <li>5. Minimise the presence of secondary structures: remove inoperative support structures.</li> <li>6. Remove all infrastructure and reclaim, or rehabilitate the project site after exploration activities are completed.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(iii) Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping, geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.</li> <li>(iv) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.</li> </ul>	(iv) Contractor (v) Subcontractors
	Mitigation measures to minimise	e vibration, noise and air quality.	
Promote of effective management of vehicle movement, drilling and blasting operations and use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in mitigating air quality and vibrations impacts in line with national laws	<ol> <li>Limit vehicle movements and adhere to the speed of 60 km/h.</li> <li>Vehicles and all equipment must be properly serviced to minimise noise pollution.</li> <li>Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimise Occupational Health Safety impacts dues to noise pollution around the site.</li> <li>National or international acoustic design standards must be followed.</li> <li>Drilling and blasting operations can major sources of vibration, noise and dust and where required the following mitigation measure shall be implemented.</li> <li>Drilling and blasting operations shall only be done by a qualified person who must at all times adhere to the required blasting protocol.</li> <li>Prior warning shall be given to all persons, neighbour and visitors before the blasting takes place.</li> <li>Careful planning and timing of the blast program to minimise the</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>(i) Regional reconnaissance field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(ii) Initial local field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(iii) Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping, geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.</li> <li>(iv) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.</li> </ul>	(i) Proponent's Representative (PR) (ii) Project Manager (PM) (iii) Project HSE (iv) Contractor (v) Subcontractors

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	size of the charge.		
	<ul> <li>Where practicable, use of</li> </ul>		
	explosive products with lower		
	detonation velocities, but noting		
	that this would require more		
	explosives to achieve the same		
	blast result.		
	Use of detonating caps with built- in time delays, as this effectively.		
	in time delays, as this effectively reduces each detonation into a		
	series of small explosions.		
	Use of a procedure ("decking the		
	charge") which subdivides the		
	charge in one blast hole into a		
	series of smaller explosions, with		
	drill patterns restricted to a		
	minimum separation from any		
	other loaded hole.		
	Over-drilling the holes to ensure		
	fracturing of the rock.		
	Staggering the detonation for seach blast halp in order to approad.		
	each blast hole in order to spread the explosive's total overpressure		
	over time.		
Mat	tching, to the extent possible, the		
	ergy needed in the "work effort" of the		
	ehole to the rock mass to minimise		
exce	cess energy vented into the receiving		
envi	vironment.		
	Mitigation measures for waste	(solid and liquid) management.	
	Burial of waste on anywhere within		
	the EPL area is not allowed and all		
	generated solid waste must be		
	disposed at the at an approved		
	municipal waste disposal site.  Toilet and ablution facilities must be		
	provided on site and should not be		
	located close to Ephemeral Rivers	(i) Regional reconnaissance field-	
	or visible discontinuities (fractures,	based mapping and sampling	
	joints or faults).	activities.	
	Provide site information on the	(ii) Initial local field-based mapping and	
adoption of sound and hierarchical	difference between the two main	sampling activities.	

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approach to waste management, which would include waste minimisation, re-use, recovery, recycling, treatment, and proper disposal.	types of waste, namely: <ul> <li>General Waste. and</li> <li>Hazardous Waste.</li> </ul> <li>Sealed containers, bins, drums or bags for the different types of wastes must be provided. Never dispose of hazardous waste in the bins or skips intended for general waste.</li> <li>All solid and liquid wastes generated from the proposed / ongoing project activities shall be reduced, reused, or recycled to the maximum extent practicable.</li> <li>Trash may not be burned or buried, except at approved sites under controlled conditions in accordance with the municipal regulations.</li> <li>Never overfill any waste container, drum, bin or bag. Inform your Contractor or the Environmental Control Officer / Site Manager if the containers, drums, bins or skips are nearly full.</li> <li>Never litter or throwaway any waste on the site, in the field or along any road. No illegal dumping.</li> <li>Littering is prohibited.</li> <li>Latrines and French drains built &gt;100m from watercourses or pans to avoid pollution of primary and secondary aquifers.</li> <li>Chemical toilets or suitable waste water management system shall be provided on site and around the camp as may be required.</li>	(iii) Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping, geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.  (iv) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.	(ii) Proponent's Representative (PR) (iii) Project Manager (PM) (iiii) Project HSE (iv) Contractor (v) Subcontractors
	Rehabilita	ation plan	
	The following rehabilitation actions	•	
Contributions toward environmental	<ul><li>are practiced:</li><li>Small samples are preferably removed from site to avoid</li></ul>	(i) Regional reconnaissance field- based mapping and sampling	

