

Appendix D Public Consultation Information

**ESIA for Well Drilling in Licence Block 2914A, Orange
Basin, off the Coast of Southern Namibia**

Final Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report

Rhino Resources Ltd

SLR Project No.: 713.000016.00001

Appendix D1 I&AP Notification Letters

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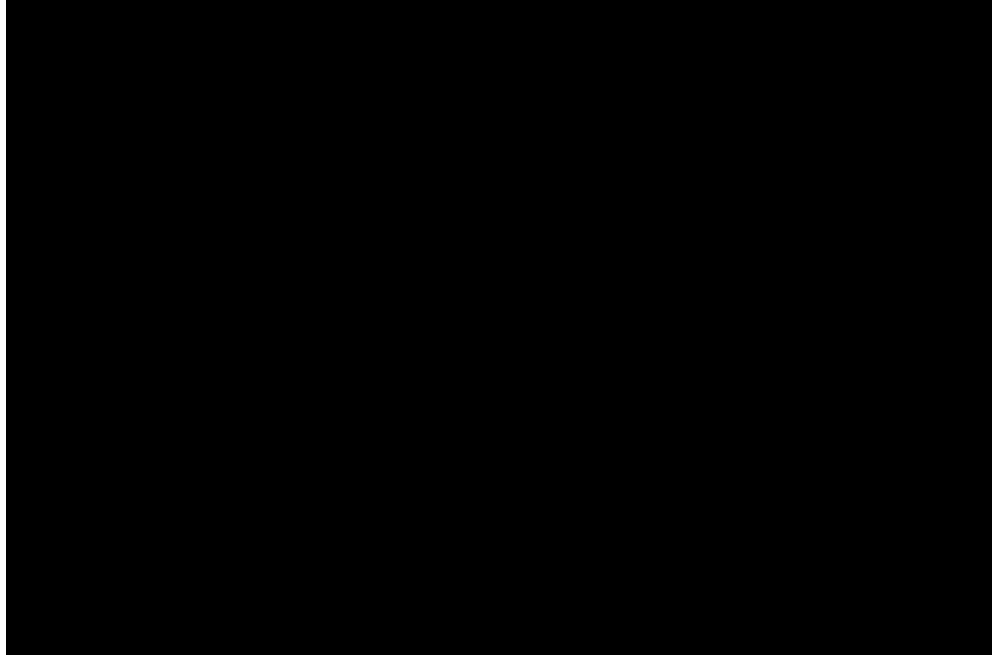
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Scoping Public Meeting - Lüderitz

Date:	14 November 2023	Time:	11:00	Location:	The Nest Hotel
Client:	Rhino Resources Namibia	SLR Project No.:	713.000016.00001		
SLR Representatives	Sue Reuther (presenter), Alice McGrath, Robyn Christians				
Client Representatives	Gilles Pantanacce, Maria Mbudhi				
Public Attendees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Namport: Mr Cecil Kamupingene (Acting port manager) 2. Namport: Mr Winfried Henok (Port engineer) 3. Kaeso Oilfield Services: Mr Xavier Cau (International Business Development) 4. Rent-a-Drum: Mr Jaco Swart (Commercial manager) 				

Item	Meeting Minutes
1.	SLR opened the meeting at 11:25, welcomed the attendees and presented the agenda for the meeting.
2.	All participants briefly introduced themselves. This was followed by an overview of SLR and Rhino and their activities in Namibia.
3.	Rhino provided an overview of the proposed project, including the location of Block 2914A, context of activities in surrounding blocks and proposed sequence of activities that are subject to the ECC application. The activities include appraisal of existing information and drilling of up to 10 wells, the location of which will be determined based on ongoing evaluation of exploration findings.
4.	<p>Mr Cecil Kamupingene inquired why oil and gas companies are considering Walvis Bay as the location for the logistics base over Lüderitz.</p> <p>Rhino explained that Lüderitz is much closer to Block 2914A and would be the preferred choice for a logistics base from that perspective. However, the Port of Lüderitz has considerable space constraints, and operators do not have access to the facilities they require to support drilling operations (e.g., cement and mud plants, quayside space).</p> <p>Mr Cecil Kamupingene noted that Namport would welcome it if the oil and gas operators could share more information about their plans and timelines and guidance on operational requirements. He highlighted plans to expand the port, and that investigations are underway of how best to maximise the opportunities at the Port of Lüderitz.</p>
5.	Rhino presented the drilling programme and explained the operational phases. In response to a question, the difference between cement and drilling muds was explained. A video of the drilling process was played.
6.	<p>Mr Cecil Kamupingene asked how many rigs and/or vessels would be required.</p> <p>Rhino clarified that for exploration drilling there would be one drilling unit and an anticipated two to four supply vessels, partly depending on the location (and hence distance) of the logistics base.</p>
7.	SLR presented the need and desirability considerations of the proposed project, the key environmental and socio-economic sensitivities and the regulated ESIA process. The way forward for the ESIA was discussed, with a focus on the upcoming release of the Draft

Meeting Minutes



	Scoping Report and public comment period. SLR completed the presentation and opened the floor for questions and discussions.
8.	Mr Cecil Kamupingene asked what will happen if Rhino find gas reserves as was the case in the Kudu gas field, Rhino responded that hydrocarbon resources almost always contain gas, the proportion of which varies. Potential options for the gas could be use in Namibia or South Africa, reinjection into the reservoir and/or production of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for export. The way forward would be determined once Rhino has a better understanding of the resource, once exploration is complete.
9.	Mr Cecil Kamupingene asked why CO ₂ emissions are considered in the ESIA, when Namibia produces very little emissions compared to other developed countries. SLR responded that consideration of greenhouse gases (GHG) is standard in ESIA processes, although the quantity of GHGs emitted during an exploration project is relatively small. The wider implications of fossil fuel exploration and production (during potential later project stages) are challenging to consider in an ESIA as they are also affected by a range on non-project specific aspects. SLR reports on international trends towards lower-carbon energy and on national policies and international agreements Namibia is party to, and how the project complies with those.
10.	SLR confirmed that there were no more questions and closed the meeting at 12:55.

Prepared by:

Alice McGrath

15 November 2023

Name

Signature

Date

Proposed Exploration Well Drilling in Licence Block 2914A

Scoping Public Meeting – Walvis Bay

Date: 15 November 2023	Time: 11:00	Location: The Protea Hotel
Client: Rhino Resources Namibia	SLR Project No.: 713.000016.00001	
SLR Representatives	Sue Reuther, Alice McGrath (presenter), Robyn Christians	
Client Representatives	Gilles Pantanacce, Maria Mbudhi	
Public Attendees	Consult 360: Mr Maumbo Hudson	

Item	Meeting Minutes
1.	SLR opened the meeting at 11:25, welcomed the attendees and presented the agenda for the meeting.
2.	All participants briefly introduced themselves. Mr Maumbo Hudson noted that Consult 360 provide labour services for a range of industries, for example mining. This was followed by an overview of SLR and Rhino and their activities in Namibia.
3.	Rhino provided an overview of the proposed project, including the location of Block 2914A, context of activities in surrounding blocks and proposed sequence of activities that are subject to the ECC application. The activities include appraisal of existing information and drilling of up to 10 wells, the location of which will be determined based on ongoing evaluation of exploration findings. Rhino presented the drilling programme and explained the operational phases. A video of the drilling process was played.
4.	SLR presented the need and desirability considerations of the proposed project, the key environmental and socio-economic sensitivities and the regulated ESIA process. The way forward for the ESIA was discussed, with a focus on the upcoming release of the Draft Scoping Report and public comment period. SLR completed the presentation and opened the floor for questions and discussions.
5.	Mr Maumbo Hudson thanked the team for providing detailed information on the project. He indicated that Consult 360 would like to engage further regarding service provision opportunities.
6.	SLR confirmed that there were no more questions and closed the meeting at 12:15.

Prepared by:

Alice McGrath




15 November 2023

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Proposed Exploration and Appraisal Well Drilling in Block 2914A, Namibia

ESIA Scoping Meeting

November 2023



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Meeting Protocols & Discussion Guidelines

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Please can all participants remember to

1. Be respectful
2. Agree to disagree
3. Give everyone a fair chance to ask questions

The meeting will be recorded for minute taking and photos will be captured

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Please switch your phone to silent.

If you have a question, please raise your hand, speak into the microphone and introduce yourself.

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Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Meeting Objectives
3. Project Description
 - Applicant
 - Location
 - Exploration activities
4. Need & Desirability
5. Key Environmental and Socio-Economic Sensitivities
6. ESIA Process
 - Legislation overview
 - Specialist studies
7. Way forward
8. Discussion

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Introductions

- Rhino Resources Namibia Ltd
 - Gilles Pantanacce
 - Maria Mbudhi
- SLR Environmental Consulting (Namibia) Pty Ltd
 - Sue Reuther
 - Alice McGrath
 - Robyn Christians

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Meeting Objectives

- **Share information on:**
 - Proposed project
 - ESIA and public participation process
 - Specialist studies to be undertaken during the impact assessment phase
 - Next steps in the ESIA process
- For I&APs to **ask questions, comment and/or raise concerns** about the proposed project, and assist with the identification of issues to be considered during the ESIA
- Notify I&APs of the upcoming availability of the **Draft Scoping Report** for public comment

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Project Description

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Applicant

- Rhino Resources is exploring for energy resources in Africa
- Rhino has been exploring in Namibia for over a decade, and today is the operator of Block 2914A (PEL 85) located in the Orange Basin
- Namcor, Korres and Rhino are Partners on PEL85
- A 1 700 km² seismic survey has been acquired in November 2022
- Interpretation of the new seismic cube combined with other existing datasets gives confidence in the block's prospectivity
- Rhino is preparing for a drilling campaign with testing in case of discovery

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Location of Block 2914A

Distance from the coast:

- 140km SW of Oranjemund
- 260km SSW of Lüderitz
- 670km S of Walvis Bay

Block area: 5338 km²

Depth range: 200 m - 1800 m

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Exploration Activities

- Drill up to 10 exploration and/or appraisal wells in Block 2914A
- Confirm and test the presence and quality of hydrocarbon resources

Duration per well:

- Mobilisation: up to 30 days
- Well drilling: 2-4 months
- Well abandonment: up to 10 days
- Demobilisation: up to 5 days

- Onshore logistics base: Walvis Bay or Lüderitz
- Equipment: Drill ship or semi-submersible drilling unit, serviced by 3-4 support vessels

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Exploration Activities

Drilling Operation

- 1. Final drilling site selection**
Based on detailed analysis of available seismic and geological data. Pre-drilling video surveys of the sea floor will be conducted at the well site.
- 2. Drilling stages**
A well is created by drilling a hole into the seafloor using a drill bit, which crushes the rock into small particles (cuttings). The cuttings are either discharged onto the floor or brought up to and treated on the drilling unit then discharged overboard depending on the drilling stage.
- 3. Optional well testing**
On completion of drilling, the well may be tested/flared if a resource is discovered.
- 4. Well sealing and plugging**
Following testing, the well is sealed with cement plugs according to international best practice.

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Need & Desirability

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Need & Desirability

- Namibia is committed to a **just transition** towards a net-zero and climate-resilient society
- Namibian policies focus on promoting **interim exploration and investments** in the oil and gas sector to enhance socio-economic welfare through use of indigenous natural resources (while also pursuing green energy initiatives)
- Natural gas is accepted as a **transition fuel** in the Paris Agreement. It offers flexibility to complement renewable energy generation and replace more polluting coal.
- The proposed project aligns with these policies and has the potential to generate government and private **income, employment and training** opportunities in the oil and gas industry
- The project is less aligned with certain national and international agreements, such as Namibia's Climate Change Policy Framework and Updated NDC, emphasizing **reducing fossil fuel reliance and GHG emissions**
- The exploration project aims to **confirm and understand possible indigenous resources**, not to produce oil or gas. The project's significance lies in optimizing Namibia's domestic resources, supporting the country's oil and gas requirements, potentially reducing reliance on imports and generating a source of income.

