## 2.3.2 Project Need and Desirability

Mining contributes about 25% to the Namibian GDP income, and thus the largest contributor to the Namibian economy. As in many African countries, mining is a key source of mineral commodities essential for maintaining and improving standards of living. Most important, the Namibian government makes provision for its citizens to obtain various mining license in order to create self-employment or business opportunities.

InterContinental Mining (Pty) Ltd, were therefore presented an opportunity to venture into the sector by undertaking an exploration programme in respect in respect to Base and Rare Metals, Dimension Stone, Industrial Minerals, Non-Nuclear Fuel Mineral and Precious Metals

Overall, the exploration activities is expected to generate full time medium to long term direct employment for at least 5-20 workers. The majority of workers to be employed on the proposed exploration project are expected to be skilled and/or semi-skilled (general labourers and operators).

## 2.4. PROJECT LOCATION

The location of the proposed Mining Claims area which constitute Mining Claims 69966 & 69967 is situated in Western Namibia (**Figure 4**), within the Dorob National Park in the Erongo Region and approximately 25 km north-east of the Uis Settlement.

The proposed claims, although situated with a conservancy, are in proximity (south-west, **Figure 5**) of an old molopo pit with asorted mineralized materials (Ore containing Lithium, Tantalum and Tin) as per the sample analysis results, ((up to 1cm) cassiterite crystals occurrence local concentration of tin in ore ranging from 0, 5-1, 5% was not extracted because of primitive beneficiation recovery methods and rates).



Figure 4 : Locality map of the proposed Mining Claims 69966 & 69967 in the Erongo Region, Namibia.

Corner point	Latitude	Longitude
A – MCs 69966 & 69967 Point 1	-21.006388°	14.974462°
B – MCs 69966 & 69967 Point 2	-21.006612°	14.971811°
C – MCs 69966 & 69967 Point 3	-21.012210°	14.973038°
D – MCs 69966 & 69967 Point 4	-21.011681°	14.975534°
F – MCs 69966 & 69967 Point 4	-21.017504°	14.974736°
G – MCs 69966 & 69967 Point 4	-21.016685°	14.977239°

 Table 3: Corner coordinates of the proposed development site

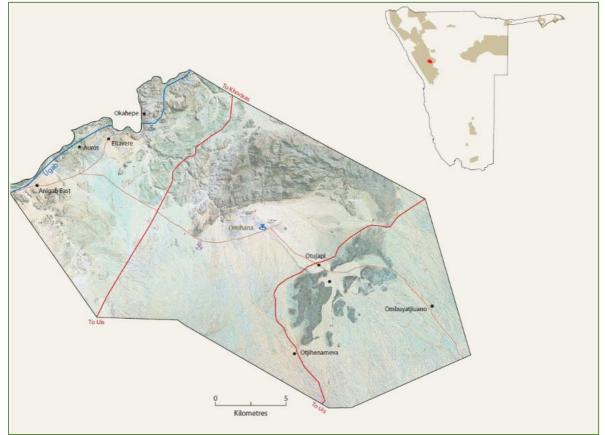


Figure 5: Proximity of the proposed Mining Claims 69966 & 69967 to an old mine pit in Otjimboyo conservancy

## 2.4. SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE 2.4.1 Basecamp

Given the location of the mining claims and that it is situated in a community conservancy i.e. Otjimboyo Conservancy, an entirely new base-camp is not primarily recommended but rather a suitable community campsite must be rented for the duration of the exploration and or mining activity. Otherwise, a suitable site must be identified in collaboration with all relevant authorities including the Traditional Authority. Where practical and possible, it is strictly recommended that for unskilled labour, local community members are employed and thus accommodated at their existing homestead to mitigate and reduce potential conflict with the conservancy wildlife and livestock management protocols.

During the prospecting period, it is anticipated that about 10 – 15 persons will be employed, although only four staff are allowed to lodge on-site on an alternating (rotating) basis. The