preservation and sustainability through rehabilitation of disturbed areas such as exploration sites and	additional scars in the landscape.	activities. (ii) Initial local field-based mapping and	
remove all unwanted part of the fixtures and restore the sites to close an approximation of the pristine state as is technically, financially and reasonably possible.	<ul> <li>Litter from the site has been taken to the appropriate disposal site.</li> <li>Debris, scrap metal, etc is removed before moving to a new site or closure of the mine.</li> <li>Water tanks are dismantled</li> </ul>	sampling activities.  (iii) Detailed local field-based activities such as local geological mapping, geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.  (iv) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.	<ul> <li>(i) Proponent's Representative (PR)</li> <li>(ii) Project Manager (PM)</li> <li>(iii) Project HSE</li> <li>(iv) Contractor</li> <li>(v) Subcontractors</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>and removed if not need for after use.</li> <li>Tracks on site and the access road are rehabilitated by smoothing the 'middle mannetjie' (middle ridge between the tracks) and raking the surface.</li> </ul>	(iv) I releasibility and leasibility studies.	
	<ul> <li>2. The following should be undertaken at all disturbed areas that require further rehabilitation:</li> <li>• if applicable the stockpiled subsoil to be replaced (spread) and/or the site is neatly contoured to establish effective wind supported landscape patterns.</li> <li>• Replace the stored topsoil seed bank layer.</li> <li>Five (5) years after rehabilitation the sites are not visible from 500 m away.</li> </ul>		
	Environmental	data collection	
<ol> <li>Collect data that will add value to environmental monitoring and reporting to the regulators</li> <li>Collect data that will add to the general scientific and geographic knowledge of the environment in</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Environmental Monitoring Report Compiled and submitted by the Environmental Coordinator to the regulators</li> <li>The following types of information should be gathered:         <ul> <li>Fauna. What tracks or signs of animal activity have been</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ul> <li>(i) Regional reconnaissance field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(ii) Initial local field-based mapping and sampling activities.</li> <li>(iii) Detailed local field-based activities</li> </ul>	<ul><li>(i) Proponent's Representative (PR)</li><li>(ii) Project Manager (PM)</li><li>(iii) Project HSE</li></ul>

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place.  3. Acknowledged that the required skills and knowledge to collect all the suggested data may not be available within the mine /exploration team, however, as much data as is practical should be collected.	seen? (photographs and GPS recording) What animals, birds etc were identified? Alternatively provide a description and/ or photo if unidentified.  • Unusual weather conditions, e.g. records of the prevailing wind direction and the direction from which storm events come. Was there fog or rain, frost overnight or intense heat? Preferably have a thermometer and rain gauge on site.  • Vegetation. Record trees, shrubs, grass, etc. that are found in the vicinity along each of the profiles. Some plants do only occur after rainfall and might not have been seen for decades.  • Any archaeological, cultural or historical sites that may be found. GPS coordinates, photograph and plot the position on a 1: 50 000 maps.  • other including surface water, spring, large scale geological features etc	geochemical mapping and sampling, trenching and drilling of closely spaced boreholes and bulk sampling.  (iv) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies.	(v) Subcontractors

### 4. REHABILITATION COMMITMENTS

#### 4.1 Rehabilitation Process

The following is the summary of key rehabilitation process to be implemented by the proponent:

#### Step 1: Backfilling excavated or disturbed areas:

- Transporting all stockpiled overburden back to the excavated voids.
- Backfilling the trenches, pits and quarries using original excavated and stockpiled materials.
- o If applicable, backfill the various layers of overburden in the reverse order in which they were removed, i.e. Last out should be first in as far as possible, and.
- When backfilling, bear in mind that some space must be left for the backfilling of the soil on top of the overburden.

#### **❖** Step 2: Remove all waste and unwanted materials:

- Once the drilling slimes ponds have dried sufficiently, scrape out the slimes and transporting back to an exploration excavated voids during the overburden backfilling stage.
- Allow the pollution control dam to evaporate completely, scrape all waste that has collected in the pond and dispose of these and the pond lining at a suitable site.
- o Bulldoze the walls of the pollution control pond over and contour.
- Collect remaining domestic waste on site and transport to an approved municipal waste disposal site.
- Clean out the oil traps, collect the waste material in drums and transport to a suitable site for disposal, and.
- o Manually remove all weedy species that are present at the site (the entire plant can easily be removed because the plants tend not to root deeply).