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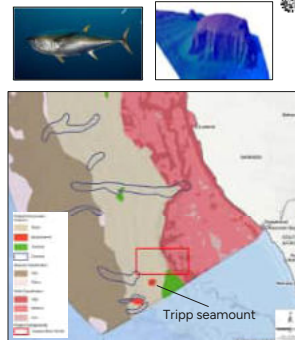
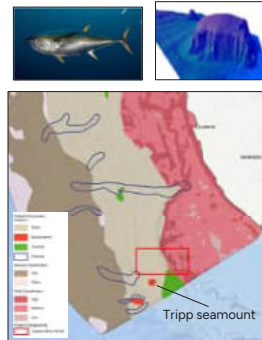
Key Environmental and Socio-Economic Sensitivities



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Biophysical Environment

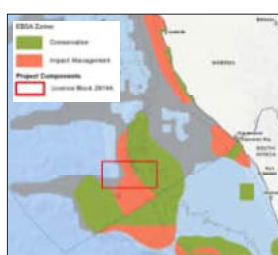
- Block 2914A lies on the shelf edge and upper continental slope
- Seabed is likely characterised by a mixture of sand and mud; some hard substrate may be present
- Tripp Seamount lies ~10 km south of Block 2914A
- Located in the highly productive Benguela upwelling system that supports a wide variety of marine species, including fish, whales, dolphins, seals and seabirds

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Biophysical Environment

- Block 2914A overlaps with portions of the Orange Seamount and Canyon Ecologically and Biologically Significant Marine Area (EBSA), indicating importance for threatened species and habitats, biological diversity, and naturalness
- Management recommendations for this EBSA do not prohibit petroleum extraction
- Block 2914A does not overlap with any approved Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

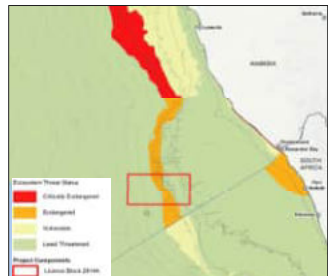


EBSAs are regions that have distinct importance in terms of their ecological and biological characteristics, identified through a scientific process. They are not legally protected areas but highlight important regions where future conservation efforts should be focused and activities affecting biodiversity should be controlled.

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Biophysical Environment

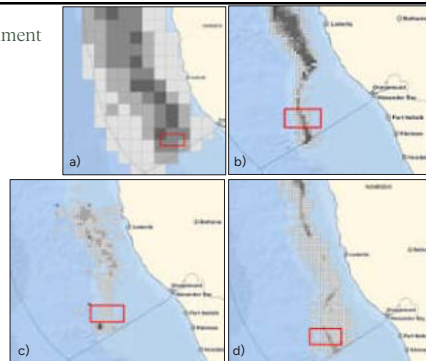
- Most of the benthic habitat types in the vicinity of Block 2914A have been classified as 'Least Threatened'
- Shelf edge along the 500m depth contour has been classified as 'Endangered' due to poor ecological condition (associated with trawling areas)



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Socio-Economic Environment

- Project area of influence broadly encompasses offshore environment south of Lüderitz
- Four commercial fishing sectors overlap with Block 2914A:
 - Pelagic longline
 - Demersal trawl
 - Pole-line
 - Demersal longline
- Pelagic longline, demersal trawl and demersal longline operate along the entire Namibian coast



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ESIA Process

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ESIA Process

We are here →

- Exploration activities trigger several activities listed in law and requires approval (ECC) through an ESIA
- ESIA process and timeframes are defined in the EIA Regulations (2012)
- Currently in the Scoping Phase, with the objective to:
 - Screen and identify potential impacts
 - Confirm terms of reference for the technical and specialist studies
- Current public consultation on BID
- Release Draft Scoping Report for comment: shortly

The flowchart illustrates the ESIA process in three main phases: Pre-application, Scoping Phase, and Impact Assessment Phase.

1. **Pre-application:** Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate submitted to Competent Authority (MSE) and pre-application meetings.

2. **Scoping Phase:** Complete Draft Scoping Report (DSR), Public Review and Comment, Competent Authority (MSE) to review and issue recommendations by MBPT, Final Decision on FSR by MBPT, Report, and Approval.

3. **Impact Assessment Phase:** Complete Final Bid & EAP and submit to Competent Authority (MSE), Public Review and Comment, Competent Authority (MSE) to review and issue recommendations by MBPT, Final Decision by MBPT, Report, and Approval, leading to the Issue Environmental Clearance Certificate.

A red arrow labeled 'We are here' points to the 'Complete Draft Scoping Report (DSR)' step in the Scoping Phase.

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Scoping and ESIA Process

Pre-application	Scoping Phase	Impact Assessment Phase	Appeals Phase
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of preliminary stakeholder database 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit ECC application • Prepare and share Background Information Document • Public meetings • Prepare Draft Scoping Report • Comment period • Submit Final Scoping Report for acceptance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake technical/specialist studies • Prepare Draft ESIA Report • Public meetings • Comment period • Submit Final ESIA for decision making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder notification of decision • Appeal process

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Specialist Studies

Modelling studies	Impact assessments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLR Underwater Noise Modelling • CLS Drilling Discharge Modelling • Oil Spill Modelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PISCES Marine Ecology Assessment • CapMarine Commercial Fisheries Assessment • SLR Air Quality Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLR GHG and Climate Change Assessment • ENVIRO DYNAMICS Socio-Economic Assessment

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Way Forward

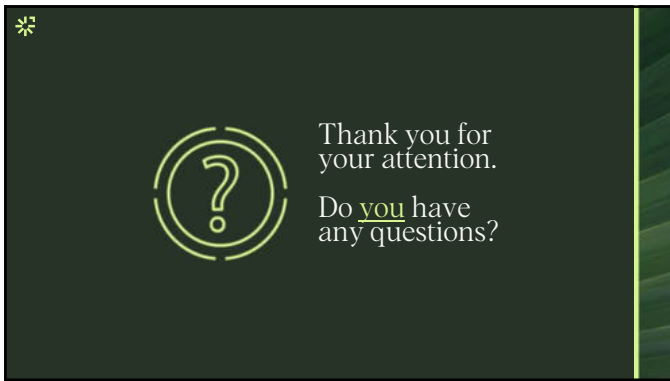
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Way Forward

- Record of public meeting to be integrated into ESIA documentation
- Draft Scoping Report public comment period: **shortly**
- Submit comments and questions to SLR
- All registered I&APs will be kept updated regarding documents, timelines and outcomes
- All documents will be shared on SLR's website

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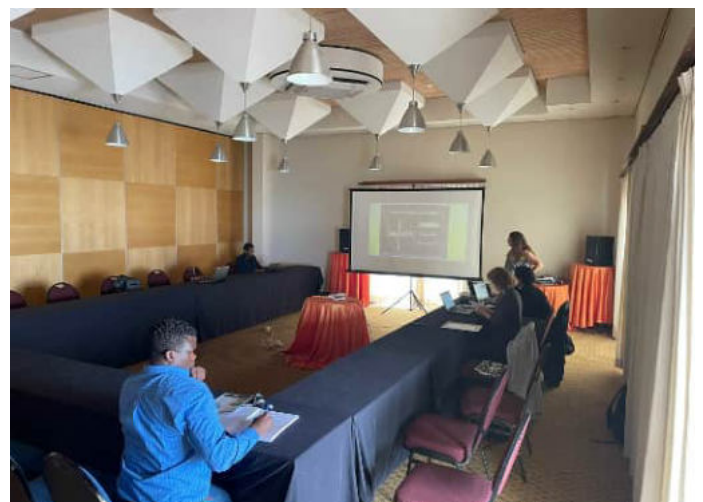


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Luderitz Public Meeting - 14 November
Nest Hotel



Walvis Bay Public Meeting - 15 November
Protea Hotel



Proposed Exploration Well Drilling in Licence Block 2914A

Consultation with Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT)

Date: 16 November 2023	Time: 09:00	Location: MEFT Boardroom
Client: Rhino Resources Namibia	SLR Project No.:	713.000016.00001
SLR Representatives	Sue Reuther, Alice McGrath, Robyn Christians	
Client Representatives	Gilles Pantanacce, Maria Mbudhi	
MEFT Representatives	Timoteus Mufeti, Hiskia Mbura, Nico Masule	

Item	Meeting Minutes
1.	<p>MEFT representatives introduced themselves and welcomed Rhino and SLR to the meeting. MEFT noted that they welcome such meetings to clarify projects and allow MEFT to ask questions early in the process.</p> <p>Rhino and SLR thanked MEFT for the welcome and for making time for the meeting. This was followed by brief introductions of Rhino and SLR.</p> <p>MEFT noted that they know SLR as an environmental consultancy that produces high quality work, and that they are happy with the reporting and EIA studies conducted by SLR to date.</p>
2.	<p>Rhino provided an overview of the proposed project, including the location of Block 2914A, context of activities in surrounding blocks and proposed sequence of activities that are subject to the ECC application. The activities include appraisal of existing information and sequential drilling of up to 10 wells, the location of which will be determined based on ongoing evaluation of exploration findings. Rhino presented the drilling programme. It was noted that the drilling rigs offshore of Namibia are currently fully booked, and a rig would most likely need to be brought in, which requires upfront planning.</p>
3.	<p>MEFT asked for clarity regarding the steps in the exploration phase and the difference between exploration and appraisal drilling.</p> <p>Rhino explained that exploration drilling serves to identify whether any resources are located in a specific area, and the depth, quality and other characteristics of the resource. An appraisal well is identical to an exploration well in design but serves to identify the extent of a reservoir by determining through testing whether an appraisal well intercepts the same, a different or no reservoir.</p> <p>SLR confirmed that the application is for the exploration phase only (not production), which includes exploration and appraisal well drilling, well testing and well plugging and abandonment.</p>
4.	<p>MEFT asked whether the different operators were exploring the same reservoir.</p> <p>Rhino explained that operators are exploring in the Orange Basin, which is south of Lüderitz and continues into South Africa, but that there are several reservoirs / fields that are separated by the geology – different fields can be located in separate “pockets” and/or depth layers.</p> <p>MEFT asked whether future operators can move straight to the production phase since the current operators have made discoveries.</p> <p>Rhino clarified that the information obtained by operators during drilling is their intellectual property for 5 years, whereafter NAMCOR becomes the custodians of this data and other operators can view and purchase data at this time. Most drilling information was acquired recently and is thus still protected, and only covers limited areas.</p>

	Exploration drilling is thus also required to gain a better understanding of the conditions in Rhino's block, where drilling has not taken place.
5.	<p>SLR confirmed that an application for ECC has been lodged with MEFT and the ESIA process has been initiated. The ESIA was formally announced to approximately 250 stakeholders and a Background Information Document released on 6 November 2023, and public meetings have been held in Lüderitz and Walvis Bay. SLR presented the key environmental and socio-economic sensitivities as well as the planned modelling studies and specialist assessments to be conducted.</p> <p>MEFT noted that the management of any impacts on the fishing industry must be appropriately addressed in the studies.</p>
6.	<p>SLR presented the current EIA timelines, noting that the draft scoping report is planned to be released for public comment on 24 November 2023. SLR highlighted the proposed 21-day comment period on the draft scoping report (24 November – 15 December 2023), in compliance with regulatory requirements and because stakeholders had already been notified of the project via email and adverts, and provided with the Background Information Document, on 6 November 2023. MEFT confirmed that this was acceptable, and that proper notice must be given to the public.</p> <p>SLR and MEFT confirmed anticipated MEFT review and decision timelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 months for Final Scoping Report review and clearance (mid-Dec 2023 to mid-March 2024, allowing extra for year-end period), and • 3 months for EIA review and ECC decision (end-May to end-August 2024). <p>MEFT confirmed that this was acceptable. MEFT noted that they must also consult with other ministries and departments in reaching a decision on the ECC, notably MFMR and MME.</p>
7.	<p>MEFT encouraged SLR to engage with the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR) so that they are aware of the project and their comments can be raised and addressed and consent obtained early on.</p> <p>SLR confirmed that a meeting with MFMR had been scheduled.</p>
8.	MEFT requested SLR to share the presentation.
9.	<p>Rhino noted that they expect to survey well sites with a remote operated vehicle before drilling, and asked MEFT to provide expectations and guidance on environmental baseline survey requirements.</p> <p>MEFT confirmed that they would like to obtain information on marine life and habitats, e.g. via sampling, but noted that MFMR is the competent authority in this regard and should provide guidance on the type and location of surveying and sampling.</p>
10.	<p>MEFT encouraged SLR and Rhino to conduct the EIA process thoroughly and undertake consultation with authorities to avoid delays.</p> <p>MEFT suggested that SLR should consider holding a public meeting in Windhoek during the next round of engagement.</p>
11.	SLR and Rhino thanked MEFT for their time and the meeting was closed at 10:20

Prepared by:



Alice McGrath

16 November 2023

Name

Signature

Date

Proposed Exploration Well Drilling in Licence Block 2914A

Consultation with Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR)

Date:	17 November 2023	Time:	10:00	Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting
Client:	Rhino Resources Namibia	SLR Project No.:	713.000016.00001		
SLR Representatives	Sue Reuther, Alice McGrath, Robyn Christians				
Client Representatives	Travis Smithard				
MFMR Representatives	La-Toya Shivute, Ferdinand Hamakuaya				

