

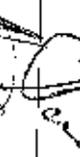
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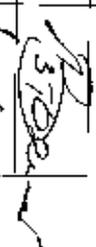
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PROJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSES (EPL) No. 8181 LOCATED
SOUTH OF KLEIN AUB IN THE HARDAP REGION, NAMIBIA

Venue: Klein Aub Settlement Office
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Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) for the Proposed Exploration Activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) No. 8181 Located North of Klein Aub, Hardap Region, Namibia

Environmental Consultant:

Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd

Proponent:

Parabola Investments CC

1 INTRODUCTION

Parabola Investments CC (hereinafter referred to as *The Proponent*) has an intention to be granted an Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) No. 8181 on the 5th June 2020. Thus, the EPL is pending an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) which needs to be obtained from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT). The area of the EPL is 39 876.8269 (ha).

The EPL is located within the Kobos settlement and about 7km north of Klein Aub Settlement (**Figure 1**).

The EPL has potential for commodities such as Base & Rare Metals, Industrial Minerals and Precious Metals. However, the target commodities of this project are: **Base & Rare Metals (Copper)** and **Precious Metals (Gold)**.

Prospecting, exploration and all mining related activities are among the listed activities that may not be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) under the Environmental Management Act (EMA) (2007) and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The relevant listed activities as per EIA regulations are:

- *3.1 The construction of facilities for any process or activities which requires a license, right of other forms of authorization, and the renewal of a license, right or other form of authorization, in terms of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining Act, 1992).*
- *3.2 other forms of mining or extraction of any natural resources whether regulated by law or not.*
- *3.3 Resource extraction, manipulation, conservation, and related activities.*

Subsequently, the Proponent has appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd, an independent team of Environmental Consultants, to conduct the required Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) process and submit the ECC application to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT).