#### Step 3: Remove all structures:

- Remove all building materials from the exploration site:
  - Transporting to a new site if it is to be used or stored elsewhere. or
  - Disposing at a suitable approved municipal waste disposal site. or
  - Making them available to the farmer or local persons, or,
  - Selling at an auction.

- Remove all machinery from the site and transport to a new site where it is to be used or stored or sell at an auction.
- o Remove all fences that have been constructed and either make the material available to the local persons/farmer, dispose at a suitable site or sell at an auction.
- Remove the generators from the sites from site and either transport to a new site for storage or sell it to the farmer or an Auction.
- Seal all petrol, diesel, oil and grease containers and remove from the site to a storage facility or make it available to the farmer.
- o Collect all scrap metal and dispose at a suitable site or sell at an auction, and.
- Break up all concrete slabs and structures on site and transport the fragments to a suitable site for disposal.

# Step 4: Rehabilitate the excavated voids:

- Replace the subsoil layer by backfilling the soil on top of the overburden and contour cap the subsoil with a topsoil layer about 10cm deep, and.
- Cap the topsoil containing the seedbank with a layer of gravel by manually spreading the fragments across the surface using a rake.

#### Step 5: Rehabilitate site-specific storm-water channel:

- Remove all the site structures created.
- Dispose of the plastic/wire and use the fill material to backfill the storm-water channel.
- Cap with a layer of topsoil to a depth of about 10cm, and.
- o Cap the topsoil containing the seedbank with a gravel layer by manually spreading the fragments across the surface using a rake.

### Step 6: Rehabilitate all adjacent exploration / test mining sites affected:

- o Rip the surfaces to a depth of 40 cm to 50 cm using a multi-toothed ripper and tractor.
- o Cover with a layer of topsoil to a depth of about 10 cm, and.
- o Cap the topsoil containing the seedbank with a layer of gravel by manually spreading the fragments across the surface using a rake.

#### **❖** Step 7: Rehabilitate all unwanted access roads created:

- Rip the road surface to a depth of at least 50 cm using a multi-toothed ripper and tractor.
- Disk the ripped surface to break up the clods.

- Cover with a layer of topsoil to a depth of about 10 cm, and.
- Cap the topsoil containing the seedbank with a gravel layer by manually spreading the fragments across the surface using a rake.

# 4.2 Monitoring of the Environmental Performance

## 4.2.1 Rehabilitation Evaluation and Performance Monitoring

The following is the summary of key rehabilitation evaluation and performance monitoring to be implemented by the proponent:

- Monitoring: Monitoring program is instituted to ensure that the requirements of the exploration site rehabilitation program are met. Rehabilitation program may be subjected to various natural or man-made forces that can hinder the progress and lead to problems or failure or the rehabilitation program. Regular monitoring will ensure that these factors are identified early so they may be resolved through appropriate recommendations.
- ❖ Frequency: All rehabilitated areas should be monitored over a three (3) years period from the onset of the rehabilitation procedures. The frequency of monitoring suggested above is dependent on satisfactory performance. If, however, the requirements are not being met, the frequency of monitoring can be increased. It is suggested that the monitoring be conducted once a year around September when the grasses and forbs are flowering.
- ❖ Methods: The rehabilitated areas might be monitored by the sampling randomly located 1m² quadrates. Approximately 10 quadrates per hectare (or a minimum of 3) should be sampled per plant community. The factors that will be examined in each quadrate include:
  - o Percentage basal cover.
  - o Percentage aerial cover.
  - Species composition and diversity.
  - Vigor and health of plants.
  - Presence of and evidence of fauna, and.
  - Nature of the substrate.
- ❖ Controls: To enable a comparison, control plots located within the surrounding un-mining areas should also be monitored. This will give an indication of the progress of rehabilitated areas versus the natural vegetation and will set the goals, which ultimately should be achieved. By monitoring the natural vegetation annually, it will also be possible to assess the natural changes that are taking place. These findings can then be applied to the rehabilitated areas so as to account for the changes, which may have resulted from natural events. Approximately 5 to 10 quadrates of 1m² should be sampled per community type to set the controls.

