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# **I&AP PUBLIC CONSULTATION DOCUMENT:**

# **I&AP COMMENTS AND RESPONSES FOR THE JINDAL**

# **IRON ORE MINE PROJECT ON EPLS 4013 AND 4194,**

# **KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA**

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#### I&AP Comments and Responses for the Jindal Iron Ore Mine Project on EPLs 4013 and 4194, Khomas Region, Namibia Jindal Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

Abbreviation	Description
CSI	community sustainable investment
EAP	environmental assessment practitioner
ECC	Environmental Compliance Consultancy
e.g.	example
EIA	environmental impact assessment
EMP	environmental management plan
EPL	exclusive prospecting licence
ESIA	environmental and social impact assessment
I&APs	interested and affected parties
L	litre
Ltd.	Limited
m	metre
m/day	metres per day
MEFT	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
ML	mining licence
MME	Ministry of Mines and Energy
NAC	Namibia Airports Company
NAMCARs	Namibia Civil Aviation Regulations
NCAA	Namibia Civil Aviation Authority
Pty	proprietary company
RoD	record of decision
ToR	terms of reference
WRD	waste rock dump



# 1 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND COMMENTS FROM I&APS

#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (Pty) Ltd (ECC) has been engaged by Jindal Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd, the Proponent, to conduct an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) in accordance with the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 and its regulations of 2012, for which an application for an environmental clearance certificate will be submitted for the proposed construction and operation of the Jindal Iron Ore Mine on EPLs 4013 and 4194, within the Khomas Region, Namibia.

The proposed project (referred to as "the Project" herein) involves establishing an iron ore mining operation, comprising several open pits to be excavated using conventional blasting and drilling techniques. Ore and waste rock will be excavated and hauled by a fleet of mobile equipment, with waste rock being transported to a waste rock dump (WRD) site. The extracted ore will undergo crushing and pebble milling at the beneficiation plant, followed by magnetic separation and subsequent reverse flotation and concentrate filtration during the final processing stages. The resulting product, iron ore fines, will then be transported to Walvis Bay by either road or rail for shipment.

The community directly affected and/ or interested was identified and invited to attend the public meeting. A summary of the feedback received from the public will be issued to registered I&APs and competent authorities being the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME), and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) to accompany the application for an environmental clearance certificate, for a record of decision (RoD).

#### 1.2 PUBLIC MEETINGS SUMMARY

The stakeholder meeting was facilitated by Mr Matt Totten Jr, Geologist – Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) – with technical support from Ms Monique Jarrett (ECC), as well as Mr Arvind Kuchibhotla and Mr Debananda Tripathy from Jindal Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd.

The welcoming and agenda of the meeting included an introduction to ECC as an independent environmental consulting company commissioned by Jindal Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd as the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to conduct the ESIA.

Mr Kuchibhotla then gave a technical presentation on behalf of Jindal, providing an overview about the Project's location, proposed operations on EPLs 4013 and 4194, and an explanation of the Project's current status. The objective of the public meeting was to engage stakeholders and to identify and address any concerns held regarding the proposed Project.



Mr Arvind provided further insight into Jindal's background as well as the company's goals and strategies for the proposed Jindal Iron Ore Project in Namibia. Mr Arvind highlighted the importance and value of the Project relating to Namibia's environment and economy.

To conclude the presentation, Mr Totten (ECC) then explained the environmental assessment process as well as the current status of the proposed Project's ESIA. This included aspects and concerns about the impacts of exploration activity on the biophysical, how mitigation and monitoring measures could potentially be enforced and how the attendees, as registered interested and affected parties (I&APs), could contribute to the process and development of the proposed Project's environmental management plan (EMP). The floor was then opened for questions, comments, and further discussion.

#### 1.3 KEY FEEDBACK ON ISSUES OF CONCERN – PUBLIC MEETINGS

The summary of comments received from the public meeting presented useful and valuable input in setting out the environmental and social impact assessment's scope through questions asked and points raised. From an overall review of the recorded statements, the key common themes of concern that were raised can be summarised in the following categories:

#### Baseline/specialist studies

Numerous registered I&APs and participants at the public meeting inquired about the status of baseline and/or specialist studies. They specifically requested studies on noise, air quality, hydrology, flora and fauna, as well as blast and vibration. As the proposed Project's EAP, ECC assured the public that the terms of reference (ToR) for these specialist studies will be formulated based on the environmental impacts identified during the scoping phase of the project. Currently, scoped impacts include air quality, noise, groundwater, heritage, biodiversity, visual, socio-economic, and blast and vibration, for which baseline and specialist studies will be commissioned.

# Impact of Mine Operations and future potential exploration and expansion of the mine on the Drie Krone Nature Village

The Drie Krone Nature Village occupies a section of Farm Brack situated in the southwestern area of EPL 4194. While the Proponent currently has no plans to develop infrastructure on this part of the EPL, concerns have been raised by the public regarding potential impacts on their settlement should the mine expand in the future. In response, the Proponent assured the public that they intend to relinquish portions of EPL 4194 during the next renewal process, and they may also exclude certain areas from their mining licence (ML) application. Residents of the Drie Krone Nature Village have consequently requested the Proponent to exclude their settlement from the ML boundary and to relinquish that particular area during the upcoming renewal.

#### Provision of water for the mine's operations

Concerns were raised by the public regarding the use of groundwater for both mine operations and residential facilities on site. Specifically, local farm owners and residents expressed apprehension, citing a scarcity of water in the area. They argued that relying on local groundwater



would not be sustainable for the mine and would deplete the already limited water resources. The Proponent countered that water for mining operations would be obtained from the Ujams wastewater treatment plant, with produced groundwater being reserved solely for providing potable water to the anticipated 50-100 employees that would be onsite at any given time. Local stakeholders then countered the Proponent's statement claiming that even if groundwater was used exclusively for the mine's potable needs, sufficient water resources were unlikely to exist in the area. However, a hydrology study is pending, and plans for water sourcing and usage are subject to further examination. Final decisions will be made based on the feasibility of these plans and their environmental impact.

#### 1.4 DETAILED COMMENTS AND RESPONSES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETINGS

Comments were received during the stakeholder meeting, via email submission, and via telephone which are included in the draft scoping report and this document in Table 1 below.

Further comments were welcomed after the initial registration period and public review period. The public consultation period will remain open for I&APs until the final assessment report for the project is ready for submission to the competent authorities.



#### Letter to ECC sent from Sisa Namandje & Co. Inc on 9 April 2024:



Legal Practitioners + Conveyancers + Notaries + Estate Administrators

Our ref: C 468/SN/24-ik

09 APRIL 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CONSULTANCY (ECC) P O BOX 91193 **KLEIN WINDHOEK** WINDHOEK

> ATTN: MR STEPHAN BEZUIDENHOUT PER E-MAIL: stephan@eccenvironmental.com AND ATTN: MS JESSICA BEZUIDENHOUT MOONEY PER E-MAIL: jessica@eccenvironmental.com

Dear Sir and Madam.

#### IDENTIFIED STAKEHOLDER AND POTENTIAL INTEREST OR AFFECTED PARTY IN RE: RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED JINDAL IRON ORE PROJECT ON EPLS 4013 AND 4194, KHOMAS REGION - COMSAR PROPERTIES SA

We act herein for and on behalf of COMSAR Properties (Pty) Ltd ("our client") as an affected and interested party in relation to the above matter.

Our client's rights and interests in Farm Rainhof, No. 123 Khomas Region and Farm Wolffsgrund, No. 122 Khomas Region would be adversely affected by the proposed Jindal Iron Ore Project.

All our client's rights are fully reserved.

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Stephan Bezuidenhout <stephan@eccenvironmental.com> To: sisa@iway.na Thu, Apr 11, 2024 at 11:06 AM

Cc: Jackson Janson <jackson@sisanamandjeinc.com>, Matt Totten <mtotten@eccenvironmental.com>, Monique Jarrett <monique@eccenvironmental.com>, Samuel Shinyemba <samuel@eccenvironmental.com>

Good day,

We confirm receipt of your email and the letter attached.

Kind regards,

Stephan Bezuidenhout

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Our Ref: MAT102979 Reply To: moolman@wkh-law.com louw@wkh-law.com Enquiries: Mrs Moolman and Ms Louw Your Ref: ECC-148-464-LET-07-A

ATT: S. Bezuidenhout and J. Mooney

- NOTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENT OF THE PROPOSED RE JINDAL IRON ORE PROJECT ON EPLS 4013 AND 4194, KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA, AND AN INVITATION TO SCHEDULED PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS
  - We refer to the above as well as letter dated 28 March 2024.
  - We confirm that we act herein on behalf of Mr. Robert Douglas Wirtz ("our Client").
  - Our Client is the registered owner of -

CERTAIN	Farm Koanus No. 121

Registration Division "K"

- Khomas Region
- 7916,7403 (Seven Nine One Six comma Seven Four Zero MEASURING Three) hectares

Deed of Transfer No. T3351/2007. HELD BY

- 4. Our Client is therefore an interested and affected party as per the definition thereof as set out in regulation 1 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations GN 30/2012, (the "Regulations").
- 5. In terms of sub regulation 21(2), notice of the relevant application must be given to all potential interested and affected parties by -
  - 5.1. fixing a notice board (at least 60cm by 42cm in size) at a place conspicuous to the public at the boundary or on the fence of the site where the activity to which the application relates is or is to be undertaken;

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WRH Inc. will never send you an email about a change of the WRH Inc. banking details and/or information. This applies to emails and letters received on the company letterhaed. Any email mentioning a change of the banking details is false, fraudulent and likely a scam. Kindly contact a director of WRH Inc. immediately should you receive an email requiring you to effect, payment to different account details as that is likely false, fraudulent, or an online phishing scam.



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2 5.2. giving written notice to -5.2.1. the owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site; 5.2.2. the local authority council, regional council and traditional authority, as the case may be, in which the site or alternative site is situated; 5.2.3. any other organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and 5.3. advertising the application once a week for two consecutive weeks in at least two newspapers circulated widely in Namibia. 6. Kindly provide proof of compliance with sub regulation 21(2), including a list of all potential interested and affected parties that have been notified. We also herewith, in terms of sub regulation 22(2), request access to the register of interested and affected parties. 7. Furthermore, sub regulation 21(3)(b)(i) provides that the abovementioned notice must state that the application is to be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner. This information is not set out in the notice received by our Client. 8. Trust on your prompt cooperation. Kind Regards, **DR WEDER, KAUTA & HOVEKA INC** PER: JA LOUW npt to induce clients to make payments due to WKH inc. into bank accounts that do not belong to WKH inc. This form of e-mails, letters and electronic or other correspondence, that may appear to have emenated from WKH inc. Before makin must ensure that the occount into which payment will be made as a legitimate bank account of WKH inc. If at any time ess of the bank account into which a payment due to WKH inc, will be made, clients should immediately contact WKH inc. which WRH Inc. will never send you an email about a change of the WRH Inc. banking details and/or information. This applies to emails and letters received on the company letterhead. Any email mentioning a change of the berking details is fails, fraudulent and likely a scari immediately bould you receive an email requiring you to defice payment to diffuent account details as that is Time/risk. Tradukent and online philability



#### 24 May 2024 ECC Response Letter to WKH Legal Practitioners' 14 April 2024 Letter:

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REFERENCE: ECC-148-464-LET-08 24 May 2024

ATT: Mrs. Moolman and Ms. Louw on behalf of Mr. Robert Douglas Wirtz of Farm Koanus PO Box 864/822 Windhoek Namibia

Dear Madams,

RE: RE: NOTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENT OF THE PROPOSED JINDAL IRON ORE PROJECT ON EPL\$ 4013 AND 4194, KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA, AND AN INVITATION TO SCHEDULED PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS

- 1. We refer to the above as well as your letter dated 15 April 2024, which we confirm receipt of.
- We hereby confirm that your client, Mr. Robert Douglas Wirtz, owner of Farm Koanus No. 121, is now registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the Proposed Jindal Iron Ore Project on EPLs 4013 and 4194, Khomas Region, Namibia.
- 3. In terms of sub regulation 21(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (G.N. No. 30 of 2011), where notice of the relevant application must be given to all potential interested and affected parties (I&APs), please note that Environmental Compliance Consultancy Pty Ltd (ECC) has undertaken the following actions to fulfill this regulatory obligation to date:
  - 3.1. Five site notice boards (with dimensions 60 cm by 42 cm) were placed on Thursday 11 April, 2024 in conspicuous locations at or near the proposed activity site with the following coordinates:





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3.1.1. Site Notice Board #1: located at the B6 and C23 T-junction Lat/Long Coordinates: -22.53426 °N and 17.33206 °E Photo:



3.1.2. Site Notice Board #2: located on the C23 (at the northern boundary of EPL 4013) Lat/Long Coordinates: -22.64608 °N and 17.39842 °E





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3.1.3. Site Notice Board #3: located at the B6 and M51 T-junction Lat/Long Coordinates: -22.48901 °N and 17.49563 °E

Photo:



3.1.4. Site Notice Board #4: located on the M51 (within EPL 4194) Lat/Long Coordinates: -22.53537 °N and 17.59080 °E Photo:





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3.1.5. Site Notice Board #5: located on the B6 (across from H.K. International Airport) Lat/Long Coordinates: <22.49762 °N and 17.46299 °E



- 3.2. Written notices have been sent to the following persons, land owners, land occupiers, organisations and authorities:
  - 3.2.1. Owners and occupiers of land on or adjacent to the site where the activity is to be undertaken that have been sent written notice:

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3.2.1.10.	Farm Sonnleiten Guest House	
3.2.1.9.	Etando Ranch Guest Farm	
3.2.1.8.	Drie Krone Nature Estate	
 3.2.1.7.	COMSAR Properties of Farm Wolffsgrund and Farm Rainhof	
3.2.1.6.	3 Krone Nature Village	
3.2.1.5.	Mr. Willem Gous of Farm Brack	
3.2.1.4.	Mr. Robert Douglas Wirtz of Farm Koanus	
3.2.1.3.	Mr. Jan Jacobus Van der Merwe	
3.2.1.2.	Mrs. Bergie of Farm Helga	
3.2.1.1.	Mr. Alexander Gariseb of Namibia Airports Company (NAC)	



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- 3.2.1.11. Gmunder Lodge
- 3.2.1.12. Hohewarte Guest Farm
- 3.2.1.13. Marula Game Ranch
- 3.2.1.14. Namibia Environment and Wildlife Society
- 3.2.1.15. Namiba Power Corporation (NamPower)
- 3.2.1.16. Okabis Hunting
- 3.2.1.17. Ondekarenmba One Namibia
- 3.2.1.18. Our Habitas Namibia
- 3.2.1.19. Perivoli Rangeland Institute
- 3.2.1.20. Voigtland Guesthouse
- 3.2.1.21. Zannier Hotels Omaanda
- 3.2.2. Please note that we have identified the following list of owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is to be undertaken, but have not sent written notice as we are still in the process of collecting their contact details:

3.2.2.1.	Eden Chalets	
3.2.2.2.	Farm 456	
3.2.2.3.	Farm Alt-Seeis	
3.2.2.4.	Farm Coas	
3.2.2.5.	Farm Direlis	
3.2.2.6.	Farm Excelsion	
3.2.2.7.	Farm Grasland	
3.2.2.8.	Farm Groot Brack	
3.2.2.9.	Farm Hohenau	
3.2.2.10.	Farm Hohewarte	
3.2.2.11.	Farm Neu-bismark	
3.2.2.12.	Farm Otjimukona	
3.2.2.13.	Farm Oupembarnewa	
3.2.2.14.	Farm Progress	
3.2.2.15.	Farm Richthofen	
3.2.2.16.	Farm Seeis	
3.2.2.17.	Farm Smaldeel	
3.2.2.18.	Farm Springbockvley	
3.2.2.19.	Farm Stolzenfeld	
3.2.2.20.	Farm Waldberg	
3.2.2.21.	Finkenstein Estates	
3.2.2.22.	Heja Lodge	
3.2.2.23.	Lodestone	
3.2.2.24.	NamPol	



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#### 3.2.2.25. Progress Guest Farm

- 3.2.3. Local and regional authorities that have been sent written notice:
  - 3.2.3.1. Khomas Regional Council
  - 3.2.3.2. Windhoek Municipality
  - 3.2.3.3. Namibia Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA)
- 3.3. Advertisements informing the public about the proposed project application and respective 16 April 2024 public consultation meeting have been placed in three widely circulated Namibian newspapers (the Namibian Sun, Republikein and Allgemeine Zeitung) once a week for two consecutive weeks ahead of the 16 April 2024 public consultation meeting.

The dates of publication and respective tearsheets for these newspaper advertisements are as follows:





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- A public consultation meeting was held as advertised on Tuesday 16 April 2024 from 18:30 to 20:30 at the Namibian Scientific Society in Windhoek, Namibia.
  - 4.1. A PDF copy of the presentation (co-presented by ECC as the appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), and Jindal Africa as the Project proponent) can be downloaded from the following ECC website un address:

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https://eccenvironmental.com/download/the-proposed-construction-and-operation-ofthe-jindal-iron-mine-khomas-region-namibia/

4.2. The list of 16 April 2024 public consultation meeting attendees is as follows:

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1	3 Krone Nature Village	Antje Schidlowski
2	3 Krone Nature Village	Sven von Blottnitz
3	3 Krone Nature Village	Marianne Röder
4	3 Krone Nature Village	Berny Röder
5	3 Krone Nature Village	Ute Mehnert
6	3 Krone Nature Village	Marc Mehnert
7	Bellatrix SME Finance	Vekunda Kakujaha
8	Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)	Matt Totten jr
9	Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)	Luke Towers
10	Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)	Monique Jarrett
11	Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)	Sam Shinyemba
12	Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)	Kelly Ochs
13	Etango Ranch	R. Geliman
14	Farm Binnenhain	E.W. Romais
15	Farm Bismarck-Grasland	J. Bremmand
16	Farm Brack	Andre F. Gous
17	Farm Brack 438	Willem Gous
18	Farm Heiga	B. Bergmann
19	Farm Hoenau	Rainer Halenke
20	Farm Koanus	R.D. Wirtz
21	Farm Neu Brack	H.G. Romais
22	Farm Neu Brack	HL Romais
23	Jindal Africa	Arvind Kuchibhotla
24	Jindal Africa	Debananda Tripathy
25	Jindal Africa	Frank Garapasi
26	Marula Game Ranch	J. Kotze
27	Private	Hendrik Hamman
28	Progress Farm / Progress Safaris	Mike Kibble
29	Perivoli Rangeland Institute	Evert Steplan
30	Sisa Namundje & Co.	Kula Simson
31	Voigtland Guesthouse	Stephan Voigts
32	Progress Farming PTY LTD	Sonja & Mike Kibble

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 As proof of compliance with sub regulation 21(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (G.N. No. 30 of 2011), please refer to the list of all potential, identified and registered I&APs for the proposed project in responses 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, and 4.2 above.

The current list of registered I&APs for the proposed project as of 25 April 2024 includes:

	Name	Organisation	
1	Antje Schidlowski	3 Krone Nature Village	
2	Bernd Röder	3 Krone Nature Village	
3	Marianne Röder	3 Krone Nature Village	
4	Berny Röder	3 Krone Nature Village	
5	Sven von Blottnitz	3 Krone Nature Village	
6	Vekunda Kakujaha	Bellatrix SME Finance	
7		City of Windhoek	
8	Sisa Namandje	COMSAR Properties	
9	Ndelimona lipinge	EIA Tracker (NEWS)	
10	R. Geliman	Etango Ranch	
11		Etango Ranch Guest Farm	
12	C.W. Romais	Farm Binnenhain	
13	J. Bremmand	Farm Bismarck-Grasland	
14	Andre F. Gous	Farm Brack	
15	Willem Gous	Farm Brack 438	
16	B. Bergmann	Farm Heiga	
17	Rainer Halenke	Farm Hoenau	
18	Talitha Harmse	Farm Koanus	
19	R.D. Wirtz	Farm Koanus	
20	H.G. Romais	Farm Neu Brack	
21	H. Romais	Farm Neu Brack	
22		Farm Sonnleiten Guest House	
23		Gmunder Lodge	
24		Heja Lodge	
25		Hohewarte Guestfarm	
26		Khomas Regional Authority	
27	J. Kotze	Marula Game Ranch	
28	Alexander Gairiseb	Namibia Airports Company	
29	H.K. International Airport	Namibia Airports Company	
30	Dennis F. Gaingob	Namibia Civil Aviation Authority	
31		Namibia Power Corporation	
32		Okabis Hunting	

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34		Our Habitas Namibia	
35	Evert Steplan	Rangeland Institute	
36	Hendrik Hamman	Private Individual	
37	Jan Van der Merwe	Private Individual	
38	Mike Kibble	Progress Farming	
39	Sonja Kibble	Progress Farming	
40	Kula Simson	Sisa Namundje & Co.	
41	Ute Mehnert	Ute Mehnert	
42	Stephan Voigts	Voigtland Guesthouse	

- 6. In regard to the matter raised in paragraph 7 of your letter referencing the content of the notice that must be issued under sub-regulation 21(2), we note that the provisions of sub regulation 21(3)(b)(i) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (G.N. No. 30 of 2011) (the "Regulations") are in direct conflict with:
  - the specific provisions of sub regulations 32(1) of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 which states:

32. (1) A person who is required to obtain an environmental clearance certificate <u>must</u>, in the prescribed form and manner and on payment of the prescribed fee, <u>apply to the</u> <u>relevant competent authority</u> for an <u>environmental clearance certificate</u> in respect of the listed activity to be undertaken.

#### And

 the specific provisions of sub regulation 6(1)(b) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (G.N. No. 30 of 2011), which states that:

6 (1) The application for an environmental clearance certificate must be -

6 (1) (b) submitted to the relevant competent authority.

The Competent Authority in this instance, as per the definition set out in Section 1 of the Environmental Management Act 2007, being the "organ of State which is responsible, under any law, for granting or refusing an authorisation" which in this case is the Minister of Mines and Energy, which has granted the Exclusive Prospecting Licences EPL 4013 and 4194 for the Jindal Iron Ore Project.

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It is further noted that the provisions of section 32(2) of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 states that:

(2) <u>The competent authority must</u> in the prescribed manner forward the application referred to in subsection (1) to the Environmental Commissioner</u>, if the proponent complies, in respect of the proposed activity, with any requirements prescribed by law in respect of that activity.

Consequently, any notice issued in compliance with the provisions of sub regulation 21(3)(b)(i) of the Regulations and containing a statement that "the application is to be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner" would also be in conflict with and non-compliant with the provisions of Section 32(1) of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 and sub regulation 6(1)(b) of the Regulations which state that "the application must be submitted to the Competent Authority".

Accordingly, in light of the apparent conflict within the provisions of the relevant sections of the legislation, and out of abundant caution to remain within the boundaries of compliance with the Environmental Management Act, 2007 and Regulations, ECC has therefore stated "... an application for an environmental clearance certificate in accordance with the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 will be made ..." on all of its public notices for the proposed Jindal Iron Ore Project.

Should you or your client have any further questions or require more information about the proposed Project or ESIA process, please do not hesitate to contact ECC.