Item	Meeting Minutes
1.	SLR opened the meeting and thanked MFMR attendees for their time. This was followed by a brief round of introductions and an overview of Rhino and SLR.
2.	SLR provided an overview of the proposed project on behalf of Rhino, including the location of Block 2914A, context of activities in surrounding blocks and proposed sequence of activities that are subject to the ECC application.
3.	<p>Rhino raised the topic of Environmental Baseline Surveys (EBS) and highlighted that Remotely Operated Video (ROV) footage will be recorded at the selected drill sites prior to drilling operations. The live video will be streamed to the vessel and specialists will confirm whether there are any hard substrates or sensitivities at the selected location and within the modelled drill cutting discharge footprint. Rhino asked whether MFMR had any additional EBS requirements or expectations about a broader survey in Block 2914A.</p> <p>Ms La-Toya Shivute responded that MFMR will review the specialist studies provided as part of the EIA process.</p> <p>SLR clarified that specialist studies conducted as part of the EIA are based on desktop data, as the environment is sufficiently well understood for the purpose of assessing the project impacts.</p> <p>Rhino further clarified that EBS sampling is separate to the EIA process and involves water column and seabed sampling at specific well locations.</p> <p>MFMR confirmed that the desktop specialist studies provided with the EIA are sufficient. However, they requested that any primary baseline data collected at the sites is shared with MFMR to provide a better understanding of the area.</p> <p>Rhino confirmed that this was clear, and thanked MFMR for the clarification. Rhino left the meeting due to another commitment.</p>
4.	SLR presented the project description, key environmental and socio-economic sensitivities as well as the planned modelling studies and specialist assessments to be conducted.
5.	SLR presented the current EIA timelines, noting that the draft scoping report is planned to be released for public comment from 24 November 2023. SLR highlighted that stakeholders had already been notified of the project via email, adverts and public meetings in early November 2023, and had been provided with a Background Information Document. SLR presented the review timelines discussed with MEFT. SLR opened the floor for questions and discussion.
6.	Mr Ferdinand Hamakuaya asked for clarification about the partnership arrangement with Namcor, Korres and Rhino, and whether this involves sharing of responsibility of activities or sharing of profits only.

Meeting Minutes



	SLR clarified that their role is the EIA consultant and there are no longer Rhino representatives on the call. SLR explained that they are not aware of the commercial agreements of the partners, but understand that it is common practice to have a main operator that holds the majority share and drives the activities and EIA process.
7.	Mr Ferdinand Hamakuaya asked what type of employment would be provided from this project. SLR explained that exploration projects do not provide many employment opportunities as the drill units come equipped with specialised crews and the exploration is conducted over a comparatively short timeframe. There would be some employment or income opportunities relating to service provision (for example cements, drilling mud, food, water, accommodation and transport on land etc.).
8.	SLR asked if there were any comments in relation to the commercial fisheries. Ms La-Toya Shivute responded that the key sensitivities were well highlighted in the presentation.
9.	Ms La-Toya Shivute suggested that SLR submits a hardcopy of the EIA documents to MFMR at the same as it is submitted to MEFT to avoid delays in review. It can take a long time for documents to be transferred for review from MEFT, therefore it is better to submit directly to MEFT too. In addition, SLR should notify Ms La-Toya that the report has been sent to MFMR and also provide a softcopy and/or link to the online report. SLR welcomed this approach and indicated that SLR would be happy to make additional efforts to enable MFMR to provide comments timely. SLR further invited MFMR to contact them anytime to clarify or query any project-related aspects. MFMR welcomed and agreed with the open lines of communication.
10.	SLR confirmed that there were no more questions and closed the meeting at 10:40

Prepared by:

Alice McGrath

Name

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alice McGrath', is written over a horizontal line.

Signature

17 November 2023

Date

Appendix D Public Consultation Information

**ESIA for Well Drilling in Licence Block 2914A, Orange
Basin, off the Coast of Southern Namibia**

Final Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report

Rhino Resources Ltd

SLR Project No.: 713.000016.00001

Appendix D3 Minutes of Public Meetings

Proposed Exploration Well Drilling in Licence Block 2914A

Impact Assessment Public Meeting - Windhoek

Date: 13 May 2024	Time: 14:00	Location: Namibia Scientific Society
Client: Rhino Resources Namibia	SLR Project No.:	713.000016.00001
SLR Representatives	Alice McGrath (presenter), Robyn Christians	
Client Representatives	Gilles Pantanacce, Mike Wright	
Public Attendees	Corinna van Wyk (Legal Aid Centre)	

Item	Meeting Minutes
1.	SLR opened the meeting at 14:20, welcomed the attendee and presented the agenda for the meeting.
2.	All participants briefly introduced themselves. This was followed by an overview of SLR and Rhino and their activities in Namibia.
3.	Rhino provided an overview of the proposed project, including the location of Block 2914A, context of activities in surrounding blocks and proposed sequence of activities that are subject to the ECC application. The activities include drilling of up to 10 wells, the location of which will be determined based on ongoing evaluation of exploration findings.
4.	Rhino presented the drilling programme and explained the operational phases. A video of the drilling process was played.
5.	SLR provided an overview of the regulated ESIA process and explained the impact assessment methodology applied in the specialist studies. SLR also listed the modelling and specialist studies that have been conducted for the ESIA.
6.	SLR presented the key environmental and socio-economic sensitivities, focussing on the marine habitat and commercial fisheries.
7.	SLR provided a summary of the key impacts of exploration drilling to marine life, commercial fisheries and other socio-economic impacts. The main mitigation measures were described and post-mitigation assessment rating was highlighted.
8.	SLR presented the unplanned events that were included in the assessment, highlighting that measures are taken to actively avoid these. Further detail was provided on the well blow out modelling and assessment.
9.	The way forward for the ESIA was discussed, with a focus on the availability of the Draft ESIA Report and public comment period. SLR completed the presentation and opened the floor for questions and discussions.
10.	Ms van Wyk asked if the wells are monitored following abandonment. SLR clarified that after plugging the well at various levels, they are tested for integrity. If wells are suspended and Rhino plan to return for further appraisal activities, then pressure and temperature monitoring gauges may be installed.
11.	Ms van Wyk queried the impact of pelagic species migrating away from noise/disturbance and whether South African fisheries were considered? SLR clarified that behavioural response for fish was limited to 3.8km from the noise source (worst case cumulative effect) and expected responses may include leaving the area and changes in behaviour. The impact of increased noise on catch levels was assessed in the ESIA report.

	SLR confirmed that catches recorded by the South African fisheries were not considered in the assessment as the impacts were not transboundary.
12.	Ms van Wyk asked for clarification on the number of wells and the overall project timeline. SLR confirmed that Rhino is applying to drill up to 10 wells over 3 years. The assessment considered this as the maximum number of wells.
13.	Ms van Wyk asked whether the well locations are known. SLR confirmed that the specific well locations were not confirmed as Rhino is currently assessing the geophysical information. SLR explained that the specialist studies assess the worst-case scenarios in terms of well locations.
14.	SLR confirmed that there were no more questions and closed the meeting at 15:30.

Prepared by: Alice McGrath

13 May 2024

Proposed Exploration Well Drilling in Licence Block 2914A

Impact Assessment Public Meeting - Lüderitz

Date:	14 May 2024	Time:	11h00	Location:	The Nest Hotel - Lüderitz
Client:	Rhino Resources Namibia	SLR Project No.:			713.000016.00001
SLR Representatives	Alice McGrath (presenter), Robyn Christians				
Client Representatives	Gilles Pantanacce, Mike Wright, Maria Mbhudi				
Public Attendees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms R. Nuujoma (TEEPNA) 2. Mr I. Abraham (businessman) 3. Mr. T. Gabriel (businessman) 4. Mr M. Mackenzie (demersal longline fishing company) 				

Item	Meeting Minutes
1.	SLR opened the meeting at 11h15, welcomed the attendees and presented the agenda for the meeting.
2.	All participants briefly introduced themselves. This was followed by an overview of SLR and Rhino and their activities in Namibia.
3.	<p>Rhino provided an overview of the proposed project, including the location of Block 2914A, context of activities in surrounding blocks and proposed sequence of activities that are subject to the ECC application. The activities include drilling of up to 10 wells, the location of which will be determined based on ongoing evaluation of exploration findings.</p> <p>Ms Nuujoma queried the survey area for the EBS, GP responded that EBS was conducted in the deeper half of the block.</p> <p>Mr Mackenzie requested the coordinates of Block 2914A. SLR confirmed that the coordinates were included in the draft ESIA report and that they could also be provided after the meeting.</p>
4.	<p>Rhino presented the drilling programme and explained the operational phases. A video of the drilling process was played.</p> <p>Mr Abraham enquired on the diameter of the pipes used during the drilling process. Rhino responded that the thickest diameter was 36 inches, however multiple casings are used, which reduce in size the deeper the well is drilled.</p>
5.	SLR provided an overview of the regulated ESIA process and explained the impact assessment methodology applied in the specialist studies and overall ESIA. SLR also listed the modelling and specialist studies that have been conducted for the ESIA.
6.	SLR presented the key environmental and socio-economic sensitivities, focussing on the marine habitat and commercial fisheries.
7.	<p>SLR provided a summary of the key impacts of exploration drilling to marine life, commercial fisheries and other socio-economic impacts. The main mitigation measures were described, and post-mitigation assessment rating was highlighted.</p> <p>Mr Abraham enquired on the spill-response planning. Rhino explained that contingency planning is underway, as responses are generally tailored per well and that Oil Spill Response is always planned based on the worst case. This ensures we are prepared in the highly unlikely event of a blowout. He further explained that Rhino will have contracts in place</p>

Proposed Exploration Well Drilling in Licence Block 2914A

Impact Assessment Public Meeting – Walvis Bay

Date: 15 May 2024	Time: 10h30	Location: Indongo Protea Hotel – Walvis Bay
Client: Rhino Resources Namibia	SLR Project No.:	713.000016.00001
SLR Representatives	Alice McGrath (presenter), Robyn Christians	
Client Representatives	Gilles Pantanacce, Mike Wright, Maria Mbhudi	
Public Attendees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theofelus Hofeni (We Care Youth) 2. Ndeshi Shatona (Protea Hotel) 	

Item	Meeting Minutes
1.	SLR opened the meeting at 10h30, welcomed the attendees and presented the agenda for the meeting.
2.	All participants briefly introduced themselves. This was followed by an overview of SLR and Rhino and their activities in Namibia.
3.	Rhino provided an overview of the proposed project, including the location of Block 2914A, context of activities in surrounding blocks and proposed sequence of activities that are subject to the ECC application. The activities include drilling of up to 10 wells, the location of which will be determined based on ongoing evaluation of exploration findings.
4.	Rhino presented the drilling programme and explained the operational phases. A video of the drilling process was played.
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8.	SLR presented the unplanned events that were included in the assessment, highlighting that measures are taken to actively avoid these. Further detail was provided on the well blow out modelling and assessment.
9.	The way forward for the ESIA was discussed, with a focus on the availability of the Draft ESIA Report and public comment period. SLR completed the presentation and opened the floor for questions and discussions.
10.	Ms Shatona thanked the group for the session and the information.
11.	SLR confirmed that there were no more questions and closed the meeting at 11h30.


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15 May 2024

	<p>with international spill response organisations for the deployment of dispersants, capping stack and response assistance.</p> <p>Rhino also explained that the Well Execution Process, is designed so the plans are under constant review, by the project team and independent external personnel to ensure that all the Safety and Environmental Critical Equipment and activities are in place to prevent the occurrence of a blow-out. Incidence of well blow-out is very rare and unlikely, however international best standard is used.</p> <p>Ms Nuujoma asked whether all support vessels would be equipped for dispersant response. Rhino confirmed this and indicated that during normal operations one vessel would remain close by the rig while the other two travelled between the shore base and the rig as required. In the event of a well blow out, all three vessels would be in close proximity and available to assist with dispersant application. Rhino similarly indicated that the rig only requires two support vessels, however Rhino have opted to use three vessels to maximise resources in the unlikely event of a blow-out.</p> <p>Mr Abraham enquired about Rhino’s local content plan. Rhino indicated that the plan is under development, however currently there is a portal available on the Rhino Resources website for the registration of Namibian vendors and suppliers.</p> <p>Mr Abraham asked Rhino to explain what causes a well-blow out and what this would mean. Rhino explained that well blow-outs occur as a result of the pressure imbalances within the well which cause oil to be pushed up. Rhino further indicated that the operations team are monitoring the well behaviour to detect pressure imbalances and manage the well control. In the event of a kick, the rigs Blow Out Preventer (BOP) would be closed sealing the well and allowing it to be brought under control, preventing the chance of a Blow-out.</p> <p>The impact of a well blow-out can be significant, but the chance of occurring is low. Rhino confirmed that despite the unlikeliness of a well blow-out occurring, preparations are made for the worst-case scenario to limit the negative associated impacts.</p>
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10.	Mr Mackenzie, who owns a demersal longline fishing company, asked for clarifications on the exclusion zone as his fleet has been displaced from the area due to recent seismic survey activity. SLR and Rhino confirmed the exclusion zones, highlighting that the initial well targets would likely be in the deeper regions of the block and would not overlap with the demersal longline fishing grounds (max depth of 650m). The mitigation measure regarding communication to the industries and notice to mariners was reiterated.
11.	Ms Nuujoma enquired if there would be further seismic surveys conducted by Rhino. Rhino indicated that there was no intention to do so, and that this activity would require a separate ESIA process and ECC. Rhino confirmed that current well planning was being informed by seismic data already collected over the deeper regions of the block by a multi-client seismic survey company.
12.	SLR confirmed that there were no more questions and closed the meeting at 12h35.