- Maintenance: Maintenance requirements may include seeding (if there is poor germination of the seedbank), fertiliser applications, correcting erosion problems, removing weeds, etc. Maintenance of the rehabilitated areas will be necessary periodically. The need for and extent of maintenance activities will be determined during the regular monitoring of the site, and.
- Qualified Personnel: The rehabilitation procedures from implementation to monitoring should be overseen by qualified personnel. Any persons involved in the rehabilitation of the exploration site should be trained in the techniques involved.

### 4.2.2 Overall Environmental Performance Monitoring and Reporting

The monitoring of the environmental performances for the proposed / ongoing exploration project can be divided into two (2) parts and these are:

- (i) Routine / ongoing daily monitoring activities to be undertaken by the Project HSE Officer with the support of the external specialist consultants as maybe required, and.
- (ii) Preparation of annual Environmental Monitoring Report and Environmental Closure covering all activities related to the Environmental Management Plan during exploration / prospecting stages and at closure of the proposed / ongoing exploration to be undertaken by the Project HSE Officer with the support of the external specialist consultants as maybe required.

The proponent will be required to report regularly (twice in a year or as the case maybe) to the Environmental Commissioner in the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET), the environmental performances as part of the ongoing environmental monitoring programme. Environmental monitoring programme is part of the EMP performances assessments and will need to be compiled and submitted as determined by the Environmental Commissioner. The process of undertaking appropriate monitoring as per specific topic (such as fauna and flora) and tracking performances against the objectives and documenting all environmental activities is part of internal and external auditing to be coordinated by the Project HSE Officer.

The second part of the monitoring of the EMP performance will require a report outlining all the activities related to effectiveness of the EMP at the end of the planned mineral exploration to be undertaken by the Project HSE Officer with the support of the external specialist consultants as maybe required. The objective will be to ensure that corrective actions are reviewed and steps are taken to ensure compliance for future EIA and EMP implementation.

The report shall outline the status of the environment and any likely environmental liability after the completion of the proposed / ongoing project activities. The report shall be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner in the Ministry of Environment and Tourism and will represent the final closure and fulfilment of the conditions of the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) issued by the Environmental Commissioner and the conditions of the Pro-Forma Environmental Contract signed by the Proponent, Environmental Commissioner and the Mining Commissioner.

### 5. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

## 5.1 Conclusions

Risked- Based Solution cc (the Proponent) intends to undertake exploration activities in the Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) No. 8221 covering base and rare metals, dimension stone, industrial minerals, non-nuclear fuels minerals, precious metals and precious stones. The exploration activities to be undertaken as assessed in this environmental assessment are as follows:

- (i) Initial desktop exploration activities.
- (ii) Regional reconnaissance field-based activities.
- (iii) Initial local field-based activities including detailed mapping, sampling and drilling operations.
- (iv) Detailed local field-based activities including detailed mapping, sampling and drilling operations, and.
- (v) Prefeasibility and feasibility studies including possible test mining.

The overall severity of potential environmental impacts of the proposed / ongoing project activities on the receiving environment (physical, biological, socioeconomic environments and ecosystem functions, services, use and non-use values or passive uses) will be of low magnitude, temporally duration, localised extent and low probability of occurrence.

#### 5.2 Recommendations

Based on the findings of the EIA, it's hereby recommended that the proposed / ongoing exploration activities be issued with an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). It's hereby recommended that the proposed / ongoing exploration activities be issued with an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). The Proponent shall implement precautionary measures / approach to environmental management.

The Proponent shall take into consideration the following key requirements for implementing the proposed exploration programme:

- (i) Mitigation measures must be implemented as detailed in this EMP report.
- (ii) Based on the findings of the EIA, it's hereby recommended that the proposed / ongoing exploration activities be issued with an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). It's hereby recommended that the proposed / ongoing exploration activities be issued with an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). The Proponent shall implement precautionary measures / approach to environmental management.
- (iii) The Proponent shall negotiate Access Agreements with the land owner/s as may be applicable.
- (iv) The Proponent shall adhere to all the provisions of the EMP and conditions of the Access Agreement to be entered between the Proponent and the land owner/s in line with all applicable national regulations.

- (v) Before entering any private or protected property/ area such as a private farm, the Proponent must give advance notices and obtain permission to access the EPL area at all times, and.
- (vi) Where possible, and if water is found during the detailed exploration boreholes drilling operations, the Proponent shall support other land uses in the area in terms of access to freshwater supply for both human consumption, wildlife and agricultural support as may be requested by the local community / land owners/s. The abstraction of the groundwater resources shall include water levels monitoring, sampling and quality testing on a biannual basis, and that the affected landowners must have access to the results of the water monitoring analyses as part of the ongoing stakeholder disclosure requirements on shared water resources as maybe applicable.