Yours sincerely,

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#### Letter to the MME Mining Commissioner sent from WKH Legal Practitioners on 24 April 2024: 4 WINDHOEK WKH House Jan Jonker Road Ausspannplatz PO Box 864/822 Namibia Tel: +264 61 275 550 DR WEDER, KAUTA ONGWEDIVA & HOVEKA INC. Shop 27, Oshana Mall Private Bag 3725 LEGAL PRACT DODLES - NOTABLE - CONVEYANTLES Namibia Tel +264 65 220 637 Tel +264 65 238 034 SWAKOPMUND 24 April 2024 Shop 208, Platz Am Meer PO Box 2970. Our Ref: JL/102979 Namibia Reply To: commercial secretary@wkh-law.com Tel +264 64 443 100 The Commissioner of Mines Enquiries: Ilga van Wyk Ministry of Mines WALVIS BAY MALVIS BAY Office 1, Ground Floor, Chr of Theo Ben Gurirab Ave 8 Johnson Fwafwa Mabakeng Street PO Box 4509, Namh Your Ref: EPLS 4013, 4194 6 Aviation Road ATT: Isabella Chirchir Windhoek Ministry of Mines and Energy Namibia Tel: +264 64 211 880 Namibia Mining Commissioner GROOTFONTEIN 23B Hidipo Hamutenya Street, PO Box 29240, 2024 -04- 26 Namibla Tel +264 67 248 700 Dear Madam Received DIRICTORS A Swamppoll B Corn LLB A Swamppoll B Corn LLB A J Naude B Jor LLB A J Naude B Jor LLB C P J Porgistal, BCarn LLB C P J Porgistal, BCarn LLB C P J Porgistal, BCarn LLB B Strausis, BCarn LLB B Groyenstein, B Proc V M Hanongo-Halial, LLB M D Gilara, LLB P H K Botha, B Corn LLB R Dreyer, LLB C M Thirto, B Jur LLB A J Malherbe, B A LLB M U Kuzeda, LLB, LLB, M Ene S Wagnet, B A, LLB Department of Mines DIRECTORS RE: EPL 4013 and EPL 4194 1. We confirm that we act on behalf of Mr R D. Wirtz ("Client"), who has instructed us to address this letter to you. 2. Our Client is the registered owner of Farm Koanus No. 121, situated in the Registration Division "K", Khomas Region, and measuring 7916.7403 hectares ("Farm"). 3. The prospecting areas of exclusive prospecting licence number 4013 ("EPL 4013") and exclusive prospecting licence number ("EPL 4194") (together referred to as the "EPLs") are situated on the Farm. 4. The following information regarding the EPLs was obtained on the Ministry of ASSOCIATES ASSOCIATES 5 Mainz, B Jor LLB 0 F Mathembe, B Proc B A (Hon) W H Visser, B A LLB C Louw van Wyk, B A LLB 3 G van der Menwe, B A LLB 3 G van der Menwe, B A LLB 1 D van der Menwe, B A LLB 1 D van der Menwe, B A LLB 1 D van der Menwe, B A LLB 5 Menwe, LB 5 P Faulus, LLB 5 P Faulus, LLB 5 T trick, LLB Mines and Energy's website: 4.1. The EPLs are held by Brake Trading (Pty) Ltd. 4.2. The granted date of EPL 4194 is 4 June 2009, and the granted date of EPL 4013 is 19 June 2008; C Turck, LLB T Martin, BSOC, LLB S H Janaw, LLB, LLM N Kinnel, BCom, LLB J Lowe, BSC, B Com LLB J Mootman, BA, LLR, LLM IDV Vogel, LLB 4 3. The expiry date of EPL 4194 is 12 February 2026, and the expiry date of EPL 4013 is 25 March 2025. 5. Section 71 of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act, 1992 ("Act") states the following: CONSULTANTS S Cowley, BB SSC (Hon), U.B DR WEDER, KAUTA DB WEDER, KAUTA & HOVEKA INCORPORATED Reg No. 2006/327 VIC No. 5360/6-0-5 www.whth-law.com Authorised and Regulated by the Law Society of Namibia



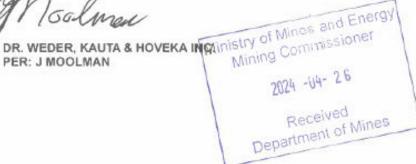
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- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act. an exclusive prospecting licence shall be valid
  - for such period, not exceeding three years, as may be determined by the (a) Minister at the time of the granting of such licence; and
  - (b) for such further periods, not exceeding two years at a time, as may be determined by the Minister at the time of the renewal of such licence as from the date on which such licence would have expired if an application for its renewal had not been made.
- (2) An exclusive prospecting licence shall not be renewed on more than two occasions, unless the Minister deems it desirable in the interests of the development of the mineral resources of Namibia that an exclusive prospecting licence be renewed in any particular case on a third or subsequent occasion.
- In terms of section 71 of the Act, an exclusive prospecting licence may not be granted for a period exceeding 3 (three) years, and thereafter, the exclusive prospecting licence may be renewed only twice for periods not exceeding 2 (two) years at a time. This means that an exclusive prospecting licence may not be granted for a total period exceeding 7 (seven) years, save where the Minister deems it appropriate to renew an exclusive prospecting licence for a third or subsequent time.
- 7. The total validity periods of EPL 4194 and EPL 4013 are 17 (seventeen) years each, which is 10 (ten) years more than what is legally permissible in terms of the Act.
- 8. In the premises, kindly provide us with the Ministerial approval contemplated in section 71(2) of the Act, failing which our Client reserves his right to pursue any legal remedies available to him in law, including to set aside the decision to grant EPL 4194 and EPL 4013.

Kind regards.

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Table 1 - Comments and responses from feedback received during the I&AP registration period.
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Name and Stakeholder Details	Comment/Question Received	Response/Clarification
Sven von Blottnitz	I am concerned about the impact of the proposed	Various baseline and specialist studies will be
	mining operation on the residential settlement's peace	conducted to better understand and gauge the
Resident on the Drie Krone Nature	and tranquillity, as well as the impacts of dust, noise,	impact that the mine will have on sensitive
Village	blasting, and fauna/wildlife disturbance. Furthermore,	receptors such as the nearby settlements.
	the impact on water resources to be used for the	Mitigation measures will then be recommended to
	mining operation is also a concern because it could	minimise any identified impacts.
	reduce the water available for our residential	
	settlement.	
Barnard Jacobus Buys	Assisting local and foreign construction companies to	Comment Noted
Three Sixty Consult cc	recruit, appoint and manage Namibian Labour during	
	the construction phase and the mine itself once	
	commissioned.	
Frank and Antje Schidlowski	That the value of our quality of life and our property	This will be assessed as part of the impact
3 Krone Nature Village	will be affected by the planned mining activities.	assessment and mitigation and management
		measures will be recommended.
Jan Jacobus Van der Merwe	I have a vested financial and personal interest in a	Additional Project specific information will be
	small portion of land located within the EPL 4013 area.	provided to the public in the scoping report. Various
	I have been renting this portion of land for the past 5	baseline and specialist studies will be conducted to
	years and intend to construct my personal retirement	better understand and gauge the impact that the
	home at this location. I would like to know if the land I	mine will have on sensitive receptors such as the
	am renting would be affected by the mining activities	nearby settlements. Mitigation measures will then
	and related infrastructure requirements. It would be	be recommended to minimise any identified
	good to know exactly where the planned mining	impacts.



Name and Stakeholder Details	Comment/Question Received	Response/Clarification
	activities and locations of infrastructure related to the	
	mine will be and when this will commence.	
Bernd Röder	1. Availability of groundwater.	Various baseline and specialist studies will be
Drie Krone Nature Estate	2. Impacts on wildlife due to mining activities	conducted to better understand and gauge the
	3. Noise pollution	impact that the mine will have on sensitive
		receptors. Mitigation measures will then be
		recommended to minimise any identified impacts.
Evert Strydom	1. Rangeland Restoration	These will not be included as part of this
	2. Carbon Credits	assessment, however, this comment has been
	3. Biodiversity Credits	noted.
Johan Kotze	1. We operate a game farm and lodges.	Various baseline and specialist studies will be
Marula Game Ranch	2. Security towards some sensitive animals will be a	conducted to better understand and gauge the
	threat.	impact that the mine will have on sensitive
	3. Noise and air pollution will have an impact on the	receptors. Mitigation measures will then be
	lodges	recommended to minimise any identified impacts.



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	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> of April 2023							
Name	Stakeholder Details	<b>Comment/Question Received</b>	Response/Clarification					
Berny Röder	3 Krone Nature Village	Why does the BID say "Final for government	<b>EAP Response:</b> As part of the screening process, we submit					
		submission"?	an application form known as Form 1 along with the					
			Background Information Document to the competent					
			authorities: the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) and the					
			Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT). For					
			this reason, the status of the BID says "Final for government					
			submission".					
		Has ECC conducted hydrological studies yet?	<b>EAP response:</b> We are currently in the scoping phase and					
			therefore no baseline studies have been conducted yet. ECC					
			is currently drafting the ToRs for the baseline/specialist					
			studies and the ESIA. However, this is one of the specialist					
			studies that will be conducted as part of the impact					
			assessment. Furthermore, the proponent will not be using					
			groundwater for their operations. Should any groundwater					
			be utilized, the Proponent stated it will only be used for					
			potable water needs in order to cater for the people working					
			on the mine. The Proponent stated that the water to be used					
			for operations will be acquired and pumped in from the					
			Ujams wastewater plant located in northern Windhoek.					

#### Table 2 - Comments and feedback from the public meeting.



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Name	Stakeholder Details	Comment/Question Received	Response/Clarification				
		Will the hydrological study be done by an	EAP Response: Yes, the study will be conducted by an				
		independent consultant and will the specialist	independent sub-consultant with the assistance of our in-				
		study be made available to us?	house hydrogeologist. These studies will be made available				
			to the public for their review during the ESIA public review				
			period.				
		You will be using a significant amount of water	Proponent Response: That is correct.				
		for your low-intensity magnetic separation, and					
		will that water come from the wastewater plant					
		in Ujams?					
		Has ECC looked at the wildlife in the area and the	EAP Response: This will be looked at as part of the				
		effect mining activities may have on wildlife in the	biodiversity (flora and fauna) assessment.				
		surrounding areas?					
		Once the mine is in operation, there will be noise	<b>EAP Response:</b> Yes, a noise assessment will be conducted.				
		pollution. Will a noise assessment be conducted?					
		What will happen with the mine tailings? Would	Proponent Response: The tailing fines will be kept in				
		you be able to give us more details on what will	moistened condition as it is very fine and will be used for				
		happen with the tailings?	backfilling the pit				
		Can the water from the tailings be re-used in	Proponent Response: Yes, the tailing water will be				
		mine operations?	recirculated back to the washing cycle.				



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		Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> of April 2023			
Name	Stakeholder Details	Comment/Question Received	Response/Clarification		
Sven von	3 Krone Nature Village	Will the mining licence area include the entire	Proponent Response: Jindal has not completed the		
Blottnitz		EPL area (as the Drie Krone Nature Estate exists	exploration of the total areas in the EPL with the high		
		at the western portion of the current EPL 4013	confidence level. Part of the EPL which falls in farms Koanus,		
		boundary)?	Helga and Woolfsgrund has been studied in detail and		
			decided to have the mining footprint in those areas. The		
			mining footprint won't affect Drie Krone Nature Estate exists		
			at the western portion of the current EPL 4013 boundary		
		Between the background information document	EAP Response: The ESIA process is a progressive process in		
		and the presentation, there is a discrepancy	which information gets updated as it comes in. The BID was		
		between the sources of water, to do with the	a drafted summary of the project, whereas the presentation		
		getting water.	provided more detailed information. The scoping report and		
			ESIA may differ from the preceding reports as more studies		
			are conducted by the EAP and proponent, and as more		
			information becomes readily available.		
Rodney bees		Where will the processing plant be situated?	Proponent Response: The conceptual plan of the		
			processing plant falls within Woolfsgrund farm. However, the		
			scoping & EIA studies will help in finalizing the detailed		
			feasibility study of the processing plant.		
		How many people will work or stay on-site?	Proponent Response: There will likely be between 50-100		
			people on-site at any given time. The total number of people		
			to be employed by the mine will likely grow to some 800		
			people.		



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		Where will people get water from?	Proponent Response: Potable water will be abstracted,		
			however, if this option is not feasible then potable water will		
			be brought to the site.		
		Where will the main road be located leading to	Proponent Response: There is currently no layout for where		
		the mine?	the mining roads will go or where the entrance will be located		
			(as this will be finalised as part of the road study still to be		
			commissioned).		
Mr. Robert	Farm Koanus	When will the next meeting be and how often will	EAP Response: There will be continuous engagement		
Douglas Wirtz		these meetings be held?	between ECC as the appointed Project EAP, the registered		
			I&APs and the Proponent. Should additional meetings be		
			requested or required, ECC will be able to arrange for and		
			facilitate any additional public or focus meetings necessary.		
		Will we receive the studies and the reports done	EAP Response: All studies and reports done throughout the		
		for the ESIA process?	ESIA process will be made available to the public and		
			registered I&APs during the ESIA public review periods.		
Arno [surname		Why is there no one from the airport here?	EAP Response: The Namibia Airports Company (NAC) and		
inaudible]			the Namibia Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) were identified		
			as affected stakeholders and were both contacted and		
			invited to this public consultation meeting. Direct		
			consultation between ECC (the EAP), the Proponent, the NAC		
			and the NCAA will be arranged as NAC and NCAA approval is		



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			required as per Namibia Civil Aviation Regulations		
			(NAMCARs) Part 139 (Aerodromes).		
		The mining operation will impact air quality	EAP Response: An air quality impact assessment will be		
		which will impact airplanes and tourism for the	conducted to assess prevalent wind direction and dust		
		country.	fallout. This study will also assess the impact operations may		
			have on the nearby H.K. International Airport.		
Mike Kibble		Which eight farms did Jindal drill on?	Proponent Response: We drilled in Woolfsgrund, Hohenau,		
			Helga, Koanus, Hohewarte & Kameelbhul farms. It is only in		
			these contiguous 6 farms where we worked in iron ore. Jindal		
			did some geological prospecting works in the other two		
			farms for Manganese in early 2012-2013 but those have		
			been relinquished to the government.		
		Where are the previous studies that were	Proponent Response: Previous studies include geological		
		conducted as part of the drilling?	mapping, regional geophysical studies, remote sensing and		
			satellite image interpretation, and detailed ground		
			geophysics based on the regional anomaly. Apart from that		
			Jindal worked on the analysis of a few exposure samples		
			before undertaking geological exploration/drilling work.		
		Will there be further drilling done?	Proponent Response: The present resource statement has		
			been derived from the measured and indicated resource		
			categories. The confidence on the deposit increases in three-		
			dimensional space based on the drill spacing and population		
			of geological sample results. We have plan to continue the		

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			detail exploration where we have less confidence (inferred						
			category). However, the mine development drilling and drill						
			& blast will continue in the mine pit as the pit advances						
			vertically and horizontally.						
Mark Meynard		Will there be blasting studies done?	EAP Response: Yes, a blast and vibration study will be						
			conducted.						