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Proposed Exploration and Appraisal Well Drilling in Block 2914A, Namibia

ESIA Public Meeting

May 2024



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1. Be respectful
2. Agree to disagree
3. Give everyone a fair chance to ask questions

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Please switch your phone to silent

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Meeting Objectives
3. Project Description
 - Applicant
 - Location
 - Exploration activities
4. ESIA Overview
 - Assessment methodology
 - Specialist studies
5. Key Environmental and Socio-Economic Sensitivities
6. Key Impacts
 - Marine Life
 - Fisheries
 - Socio-Economic
 - Unplanned Events
7. Way forward
8. Discussion and Questions

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Introductions

- Rhino Resources Namibia Ltd
 - Gilles Pantanacce
 - Maria Mbudhi
 - Mike Wright
- SLR Environmental Consulting (Namibia) Pty Ltd
 - Alice McGrath
 - Robyn Christians

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Meeting Objectives

- **Share information on:**
 - Proposed project
 - Findings of the ESIA and specialist studies
 - Proposed measures to avoid, reduce and/or manage potential impacts
 - Next steps in the ESIA process
- For I&APs to **ask questions, comment and/or raise concerns** about the findings of the draft ESIA report and proposed mitigation measures

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Project Description

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Applicant

- Rhino Resources is exploring for energy resources in Africa
- Rhino has been exploring in Namibia for over a decade, and today is the operator of Block 2914A (PEL 85) located in the Orange Basin
- Namcor, Korres and Rhino are Partners on PEL85
- A 1 700 km² seismic survey was acquired in November 2022
- Interpretation of the new seismic cube combined with other existing datasets gives confidence in the block's prospectivity
- An Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) conducted within a portion of Block 2914A was undertaken in December 2023
- Rhino is preparing for a drilling campaign with testing in case of discovery

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Location of Block 2914A

- Distance from the coast:
 - 140km SW of Oranjemund
 - 260km SSW of Lüderitz
 - 670km S of Walvis Bay
- Block area: 5 338 km²
- Depth range: 200 m – 1800 m

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Exploration Activities

- Drill up to 10 exploration and/or appraisal wells in Block 2914A
- Confirm and test the presence and quality of hydrocarbon resources

Duration per well:

- Mobilisation: up to 30 days
- Well drilling: 2-3 months
- Well abandonment: up to 10 days
- Demobilisation: up to 5 days

- Onshore logistics base: Walvis Bay or Lüderitz
- Equipment: Drill ship or semi-submersible drilling unit, serviced by 3 support vessels

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Exploration Activities

Drilling Operation

- 1. Final drilling site selection**
Based on detailed analysis of available seismic and geological data. Pre-drilling video surveys of the sea floor will be conducted at the well site.
- 2. Drilling stages**
A well is created by drilling a hole into the seafloor using a drill bit, which crushes the rock into small particles (cuttings). The cuttings are either discharged onto the floor or brought up to and treated on the drilling unit then discharged overboard depending on the drilling stage.
- 3. Optional well testing**
On completion of drilling, the well may be assessed using Vertical Seismic Profiling (VSP). The well may also be tested/flared if a resource is discovered.
- 4. Well sealing and plugging**
Following testing, the well is sealed with cement plugs according to international best practice.

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ESIA Overview

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ESIA Overview

- Exploration activities trigger a number of listed activities in terms of Namibian law and requires approval (Environmental Clearance Certificate, ECC)
- Commenced with Scoping Phase in November 2023
 - To screen and identify potential impacts and confirm the Terms of Reference for the specialist studies
 - First round of public consultation on the Draft Scoping Report (24 November-15 December 2023)
 - Held public meetings in Walvis Bay and Lüderitz
 - Final Scoping Report was accepted by MEFT on 6 March 2024, which indicated that SLR may proceed with the ESIA as set out in the report
- **Draft ESIA Report is now available for public review and comment until 3 June 2024**

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ESIA Overview

Development of preliminary stakeholder database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit ECC application • Prepare and share Background Information Document • Public meetings • Prepare Draft Scoping Report • Comment period • Submit Final Scoping Report for acceptance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake technical/specialist studies • Prepare Draft ESIA Report • Public meetings • Comment period • Submit Final ESIA for decision making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder notification of decision • Appeal process
Pre-application	Scoping Phase	Impact Assessment Phase	Appeals Phase

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Assessment Methodology

- Screening of potential impacts in the scoping phase
- Establish baseline conditions (biophysical and socio-economic)
- Conduct modelling studies and specialist assessments
- Assessments consider each impacts:
 - Intensity
 - Extent
 - Duration
 - Consequence
 - Likelihood
 - **Significance**

Pre- and post-mitigation

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Specialist Studies

Modelling studies	Impact assessments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLR: Underwater Noise Modelling CLS: Drilling Discharge Modelling SLR: Oil Spill Modelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PISCES: Marine Ecology Assessment CapMarine: Commercial Fisheries Assessment SLR: Air Quality Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLR: GHG and Climate Change Assessment ENVIRO DYNAMICS: Socio-Economic Assessment

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Key Sensitivities

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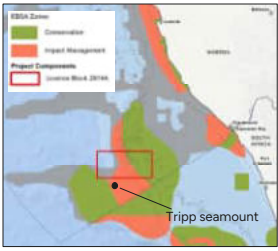
Biophysical Environment

- Block 2914A is located in the highly productive Benguela upwelling system that supports a wide variety of marine species, including fish, whales, dolphins, seals and seabirds
- Block 2914A lies on the shelf edge and upper continental slope
- Seabed is characterised by a mixture of sand and mud
- No hard substrate or sensitive reef structures identified in the habitat assessment conducted within the Block
- Tripp Seamount lies ~10 km south of Block 2914A

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Biophysical Environment

- Block 2914A partially overlaps with the Orange Seamount and Canyon Ecologically and Biologically Significant Marine Area (EBSA), indicating importance for threatened species and habitats, biological diversity, and naturalness
- Management recommendations for this EBSA do not prohibit petroleum extraction
- Block 2914A does not overlap with any approved Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

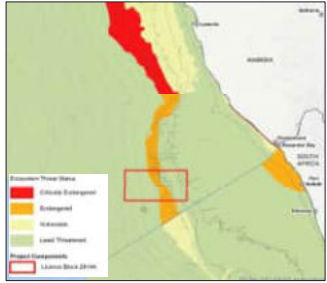


EBSAs are regions that have distinct importance in terms of their ecological and biological characteristics, identified through a scientific process. They are not legally protected areas but highlight important regions where future conservation efforts should be focused and activities affecting biodiversity should be controlled.

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Biophysical Environment

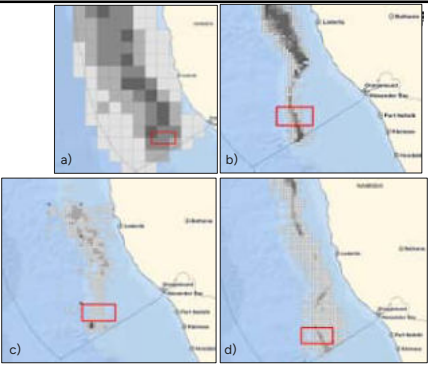
- Most of the benthic habitat types in the vicinity of Block 2914A have been classified as 'Least Threatened'
- Shelf edge along the 500m depth contour has been classified as 'Endangered' due to poor ecological condition (associated with trawling areas)



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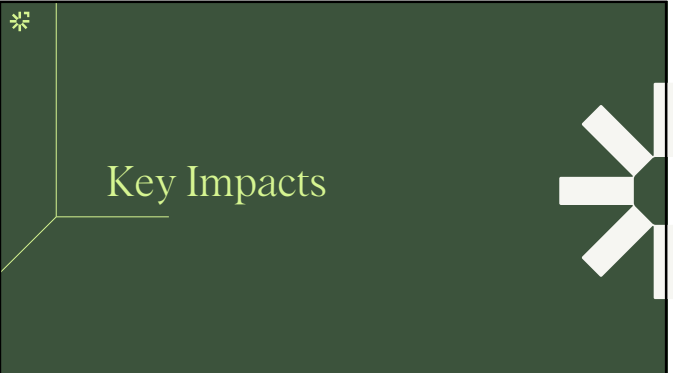
Socio-Economic Environment

- Project area of influence broadly encompasses offshore environment south of Lüderitz
- Four commercial fishing sectors overlap with Block 2914A
 - Pelagic longline (1.7%)
 - Demersal trawl (1.4%)
 - Pole-line (0.6%)
 - Demersal longline (2.9%)
- Intangible cultural heritages of Namibia are complex, with connections and rituals primarily associated with the land



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Key Impacts



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Key Impacts to Marine Life

- Smothering and disturbance of benthic fauna**
 - Drill cuttings, mud and cement discharged during drilling operations
 - Cuttings create a cone close to the drill site and thinning outwards
 - Thickest deposit occurred within 150m of drill site, while discharges from the drilling unit settled over an area up to 780m
 - Deposit footprints in a NW direction, away from Tripp Seamount and EBSA

Key Mitigation Measures

 - Avoidance of sensitive reef habitats within 200m of drill site by conducting pre-drilling ROV surveys

Post-Mitigation Assessment

 - **LOW** significance for marine fauna of unconsolidated sediments
 - **VERY LOW** significance for marine fauna of sensitive hard substrate

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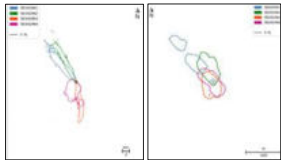
- Turbidity, Bioaccumulation, Toxicity and Hypoxic Effects on Marine Fauna**
 - Drill cuttings, mud and cement discharged during drilling operations
 - Rhino plan to use low toxicity muds, and treat cuttings before discharging from the drilling unit
 - No modelled scenarios presented significant biological risk due to contamination or oxygen change in sediments after 5 years (medium-term)
 - Risk to the water column was limited to 14.5km and lasted for a maximum of 12 days (very short-term)
 - Block 2914A lies offshore of productive upwelling areas and commercially important spawning areas
 - Pelagic species are mobile and would move out of plume

Key Mitigation Measures

 - Low toxicity muds
 - Treatment and monitoring

Post-Mitigation Assessment

 - **VERY LOW** significance for benthic fauna
 - **VERY LOW** significance for pelagic fauna



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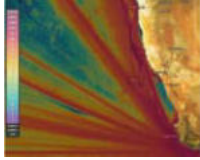
3. Behavioural Disturbance of Marine Fauna

Underwater noise from drilling operations, operational lighting, noise from helicopters, flaring operations

- Disturbance to feeding/breeding and masking of biologically important sounds
- Ocean is a naturally noisy place
- Modelling indicates worst-case scenario zones of impact
- Noise from a stationary source can be avoided and pelagic species are highly mobile
- Noise decreases over distance

Maximum zones of impact:

Receptor	Vessels and drilling unit	VSP
Marine mammals	24.4 km	1.2 km
Fish	588 m	3.8 km
Turtles	60 m	300 m



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3. Behavioural Disturbance of Marine Fauna

Underwater noise from drilling operations, operational lighting, noise from helicopters, flaring operations


- Vessel and drilling unit lighting (including flaring) can disorient pelagic seabirds, and attract fish to the drilling unit in the immediate vicinity
- Noise from aircrafts flying to and from the drilling unit may disturb coastal mammals and birds

Key Mitigation Measures

- MMO visual scans, soft starts, 500m shut-down zone during VSP operations
- Maximum vessel transit speeds
- Avoidance of low-altitude coastal flights
- Reduce operational lighting