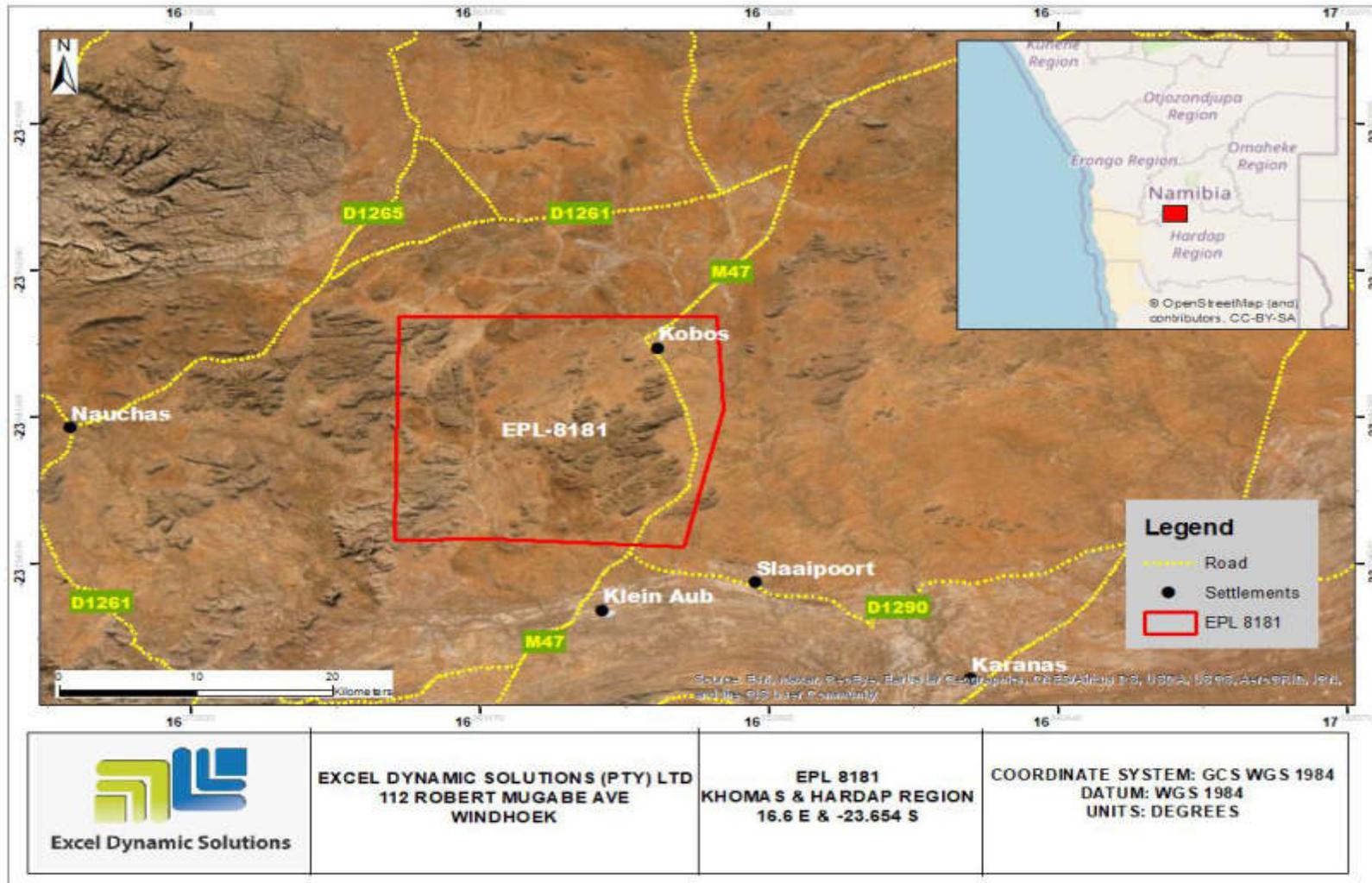


Figure 1: Locality map of EPL 8181 in the Khomas and Hardap Regions, Namibia

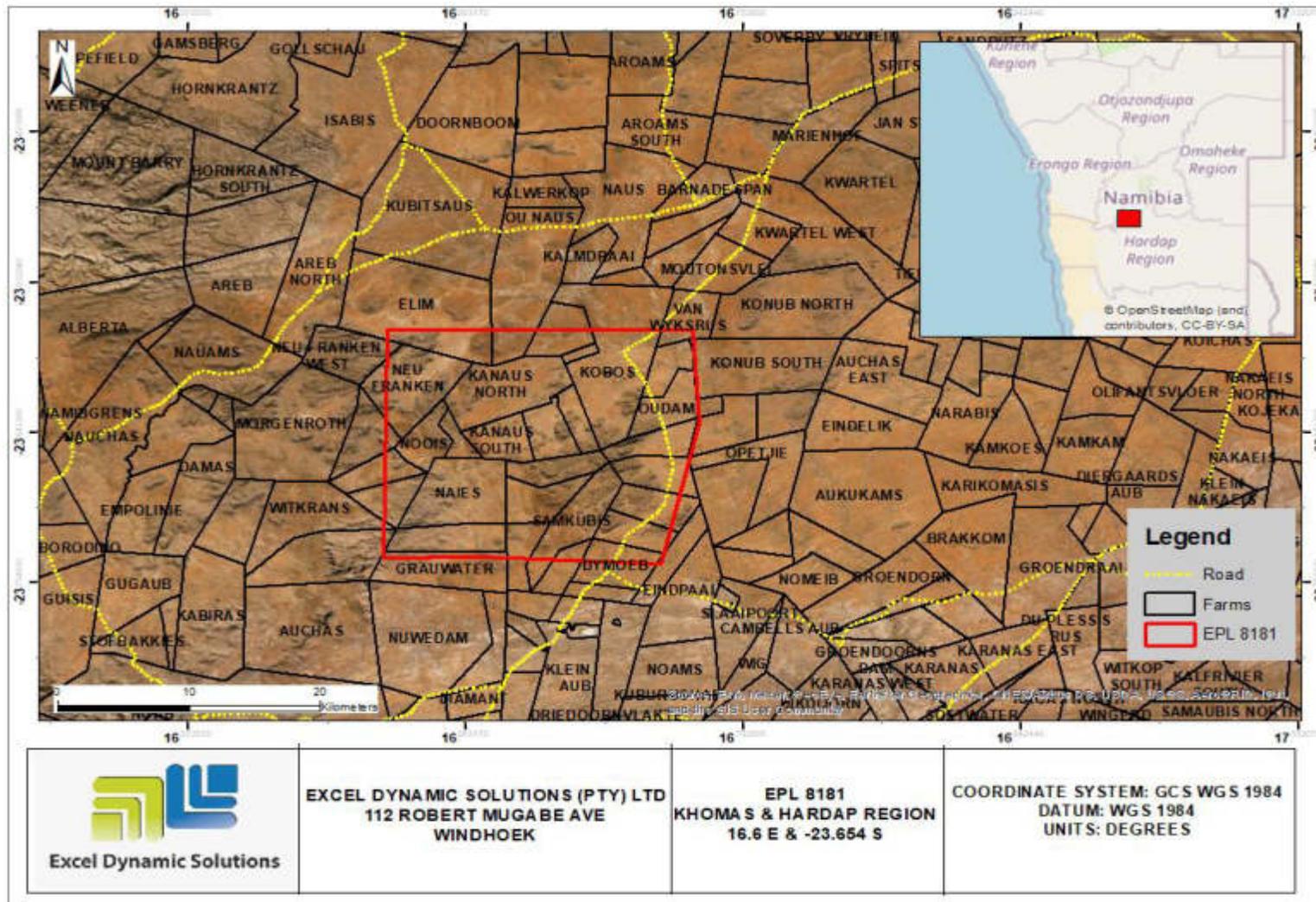


Figure 2: EPL 8181 with affected land use and neighbouring farms

2 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

It should be noted that **this Background Information Document is not an Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Report but a non-technical summary of the ESA**, aimed for information sharing and as a basis for public involvement from the beginning of the ESA process. The purpose of this document is therefore to provide project background information to stakeholders as well as interested and affected parties (I&APs), thus providing an opportunity for them (I&APs) to receive information, comment and raise issues regarding the environmental authorization process.

The motivation behind this document is to:

- Provide background information to the I&APs of the task, along these lines giving a chance to them (I&APs) to get information, remark and raise issues with respect to the approval measure.
- Briefly introduce the proposed project and related activities to potential I&APs/stakeholders.
- Provide information on the ESA process and how I&APs can get involved.
- Invite members of the public to register as I&APs and added to the ESA database so that they can stay informed about the ESA progress throughout its process; and
- Provide all I&APs with an opportunity to comment or provide inputs/concerns on the proposed project activities, which

entails concerns/issues on the biophysical and socio-economic aspects, and any other issues of concern related to the proposed project activities. The information from I&APs will then form basis of the ESA and EMP documents that will help the competent and regulatory authorities (Mines and Energy (MME) and MEFT, respectively) to make informed decisions and consider the issuance of the ECC.

3 NEED AND DESIRABILITY OF THE ACTIVITY