# 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In closing the meeting, ECC thanked all I&APs for their attendance and for providing valuable feedback during the stakeholder meeting. Through the stakeholder meeting process, the Proponent and ECC have endeavoured to provide a platform to hear and address all relevant comments put forward by I&APs.

ECC further endorsed the fact that constructive feedback from I&APs results in a more robust and improved ESIA. This process results in a project that is understood by I&APs and the broader community. I&AP feedback will contribute to identifying the potential impacts to be assessed and concerns to be considered and addressed as the project progresses.



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# **APPENDIX A – ADVERTS**





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# **APPENDIX B- STAKEHOLDER LETTERS**

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ECC-148-464-LET-07-A 28 March 2024

Identified stakeholder and potential interest or affected party for:

The Proposed Jindal Iron Ore Project on EPLs 4013 and 4194, Khomas Region, Namibia.

RE – NOTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED JINDAL IRON ORE PROJECT ON EPLS 4013 AND 4194, KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA, AND AN INVITATION TO SCHEDULED PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (Pty) Ltd (ECC) has been engaged by Jindal Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd, which operates under Jindal Steel and Power (Mauritius) Limited (JSPML), as its independent environmental assessment practitioner. ECC is conducting an environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) as part of the mining licence application for the proposed Jindal Iron Ore Project on EPLs 4013 and 4194, in the Khomas Region, Namibia. The ESIA is being conducted as part of the application for an environmental clearance certificate in terms of the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007. Brake Trading (Pty) Ltd is the holder of the EPLs in a joint venture (JV) between JSPML, which holds an 85% stake in Brake Trading (Pty) Ltd and exercises managerial authority over the company, Alexander Adolf Warne, who owns a 10% stake, and Phoenix Minerals DMCC, UAE, which owns the remaining 5%.

The project area is 50km east of Windhoek, Khomas Region (-22.617436, 17.569706). The EPL is bordered by the C23 main road and is 9 km from the Hosea Kutako International Airport, the stakeholder map is attached.

The proposed Jindal Iron Ore project involves establishing an iron ore mining operation, comprising several open pits to be excavated using conventional blasting and drilling techniques. Ore and waste rock will be excavated and hauled by a mobile equipment fleet, with waste rock being transported to a waste rock dump (WRD) site. The extracted ore will undergo crushing and pebble milling at the beneficiation plant, followed by magnetic separation and subsequent reverse flotation and concentrate filtration during the final processing stages. The resulting product, iron ore fines, will then be transported by rail or road to Walvis Bay for shipment.

The Background Information Document (BID) provides further project details and the scope of the assessment, which can be downloaded from the link provided below:

https://eccenvironmental.com/download/the-proposed-construction-and-operation-of-the-jindal-ironmine-khomas-region-namibia/

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This letter is intended to engage potentially interested and affected parties (IAPs) for the Project and provide a communication channel to ECC for the ESIA process. You have been identified as an interested or affected party and therefore ECC wishes to inform you of how you can be involved with the ESIA. As part of the assessment, ECC herewith cordially invite you as an identified stakeholder, interested or affected party to the public engagement meetings scheduled for the following dates:

#### Public Meeting

Date:	16 April 2024
Venue:	Windhoek Scientific Society
	110 Robert Mugabe Avenue, Windhoek
Time:	18:30

Public participation is an important part of the ESIA process, as it allows the IAPs to obtain information about the proposed project and provide feedback. Communication with the IAPs occurs at various stages throughout the Project lifecycle. IAPs can interact with the ESIA process by, registering as IAPs for the project via the ECC website as per the link provided below:

https://eccenvironmental.com/download/the-proposed-construction-and-operation-of-the-jindal-ironmine-khomas-region-namibia/

If you are unable to complete the registration form online, please contact us via email for assistance at info@eccenvironmental.com, or alternatively call our office at +264 81 669 7608.

Should you require our assistance with the details contained within this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will gladly assist.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Stephan Bezuidenhout stephan@eccenvironmental.com Jessica Bezuidenhout Mooney jessica@eccenvironmental.com

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# **APPENDIX C- SITE NOTICES**

Site Notice Board #1: B6-C23 T-Junction

Lat/Long Coordinates: -22.53426 °N and 17.33206 °E









#### Site Notice Board #3: B6 and M51 T-junction

Lat/Long Coordinates: -22.48901 °N and 17.49563 °E







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#### Site Notice Board #4: M51

Lat/Long Coordinates: -22.53537 °N and 17.59080 °E







#### Site Notice Board #5: B6 (across from the Windhoek International Airport)

Lat/Long Coordinates: -22.49762 °N and 17.46299 °E





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# **APPENDIX D- BID**





Submitted to: Jindal Steel and Power (Mauritius) Limited. Attention: Mr Debananda Tripathy P O Box 31490 Pionerspark Windhoek, Namibia.

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT:

# JINDAL MINE PROJECT ON EPLS 4013 AND 4194, KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA

PROJECT NUMBER: ECC-148-464-REP-02-D REPORT VERSION: REV 02 DATE: 19 MARCH 2024

The proposed Project BID can be downloaded on ECC's website via the following link:

https://eccenvironmental.com/download/the-proposed-construction-and-operation-of-the-jindal-iron-mine-khomas-region-namibia/



# **APPENDIX E- ATTENDANCE REGISTERS**



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Meeting Attendance Register

Date: 16 April 2024

Meeting Subject: ECC: Jindal Iron Ore Mine ESIA Public Meeting

Venue: Windhoek Scientific Society

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#### PHOTOS OF 16 APRIL 2024 PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING:









# **APPENDIX F- I&AP REGISTRATION FORMS AND LIST**



#### INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES REGISTRATION FORM

PROJECT DETAILS

ECC Project Reference: ECC- 148-464 - ESIA

Project Title: The proposed construction and operation of Jindal Iron Ore Mine on EPLs 4013 and 4194

Applicant: Brake Trading (Pty) Ltd

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Please describe the nature of your interest in the project	





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Project Title: The proposed construction and operation of the Jindal Iron Ore Mine, Khomas Region, Namibia

Applicant: Brake Trading (Pty) Ltd

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we represent a number of Land owners which are affected by the project		





#### INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES REGISTRATION FORM

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Do you have any specific concerns associated with the Project (for example: water, soil, pollution, cultural or historical)?	SEE LETTERS ADDRESSED TO ECC	
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Title (Mr/Mrs/Dr/Prof):		
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Organisation and/or property description (if landowner/lawful occupier		

ECC respectfully request that you please sign this letter and return it to info@eccenvironmental.com to confirm that you have received notification about the above and to ensure that your comments, concerns or objections are recorded. All comments, queries and concerns must be received via this IAP registration form and questionnaire or alternate means. Please note that only registered IAPs will be included in future correspondence regarding this process.

Signed.

Name JANE LOUW Date 20/08/24



#### Registered I&APs (via online, email, letter or phone call registration):

Name	Organisation
Antje Schidlowski	3 Krone Nature Village
Bernd Röder	3 Krone Nature Village
Marianne Röder	3 Krone Nature Village
Berny Röder	3 Krone Nature Village
Sven von Blottnitz	3 Krone Nature Village
Vekunda Kakujaha	Bellatrix SME Finance
	City of Windhoek
Sisa Namandje	COMSAR Properties
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R. Gellman	Etango Ranch
	Etango Ranch Guest Farm
C.W. Romais	Farm Binsenheim
J. Bremmand	Farm Bismarck-Grasland
Andre F. Gous	Farm Brack
Willem Gous	Farm Brack 438
Jorn Bremmand	Farm Grasland 80
B. Bergmann	Farm Helga
Rainer Halenke	Farm Hohenau
Talitha Harmse	Farm Koanus
R.D. Wirtz	Farm Koanus
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	Farm Sonnleiten Guest House
Johan Koetze	Farm Wolfsgrund 122
	Gmunder Lodge
	Heja Lodge
	Hohewarte Guestfarm
	Khomas Regional Authority
Johan Koetze	Marula Game Ranch
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Sonja Kibble	Progress Farming (PTY) Ltd
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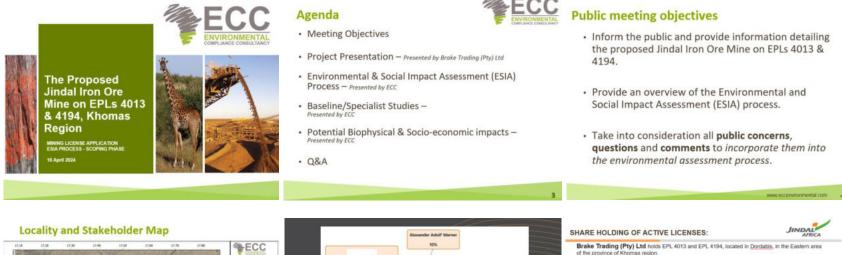


#### I&AP Comments and Responses for the Jindal Iron Ore Mine Project on EPLs 4013 and 4194,

#### Khomas Region, Namibia

Jindal Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd

# **APPENDIX G- PUBLIC MEETING PRESENTATION**







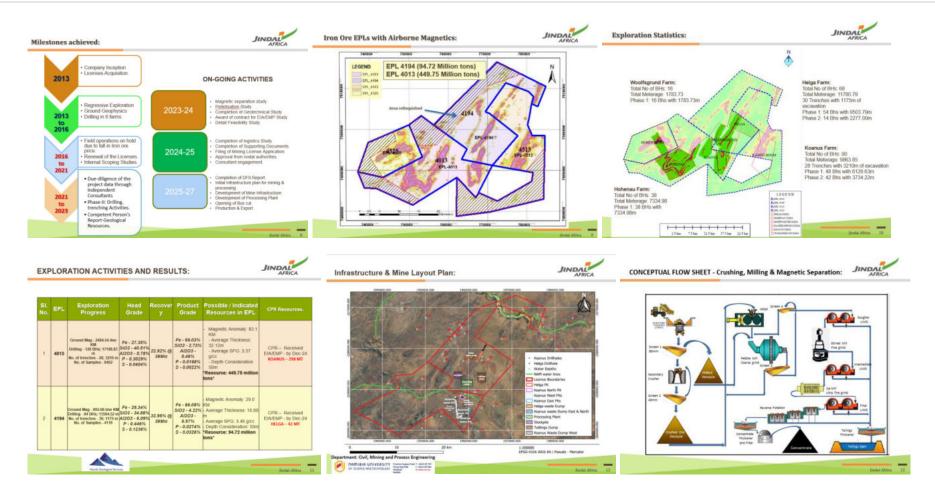


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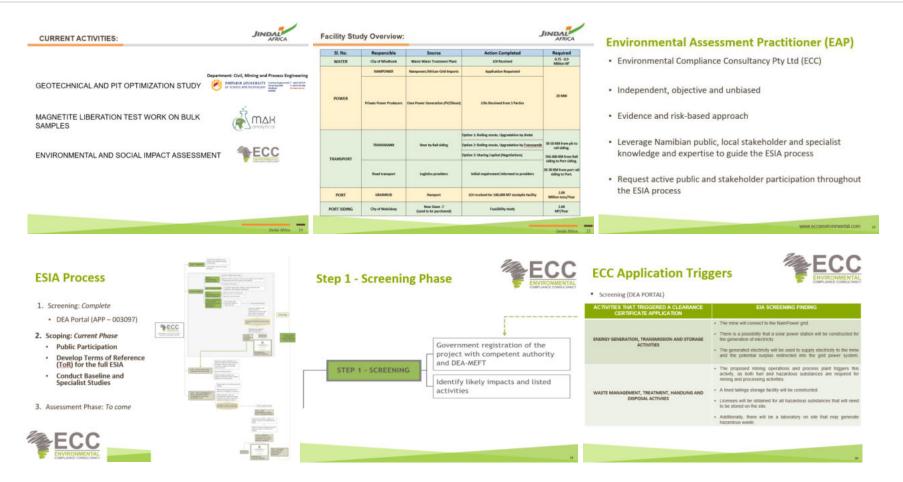
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· Ensure that all the identified and recommended

· Consider and incorporate input from all stakeholders and



BASELINE STUDIES	SPECIALIST
A baseline fauna and flora	Peter Cunningham
Detailed groundwater and surface water	ECC
A noise baseline study	ECC and/or AirShed
An air quality beseline study	ArShed
A heritage baseline study	Dr. Alma Nankela
A high-level socio-economic baseline study	ECC
Traffic and Transport study	Innovative Transport Solutions
Visual baseline study	ECC



# Potential Impacts to be Assessed

Potential project impacts include (but are not limited to)

- Visual impacts Water resource impacts
- Noise impacts
- Air quality impacts
- Impacts to tourism
- Archaeological and cultural feature impacts
- Biodiversity Impacts Increased traffic & rail impacts
- · Economic growth & job creation potential (permanent and temporary employment)
- Carbon emission impacts
- · Safety considerations for existing infrastructure and residents





#### ESIA & ESMP

specialists.