Post-Mitigation Assessment

→ **VERY LOW** significance



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4. Injury to Marine Fauna

Underwater noise from drilling operations


- Exposure to high sound levels can result in injury to marine fauna (shifting in hearing thresholds)
- Noise emissions not expected to cause direct physical injury or mortality to marine life, except at close range (<100m)
- Pelagic fauna are highly mobile and would move away from the sound source
- Block 2914A located offshore of key breeding/spawning areas

Key Mitigation Measures

- MMO visual scans, soft starts, 500m shut-down zone during VSP operations

Post-Mitigation Assessment

→ **VERY LOW** significance



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Key Impacts to Fisheries

5. Displacement of Fishing Vessels

Implementation of safety exclusion zone


- Minimum 500 m zone (0.79 km²), however drilling unit will likely request 2 Nm (10.8 km²)
- Large pelagic longline vessels would avoid setting lines within a distance of 30 km of the drilling unit (2 827 km²)
- Less than 1.3% of average annual catch within maximum exclusion zones

Key Mitigation Measures

- Notice to key stakeholders and mariners
- Grievance mechanism

Post-Mitigation Assessment

→ **VERY LOW** significance for all affected fisheries



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6. Reduction in Fishing Grounds

Abandoned wellheads and infrastructure on the seafloor

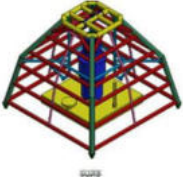
- Wellheads within the trawling grounds (200-850 m) will be removed subject to a risk assessment. If suspended, an over-trawlable cap would be fitted
- Wellheads in deeper water will be fitted with a debris cap and left in place.
- Impact limited to the demersal trawl sector

Key Mitigation Measures

- Wellheads chartered as a navigational hazard
- Grievance mechanism

Post-Mitigation Assessment

→ **LOW** significance for the demersal trawl fishery



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Key Socio-Economic Impacts

7. Income and Skills Training from Temporary Job Employment

- Local opportunities will be mostly unskilled and semi-skilled services at the onshore logistic bases.
- Due to relatively small size of the local communities, temporary job creation could have a substantial positive impact.

Key Enhancement Measures

- Develop a local content plan

Post-Enhancement Assessment

→ **MEDIUM POSITIVE** significance

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8. Increase in Atmospheric Pollutants

Emissions from drilling unit, vessels, helicopters, and flaring

- Impacts to local air quality close to the emission source
- Dispersion modelling of flaring emissions indicated peak emissions occurred 1.3 km away from the source (very short duration)

Key Mitigation Measures

- Maintain appropriate maintenance of all equipment and piping
- Avoid venting of hydrocarbons
- Optimise logistics and vessel positioning

Post-Mitigation Assessment

→ **LOW** significance

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Unplanned Events

- Accidents / incidents that are not anticipated during normal operations
- Measures in place to actively prevent them
- Therefore, occurrence is unlikely, however assessed as if they will happen

- Vessel collisions with marine fauna: VERY LOW
- Loss of equipment at sea: INSIGNIFICANT – VERY LOW
- Operational oil spill: LOW
- Major oil spill caused by a well blow-out: MEDIUM - HIGH

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Well Blow-Out

- Oil spill can impact the marine and coastal environments, community livelihoods, cultural heritage, fishing, recreation and tourism
- Probability of a well blow-out is **extremely unlikely**
- >35 wells have been drilled in Namibian waters

Modelling

- Worst case scenario well blow-out is modelled and tracked
- Oil slick is carried by wind and currents in NW direction
- No shoreline oiling predicted

Key Mitigation Measures

- Well-specific response strategies and plans (OSCP and BOCP)
- Oil spill response exercises
- Contract arrangements to access capping stack, dispersants, surface response equipment
- International best practice and Best Available Technology applied in all operations

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Way Forward

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Way Forward

- Record of public meeting to be integrated into ESIA documentation
- Draft ESIA Report public comment period: **ending 3 June 2024**
- Submit comments and questions to SLR
- All registered I&APs will be kept updated regarding documents, timelines and outcomes
- All documents will be shared on SLR's website

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 Tel: +264 61 231 287
 Website: <https://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/rhino-2914a/>

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Thank you for your attention.

Do you have any questions?

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) PROCESS

**RHINO RESOURCES NAMIBIA Ltd - ESIA FOR PROPOSED
EXPLORATION AND APPRAISAL WELL DRILLING IN BLOCK
2914A OFF THE COAST OF SOUTHERN NAMIBIA**

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and Regulation 21 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) application to undertake exploration and appraisal well drilling and associated activities in Licence Block 2914A.

An EIA process is being undertaken for the proposed project. An application for an ECC has been submitted to the Competent Authority (Ministry of Mines and Energy). The project and ECC application have also been registered on the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism's (MEFT) online application portal. This advertisement is the start of the EIA public participation process.

Name of applicant: Rhino Resources Namibia Ltd. (Rhino)

Nature and location of the proposed activity: Rhino and its partners hold an Exploration Right (PEL0085) over Block 2914A, located off the coast of southern Namibia approximately 260 km south-southwest of Lüderitz and 140 km west-southwest of Oranjemund at its closest point, in water depths between 200 m and 1 800 m. Rhino is now applying to drill up to 10 exploration and/or appraisal wells within Block 2914A. Associated proposed activities include vertical seismic profiling of wells, well testing and abandonment of wellheads. Drilling and testing wells takes between two and four months per well. A Background Information Document (BID) with more detail on the project and EIA process can be downloaded here: <https://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/rhino-2914a/>.



Environmental Assessment Practitioner: SLR Environmental Consulting (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd ("SLR") has been appointed by Rhino to undertake the EIA process for the proposed project. SLR contact details:

- Project e-mail: Rhino-2914A@slrconsulting.com
- Tel: +264 61 231 287
- Post: PO Box 86386, Windhoek

Invitation to register on project database and attend public meetings:

To register as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) or to attend a public meeting please complete the registration form (scan the QR Code or click on the link below the code) or contact SLR using the details above.

You are also invited to one of the following **public meetings**:

- Lüderitz: (14 November, 11:00, Lüderitz Nest Hotel, 820 Dias St)
- Walvis Bay: (15 November, 11:00, Protea Hotel, The Esplanade)

Availability of draft Scoping Report for review and comment:

The draft Scoping Report (DSR) will be available from **4 December 2023 to 29 January 2024** for review and comment. Copies of the DSR will be shared with registered I&APs and available for download from the SLR website (<https://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/rhino-2914a/>). Hard copies will be placed at the Walvis Bay Public Library and Lüderitz Public Library. For issues and/or comments to be included in the Final Scoping Report, they should be forwarded to SLR by **29 January 2024**.



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SLR kindly requests your assistance in circulating this information to members of your community who may be interested in the proposed project and wish to register as I&APs or attend a public meeting. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact SLR at the details provided above.

VACANCY

- Client Service Consultant: Omuthiya
- Client Service Consultant: Luderitz

Closing date for these positions is Monday, 20 November 2023

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Bid documents with detailed information are available at MVA Fund Windhoek Service Center at a cost of N\$300.00. Proposals should be addressed to the Procurement Management Unit, MVA Fund Service Centre, Church Street, Erf No. 8730, Windhoek, to be submitted electronically only (link available on the MVA Fund website).

A Clarification Meeting will be held on Monday, 06 November 2023, @10h00 at the Windhoek Service Centre.

Closing Date: Friday, 20 November 2023 @ 12H00

**Contact Person: Kleopas Bonfasius
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Nature and location of the proposed activity: Rhino and its partners hold an Exploration Right (PEL0085) over Block 2914A, located off the coast of southern Namibia approximately 260 km south-southwest of Lüderitz and 140 km west-southwest of Oranjemund at its closest point, in water depths between 200 m and 1 800 m. Rhino is now applying to drill up to 10 exploration and/or appraisal wells within Block 2914A. Associated proposed activities include vertical seismic profiling of wells, well testing and abandonment of wellheads. Drilling and testing wells takes between two and four months per well. A Background Information Document (BID) with more detail on the project and EIA process can be downloaded here: <https://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/rhino-2914a/>.



Environmental Assessment Practitioner: SLR Environmental Consulting (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd ("SLR") has been appointed by Rhino to undertake the EIA process for the proposed project. SLR contact details:

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Invitation to register on project database and attend public meetings:

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Availability of draft Scoping Report for review and comment: The draft Scoping Report (DSR) will be available from **4 December 2023 to 29 January 2024** for review and comment. Copies of the DSR will be shared with registered I&APs and available for download from the SLR website (<https://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/rhino-2914a/>). Hard copies will be placed at the Walvis Bay Public Library and Lüderitz Public Library. For issues and/or comments to be included in the Final Scoping Report, they should be forwarded to SLR by **29 January 2024**.

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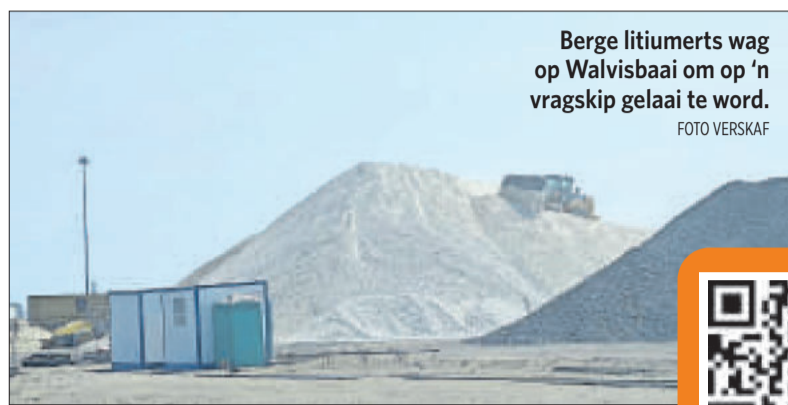
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» Augetto Graig

Waners van Omaruru kla oor slapelose nagte weens vragmotors vol litiumerts wat in die nagtelike ure deur die dorpie beweeg. Die Chinese mynmaatskappy Xinfeng Investments se vloot vragmotors beweeg gedurig na- en vanaf Walvisbaai om die litiumerts na die hawe te neem voor die aankoms van die vragskip Da Liang – wat Woensdag 8 November verweg word.

Die Namibiese polisie (Nampol) het Donderdag bevestig die operasie om te verseker die litium word nie sonder geldige vervoer- en uitvoerpermitte landuit gestuur nie, het tot 'n einde gekom. Volgens Nampol se woordvoerder, adj. komm. Kauna Shikwambi, is “sporadiese padblokades in daardie gebied opgerig om te monitor of daar wel onwettige vervoer



Berge litiumerts wag op Walvisbaai om op 'n vragskip gelaai te word.

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van litium” en dit is gedoen ná 'n versoek deur die ministerie van myne en energie.

Sy sê egter geen vragmotors is gestop nie, en niemand is in hegtenis geneem nie. “Die polisie se operasie is sedertdien op Saterdag 28 Oktober gestaak nadat die ministerie en Xinfeng se Omaruru-myn 'n vriendskaplike oplossing gevind het,” voeg sy by.

Volgens die ministerie behoort die litiumerts wat op Walvisbaai geberg word aan Long Fire Investments – Xinfeng se vennoot in die ontginning van litium by verskeie kleins buite Uis.

Volgens die waarnemende uitvoerende direkteur van myne en energie, Bryan Eiseb, het Long Fire 'n geldige uitvoerpermit vir 30 000 ton litiumerts. Hy sê die permit is uitgereik voor 'n verbod in Junie ingestel is.

Die kabinet het 'n verbod ingestel op die uitvoer van onverwerkte kritieke minerale – insluitend litiumerts – en meer onlangs het president Hage Geingob in Europa aangekondig dat Namibië nie meer onverwerkte mineraal hulpbronne sal uitvoer nie. “Die litiumerts wat by Walvisbaai

se hawe gestoor word, behoort aan Long Fire en die maatskappy het 'n geldige uitvoerpermit vir 30 000 ton litiumerts, wat uitgereik is voor die verbod op kritieke rou minerale in plek gestel is. Ons werk egter nou saam met ander agentskappe om te verseker dat die uitvoerpermit-hoeveelhede en voorwaardes nagekom word,” het Eiseb op navrae van Republikein geantwoord.

Shikwambi sê ook Namibiese polisiebeamptes in die beskermde hulpbronde afdeling werk saam met die ministerie om die situasie en die pakhuisgeriewe by die hawe dop te hou.

Eiseb sê die ministerie weet van die vragskip wat op pad is, “en dat Long Fire hul laaste besending van 26 000 ton vir toetsdoeleindes sal uitvoer. Die uitvoerpermit vervel in Desember vanjaar,” het hy gesê.