Mining contributes about 12.5% towards Namibia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The mining industry is one of the largest contributor to the Namibian economy; therefore, it contributes to the improvement of livelihoods. In Namibia, exploration for minerals is done mainly by the private sector. Exploration activities have a great potential to enhance and contribute to the development of other sectors and its activities do provide temporary employment, and taxes that fund social infrastructural development. The minerals sector yields foreign exchange and account for a significant portion of gross domestic product (GDP). Additionally, the industry produces a trained workforce and small businesses that can serve communities and may initiate related businesses. Several associated activities that are fostered include, such as manufacturing of exploration and mining equipment, provision of engineering and environmental services and others. The mining sector forms the vital part of some of Namibia's development

plans, namely: Vision 2030, National Development Plan 5 (NDP5) and Harambee Prosperity Plans (HPPs) I and II. Thus, mining is essential to the development goals of Namibia in contributing to meeting the ever-increasing global demand for minerals, and for national prosperity. Therefore, the successful exploration on EPL 8181 would then lead to the mining of **Base & Rare Metals** and **Precious Metals**, which would feed into the national development plans. Hence, the need to undertake the proposed exploration activities on the EPL.

4 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed activities will entail the detailed exploration activities and delineating the mineral deposits to determine whether the deposits for targeted commodities are economically feasible (to advance to the resources development and mining phase).

The prospecting and exploration of minerals are the first components of any potential mining project (development and eventual mining). This is done to acquire the necessary data required for further decision making and investment options. These activities are anticipated to last for three years. The planned activities and required resources and infrastructure are briefly described below. The detailed exploration methods (techniques) will be presented in the ESA Report.