The Proponent must take all the necessary steps to implement all the recommendations of the EMP for the successful implementation and completion of the proposed / ongoing exploration programme covering the EPL 8221. Recommended actions to be implemented by the Proponent through implementations of the EMP are:

- (i) The Proponent must implement precautionary measures / approach to environmental management. Once a viable and potential economic resource have been identified, the Proponent must develop and implement a separate EIA and EMP inclusive of the specialist studies such as fauna and flora to be undertaken by specialist consultants as part of the feasibility study stage.
- (ii) Before detailed site-specific exploration activities such as extensive drilling operations and access routes are selected, the Project HSE Officer with the support of the external specialist consultants as maybe required, should consider the flora, fauna and archaeological sensitivity of the area and commission a field survey in advance of any site development as may be required based on the assessment undertaken.
- (iii) The Project HSE Officer shall lead, implement and promote environmental culture through awareness raising of the workforce, contractors and sub-contractors in the field during the whole duration of the proposed / ongoing exploration period.
- (iv) The Proponent to provide all the necessary support including human and financial resources, for the implementation of the proposed / ongoing mitigations and effective environmental management during the planned exploration activities for the EPL 8225
- (v) Project HSE Officer with the support of the external specialist consultants as maybe required to develop a simplified environmental induction and awareness programme for all the workforce, contractors and sub-contractors.
- (vi) Where contracted service providers are likely to cause environmental impacts, these will need to be identified and contract agreements need to be developed with costing provisions for environmental liabilities.
- (vii) Implement monitoring of the actions and management strategies developed during the mineral exploration process. Final Environmental Monitoring report shall be prepared by the Project HSE Officer with the support of the external specialist consultants as maybe required to be submitted to the regulators and to mark the closure of the proposed / ongoing mineral exploration, and.

(viii) Develop and implement a monitoring programme that will fit into the overall company's Environmental Management Systems (EMS) as well as for any future EIA for possible mining projects.

# 5.3 Summary ToR for Test Mining and Mining Stages

In an even that economic minerals resources are discovered within the EPL 8225 area and could lead to the development of mining project, a new Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for mining will be required. The ECC being supported by this EMP report only covers the exploration phase. A separate field-based and site-specific Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) reports supported by specialist studies as maybe applicable must be prepared in order to support the application for the new ECC for mining operations. The EIA and EMP studies shall form part of the prefeasibility and feasibility study with respect to the test mining or possible mining operations.

The site-specific EIA and EMP shall cover the area identified to have potential economic minerals resources as well as all areas to be used for infrastructural support areas such as pit / shaft area/s, waste rock, tailings dump, access, office blocks, water and energy infrastructure support areas (water, energy and road / access). In addition to the Terms of Reference (ToR) to be developed during the Environmental Scoping study phase for the test mining / mining stages, the following field-based and site-specific specialist studies shall be undertaken as part of the EIA and EMP for possible test mining or mining operations in an event of a discovery of economic minerals resources and possible development of a mining project:

- (i) Groundwater studies including modelling as maybe applicable.
- (ii) Field-based flora and fauna diversity.
- (iii) Archaeology.
- (iv) Noise and Sound modelling linked to engineering studies.
- (v) Socioeconomic assessment, and.
- (vi) Others as may be identified / recommended by the stakeholders/ land owners/ Environmental Commissioner or specialists.

The aims and objectives of the Environmental Assessment (EA) covering EIA and EMP to be implemented as part of the feasibility study if a variable resource is discovered are:

(i) To assess all the likely positive and negative short- and long-term impacts on the receiving environment (physical, biological and socioeconomic environments) at local (EPL Area), regional, national (Namibia) and Global levels using appropriate assessment guidelines, methods and techniques covering the complete project lifecycle. The EIA and EMP to be undertaken shall be performed with reasonable skill, care and diligence in accordance with professional standards and practices existing at the date of performance of the assessment and that the guidelines, methods and techniques shall conform to the national regulatory requirements, process and specifications in Namibia and in particular as required by the Ministry of Mines and Energy, Ministry of Environment and Tourism and Ministry of Agriculture, Water Affairs and Forestry, and.

(ii)	The development of appropriate mitigation measures that will enhance the positive impacts and reduce the likely negative influences of the negative impacts identified or anticipated. Such mitigation measures shall be contained in a detailed EMP report covering the entire project lifecycle.

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