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#### Please Remember to Register as an I&AP

#### How to Register?

- · Via the ECC website, under "Projects": https://eccenvironmental.com/download/the-proposed-construction-andoperation-of-the-jindal-iron-mine-khomas-region-namibia/
- · Via telephone or WhatsApp: +264 81 669 7608
- · Via email: info@eccenvironmental.com
- · Or speak to us after tonight's meeting concludes

# Jindal Africa Corporate Video







I&AP Comments and Responses for the Jindal Iron Ore Mine Project on EPLs 4013 and 4194, Khomas Region, Namibia Jindal Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd







Submitted to: Jindal Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd. Attention: Mr Debananda Tripathy P O Box 31490 Pioneers Park Windhoek, Namibia.

# **REPORT:**

# ADDENDUM TO THE SCOPING REPORT -JINDAL IRON ORE MINE PROJECT ON EPLS

# 4194 AND 4013

PROJECT NUMBER: ECC-148-464-REP-20-D

REPORT VERSION:REV 03DATE:2 SEPTEMBER 2024





#### TITLE AND APPROVAL PAGE

Project Name:	Addendum to the scoping report - Jindal Iron Ore Mine Project on
	EPLs 4194 and 4013
Client Company Name:	Jindal Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd.
Client Name:	Mr Debananda Tripathy
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# **ABBREVIATIONS**

Abbreviation	Description
CV	curriculum vitae
EAP	environmental assessment practitioner
EC	Environmental Commissioner
ECC <sub>1</sub>	Environmental clearance certificate
ECC <sub>2</sub>	Environmental Compliance Consultancy
EMA	Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007
EPL	Exclusive prospecting licence
ESIA	Environmental and social impact assessment
ESMP	Environmental and social management plan
GDP	Gross domestic product
FYPG	Farm Progress Private ICAO Identifier
FYWH	Hosea Kutako International Airport ICAO Identifier
H.K.I.A.	Hosea Kutako International Airport
I&APs	Interested and affected parties
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
MC	Mining Commissioner
MEFT	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
MME	Ministry of Mines and Energy
WKH	Dr Werder, Kauta & Hoveka Legal Practioners



# **1 INTRODUCTION**

### 1.1 PURPOSE OF THE COMMENTS CONSOLIDATION REPORT

This document has been compiled following the required period of review to be provided for public and registered interested and affected parties (I&APs) to have access to and opportunity to comment in writing on the draft scoping report for the Jindal Iron Ore Mine on EPLs 4194 and 4013 (the Project) before submission to the Environmental Commissioner.

The revised draft scoping report was completed for the Project and undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation, 2007 (No. 30 of 2011) gazetted under the Environmental Management Act (EMA), 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007).

This document compiles all comments received during the public review periods from registered I&APs during the first and second rounds of public review of both revision 1 (Rev01) and 2 (Rev02) of the draft scoping report; and presents the responses from ECC as the appointed environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) for the Project, Jindal Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd (herein referred to as the Proponent) and specialists engaged in the assessment.



# 2 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM I&APS

# 2.1 INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the Regulations of the EMA 2007, on the 21st of June 2024, the draft scoping report was circulated electronically to all registered interested and affected parties (I&APs) and identified key stakeholders for a period of 14 days (from 21 June 2024 to 5 July 2024). Submissions received from individuals were collated in a separate "Comments and Responses" table presented in Table 1. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, the final scoping report was also circulated to registered I&APs. Upon receiving feedback from the I&APs, this final scoping report was amended and then re-circulated to I&APs as the revised draft scoping report for another round of public review on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August for a period of 7 days (from 13 August 2024 to 20 August 2024). Submissions received from I&APs are collated in a separate "Comments and Responses" table presented in Table 2.

# 2.2 Key feedback on issues of concern

The draft scoping report was provided to all I&APs, identified stakeholders and made publicly available on ECC's website. This public review period is set out to solicit comments, and feedback, and allow genuine participation in the final phase of the ESIA process. The key area raised from the review of I&AP comments can be summarised as follows:

#### Impact of the Project on Biodiversity and Local Tourism

The Project is located in a prominent tourism hotspot, surrounded by numerous high-end lodges, guesthouses, and hunting farms. The potential impacts of the Project on local biodiversity and Tourism expressed by I&APs include:

- Increased dust affecting air quality,
- Elevated noise levels from blasting and truck movements,
- Light pollution,
- Land clearing impacting biodiversity,
- Increased crime and poaching.

The value offered by these establishments is largely derived from the scenic aesthetics of the biophysical environment in which they are situated. The construction and operation of the project may adversely impact the area's aesthetics and biodiversity by obstructing scenic views, driving away wildlife, increasing light pollution, and elevating dust and ambient noise levels. This may reduce the value of these properties and diminish their attractiveness as ecotourist destinations, resulting in a loss of revenue for affected businesses and adversely impact the tourism industry in the area.

Various specialist assessments have been scoped and are now underway to understand the extent of the identified impacts as well as the best ways to mitigate and manage them.



#### **Displacement of Residents from their Homes**

The EPLs comprise several farms and residential properties. Many of the affected farmers and residents worry that they will ultimately be displaced from their homes and farms due to the Project's impacts and operations. Farm owners and residents have expressed strong concerns over the potential displacement from their homes due to the proposed development of a mine on their properties. They fear the loss of their homes, and livelihoods, which are intrinsically linked to the land they have occupied for several decades. The prospect of being uprooted from their communities and the disruption of their tourism and agricultural activities are major points of distress.

The proponent understands and deeply respects the concerns expressed by farm owners and residents regarding potential displacement from their homes due the Project. It is not the Proponent's intention to disrupt the lives and livelihoods of the community. The Proponent is committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to find mutually beneficial solutions. This includes exploring alternative land use plans, offering fair compensation, and ensuring that any relocation, if absolutely necessary, is conducted with utmost care and respect for the affected families.

#### 2.3 SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK FROM THE REVISED DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

The general concerns from Dr Werder, Kauta and Hoveka Inc. Legal Practitioners, Notaries and Conveyancers (herein referred to as WKH), on behalf of their clients, whom now includes the majority of private farm owners which the boundaries of EPLs 4013 and 4194 surround or are located adjacent to, focus on potential "material irregularities" regarding the renewal of EPL 4013 by the MME, the procedure followed by the EAP in conducting the ESIA public consultation process, as well as additional environmental and social impact concerns regarding the proposed Project. The full summary of the communications between WKH, the EAP and the Mining Commissioner (MC) of MME is detailed below in Table 2.

#### Renewal and non-reduction of EPLs 4013 and 4194:

Letters sent by WKH to the MC on 24 April 2024, 16 July 2024 and 30 July 2024, detail WKH's investigation into the renewals of EPL 4013 and EPL 4194. WKH's 16 July 2024 letter details that EPL 4013 was renewed six times from 19 June 2008 to 6 November 2024, allegedly in excess of the legally permissible limit in accordance with the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act, 1992 Section 71, with EPL 4013 receiving an additional four-month extension from November 2024 to March 2025. Moreover, EPL 4013 was renewed for prospecting area sizes that allegedly do not comply with the prescribed limits outlined in the Act. WKH subsequently requested proof of the Minister's approval as required under sections 71(2) and 71(2)(b) of the Act, as well as the signed meeting minutes held to confirm such approval made by the Minister of MME.

The MC responded to WKH's 24 April 2024 letter on 22 July 2024 with a letter stating that the Minister has the authority to renew a licence if deemed desirable and in the interest of



developing the mineral resource, even beyond a third renewal, without a specified timeframe. In the case of EPLs 4013 and 4194, the MC stated that the discovery of a mineral resource required further exploration activities to fully assess the resource, leading to the renewal of the EPLs.

On 30 July 2024, WKH sent a response letter to the MC regarding the MC's 22 July 2024 response letter alleging that, based on WKH's inspection of the MME's file on EPL 4013, the renewals and non-reduction of the EPL 4013 prospecting area was done contrary to law because the Mining Commissioner acted *ultra vires* and outside the scope of his authority, because the Minister had not granted the approvals required by the Act. WKH further requested the MC provide WKH, in respect of both the decision to approve the renewals as well as the decision which led to the non-reduction of the prospecting area for EPL 4013, with the approvals granted by the Minister and the signed and approved minutes of the relevant meetings where such approval was granted.

## <u>Procedure followed by the EAP for the ESIA public consultation process as per the EMA</u> and its associated regulations:

On 15 April 2024, WKH notified ECC that they were acting on behalf of their client, Mr. Robert Douglas Wirtz, the owner of Farm Koanus No. 121. WKH requested, in accordance with sub-regulation 21(2), confirmation of whether the following public consultation measures were followed:

- Posting notice boards in a publicly visible location.
- Providing written notice to the owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site, the local authority council, regional council, traditional authority, and any other relevant state body.
- Publishing advertisements once a week for two consecutive weeks in at least two national newspapers.

WKH also requested a list of all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) who were notified about the project as well as access to the I&AP register. WKH also stated that the abovementioned notices must indicate that the application will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner. ECC responded to WKH on 24 May 2024 with a letter providing proof of all the measures complied with as stipulated in sub-regulation 21(2) of the Regulations.

Furthermore, in a letter sent to ECC on 18 July 2024, WKH requested that the EAP disclose to the competent authority and Environmental Commissioner (EC) all material information in the possession of the EAP that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing any decision to be taken with respect to the Project application, in accordance with sub-regulations 4(c) and (d) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations No. 30 of 2012. Regarding the final scoping report submitted to the competent authority and circulated amongst I&APs, in the same letter, WKH also noted that the CV of the EAP who prepared the report was not included, as required by sub-regulation 8(a), and that its annexures did not



contain the letter sent by WKH to the EAP on 15 April 2024 nor the email sent by WKH to ECC on 24 May 2024. Proof of the above mentioned was requested of the EAP by WKH.

In a response letter sent to WKH on 5 August 2024, ECC confirmed that all material information was shared with MME, MEFT, and registered I&APs. ECC acknowledged that the "Appendix - EAP CVs" was not included in the table of contents of the scoping report, but that EAPs are required to submit the annexure to MEFT when uploading the final scoping report via the MEFT online portal. ECC further informed WKH that the inclusion of "Appendix - EAP CVs" would be included in a revised draft version of the scoping report that would be recirculated for a second public review period. ECC further explained that WKH's communications were excluded from the public consultation document since WKH was not currently registered as an I&AP, but would be added with WKH's consent. ECC also invited WKH to register as an I&AP for the proposed Project and provided WKH with the relevant registration form to do so.