The proposed phased approach for the exploration works is presented below. However, **it should be noted that these activities will only be undertaken upon the approval of the ESA Report and issuance**

of the environmental clearance certificate (ECC) by the Environmental Commissioner.

Once the Proponent has been issued with the ECC and obtained all relevant and required permitting/licensing (such as consents and land use agreements), and ready to commence with the actual exploration activities (with financial, technical, and human resources in place), the planned activities will commence on site.

4.1 Project Processes

The proposed exploration activities (methods) are divided into the following categories:

- **Phase 1: Non-invasive techniques (prospecting)** - This will include geological field mapping and ground-based surveys, reviewing of existing geological maps and historical drilling data as well as field evaluation and sampling,
- **Phase 2: Invasive techniques (detailed exploration)** – the techniques involved herein include soil survey, rock sampling, trenching, and/ or pitting and detailed exploration drilling.
- With regards to Phase 2, once the target areas have been selected and verified under the prospecting phase, detailed exploration works will follow.
- **Lithology Geochemical Surveys:** Rock samples shall be collected and taken for trace element analysis to be conducted by analytical chemistry laboratories to determine if

enough Base & Rare and Precious Metals are present. Also, trenches or pits may be dug depending on the commodity (in a controlled environment e.g., fencing off and labelling activity sites) adopting manual or excavator to further investigate the mineral potential. These consists of small pits ($\pm 20\text{cm} \times 20\text{cm} \times 30\text{cm}$) will be dug where 1kg samples can be extracted and sieved to collect 50g of material. As necessary, and to ensure adequate risks mitigation, all excavations will either be opened and closed immediately after obtaining the needed samples or the sites fenced off until the trenches or pits are closed. At all times, the landowner and other relevant stakeholder will be engaged to obtain authorisation where necessary.

- **Geophysical Surveys:** Entails data collection of the substrata (in most cases service of an aero-geophysical contractor will be sourced), by air or ground, through sensors such as radar, magnetic and electromagnetic to detect any mineralization in the area and are conducted to ascertain the mineralisation. Ground geophysical surveys shall be conducted, where necessary using vehicle-mounted sensors or handheld by staff members, while in the case of air surveys the sensors will be mounted to an aircraft, which then flies over the target area.

4.2 Drilling: Should analyses by an analytical laboratory be positive, holes are drilled, and drill samples collected for further analysis. This will determine the depth of the potential mineralization. If necessary new access tracks to the drill sites will be created and drill pads will be cleared in which to set the rig. Two widely used drilling options may be adopted, these are the reverse circulation drilling and/or diamond-core drilling. A typical drilling site will consist of a drill-rig, drill core and geological samples store and a drill equipment parking and maintenance yard (including a fuel and lubricants storage facility).

4.3 Human Resources, Services, and infrastructure

The following services and infrastructure as provided below will be required for the project activities:

- **Human resources and accommodation:** Around ten people will be employed on site during the exploration phase. The workforce will include both skilled, semi and unskilled people, as necessary to complete the work. The exploration workforce will be accommodated in Kobos, upon reaching an agreement and a consent is signed between the Proponent and the respective landowner or custodian (authority) prior to setting up accommodation structures (camps).

- **Working Space (Administration and Control):** Movable shade facility near the working spots and prefabricated temporary offices will be erected on site (subject to approval of landowner/custodian or authority).
- **Water supply:** Around 4,500 litres of water will be required for the activities per month. This water will be used for cooling down and washing of equipment, drilling related activities, and ablation. The water will be sourced from elsewhere and transported to site. Therefore, no project related water abstraction will be done onsite or within the site area.

Potable water will also be made available for the exploration crew (workers) on site.

- **Fuel supply:** (for personnel use to cook): The Proponent will provide fuel to be used for food preparation by the site workers. No firewood will be collected on the farms or neighbouring land, without the owners or authority's permission.
- **Fuel Supply (machinery and equipment):** About 2,000-litre diesel will be used for machinery and equipment and fuel generator, per month.