Xinfeng sê reeds vir 'n geruime tyd dat 'n verwerkingsaanleg in Namibië beplan word, en dat die litiumerts wat na China uitgevoer word, getoets word om die beste samestelling vir die beplande aanleg te bepaal. Volgens die

Namibiese haweowerheid (Nampol) se plan vir die maand moet nog 4 000 ton erts onmiddellik – ná Da Liang op 15 November vertrek – op 'n ander vragskip gelaai word.

Xinfeng het 'n lisensie vir sy litium myn op Plaas Kohero buite Omaruru. Hierdie lisensie is die kwessie ter sprake in 'n hoër hofspraak wat Donderdag in Windhoek hervat het. Regter Thomas Masuku hoor nou die saak aan nadat regter Ramon Maasdorp se tydperk as waarnemende hoër hofregter vervel het.

Die hofspraak volg op die minister van myne en energie, Tom Alweendo, se poging om mynbou-lisensie nommer 243 vir die myn buite Omaruru te laat herroep. Aanvanklik het Maasdorp bevind dat die minister nie gemagtig was om dit te doen nie, tensy hy vooraf die hof genader het.

Maasdorp het egter ook bevind daar is wel 'n saak vir die bewering dat Xinfeng bedrog gepleeg het met sy aanvanklike aansoek vir die myn-lisensie. Die staat het Donderdag al die nodige dokumente op die aanlyn regstelsel laat laai nadat Xinfeng se regsvertegenwoordiger, Nambili Mhata, 'n aansoek daarvoor gebring het.

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RHINO RESOURCES NAMIBIA Ltd - OSIS VIR VOORGESTELDE SINK VAN EKSPLORASIE- EN WAARDASIEBOORGATE IN BLOK 2914A LANGS DIE KUS VAN SUIDELIKE NAMIBIË

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Die drie vroueregters verlede week in die hooggeregshof in Windhoek.

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Vroueregters maak geskiedenis

» Kristien Kruger

'n Volbank van drie vroueregters het verlede week vir die eerste keer in Namibiese geskiedenis 'n appèl in die Windhoek se hooggeregshof aangehoor.

Twee van die drie, Hannelie Prinsloo en Esi Schimming-Chase, is plaaslike regters. Die trio word voltooi deur Rita Makarau, 'n Zimbabwiese regter wat in Junie vanjaar as waarnemende regter van die hooggeregshof aangestel is.

Ná Makarau se aanstelling het die Regterlike Dienskommissie 'n mediaverklaring uitgereik wat sê die doel van haar aanstelling was om as mentor vir Prinsloo en Schimming-Chase op te tree, aangesien sy 'n gesoute regter is. Regterpresident Peter Shivute het ook destyds benadruk dat die aanstelling van die vroue 'n doelbewuste stap was om vroulike verteenwoordiging op die hooggeregshof te bevorder.

“Die gebrek aan vroue se verteenwoordiging op die hooggeregshof se bank is 'n bron van groot kommer en die kommissie het onderneem om hierdie kwessie ernstig aan te roer.

“Vir hierdie doel en in 'n poging om die hooggeregshof se werkslading te verlig, het die kommissie besluit om die aanstelling van drie waarnemende vroueregters aan te beveel om op die hooggeregshof se bank te dien vir die tydperk 1 April 2023 tot 31 Maart 2024,” het die Regterlike Dienskommissie na die vroue se aanstelling gesê.



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Die media is genooi om verlede week se verrigtinge by te woon en spesiale vergunning is gemaak dat foto's tydens die eerste 10 minute van die hofsitting geneem kon word. “Dit is 'n geskiedkundige oomblik vir ons juris-

diksie, aangesien dit die eerste keer is wat 'n hooggeregshofbank wat slegs uit vroue bestaan 'n saak sal aanhoor,” het die kantoor van die regbank in sy uitnodiging gesê.

APPËLSAAK

Die appèl saak wat die drie vroueregters aanhoor, is gebring deur Hewat Beukes teen die Namibiese president en tien ander respondente.

Dit volg nadat die griffier van die hooggeregshof in 2001 'n verstekvonnisbevel uitgereik het teen die appellante wat binne gemeenskap van goedere getroud is en geregistreerde eienaars van 'n erf in Khomasdal was. Die genoemde verstekvonnis is vervolgens opgevolg deur 'n hofbevel wat die onroerende eiendom spesiaal uitvoerbaar [specially executable] verklaar het – wat beteken dat dit in eksekusie verkoop kan word. Na aanleiding van bogenoemde hofbevel het die appellante in 2014 'n aansoek by die hoër hof aanghang gemaak in 'n poging om die bevel wat deur die griffier uitgereik is, tersyde te stel. Hulle aansoek is egter van die hand gewys en daarom het hulle die hooggeregshof genader om die beslissing uit te daag.

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Opolisi yoshitopolwa oyo tayi ningi etokolo – Shikongo

... inaku tokolwa natango ngele omwiiyambi-polisi ota patululilwa oshipotha

ONDJAYI yetanga lyopolisi moshilongo Joseph Shikongo okwa popi kutya haye e na oshinakugwanithwa shokupopya ngele epangelo otali patululile oshipotha ngoka a li omwiiyambi-polisi Valentino Endjala (26), sha landula okavidio hoka ki ingaana komalungula e wetike ta vuyangula ohondakadhona ye.

Shikongo okwa popi ndhoka, sha landula sho ohondakadhona a tindi okupatululila Endjala oshipotha.

Okwa popi kutya ngele epangelo otali patululile Endjala oshipotha, nena shoka oshi na okuningwa kookomufala mboka haya konakona iipotha moshitopolwa moka mwa ningilwa oshiningwanima.

Omupopiliko gwopolisi yoshitopolwa shaKhommas, Silas Shipandeni okwa popi kutya ota galukile onzonkundaneki ndjika uuna a pewa uyelele kukomanda gwoshitopolwa, Willem Steenkamp.

Shoka osha landula sho Endjala a monika mokavidio hoka taka ingaana komalungula a kwata nokuhilagula momafufu ohondakadhona ye yetegelelo lyoomwedhi ndatu, sha ningilwa mOvenduka omasiku ga zi ko.

Endjala okwa kuthwa miilonga mEtitatu sha landula sho a kala ta longo ongomwiiyambi, okuza Kotoba 2021, gokukwathela opolisi mokukalekapo egameno nelandulathano.

Sho a kwatathanwa naye okwa tindi okutya ko sha.

Endjala okwa kuthwa miilonga sho a ningilwa omakonakono kombinga yokavidio hoka nokwa monika kutya omaihumbato ge moshigwana oge eta omanyenyeto nokwaainekelwa we koshigwana.

Okwa tidhwa miilonga koho yOkatendo 11 kOveta yOpolisi, hoka ke na sha nomaihumbato gaaninanga yopolisi, miilonga.

Opolisi oya popi kutya Endjala okwa tidhwa miilonga molwashoka kapu na okatendo mopolisi ke li kombinga yokukuthwa miilonga pakathimbo uuna omwiiyambi-polisi a longo oshikoya sholudhi ndoka.

“Ando oshinima shoka okwa li sha longwa komupolisi gogwene, ando okwa landulwa omilandu dhi ili. Omilandu ngaashi iihokolola yokukuthwa miilonga pakathimbo, osho wo iihokolola yoshimpungu,” osho Shikongo a popi ngaaka.

Okwa popi kutya Endjala oha longo palwe, nomopolisi okwa li owala omwiiyambi ngoka a li ha kwathele opolisi.

Shikongo okwa popi kutya oku uvithwa nayi okutala kutya omukiintu ngoka e li mokavidio ta nanagulwa, ina patululila omulumentu gwe oshipotha, noshiningwanima shoka osho shimwe shomiiholelwa yomahepeko gomomagumbo ngoka haga holekwa.

“Otwe shi mona nomaantu yetu: Omupolisi gwomukiintu teya kiilonga noshipala sha zinda, ashike ngele owe mu pula kutya okwa ningwa shike, ote ku lombwele owala kutya okwa gu kombete, nonande kashi shi oshili,” osho a popi ngaaka.

Omupopiliko gwopolisi moshilongo, omupelikomufala Kauna Shikwambi okwa popi kutya omakonakono ga ningwa koshimpungu shomakonakono gomaihumbato gaapolisi ogu ulike kutya Endjala oshinima shoka okwe shi ningi omolwuukodhi pethimbo a dhimbulula kutya opu na omulumentu gulwe ngoka ta hala ohondakadhona ye.

“Okwa li anuwa a hala owala okupopya naye, ashike omuntu omutitatu okwa li ti idhopo mo, naashoka oshe eta a kale te mu undulagula ngaashi tashi monika mokavidio hoka taka ingaana komalungula,” osho a popi ngaaka.

Shikwambi okwa popi kutya opolisi oya tala ko iiningwanima yomadhengo ongoshinima oshinene. Ewawa lyaagundjuka naailongi mongundu yo-Landless People’s Movement olya kondema



Valentino Endjala

shoka sha ningwa kuEndjala.

Omuwiliki gwewawa ndyoka, moshitopolwa shaKhommas, Junia Kaandjee okwi indile ku katukwe onkatu ya yaga kegonga opo iiningwanima ya pamba omahepeko gopaukwashikekookantu yi yapukilwe mopolisi.

Okwi indile wo opo aapolisi ya ningilwe mbala oopolohalama dhomadheulo ge na sha noshikumungu shopaukwashikekookantu, okuyanda omahepeko, osho wo nkene ye na okwiihumbatela oonkalo dha nika omahepeko gomomagumbo.

Ngoka a li omukuluntu gwopolisi, Sebastian Ndeitunga okwa dhimbulukitha aapolisi ya kale aluhe haya longo ngaashi taya uthwa koveta ndjoka tayi ya wilike.

“Tse itatu wilikwa koveta yokuninga ngaashi omuntu wa hala. Otu na okukondolola ugeyo yetu nokukala tashi okukondolola omaiyuwo getu osho wo ethindakano lyopamadhiladhilo,” osho a popi ngaaka.

Ndeitunga okwa gwedha po kutya aapolisi oya pumbwa okudhimbulukwa kutya, nonande [omupolisi] okukale e na onkatu yi thike peni, oku na owala okulandula ooveta ndhoka tadhi wilike oshigwana.

Ngoka a li omupolisi nongashingeyi omusita, Sky Arachab, gwongeleka yedhina Hope Restoration Centre Church moTsumeb, okwa popi kutya omaihumbato gaapolisi moonkalamwenyo dhopaumwene otaga nyatekitha edhina lyopolisi.

Okwa popi kutya oshiningwanima shoka shaEndjala nashi kale edhimbulukitho lyaapolisi ya kale taya longo moshigwana ongaagandji yiholelwa yi li nawa, okukwatelapo esimaneko neinekelo.

“Aantu naye shi tseye kutya uuna wayi mekwatathano lyopaihole, oshi na okukala kombinga yohole. Ohole nayi pangele. Inashi kala nande shomahepekathano,” osho omusita a popi ngaaka.

Paufupi, omwiiyambi-polisi, omuntu ngoka ha kutwa okukala ta kwathele opolisi, noha pewa uthemba wuthike pamwe naamboka waapolisi.

Pauelele wopolisi, omupolisi goludhi ndoka oha zala omuzalo gwopolisi, oha vulu okuninga omakonakono gopolisi, osho wo okulonga konyala iilonga ayihe hayi longwa kaapolisi yoyene.

Omwiiyambi-polisi ke na okupewa ondjambi yiilonga mbyoka yokukwathela opolisi, ishewe oha longo owala oowili inadhhi konda po16 momwedhi.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REI)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR NAMSIP PROCUREMENT AUDIT (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Public Sector
Loan No: 2000200001951
Project ID No.: P-NA-AA0-005

The Government of Namibia has received financing from the African Development Bank toward the cost of the NAMSIP and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this loan to payments under the contract for **Consultancy Services for the NAMSIP Procurement Audit**. The Project is being implemented in all the 14 Regions in Namibia.

The objectives of this audit are to:

- verify compliance to procurement procedures and contract management within the provisions of the Financing Agreement (FA) and as reflected in the most recent approved Procurement Plan;
- verify physical and technical compliance of deliveries in relation with the disbursement rate; and
- review the EA's procurement capacity to fulfil its fiduciary mandate.

The Auditor shall tackle the fundamental aspects of the transactions made under the project and financed by the Bank, with respect to the provisions of the RMCs Public Procurement Laws and Regulations, and the fiduciary work normally carried out by Bank staff. The audit will identify good practices, non-compliance and deficiencies and recommend corrective actions. The estimated duration for the assignment is seven (7) calendar weeks and the assignment is expected to commence in February 2024. The Procurement Audit shall cover the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years.