#### Revised Draft Scoping Report I&AP Comments:

On 20 August 2024, WKH sent ECC a letter registering WKH as an I&AP as well as stating that WKH is now authorised to represent the following affected farm owners:

- Mr Robert Douglas Wirtz of Farm Koanus No 121
- Ms Antje Kesselmann of Farm Progress No 506
- Mr Rainer Halenke of Farm Hohenau No 81
- Mr Johan Kotze of Farm Wolfsgrund No 122, Farm Rainhof No 123, and Farm Otjimukona No 532
- Mr Jorn Bremmand of Farm Grasland No 80 and Farm Neu Bismark No 426

Furthermore, WKH requested that all letters between WKH and the MC should be disclosed to the EC by the EAP, that WKH may institute formal legal action against the MC, and that WKH continues to engage with the MC regarding the alleged material irregularities with regard to the renewal and non-reduction of EPL 4013.

Regarding WKH's EAP public consultation process concerns, WKH requested that the EAP amend the revised final scoping report and annexures to include:

- The issues raised in WKH's 15 April 2024 letter and 24 May 2024 email to ECC,
- WKH's concerns regarding the potential impact on property values of affected farms,
- WKH's request for additional environmental impact specialist studies,
- The location of potentially affected graves, and
- Additional general concerns.

These requested revisions have been included in this Rev03 Addendum to the Scoping Report Annexure in this section, Table 2 below, and Appendix A below.



# **3 DRAFT SCOPING REPORT – COMMENTS AND RESPONSES**

### Table 1 - I&AP comments and responses from comments received on 5 July 2024:

Stakeholder Details	I&APs Question/Comment	EAP Response
Renate and Wolfgang	About 30 graves from the previous century	A heritage/archaeological assessment will be conducted to identify
Raith		and assess potential impacts on archaeological/heritage resources
		arising from the proposed activities. Mitigation and management
Sonja and Mike Kibble		measures recommended as an outcome of the assessment will be
with Cara and Alec		incorporated into the Project's environmental management plan.
Antje and Heiko		The location of the suggested 30 graves has been requested by the
Kesselmann with Luca		EAP from the I&AP who submitted this comment.
and Leo	Complete destruction of environment to	A biodiversity assessment will be conducted to define the bio-
Gabriela and Jürgen	operate exclusive hunting safaris	physical (vertebrate fauna; including avian species & flora)
Senke with Luke		environment relevant to the project area(s) and assess the
Selike With Luke		significance and impact of construction and long-term operation of
Mike Kibble Safaris /		the various project components on the fauna and flora at the
Progress Farming &		proposed site. Mitigation and management measures
Guest Farm / Progress		recommended as an outcome of the assessment will be
Park & Fly / Progress		incorporated into the Project's environmental management plan.
Private Airfield	Loss of natural surroundings to operate guest	A visual assessment will be conducted to evaluate the potential
(FYPG)	farms for international tourists	visual effects of a proposed development or project on the
		landscape and viewsheds. Mitigation and management measures
		recommended as an outcome of the assessment will be
		incorporated into the Project's environmental management plan.



Stakeholder Details	I&APs Question/Comment	EAP Response
	Drop of water level of entire area	A hydrological and hydrogeological impact assessment will be
	Large-scale water & aquifer contamination	conducted to assess surface and groundwater quality and quantity
		relevant to the Project while assessing the significance of
		development and environmental impact that the Project may have
		on the hydrological/hydrogeological environment and other users at
		the proposed Project site.
		A geochemical impact assessment will be conducted to assess the
		potential of waste rock to produce acid that may lead to acid mine
		drainage during leech events and the impacts that this may have on
		the biotic and hydrologic/hydrogeological environments and provide
		mitigation measures.
	Large scale air & dust pollution (also for	An air quality assessment will be conducted to evaluate the potential
	international airport)	air quality impacts of the Project on surrounding sensitive receptors,
		including residents, local projects/businesses, local aerodromes (e.g.
		FYWH and FYPG) and the tourism sector.
	Sharp increase in poaching, trespassing	Security measures will be implemented to monitor the access of
	Sharp increase in criminal activities	individuals to the camp and mine site, including rigorous checks for
		those entering and leaving. Mine employees will travel by company-
		arranged buses to and from the camp at the end of their shifts.
		Employees will undergo search procedures on entering and leaving
		the site. The workers will have access to various amenities such as
		three meals per day, laundry and cleaning services, recreational
		activities, and a kiosk, which will provide for their basic needs within
		the camp.



Stakeholder Details	I&APs Question/Comment	EAP Response
	Loss of our family home for 40 years (40+	Should anyone need to be relocated, or any business be lost due to
	family members)	the operation of the mine, reasonable compensation will be
	Loss of farmyard to operate our park & fly	provided.
	business	
	Our workers and their families loose their	
	homes (about 20 people)	
	Loss of our entire cattle farming operation,	A Socio-economic impact assessment will be conducted to evaluate
	running in excellent condition for over 40	the current socio-economic state of the area and its inhabitants.
	years	Should anyone need to be relocated, or any business be lost due to
	Loss of our ability to produce food for	the operation of the mine, reasonable compensation will be
	Namibia	provided.
	10 employees loose their permanent work	Should anyone need to be relocated, or any business be lost due to
		the operation of the mine, reasonable compensation will be
		provided.
	Significant noise pollution, spoiling our	A noise impact assessment will be conducted to assess the potential
	country environment	noise impacts of the proposed project on surrounding sensitive
		receptors, including residents, businesses, wildlife, and the tourism
		sector. While identifying potential impacts, the assessment will also
		evaluate increased noise effects, and provide recommendations to
		manage and mitigate these impacts.
	Impact on gravel road M51	A traffic assessment is being conducted for potential traffic impacts
		of the proposed project on surrounding sensitive receptors,
		including residents, businesses, commuting traffic, and the tourism
		sector. Mitigation and management measures recommended as an
		outcome of the assessment will be incorporated into the Project's



Stakeholder Details	I&APs Question/Comment	EAP Response
		environmental management plan. Additionally, the mine will ensure
		the continued maintenance of the M51.
	Loss of private airfield for flying	An air quality assessment will be conducted to evaluate the potential
		air quality impacts of the Project on surrounding sensitive receptors,
		including residents, local projects/businesses, local aerodromes (e.g.
		FYWH and FYPG) and the tourism sector.
		Should an airfield need to be relocated, or any aviation related
		business be lost due to the operation of the mine, reasonable compensation will be provided.
	Current lifestyle estate plans in the pipeline	Comment noted.
	now impossible	
	Loss of fencing, infrastructure, buildings,	Should there be any damage to local infrastructure by the mine,
	pipelines, water installations	reasonable compensation will be provided.
	What assurance do we have that local	The proponent is committed to prioritizing local hiring and ensuring
	Namibians and NOT foreigners /Mauritians /	that the benefits of this project are realized within the Namibian
	Indians will be employed?	community. Furthermore, the Proponent has established a local
		hiring policy that prioritizes Namibian candidates for all job
		openings. This policy is designed to maximize the employment
		opportunities for local residents and ensure that the community
		directly benefits from the mine's operations.
	In the past, during the initial prospecting	The Proponent has confirmed that this comment is misrepresented
	phase, Jindal lost the court case due to	as there is no court case.
	numerous transgressions. So, if that is their	
	track record, how will the rest going to be?	Jindal has been operating in a responsible manner internationally
		operating in several jurisdictions and international operations.



Stakeholder Details	I&APs Question/Comment	EAP Response
		Furthermore, the Proponent will comply with all relevant Namibian regulations, are committed to following international and Namibian mining best practices and standards and are doing a robust ESIA to ensure all potential environmental and socio-economic impacts are identified, addressed and mitigated through a robust Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP).
	Blasting process's impact on buildings, the	If there is a Jindal related court case that are aware of, please feel free to inform the EAP with specific details. A blast and vibration assessment will be conducted to assess the
	international airport and its effect on tourism as the biggest contributor to GDP	impacts of blasts and vibrations that emanate from operations at the proposed Jindal Iron Ore Mine site on nearby farms, communities,
	as the biggest contributor to GDP	lodges, wildlife and the H.K.I.A. The assessment will evaluate the cumulative impacts of project operations and provide recommendations to manage the potential effects.
	Concern about the ability to rehabilitate the area at the end of the mining phase	Ways in which to rehabilitate during and post-closure will be looked at as part of the closure plan which will be developed to meet the standards requirements of the draft Namibian Mine Closure Framework and international best practices before the construction
		and operation of the mine take place.



### Table 2 - A summary of the communications between WKH, the EAP and the MC – MME.

Summary of Letter	Response
WKH Letter sent to ECC on the 15 <sup>th</sup> of April 2024 via email (include	ed in Attachment B – Public Consultation Document to the revised
draft scoping report)	
<ul> <li>Letter submitted in reference to stakeholder letter submitted on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 to potentially interest and affected parties.</li> <li>WKH submitted a letter to the EAP informing the EAP that they were acting on behalf of their client Mr. Robert Douglas Wirtz, owner of Farm Koanus No. 121.</li> <li>WKH requested in terms of sub regulation 21(2), whether the following public consultation measures were adhered to: <ul> <li>Fixing of notice boards in a conspicuous place to the public</li> <li>Giving written notice to the owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site, local authority council, regional council, traditional authority and any other organ of state having jurisdiction in respect to any activity</li> <li>Advertisements once a week for two consecutive weeks in at least two national newspapers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Provide a list of a all I&amp;APs, that were notified and request access to I&amp;AP register.</li> <li>The abovementioned notices must state that the application is to be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner.</li> </ul>	21(2) of the EMA (included in Attachment B – Public Consultation Document to the revised draft scoping report).



WKH Letter sent to the MC (MME) on the 24 <sup>th</sup> of April 2024 via emai	I (included in Attachment B – Public Consultation Document to the
revised draft scoping report)	
<ul> <li>WKH submitted a letter to the MC informing the MC that they were acting on behalf of their client Mr. Robert Douglas Wirtz, owner of Farm Koanus No. 121.</li> <li>EPLs 4013 and 4194 held by brake Trading (Pty) Ltd were renewed several times over a period of 17 years, ten years in excess of the legally permissible limit in accordance with the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act, 1992 (herein referred to as the Act), Section 71.</li> <li>WKH further requested proof of the ministerial approval as per Section 71 (2) of the Act.</li> </ul>	The EAP did not respond to this letter as it was addressed to the Mining Commissioner, however this letter has been included in the revised draft scoping report Attachment B – Public Consultation Document submitted to both the MC at MME and the EC at MEFT for their review.
WKH email sent to ECC on the 24 <sup>th</sup> of May 2024 (Figure 1)	
1. Please see attached hereto our letter submitted to the Commissioner	The EAP responded to this email on the 24 <sup>th</sup> of May with the
of Mines, for your records.	requested response letter to WKH's letter sent to the EAP on the $15^{th}$
2. Kindly furnish us with a reply to our letter sent on 15 April 2024 <u>.</u>	of April 2024.
WKH Letter sent to the MC (MME) on the 16 <sup>th</sup> of July 2024 (Figure 2)	
<ul> <li>Was a follow up letter to the letter sent to the MC on the 24th of April 2024.</li> <li>The letter furthered WKH's investigation into the renewals of EPL 4013 and EPL 4194. Of which EPL 4013 had been renewed six times as well as renewed for an additional 4 months from November 2024 to March 2025.</li> <li>Further to this, EPL 4013 was renewed for prospecting area sizes contrary to the prescribed sizes contained in the Act.</li> </ul>	The EAP did not respond to this letter as it was addressed to the Mining Commissioner, however this letter has been included in the revised draft scoping report Attachment B – Public Consultation Document submitted to both the MC at MME and the EC at MEFT for their review.