- **Accessibility (roads):** the EPL is accessible via D1290 road and the M47 road, passing through the EPL. Therefore, project related vehicles will be using these existing roads to access the EPL. It is also anticipated that, if necessary, onsite new tracks to the different targeted exploration sites within the EPL will be created. The Proponent may need to do some upgrade on the site access road to ensure that it is fit to accommodate project related vehicles, such as heavy trucks.
- **Waste management:** the different waste will be handled as follows:
- **Sewage:** Long drop ablation facilities will be provided on site. The wastewater will then be transported offsite to the treatment facility either by the Proponent or a designated/appointed external waste management contractor.
- **General and domestic waste:** enough waste bins (containers) will be made available at both exploration sites and campsite for waste storage. The bins will be emptied into the main onsite container for disposal at the nearest landfill site, when necessary (upon reaching full capacity of the main waste container onsite).

- **Hazardous waste:** All vehicles, machinery and fuel consuming equipment will be provided with drip trays to capture potential fuel spills and waste oils. The waste fuel/oils will be carefully stored in a standardized container until such a time that it can be disposed of at the nearest approved hazardous waste management facility.
- **Health and Safety:** Adequate and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided to every project personnel while on and working at site. A minimum of two first aid kits will be readily available at exploration sites to attend to potential minor injuries, while major injuries will need to be attended to further by transporting the injured to the nearest health centre for treatment and needed care.
- **Potential Accidental Fire Outbreaks:** A minimum of basic firefighting equipment, i.e., two fire extinguishers will be readily available in vehicles, at the working sites and campsite.

4.4 Project Equipment, Material, Machinery and Vehicles

The following equipment and machinery will be required:

- 4X4 pickup trucks
- Excavator / front-end loader to scoop up sandy overburden

- Dozers (to clear vegetation along planned drilling site access roads)
- Drilling fluids stored in manufacturers approved containers
- Air compressors
- Diesel generator for power supply
- Two-way radios for constant communication on site.

These equipment, machinery and vehicles will be kept at a storage site that will be established within the EPL.

4.5 Decommissioning: Rehabilitation of Explored Sites

The decommissioning referred to here is the cessation of exploration activities either upon discovering an economic feasible and worthy deposit or unsuccessful exploration works. Either way, the Proponent will need to properly decommission the activities to either prepare the selected areas of the EPL for the mining phase or upon a non-successful exploration abandon the explored and rehabilitated sites.

The impact on the physical environment by exploration works can be lessened by planning with future decommissioning of explored sites in mind. Therefore, towards the end of each exploration activity on worked/explored sites of the EPL, progressive / ongoing rehabilitation will be carried out by the Proponent. This can be achieved through partial backfilling of boreholes and trenches with topsoil and waste

rocks. The aim is to ensure that the disturbed sites are left close to their pre-exploration state as much as possible.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

This ESA process is conducted in accordance with the provisions laid out in the Environmental Management Act (No 7 of 2007) and its' Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2012). The primary objective of the EA will be to identify potential negative impacts associated with the proposed activity, assess them, and recommend practical and effective mitigation measures to be implemented by the Proponent to minimize these impacts, while maximizing positive impacts.

The main objectives of this ESA are to:

- Comply with Namibia's Environmental Management Act (2007) and its EIA regulations (2012).
- Identify potential impacts associated with the proposed Activity.
- Inform Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and relevant authorities about the mining activities and to provide them with a reasonable opportunity to participate during the EA process.
- Assess the significance of issues and concerns raised.

- Compile a report addressing all identified issues and potential impacts related to various aspects of the activity.
- Compile a Draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which includes impacts' management and mitigation measures.

5.1 Potential Impacts

The following potential impacts have been identified so far for the surrounding towns, settlements, and property:

Positive:

- Socio-economic development through employment creation (primary, secondary, and tertiary employment) and skills transfer,
- Open other investment opportunities and infrastructure-related development benefits,
- Produce a trained workforce and small businesses that can service communities and may initiate related businesses,
- Boosting the local economic growth and regional economic development.
- Improved geological understanding of the area, and
- Open other investment opportunities and infrastructure-related development benefits.

- Increased support for local businesses through the procurement of consumable items such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), machinery spare parts, lubricants, etc.