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Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 8:00 to 17:00 (local time).

Ms. Johanna Andowa
The NAMSIP Director
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Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR)
Luther Street, Government Office Park, Eros
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E-mail : Johanna.Andowa@mawf.gov.na and copy Trevor.Louw@mlr.gov.na , Mwala.Lutaka@mawlr.gov.na and kasokaphiri@yahoo.co.uk

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below or submitted electronically to the emails listed above by 20th November 2023, 10:30 hours (local time) and clearly marked: "Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services for the NAMSIP Procurement Audit".

Attention: Mr. Mwala Lutaka
Street Address: 55 Robert Mugabe Avenue, Land Reform Building
Floor/ Room number: Ground Floor, Bid Box
City: Windhoek
ZIP/Postal Code: Private Bag 13184
Country: NAMIBIA



PROJECT HOPE NAMIBIA (PHN): BIDS INVITATION

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OFFERS CLOSING DATE	17 November 2023
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- Deadline for submission: 17 November 2023 @12h00**, No late submission will be accepted.



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RHINO RESOURCES NAMIBIA Ltd - ESIA FOR PROPOSED EXPLORATION AND APPRAISAL WELL DRILLING IN BLOCK 2914A OFF THE COAST OF SOUTHERN NAMIBIA

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SA govt scrambles to borrow more money

Debt stress

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RENÉE BONORCHIS

The South African government, which is being forced to sell ever more debt than planned because it's spending more than it makes, is unlikely to reverse this spiral any time soon - especially not ahead of an election, economists say.

It emerged in the medium-term budget that over the next three years, the state will have to borrow more, issuing debt at an average of R552.7 billion a year to finance the widening gap between expenditure and tax collection, to refinance maturing bonds and to fund the Eskom debt-relief arrangement.

A combination of treasury bills (short-term debt instruments), Sukuk (Sharia-compliant or Islamic bonds), debt and floating-rate notes will likely fill the shortfall, according to bond manager Futuregrowth.



South Africa's finance minister Enoch Godongwana. PHOTO REUTERS

Finance minister Enoch Godongwana said there were plans to cut state spending and that more cuts would be announced next year.

But increased debt sales can't wait.

While South Africa's borrowings are skewed toward long-term domestic, rand-denominated bonds, the new sales will be in foreign currencies

and this brings its own risks. If the rand weakens, this will increase the amount that has to be repaid.

Greenback

Anchor expects Treasury to issue US dollar-denominated bonds worth around US\$500 million (R9 billion) to US\$750 million (R13.5 billion), says

Nolan Wapenaar, co-chief investment officer of Anchor Capital.

South Africa has issued US dollar bonds for many years now, says Wapenaar.

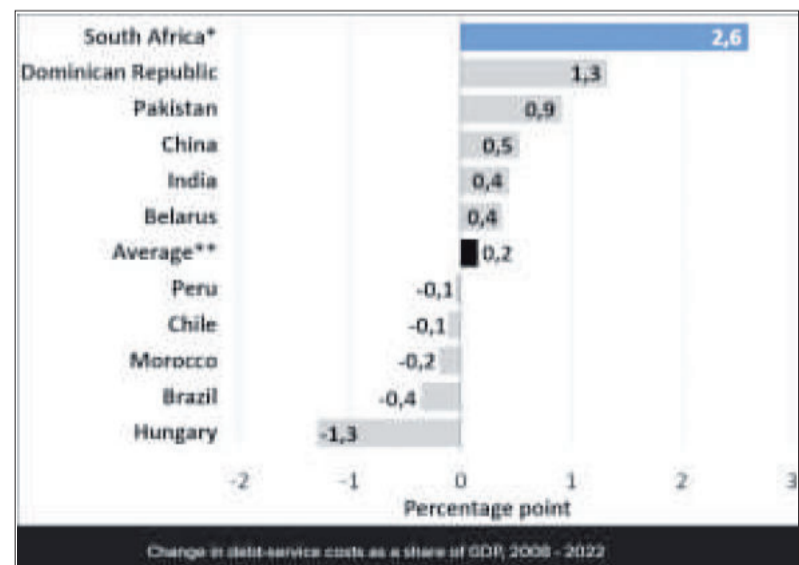
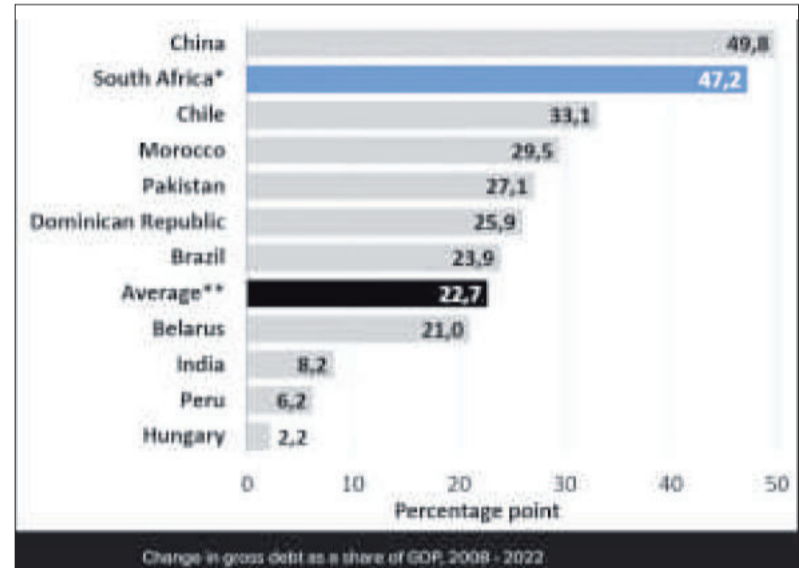
"But we are concerned that the quantum of offshore debt appears to be accelerating."

"We have higher inflation differentials from the US and the EU, so you can expect the rand to depreciate, said Rhandzo Mukansi, head of interest rate process at Futuregrowth, who added that the way to stop SA suffering higher and higher debt levels would be for the state to make tough policy choices.

Election effect

"We understand the need for social spending, but that won't lead to growth. We need the economy growing at 3% to 3.5% a year. But we're not going to get a lot of momentum on cost cutting prior to an election. There won't be massive austerity," Mukansi said. In addition, economists have said that the R15 billion in extra taxes to be levied next year isn't that much and could be raised without major changes.

"The additional R15 billion is likely to come from no change to tax brackets to account for bracket creep - the effect of higher inflation on earnings," Investec chief economist Annabel Bishop said.



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» **Ten doel** om logistieke ketting aanspreeklik te hou

Voertuigmassa-wet ontlok kritiek

Die PDM het kommer uitgespreek dat die wetsontwerp buitensporige diskresionêre mag aan die minister en die Paaieowerheid verleen, wat die parlement se toesighoudende mag ondermyn.

» Jemima Beukes

'n Wetsontwerp op voertuigmassa wat verlede week in die parlement ter tafel gelê is, het kritiek van opposisiepartye ontlok omdat dit padgebruikers straf eerder as om padgebruik te reguleer.

Die leier van die Landless People's Movement (LPM), Bernadus Swartbooi, het gesê die wetsontwerp poog om vragmotorbestuurders in te perk en mense uit besigheid te druk.

Hy het ook kommer uitgespreek dat die wetsontwerp buitensporige diskresionêre mag aan die minister en die Paaieowerheid (RA) verleen, wat die parlement se toesighoudende mag ondermyn.

"Julle sal sekere verskaffers in die vervoersector uitstoot, en hulle sal daardie diens aan minder en ryker operateurs oorgee. Hierdie wets-



Die nuwe voertuigmassa-wetsontwerp wat verlede week in die parlement ter tafel gelê is, is deur opposisiepartye gekritiseer. FOTO ARGIEF

ontwerp maak toegang tot die vervoersector onmoontlik," het hy aangevoer.

"Dit gee mense geen asemhaalruimte nie. Aan die een kant is jy

besig om te dekriminaliseer, en aan die ander kant is dit 'n straf. Los dit iets op? Nee, dit skep 'n diskriminerende uitdaging in die sektor," het Swartbooi gewaarsku.

AANSPREKLIKHEID

John Mutorwa, die minister van werke en vervoer, het aangevoer die nuwe wetgewing het ten doel om die logistieke ketting aanspreeklik te hou vir oorlading en om te verseker hulle dok op vir padskade as gevolg van vragte wat te swaar is.

Bernadus Swartbooi

LANDLESS PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT

"Julle sal sekere verskaffers in die vervoersector uitstoot, en hulle sal daardie diens aan minder en ryker operateurs oorgee."

"Die sukseskoers van vervolging van verkeersoortredings – insluitend misdrywe in verband met voertuie wat oorlaai is – in die land se howe is baie laag. Die verwagting is dat as die proses uit die hofstelsel verwyder en administratief hanteer kan word, sal die sukseskoers verhoog word."

Hy het ook daarop gewys dat die nuwe wetgewing nou ook die vervoeroperateur en die individue wat die goedere ontvang, aanspreeklik sal hou, nie net die bestuurder nie, wat tot op hede die verantwoordelikheid alleen gedra het.

Die minister van arbeid, werkskepping en nywerheidsbetrekkings, Utoni Nujoma, het gesê hy kan nie sien hoe 'n boer wat een keer per jaar vee na 'n veiling neem, paaie kan beskuldig nie.

"Kom ons fokus op die groot vragmotors, dié wat koper van Zambië af vervoer. Jy kan sien hierdie is swaar. Hierdie ding sal ons klein besighede en boere skade berokken omdat hulle nie buitensporige skade aanrig nie. Openbare bewusmaking is ook belangrik, maar die slotsom is dat daardie vragmotors wat nie skade aan die paaie aanrig nie, nie gestraf moet word nie," het hy gesê.

Mutorwa het die behoefte aan deeglike bespreking en debat oor die wetsontwerp beklemtoon, en wetgewers versoek om insette te lewer om die impak en doeltreffendheid daarvan te verbeter.

Die bespreking is tot vandeeweek uitgestel.

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KENNISGEWING VAN OMGEWINGS- EN SOSIALE IMPAKSTUDIE (OSIS) PROSES

RHINO RESOURCES NAMIBIA Ltd - OSIS VIR VOORGESTELDE SINK VAN EKSPLORASIE- EN WAARDASIEBOORGATE IN BLOK 2914A LANGS DIE KUS VAN SUIDELIKE NAMIBIË

Kennisgewing geskied hiermee ingevolge die Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (Wet 7 van 2007) en Regulasie 21 van die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) Regulasies van 'n aansoek om 'n Omgewingsklaringsertifikaat (ECC) om eksplorasi- en waardasieboorgate te sink en verwante aktiwiteite in Lisensieblok 2914A te onderneem.

'n OIB-proses word vir die voorgestelde projek onderneem. 'n Aansoek om 'n ECC is by die bevoegde owerheid (Ministerie van Myne en Energie) ingedien. Die projek en ECC-aansoek is ook op die Ministerie van die Omgewing, Bosbou en Toerisme (MEFT) se aanlyn aansoekstelsel geregistreer. Hierdie advertensie dien as die begin van die OIB-openbare deelnameproses.

Naam van aansoeker: Rhino Resources Namibia Ltd. (Rhino)

Aard en ligging van die voorgestelde aktiwiteit: Rhino en hul vennote hou 'n Eksplorasie (PEL0085) oor Blok 2914A, geleë langs die kus van suidelike Namibië ongeveer 260 km suid-suidwes van Lüderitz en 140 km wes-suidwes van Oranjemund by die naaste punt, in waterdieptes tussen 200 m en 1 800 m. Rhino doen nou aansoek om tot 10 eksplorasi- en/of waardasieboorgate binne Blok 2914A te sink. Verwante voorgestelde aktiwiteite sluit in: vertikale seismiese opname van boorgate, boorgattoetsing en agterlaat van boorgatkoppe. Boorwerk en die toets van boorgate neem tussen twee en vier maande per boorgat. 'n Agtergrondinligtingsdokument (AID) met meer besonderhede oor die projek en OIB-proses kan hier afgelaai word:

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Die adjunkminister van stedelike en landelike ontwikkeling, Evelyn !Nawases-Taeyele, saam met van die begunstigdes van die 445 erwe wat in Khorixas oorhandig is.

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Khorixas: 445 erwe vir informele nedersetting

» Elizabeth //Kheibes

Die adjunkminister van stedelike en landelike ontwikkeling, Evelyn !Nawases-Taeyele, het verlede week 445 erwe in die informele nedersetting Ada-//Nangu in Khorixas oorhandig en gesê dit sal "mense se waardigheid herstel".