• WKH subsequently requested the approval granted by the Minster	
as per section 71(2) and 71(2) (b) of the Act.	
WKH Letter sent to ECC on the 18 <sup>th</sup> of July 2024 via email (Figure 3)	
• This letter requested for proof that all material information	The EAP submitted a response to this WKH letter via email on the $5^{th}$
received by the EAP from the Proponent should be disclosed to the	of August 2024 (shown in Figure 6). In the EAP's response letter:
EC as per sub regulations 4 (c) and (d) of the Environmental Impact	• The EAP informed WKH that all material information within their
Assessment Regulations No. 30 of 2012 (herein referred to as the	possession has been disclosed to MME as the competent
Regulations).	authority, MEFT and registered I&APs.
• With regard to the final scoping report submitted:	• The EAP informed WKH that EAP CVs are submitted as part of the
$\circ$ the CV of the EAP who prepared the report could not be	ECC application on the MEFT portal, but thanked WKH for noting
located as per sub regulation 8(a).	that the EAP CVs were not listed as an appendix in the scoping
$\circ$ The scoping report and the attached annexures did not	report and assured WKH that this would be rectified, and a revised
include the letter sent by WKH to the EAP on the 24 <sup>th</sup> of May	scoping report would be re-circulated for another round of public
2024.	review.
• Proof of the abovementioned point was requested.	• Regarding the claim that material issues raised in WKH 15 <sup>th</sup> of
	April 2024 letter and 24 May 2024 email were omitted from the
	scoping report Appendix B – Public Consultation Document, the
	EAP informed WKH that WKH had not, to date requested to be
	registered as an I&AP and therefor, communications between
	WKH and the EAP were not included in the public consultation
	document. However, upon request and with WKH's consent, these
	communications would be included in the public comments
	document and addendum report as appendices to the revised
	scoping report. This was included in the revised scoping report.
	• The EAP also encouraged WKH to officially register as an I&AP and
	provided the I&AP registration form.
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MC response letter to WKH on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> of July 2024 (Figure 4)	
<ul> <li>The MC informed WKH that the Minister has the right to renew a licence if it is desirable and in the interest of the development of the mineral resource on a third or subsequent number of occasions.</li> <li>In regard to EPLs 4013 and 4194, due to the mineral resource discovered, more exploration activities were necessary to delineate the resource and thus the EPLs were renewed.</li> </ul>	
WKH Letter sent to ECC on the 20 <sup>th</sup> of August 2024 via email (Figure	27)
This WKH letter was in response to the EAP's 5 <sup>th</sup> of August 2024 letter.	EAP Response:
• WKH is now authorized to represent Mr Robert Douglas Wirtz of Farm Konanus No. 121, Ms Antje Keselmann of Farm Progress No.	



	506, Mr Rainer Halenke of Farm Haohenau No. 81, Mr Johan Kotze of Marula Game Ranch, Farm Wolfsgrund No. 122, Farm Rainhof No. 123, and Farm Otjimukona No. 532, and Mr Jorn Bremmand of Farm Grasland No. 80 and Farm Neu Bismark No. 426.	• The EAP has noted that WKH is now authorized to act on behalf of these farm owners.
<u>Co</u>	ontinued engagement with the MC	Continued engagement with the MC
•	Submission of letters to the EAP documenting the communication between WKH and the MC of MME. Request of receipt of proof that the above letters submitted to the EAP have been submitted to the EC of MEFT	<ul> <li>This comment has been noted and all communications between WKH and the EAP will be included in the scoping report appendices depending on the date of receipt, either Appendix B</li> <li>Public Consultation Document (for communications dated on or before the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2024) or Appendix C – The Addendum Report (for communications dated on or after the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2024). This will be shared with WKH and I&amp;APs once the revised final scoping report is submitted to the competent authority - MME and MEFT for a record of decision.</li> </ul>
<u>Sc</u>	oping Report and concerns	
•	WKH requested a revision of the scoping report to include all letters	Scoping Report and concerns
	and annexures submitted to the EAP.	• All communications between WKH and the EAP will be submitted
•	In terms of the Gazette 8402 of 2024 and per section 4 (1)(b) of the	to the MC at MME and the EC at MEFT for their review.
	Local Authorities Act, 1992 the boundaries of the local authority of Windhoek have been altered to add Farm Koanus No. 121, Portion A of Farm Stolzenfeld No. 89, the remaining extent of Altz-Farm Stolzenfeld No. 442, Farm Waldburg No. 82, Portion 1 of Farm Elisenhohe No. 88 and the remaining extent of Farm Elisenhohe No.	• This comment has been noted and the potential impact will be assessed in the socio-economic study as part of the detailed environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA).



88. This development has resulted in the value of the farms increasing significantly, which value will be severely diminished should this project be allowed to continue.

### **Additional Studies**

- We herewith request that the following studies be performed to address our Clients' concerns, and look forward to receipt of all studies done or to be done regarding the project:
  - hydraulic study;
  - geo-hydraulic study;
  - o aquatic study;
  - acid drainage study;
  - an environmental impact assessment of the harbour to be used for exportation of the products produced;
  - $\circ$  land use assessment; and
  - $\circ \quad$  geochemical assessment both static and kinetic

## **Additional Studies**

- This comment has been noted.
- The requested hydraulic and geo-hydraulic studies have been commissioned and the outcomes of those assessments will form part of the ESIA.
- An aquatic study has not been deemed necessary as per the findings of the scoping study. However, should you possess more information as to why this study is vital, please do share that with the EAP.
- A geochemical study will be commissioned of which potential acid drainage impacts will be assessed. The outcomes of that assessment will form part of the ESIA.
- The harbour does not form part of the scope for this Project and therefore, any potential impacts to the harbour due to the exportation of the products produced will not be assessed in this assessment. However, should you possess more information as to why this study is vital, please do share that with the EAP.
- A soil and land use study has been commissioned and the outcomes of that assessment will form part of the ESIA.
- A geochemical assessment will be commissioned that will include static testing. Based on the results of the static testing, further



<u>Graves</u> There are	graves located at the Ou huis Post, corner of M 51 & D 1458	<ul> <li>kinetic testing will be conducted if deemed necessary. The outcomes of the geochemical assessment will form part of the ESIA.</li> <li>Graves</li> <li>A heritage and cultural study has been commissioned and the outcomes of that assessment will form part of the ESIA. The Heritage Impact Assessment Specialist commissioned has been made aware of this comment.</li> </ul>
<u>General (</u>	<u>Concerns</u>	<u>General concerns</u>
Our client	ts would like to reiterate the following concerns to be taken	• A socio-economic study has been commissioned and the impact
into accou	unt:	of the Project on employment and tourism will be assessed as part
0	mass loss of employment;	of that study and will form part of the ESIA.
0	damage to the vibrant tourism industry in the area, which is	
	a valuable part of the Namibian economy	study to assess the viability and feasibility of the Project. The
0	viability and feasibility concerns of an iron ore mine in the	
	areas in question, especially in light of similar activities	once complete.
	previously attempted be undertaken in said area.	



# 4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Through the ESIA process, the Proponent and ECC have endeavoured to provide a platform to hear and address all relevant comments put forward by I&APs. ECC would like to thank the I&APs and stakeholders for providing feedback during the scoping phase of the ESIA process.

We acknowledge and appreciate the time required to review these documents and ECC genuinely appreciates the input provided by I&APS. ECC acknowledges that constructive feedback results in an improved ESIA and a project that is understood by the community and I&APs.



## **APPENDIX A – LETTERS RECEIVED FROM I&APS**



Matt Totten <mtotten@eccenvironmental.com>

### Fwd: JINDAL IRON ORE PROJECT ON EPLS 4013 AND 4194

 
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 <info@eccenvironmental.com>, Abe Malherbe <malherbe@wkh-law.com>
 Fri, May 24, 2024 at 9:15 AM

Good Day,

Trust you are well.

- Please see attached hereto our letter submitted to the Commissioner of Mines, for your records.
   Kindly furnish us with a reply to our letter sent on 15 April 2024.

Sincerely.

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Figure 1 - WKH email sent to ECC on the 24th of May 2024.



# LETTER TO THE MME MINING COMMISSIONER SENT FROM WKH LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ON 16 JULY 2024:

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16 July 2024

The Commissioner of Mines Ministry of Mines 6 Aviation Road Windhoek Namibia Our Ref: JL/102979 Reply To: <u>commercial secretary@wkh-law.com</u> Enquiries: Ilga van Wyk Your Ref: EPLS 4013, 4194 ATT: Isabella Chirchir

Dear Madam

### RE: EPL 4013 and EPL 4194

- Our letter dated 24 April 2024 bears reference and we confirm that we are still awaiting a formal response thereto.
- We confirm that we continue act on behalf of Mr. R.D. Wirtz ("Client"), who has instructed us to address this letter to you.
- We confirm that we received the Ministry's file contents for EPL 4013, but not for EPL 4194.
- 4. After perusing the file contents, the following facts have become evident.

	Application date	Term (Dates)	Term (years)	Area (ha)
Original application	6 March 2008	19 June 2008 - 18 June 2011	3	30 000
1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal	13 June 2011	19 June 2011 - 18 June 2013	2	30 000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal	25 March 2013	19 June 2013 – 18 June 2015	2	30 000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Renewal	9 May 2015	19 June 2015 - 18 June 2017	2	30 000
4 <sup>th</sup> Renewal	22 March 2017	19 June 2017 - 18 June 2019	2	29 964 7296

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5 <sup>th</sup> Renewal	22 May 2019	26 March 2020 - 25 March 2022	2	21 679.9218
6 <sup>th</sup> Renewal	28 January 2022	7 November 2022 – 6 November 2024	2	21 679.9218

- According to the Ministry's file, the expiry date of EPL 4013 is 6 November 2024. However, according to the Ministry's Cadastre Map, it only expires on 25 March 2025.
- Section 71 of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act, 1992 ("Act") states the following:
  - (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, an exclusive prospecting licence shall be valid
    - (a) for such period, not exceeding three years, as may be determined by the Minister at the time of the granting of such licence; and
    - (b) for such further periods, not exceeding two years at a time, as may be determined by the Minister at the time of the renewal of such licence as from the date on which such licence would have expired if an application for its renewal had not been made.
  - (2) An exclusive prospecting licence shall not be renewed on more than two occasions, unless the Minister deems it desirable in the interests of the development of the mineral resources of Namibia that an exclusive prospecting licence be renewed in any particular case on a third or subsequent occasion.
- 7. Thus, in terms of section 71 of the Act, an exclusive prospecting licence may not be granted for a period exceeding 3 years, and thereafter, the exclusive prospecting licence may be renewed only twice for periods not exceeding 2 (two) years at a time, save where the Minister deems it appropriate to renew an exclusive prospecting licence for a third or subsequent time.
- EPL 4013 was evidently renewed 6 times for periods of 2 years each, and it appears that a 7<sup>th</sup> renewal took place for a period of 4 months, causing EPL 4013 to expire in March 2025.
- 9. Furthermore, section 72(1)(b) of the Act states the following:

An application for the renewal of an exclusive prospecting licence shall not be made

- (i) in the case of a first application for the renewal of such licence, in respect of any land greater to extent than 75 per cent of the prospecting area in respect of which such licence has been issued; or
- (ii) in the case of any other application for the renewal of such licence, in respect of any land greater in extent than 50 per cent of the prospecting area existing at the date of such application



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without the approval of the Minister, granted in the interest of the development of the mineral resources of Namibia and on good cause shown by the holder of the exclusive prospecting licence in question.

- Thus, the first renewal of an EPL may only be for 75% of its prospecting area, and any subsequent renewal may only be for 50% of the prospecting area of the previous renewal.
- 11. EPL 4013 was renewed 3 (three) times for 100% of its prospecting area. Its 4<sup>th</sup> renewal was for a size of 99.88% of the prospecting area. Its 5<sup>th</sup> renewal was for a size of 72.35% of the prospecting area. Its 6<sup>th</sup> renewal was again for 100% of the prospecting area.
- 12. The renewal of EPL 4013 by the then Mining Commissioner shows a blatant disregard for the law, and the Mining Commissioner acted *ultra vires* in that he acted beyond the scope of his powers and authority by –
  - 12.1. renewing EPL 4013 6 times, where the Act only allows for 2 renewals, and
  - 12.2. renewing EPL 4013 for prospecting area sizes which are contrary to the prescribed sizes contained the Act;

without the requisite and prescribed approval granted by the Minister.

13. In the premises, please provide us with -

- the approval granted by the Minister contemplated in section 71(2) and 72(1)(b) of the Act, and
- the signed and approved minutes of the relevant meetings where such approval was granted,

within 30 days of receipt of this letter, failing which our Client will approach the High Court of Namibia for the setting aside of the granting of all renewals of EPL 4013, as well as launching a formal investigation of corruption into the Ministry of Mines and Energy.

 Our Client reserves his right pursue any other action available in terms of any other laws, and furthermore reserves his right to institute any action it deems fit in relation to EPL 4194.

Kind regards,

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Figure 2 - Letter to the MME Mining Commissioner sent from WKH Legal Practitioners on 16 July 2024.



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Our Ref: MAT102979 Reply To: commercial.secretary@wkh-law.com Enquiries: Ilga van Wyk Your Ref: ECC-148-464-LET-07-A

Dear Sir/Madam.

KLEIN WINDHOEK

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

CONSULTANCY (PTY) LTD

- SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT AND PRELIMINARY EMP FOR RE: THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE JINDAL IRON ORE MINE ON EPLS 4194 AND 4013, KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA.
- We refer to the above as well as your email, scoping report, and annexures thereto, 1. dated 12 July 2024.
  - We confirm that we continue to act herein on behalf of Mr. Robert Douglas Wirtz (our "Client").