Negative:

- **Potential disturbance of existing pastoral systems,**
- **Physical land / soil disturbance:** The invasive exploration activities could potentially lead to site soils' disturbance. The potential damage to subgrade due to traffic compaction along tracked / haul access roads,
- **Impact on local biodiversity (fauna and flora) and habitat disturbance:** some vegetation may need to be removed to create access roads and working spaces. Some exploration activities such as drilling may disturb local / farm and potential illegal wildlife hunting (poaching) in the area.
- **Potential impact on water resources and soils particularly due to pollution,**
- **Air quality issue:** potential dust generated from surface excavation, drilling, and diamond wire sawing from could temporarily compromise the surrounding air quality,
- **Visual impacts due to scars** on landscape and relief,
- **Potential occupational health and safety risks** associated with the movement / operating of machinery and equipment on site.
- **Vehicular traffic safety and impact on services infrastructure** such as local roads: the temporary potential increase in vehicular traffic during exploration may exert additional pressure on the local roads, especially by heavy vehicles such as trucks carrying project materials and equipment (drilling rig),
- **Vibrations and noise** associated with drilling activities may be a nuisance to locals,
- **Environmental pollution** through different types of waste generated on the site, particularly from the mishandling of hydrocarbons (fuels) and wastewater,
- **Archaeological or cultural heritage impact** through unintentional uncovering of unknown archaeological objects or sites by certain project activities such as exploration drilling and excavation as well as known and marked heritage sites on targeted sites on the EPL and surroundings,
- **Potential social nuisance and conflicts** between affected farmers / landowners and or neighbouring land users and Proponent due to the lack of communication or cooperation on raised issues and land use during exploration.

The potential impacts listed above were pre-identified and therefore should not be deemed as final or the only ones. Other potential impacts will be identified as the ESA process progresses i.e., upon site visit and consultation with the public (I&APs). All impacts and public concerns/comments will be incorporated and addressed in the Environmental Assessment Report and EMP.

5.2 Public Consultation

Public consultation is an important part of ESA process. During the consultation process, interested or affected members of the public are given an opportunity to find out more about the activity and raise any issues or concerns pertaining to the environmental assessment.

To comment or receive further information on the project, **please register with Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd** (contact details herein) as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) **before or on Friday, the 18th of February 2022.**

All registered I&APs will be kept informed throughout the various stages of the project and will be provided the opportunity to comment on the Scoping (ESA) Report.

Furthermore, you are hereby invited to the Public Consultation Meeting scheduled as follows:

- **Date: 15 February 2022**
- **Time: 12h30**
- **Venue: Klein Aub Settlement Office Hall**



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**Public
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22 February 2022

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING & EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE (EPL) NO. 8181 NEAR KLEIN AUB IN THE HARDAP REGION, NAMIBIA

Date: Tuesday, 15 February 2022

Time: 12h30 – 14h30

Venue: Klein Aub Community Hall

The Public Consultation Meeting was attended by nineteen (19) people, including three Environmental Consultants from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) and a representative from Parabola Investments CC. - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

COVID-19 REGULATIONS ADHERENCE

To ensure that the meeting, as a form of gathering complies with the COVID-19 Regulations, the chairs were set up in a way that social distancing between the people are observed.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

The meeting was officially opened with a prayer by Ms. Belinda Shivangulula of Parabola Investment CC. Furthermore, she expressed gratitude to everyone in attendance for making time to attend the meeting. Ms. Belinda also explained shortly what the overall aim of the project is and how it will aim to benefit the community and the country at large.

Ms. Belinda explained what her area of expertise are and how she would be assisting the project until completion of the environmental impact assessment study. Six (6) representatives were chosen from the Klein Aub and Kobos settlement area, so that the communication process would be easier throughout the

whole Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) process. The new representatives were asked to explain what their aim will be throughout the process and promised to do this with integrity.

The meeting attendance register was then circulated for the attendees to write down their names, contact details and sign so that they could be added to the list of interested and affected parties (I&APs) and receive further information on the ESA process.

MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

2.1 Brief Description of the Project

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or ESA and the reason that The Proponent appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS), independent environmental consultants to carry out the EIA and apply for the Environmental Clearance certificate (ECC).