Tydens die geleentheid het sy gesê die inisiatief beklemtoon die belangrikheid daarvan dat alle Namibiërs 'n gelyke geleentheid moet hê om grond te besit.

"Ons herstel die waardigheid van ons mense. Ons sê vir Namibië dat almal van ons gelyke geleentheid moet hê om toegang tot grond te kry en met hierdie en ander maatreëls bevorder ons die kollektiewe welsyn van ons mense.

"Ons vier dus 'n mylpaal in terme van die versekering dat ons voortgaan om beduidende oorwinnings te behaal in die stryd teen haweloosheid in ons land," het sy gesê.

Vroeër vanjaar is berig dat Khorixas se inwonersgetal – soos verlede jaar – op sowat 11 000 gestaan het, gegrond op 'n algemene skatting van 3 213 huishoudings met 'n gemiddelde grootte van vier mense per huishouding.

TOEGANG TOT WATER

Volgens die adjunkminister val die

projek onder die Kunene-opgraderingsprogram vir informele nedersettings, wat "dit vir gemarginaliseerde mense moontlik gemaak het om grond te besit vir behuising".

Terwyl water in die gebied tans deur gemeenskaplike staanpype verkry word, het !Nawases-Taeyele gesê dit is die raad se missie om elke huishouding direk aan die waterstelsel te koppel.

"Toegang tot bekostigbare grond, water en gevolglik behoorlike sanitêre en higiëniese geriewe word 'n kritieke behoefte vir ons mense. Daarom wil ek die dorpsraad aanmoedig om te verseker dat, deur mense toegang tot grond te gee, plaaslike owerhede water as sleutelinfrastruktuur moet prioriteer om behoorlike sanitasie te verseker aangesien dit menswaardigheid vir ons mense bring.

"Op hierdie manier kan baie van ons burgers 'n waardige lewe lei," het sy gesê. Sy het verder onthul in 'n poging om meer gedienste grond vir lae- en uiters lae-inkomstegroep in Namibië te bekom, het die ministerie 'n nuwe behuisingbeleid vir goedkeuring voorgelê.

"Dit sal ons help om die lewering van meer huise 'n hupstoot te gee, veral vir diegene wat 'n lae inkomste verdien en eerstekeer-huiskopers."

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SMS of the Day

■ **NOISE pollution!** Please bar owners in residential areas, be considerate of others. This country is the only place where we can live and your loud music is really a thorn in our flesh, especially in the Zambezi region.

Bouquets and Brickbats

■ **DUDLEY VIALI**, your cartoon on the "fishy business" is brilliant. We are still waiting for a book with all your contributions. It is part of Namibia's history.

■ TO close and bury the unnecessary debate around who composed the national anthem, let the current national anthem be thrown away and use Ernst van Bilsjon's national anthem that made it to the final of the national anthem competition.

■ **WITHOUT** any shame and no apology to the Namibian people, NBC Sports Desk has lifted the embargo on African Stars without informing the nation. Shame on NBC leadership.

■ **CITY** of Windhoek has become yet another institution of extraction. The residents pay to make a few rich. The salaries paid by the City of Windhoek, from top to bottom, are not available anywhere else in this country. Not in the public sector or the private sector.

■ **OFFICE** of the Prime Minister, what takes you so long to pay the catering companies who serviced the 33rd Heroes Day Commemoration on 26 August 2023? The 200 extra packs you requested the companies to add on the 1 000 packs were delivered on time, but payment for the extra 200 packs is delayed. We need our payment, please.

■ **WHAT** Israel is doing to the Palestinian people is wrong. Full stop. Sadly, Hamas loves what Israel is doing. It fuels their cause. Hamas feels nothing for their own people. So how do you



balance these to evils?

■ **THE** Swapo government's reasons for not signing the new Economic Partnership Agreement with the European Union simply has no grounds. That decision is merely ideologically driven in a cold war mould, which will become more and more prevalent as cold warrior Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah gains prominence. Hello again China and Russia, goodbye West!

NEEEB

■ **THE** prime minister tells the World Bank that the national equitable economic empowerment bill (Neeeb) is misunderstood. Yes, it is, mainly in parts of the government. The government does not understand Neeeb's implications for foreign and local investment, international confidence

in Namibia and most importantly, the negative impact it is already having on job creation and the livelihoods of mainly the lower income sector. This lack of understanding is reflected in many government policies, statements and mindsets.

■ **DEAR** Victor Kwakwa of the World Bank, with respect, the prime minister is being extremely economical with the truth. I trust the World Bank is responsible. There can only be two reasons for this: either the ministers themselves do not read or understand the bills they promote or they intentionally do major harm to the Namibian economy. It was and will continue to be a major contributor to our massive unemployment. The fact that our politicians deny this does not change the facts. The proof is in our own economic indicators – a massive economic downturn since Neeeb was introduced in early 2016.

■ **SAARA** Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, have you ever read Neeeb? I don't think so. If you did, you would know that Neeeb requires all businesses to comply, not only those who do "business with the government". Namibians may not like to read. Investors love

reading. Lying to them is futile.

From the Regions

■ **IF** what's happening in the Otjozondjupa education directorate concerning a certain corrupt principal and human resources is not addressed, be assured, acting director and inspector for the Okahandja constituency, that the Anti-Corruption Commission and the ombudsman will be informed as this case is corruption.

■ Until when, Gobabis municipality? Until when are we going to struggle with roads at the town? Tared roads are full of potholes, even the one in town running past the court. It's been the whole year. Please do something, Gobabis municipality. Also for the roads in the informal settlement.

■ **ARE** police officers allowed to eat food provided for the inmates? There is a corrupt police officer from Rundu Police Station who is allegedly eating inmates' food and asking for bribes to bring in cellphones. Serious investigation is needed.



PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MOCK VOTERS' REGISTRATION EXERCISE

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) will conduct a mock voters' registration exercise to test the functionality of the new Integrated Mobile Voter Registration System in preparation for the General Registration of Voters in 2024 and wishes to invite Namibian citizens who eligible to vote to participate in the exercise.

This exercise will be conducted simultaneously from 15 – 17 November 2023 in the following selected constituencies and venues:

15 November 2023 from 08:00 – 16:00			
Day 1	CONSTITUENCY	PLACE/LOCALITY	VENUE
	Keetmanshoop Rural	Aroab	ELCIN Church-Aroab
	Windhoek Rural	Groot Aub	Constituency Office
	Swakopmund	Mondesa	Meduletu Community Hall
	Oshakati East	Okandjengedi	Okandjengedi Community Hall
	Rundu Urban	Ndama	Ndama Combined School
16 November 2023 from 08:00 – 16:00			
Day 2	CONSTITUENCY	PLACE/LOCALITY	VENUE
	Keetmanshoop Rural	Koes	Koes Community Centre
	Windhoek Rural	Mix Settlement	Mix Settlement Clinic
	Swakopmund	DRC	DRC School Project
	Oshakati East	Oneshila	Oneshila Community Hall
	Rundu Urban	Kehemu	Kehemu Community Hall
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Day 3	CONSTITUENCY	PLACE/LOCALITY	VENUE
	Keetmanshoop Rural	Kronlein	Teachers' Resource Centre
	Tobias Haiyeko	Okuryangava	Oshatowa Centre (Ongava)
	Swakopmund	Mondesa	Coastal High School
	Oshakati West	Uupindi	Uupindi Community Hall
	Rundu Urban	Sauyemwa	Markus Ihemba PS

To participate in the exercise, you need to proof Identity, Age, and Namibian citizenship by producing one of the following documents:

- New Namibian Identity Document, or
- Old Namibian Identity Document, or
- Valid Green Namibian Passport, or
- Namibian Birth Certificate and New Namibian Drivers' License, or
- Namibian Birth Certificate and two registered deponents, or
- Namibian Citizenship Certificate and two registered deponents.

TO REGISTER FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTION, YOU MUST PRESENT:

1. Proof of residency by means of the following:
 - Municipal bill, or
 - Telephone bill, or
 - Lease Agreement, or
 - Statement under oath by applicant.
2. Proof of residency by Defense, Police, and Namibia Correctional Service Members
 - Proof of membership and an affidavit deposed by the commanding officer stating residence situated in a particular constituency or local authority area or
 - Accounts payable by the member to such force or to State.
3. Proof of residency by persons at schools or higher education institutions
 - Proof of registration or
 - Any statement of registration

Please note this is a trial run exercise aimed at testing the functionality of the new voter registration system. Therefore, the data collected during this exercise will not be used in any election process.

WE ENCOURAGE NAMIBIAN CITIZENS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT EXERCISE!

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) PROCESS

RHINO RESOURCES NAMIBIA Ltd - ESIA FOR PROPOSED EXPLORATION AND APPRAISAL WELL DRILLING IN BLOCK 2914A OFF THE COAST OF SOUTHERN NAMIBIA

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and Regulation 21 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) application to undertake exploration and appraisal well drilling and associated activities in Licence Block 2914A.

An EIA process is being undertaken for the proposed project. An application for an ECC has been submitted to the Competent Authority (Ministry of Mines and Energy). The project and ECC application have also been registered on the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism's (MEFT) online application portal. This advertisement is the start of the EIA public participation process.

Name of applicant: Rhino Resources Namibia Ltd. (Rhino)

Nature and location of the proposed activity: Rhino and its partners hold an Exploration Right (PEL0085) over Block 2914A, located off the coast of southern Namibia approximately 260 km south-southwest of Lüderitz and 140 km west-southwest of Oranjemund at its closest point, in water depths between 200 m and 1 800 m. Rhino is now applying to drill up to 10 exploration and/or appraisal wells within Block 2914A. Associated proposed activities include vertical seismic profiling of wells, well testing and abandonment of wellheads. Drilling and testing wells takes between two and four months per well. A Background Information Document (BID) with more detail on the project and EIA process can be downloaded here: <https://www.sirconconsulting.com/public-documents/rhino-2914a/>.



Environmental Assessment Practitioner: SLR Environmental Consulting (Namibia) Pty Ltd ("SLR") has been appointed by Rhino to undertake the EIA process for the proposed project. SLR contact details:
• Project e-mail: Rhino-2914A@slrconsulting.com
• Tel: +264 61 231 287
• Post: PO Box 86386, Windhoek

Invitation to register on project database and attend public meetings:

To register as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) or to attend a public meeting please complete the registration form (scan the QR Code or click on the link below the code) or contact SLR using the details above.

You are also invited to one of the following public meetings:
• Lüderitz: (14 November, 11:00, Lüderitz Nest Hotel, 820 Dias St)
• Walvis Bay: (15 November, 11:00, Protea Hotel, The Esplanade)

Availability of draft Scoping Report for review and comment: The draft Scoping Report (DSR) will be available from 4 December 2023 to 29 January 2024 for review and comment. Copies of the DSR will be shared with registered I&APs and available for download from the SLR website (<https://www.sirconconsulting.com/public-documents/rhino-2914a/>). Hard copies will be placed at the Walvis Bay Public Library and Lüderitz Public Library. For issues and/or comments to be included in the Final Scoping Report, they should be forwarded to SLR by 29 January 2024.

SLR kindly requests your assistance in circulating this information to members of your community who may be interested in the proposed project and wish to register as I&APs or attend a public meeting. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact SLR at the details provided above.



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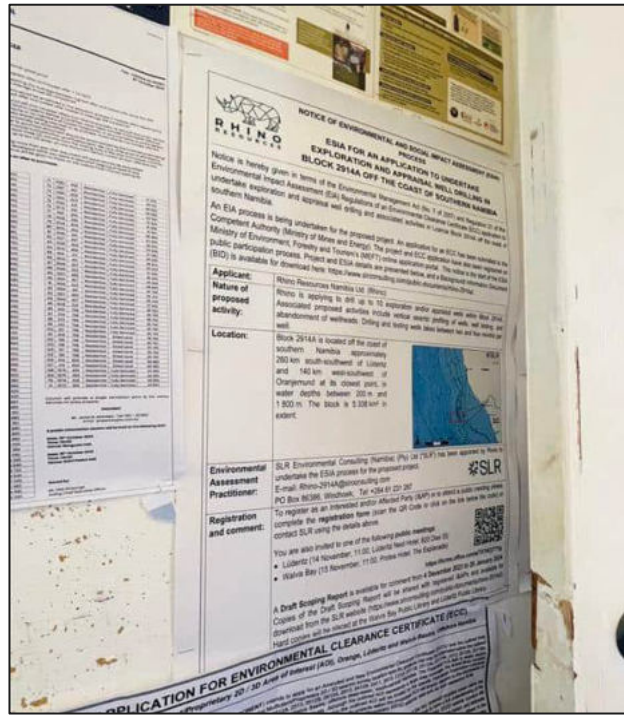
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