2.2 Explanation of what an ESA is, its Process and the Public Role in the Process

Mr. Silas David explained to the attendees what the meeting was all about and why they were invited (with reference to the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation). Mr. David further explained what an ESA is and that the proposed exploration activities are one of the listed activities in the 2012 EIA Regulations of the EMA that cannot be undertaken without an ECC from the Environmental Commissioner. Ms. Brandt translated the presentation in Afrikaans.

2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, the Environmental Consultants also presented the potential pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

Mr. David provided the meeting attendees the opportunity to raise their concerns/issues and or comment on the proposed project activities. The issues and comments recorded are presented in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the public meeting on Klein Aub on the 15th of February 2022

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue / comment / question	Response and name of responder:
1.	<p>Mr. Manfred Angermund (Kaunas Noord): Does consultants speak on behalf of the client?</p> <p>Community members are not against development in the area but, community members would want transparency. Farming is our main source of living in this area. Will there be a contract between us as farmers and the EPL holder before they can just come into our farms and start doing exploration works?</p>	<p>Ms. Althea Brandt: One of the reasons that we do public consultations is for us to get as much details as possible. The findings will be incorporated into the draft ESA report and EMP. These documents will be made available to not only the client but also to all the registered interested & affected parties (I&APs) for reviewing purposes. Comments will also be accepted during this stage as well as during the final reporting stage.</p>
	<p>Mr. Manfred Angermund: We would want the people from our community to be given job opportunities.</p> <p>When the Ministry of Mines sells these EPLs to individuals or companies, what requirements do they look for? We cannot just accept that all these EPL holders are</p>	<p>Ms. Althea Brandt: Once the EPL holder is granted an ECC, thereafter an agreement should be reached between the client and the farmer and then a contract should be drafted between the two. The Environmental consultant will no longer be part of this phase.</p> <p>It is never a case that exploration works and sampling are done on all areas but certain areas can be selected beforehand using geophysical surveys.</p>

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	<p>honest and fair people without knowing their background because we already have an issue of theft. We want to be notified throughout all phases.</p> <p>Communication is always an issue so it will be appreciated if we could have another meeting in the near future.</p>	<p>Ms. Althea Brandt: We understand and take note of your concerns.</p> <p>Ms. Althea Brandt: We can definitely try to have more sessions with chosen representatives.</p>
2.	<p>Many of us are not full-time farmers and therefore are not always available on our farms. Will the EPL holders compensate the farmer for appointing someone to look after their area?</p>	<p>Ms. Althea Brandt: The client will be able to appoint a security guard for the time period that they are caring out exploration works at certain allocated areas.</p>
3.	<p>Mr. Francois de Klal: The main concern during exploration stage, is water scarcity and whether the drilling methods used will contaminate the current water quality because a lot of farmers have put in a lot of effort to secure the groundwater and slow down the flow. A proper rehabilitation</p>	<p>Ms. Belinda from Parabola: We have chosen four (4) representatives from the previous group and therefore we would like to choose two (2) more representatives in order to allow for smooth communication throughout the process.</p> <p>The EPL holder would also like to see effective communication throughout the process.</p>

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	<p>plan is therefore required from the EPL holder.</p> <p>Another issue we have in this area is erosion. This area is extremely sensitive to soil erosion. The road itself becomes a river. A rehabilitation plan will definitely be required.</p> <p>This area also has a few Khoisan graves especially on my farm Neu-Franken.</p>	<p>Ms. Althea Brandt: We take note of your concern.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Water is the most important issue and also the plants, plants should not be removed unnecessarily and holes should not be dug and left unattended.</p> <p>In the past, the Klein Aub mine contaminated the boreholes and never took responsibility for it.</p> <p>On my farm, there is a mountain that has about seven (7) different minerals.</p>	<p>Ms. Belinda: This is very bad and the Ministry should have taken accountability for this.</p> <p>The people of Kobos knows exactly what is happening in their area and at the end of the day, you can all benefit from this.</p>

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5.	<p>Mr. Tony Olivier: My farm falls adjacent to the EPL 8181, meaning I am not really affected by this project but from previous experience and seeing what happens to neighboring farms, I am concerned about how the operations work because I have seen how vehicles are packed with wood, etc.</p>	<p>Ms. Brandt: For the purpose of this meeting we are planning to do a site visit afterwards and therefore to get as much information from the surrounding area as well as input from the meeting itself. Once this is done we will proceed with the reporting phase. Every detail that we receive from this meeting will be provided within the reports and mitigation measures will also be provided within the Environmental Management Plan (EMP). This document will be of guidance to the proponent if they are awarded with the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). Each and every person that were registered as an I&AP will be receiving the draft ESA Report and the EMP for review and for further comments or input before finalizing.</p> <p>If the ECC is issued to the proponent and they do not adhere to the mitigation measures, this can be communicated to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT).</p> <p>It is very important to have a high level of transparency from the start of the project and it is important for the EPL holder to make sure that communication will not be an issue, and that is why they have chosen a few representatives from this area.</p>

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	<p>Mr. Tony Olivier: Just for clarification purposes, are you as the Environmental Consultants for or against this type of development? Because I personally do not want any exploration crew on my farm at all. I have no interest in that at all.</p>	<p>Ms. Brandt: Our role during all this is to make sure that we provide the MEFT with exactly what is going on prior to any exploration work. That being, what the physical environment looks like, the type of vegetation, how the affected community feels about the potential development, etc. We are also required to identify the impacts; both negative and positive. As a farmer, we need to get as much input and reasons as to why you are for or against this proposed development and this will be provided as is in the report and we as the consultants are required to come up with mitigation measures for issues raised.</p> <p>The proponent and the farmer can also come into a personal agreement via a contract if a ECC is issued.</p>
	<p>Mr. Tony Olivier: Past exploration activities have created holes. This is unfair and the best way to operate. Farmers cannot be affected in a bad way when EPL holders are granted Clearance for exploration.</p>	<p>Ms. Brandt: EDS take note of your concern and this is why the Proponent's representative, Ms. Belinda is here with us, in order to get a better understanding of how previous exploration works have impacted farmers.</p> <p>There are a lot of benefits if everyone decides to works together.</p> <p>Ms. Belinda: Concern noted with thanks. Parabola Investments CC want to achieve something great with this project for the benefit of the affected community and at large, and the country. The intention of the EPL holder is good and Parabola Investments CC plan to uplift the socio-economic level of the Kobos and Klein Area.</p>

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	<p>Mr. Tony Olivier: The main issue regarding the activities that goes with exploration work is mainly an issue of being uninformed and not being approached/invited for these consultative meetings.</p>	<p>Ms. Brandt: Thank you sir, we take note of your concerns and comments provided.</p>

FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Ms. Brandt thanked the attendees for their crucial input through comments and raising their concerns. She indicated to the attendees that all their comments, concerns and inputs had been noted down for consideration and addressing in the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Report as well as incorporating their recommendations into the draft EMP.

Furthermore, Ms. Brandt informed the attendees that the draft Environmental Assessment Report together with the meeting minutes, and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be shared with them for review and further comments. These documents will be made available through emails provided on the attendance register.

Once the review of the draft ESA Report and EMP is done, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) for evaluation and consideration of an ECC.

The meeting was adjourned at 14h30.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) No. 8181 LOCATED SOUTH OF KLEIN AUB IN THE HARDAP REGION, NAMIBIA: AN APPLICATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC)

Under the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, the public is hereby notified that an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) application for the exploration of Base & Rare Metals and Precious Metals on EPL 5851 will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner.

Proponent: Parabola Investments CC

Environmental Consultant: Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd ("EDS" Namibia)

Type of activity: Exploration Activities of Base & Rare Metals and Precious Metals on EPL 8181

Location & Footprint: The 39 876.8269 -hectare EPL is located within Kobos and 7 km to Klein Aub in the Hardap Region. - **please refer to the locality map below.**

Members of the public are further invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to comment/raise concerns or receive further information on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. Registration should be done with EDS on the contact details below.

You are hereby invited to a Public Consultation Meeting as per the following details:

Date: Tuesday, 15 February 2022

Time: 12h30

Venue: Klein Aub Settlement Office Hall

Please note that due to the COVID-19 Health Regulations, all interested attendees will be required to wear face masks throughout the meeting proceedings.

Registration and comments/concerns/issues should reach EDS **before or on Monday, the 28th of February 2022.**

Contact Person: **Mr. Silas David**

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Location of EPL 8181 near Klein Aub