### LETTER TO COMMISSIONER OF MINES

- 3. We attach hereto our letter submitted to the Commissioner of Mines on the 17th of July 2024
- To date, we have not received any reply to letters sent to the Commissioner of Mines, 4 despite following up on a regular basis.
  - Sub-regulations 4(c) and (d) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations GN 30/2012, (the "Regulations") provide that an EAP must -
    - "(c) comply with the Act, these regulations, guidelines and other applicable laws and
    - (d) disclose to the proponent, competent authority and the Environmental Commissioner all material information in the possession of the EAP that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing
      - any decision to be taken with respect to the application in terms of the Act (1) and these regulations; or
      - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by the EAP (11) in terms of the Act and these regulations" (emphasis added).

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 As such, we look forward to receipt of proof of such disclosure and trust that you will consider these material issues with the appropriate level of urgency.

### SCOPING REPORT

- Sub-regulation 8(a) of the Regulations provides that a scoping report must include "the curriculum vitae of the EAP who prepared the report". We have not been able to locate the curriculum vitae in the scoping report or annexures thereto.
- 8. Sub-regulation 8(f)(iv) of the Regulations provides that a scoping report must include -

"details of the public consultation process conducted in terms of regulation 7(1) in connection with the application, including -

- (iv) a <u>summary of the issues raised by interested and affected parties</u>, the date of receipt of and the response of the EAP to those issues" (emphasis added).
- Neiter the scoping report nor the annexures thereto contain the issues raised in our letter dated 15 April 2024 or the email sent to you on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2024.
- 10. Kindly provide proof that the above requirements have been complied with.

Sincerely,

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### Figure 3 - Letter to ECC sent from WKH Legal Practitioners on 18 July 2024.



# MC RESPONSE LETTER TO WKH ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> OF JULY 2024:



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All official correspondence must be addressed to the Executive Director

### Figure 4 - MC response letter to WKH on the 22nd of July 2024.



# WKH RESPONSE LETTER TO MC ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 2024:





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- Following the above, kindly provide us, in respect of <u>both</u> the decision to approve the Renewals as well as the decision which lead to the Non-Reduction of the Prospecting Area, with -
  - the approval granted by the Minister contemplated in section 71(2) and 72(1)(b) of the Act, and
  - the signed and approved minutes of the relevant meetings where such approval was granted,

within 30 days of receipt of this letter, failing which our Client will approach the High Court of Namibia for the setting aside of the granting of all renewals of EPL 4013.

 Our Client reserves his right pursue any other action available in terms of any other laws, and furthermore reserves his right to institute any action it deems fit in relation to EPL 4194.

Kind regards,

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Figure 5 - WKH response letter to MC on the 30th of July 2024.



5 AUGUST 2024 ECC RESPONSE LETTER TO WKH LEGAL PRACTITIONERS' 18 JULY 2024 LETTER:

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ECC-148-464-LET-28 5 August 2024

ATT: Mrs. Moolman and Ms. Louw on behalf of Mr. Robert Douglas Wirtz of Farm Koanus PO Box 864/822 Windhoek Namibia

Without prejudice

Dear Madams,

RE: SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT AND PRELIMINARY EMP FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE JINDAL IRON ORE MINE ON EPLS 4194 AND 4013, KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA.

- 1. We refer to your above 18 July 2024 letter.
- We acknowledge you act on behalf of your client, Mr. Robert Douglas Wirtz who is a registered Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) for the proposed Jindal Iron Ore Mine on EPLs 4194 and 4013 within the Khomas Region, Namibia (herein after referred to as "the Project").
- 3. We confirm receipt of your 17 July 2024 letter to the Mining Commissioner.
- 4. With regard to sub-regulations 4(c) and (d) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations GN 30/2012, (the "Regulations"), we hereby confirm that we comply with the Act, these regulations, guidelines and other applicable laws, and disclose to the proponent, competent authority and the Environmental Commissioner all material information in our possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing any decision to be taken with respect to the application in terms of the Act and these regulations.
- Kindly specify what information you would like us to provide you with regarding your request for "proof of such disclosure" with reference to point number 4 above.
- 6. Regarding Sub-regulation 8(a) of the Regulations providing that the scoping report must include "the curriculum vitae (CV) of the EAP who prepared the report", please see the requested EAP CV attached. Also, please note that EAPs are required to submit their CV's to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) via the online MEFT portal when uploading the Project final scoping report.

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Notwithstanding the fact that the CVs are submitted to Government with the submission of the application as mentioned above; we do concede that the draft scoping report issued to the public did not have the EAP CV attached. We are committed to ensuring that the process of the application is followed, and that the intention of meaningful public consultation and engagement is undertaken throughout the impact assessment process. Therefore, we hereby wish to advise that the scoping report will be reissued for a further 7 day public review period to include the EAP curriculum vitae annexure. We thank you for bringing this to our attention.

- 7. With regard to your claim that there were material issues raised in your 15 April 2024 letter and 24 May 2024 email that should have been included in the Project Public Consultation document, please note the following points:
  - 7.1. Dr. Weder, Kauta & Hoveka Inc. (WKH) has not made a request to register as a Project I≈ as you are not registered as I&AP, nor did you inform us that your communication to our office was intended to form part of the official record of the impact assessment for the project, your letter and email were not included in the public consultation record, for that reason.
    - 7.1.1. However, in response to your instruction in the above-mentioned letter, we did register your client as an I&AP for the Project.
    - 7.1.2. Should WKH wish to register as an I&AP for the Project, please complete and submit the attached I&AP registration form.
    - 7.1.3. Should WKH register as an I&AP for the Project, and should you request it, we will include your aforementioned letter and email to ECC, and our responses thereof, in the revised scoping report's Public Consultation Register.
  - 7.2. Your 15 April 2024 letter made a list of direct requests from ECC relating to providing you evidence of public consultation, which we responded to in our 24 May 2024 letter and provided all evidence of such requests and details thereof. There has been no acknowledgment of our letter nor further requests or questions, therefore we assume you are satisfied with the information provided.
  - 7.3. For the record we note that we responded to, and willingly engaged with you in response to your requests, as set out below:
    - 7.3.1. Request to register your client as an I&AP, which we did on 15 April 2024.

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## Addendum to the scoping report -Jindal Iron Ore Mine Project on EPLs 4194 and 4013

Jindal Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd.

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- 7.3.2. Request to provide proof of compliance with sub-regulation 21(2), which we provided in our 24 May 2024 response letter.
- 7.3.3. Request for access to the register of I&APs in terms of sub-regulation 22(2), which we provided in our 24 May 2024 response letter.
- 7.3.4. Your statement regarding sub-regulation 21(3)(b)(i), which we responded to in our 24 May 2024 response letter.
- 7.4. As your 24 May 2024 email only made the following statement and direct request, these items were not included as comments in the Project's Public Comment Register:
  - 7.4.1. Notification of sending your 24 April 2024 letter to the Mining Commissioner.
  - 7.4.2. A request to provide you with a response letter to you 15 April 2024 letter, which we did on 24 May 2024.
- Should you or your client have any further questions or require more information about the proposed Project or ESIA process, please do not hesitate to contact ECC.

Yours sincerely,

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Figure 6 - 5 August 2024 ECC Response Letter to WKH Legal Practitioners' 18 July 2024 Letter.



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### Dear Sir/Madam,

- RF-SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT AND PRELIMINARY EMP FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE JINDAL IRON ORE MINE ON EPLS 4194 AND 4013, KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA.
- We refer to the above, your letter dated 5 August 2024, as well as your email 1 and scoping report dated 13 August 2024.
- We confirm that we continue to act herein on behalf of Mr. Robert Douglas 2 Wirtz, the owner of Farm Koanus Number 121, and that we have furthermore been authorised to represent herein Antje Kesselmann of Progress Farming Co (Pty) Ltd, the owner of Farm Progress Number 506; Rainer Halenke, the owner of Farm Hohenau Number 81; Johan Kotze of Marula Game Ranch, the owner of Farm Wolfsgrund Number 122, Farm Rainhof Number 123, and FarmOtjimukona Number 532; and Jorn, the owner of Farm Grasland Number 80 and Farm Neu Bismark Number 426 (our "Clients").
- 3. We herewith submit that the contents of this letter are intended to form part of the official record of the impact assessment for the project described above.
- 4. We attach our I&AP Registration Form hereto as Annexure "A".

### CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF MINES

- We attach hereto our letter submitted to the Commissioner of Mines dated 16 5. July 2024, their reply dated 22 July, and our further response dated 30 July 2024 as Annexures "B", "C", and "D",
- Sub-regulations 4(c) and (d) of the Environmental Impact Assessment 6 Regulations, Government Gazette No. 4878 of 2012, GN 30/2012, (the "Regulations") provide that an EAP must -

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- "(c) comply with the Act, these regulations, guidelines and <u>other applicable</u> laws and
- (d) <u>disclose</u> to the proponent, competent authority and the Environmental Commissioner <u>all material information</u> in the possession of the EAP that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing –
  - any decision to be taken with respect to the application in terms of the Act and these regulations; or
  - (ii) the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by the EAP in terms of the Act and these regulations" (emphasis added).
- 7. As such, we look forward to receipt of proof of disclosure of the contents of this letter, as well as the letters addressed to the Commissioner of Mines, made to the Environmental Commissioner, and trust that you will consider these issues with the appropriate level of urgency.
- Due to the material irregularities associated with the EPLs, we may institute formal legal action against the Commissioner of Mines. We continue to engage with the Commissioner of Mines on a regular basis in this regard.

### SCOPING REPORT AND CONCERNS

 Sub-regulation 8(f)(iv) of the Regulations provides that a scoping report must include -

"details of the public consultation process conducted in terms of regulation 7(1) in

connection with the application, including -

- (iv) a <u>summary of the issues raised by interested and affected parties</u>, the date of receipt of and the response of the EAP to those issues" (emphasis added).
- 10. Kindly revise the scoping report and the annexures thereto by including the issues raised in our letter dated 15 April 2024, the email sent to you on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2024, and the contents of this letter.

### Local Authority Area

11. In terms of Government Gazette No. 8402 of 2024, GN 209/2024, as per section 4(1)(b) of the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act No. 23 of 1992), the boundaries of the local authority area of Windhoek have been altered by adding Farm Koanus No. 121, Portion A of Farm Stolzenfeld No. 89, the remaining extent of Altz-Farm Stolzenfeld No. 442, Farm Waldburg No. 82, Portion 1 of Farm Elisenhohe No. 88 and the remaining extent of Farm



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Elisenhohe No. 88. We have attached an extract of the Government Gazette hereto as Annexure "E" for your convenience.

- This development has resulted in the value of the farms increasing significantly, which value will be severely diminished should this project be allowed to continue.
- We trust that you will treat this development and the legal consequences which flow therefrom with the appropriate attention.

### **Additional Studies**

- 14. We herewith request that the following studies be performed to address our Clients' concerns, and look forward to receipt of all studies done or to be done regarding the project:
  - 14.1. hydraulic study;
  - 14.2. geo-hydraulic study;
  - 14.3. aquatic study;
  - 14.4. acid drainage study;
  - an environmental impact assessment of the harbour to be used for exportation of the products produced;
  - 14.6. land use assessment; and
  - 14.7. geochemical assessment both static and kinetic.

### Graves

15. There are graves located at the Ou huis Post, corner of M 51 & D 1458.

### General Concerns

- Our Clients would like to reiterate the following concerns to be taken into account:
  - 16.1. mass loss of employment;
  - damage to the vibrant tourism industry in the area, which is a valuable part of the Namibian economy;



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- 16.3. viability and feasibility concerns of an iron ore mine in the area in question, especially in light of similar activities previously attempted to be undertaken in said area.
- 17. We look forward to receipt of the revised final scoping report.

Sincerely,

DR WEDER, KAUTA & HOVEKA INC PER: JA LOUW



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Figure 7 - WKH Letter sent to ECC on the 20th of August 2024 via email.



# **I&AP Comments Letter sent to ECC on 5 July 2024:**

Concerns for Progress # 506

- 1. about 30 graves from the previous century
- 2. complete destruction of environment to operate exclusive hunting safaris
- 3. loss of natural surroundings to operate guest farm for international tourists
- 4. drop of water level of entire area
- 5. large scale water & aquifer contamination
- 6. large scale air & dust pollution ( also for international airport )
- 7. sharp increase in poaching, trespassing
- 8. sharp increase in criminal activities
- 9. loss of our family home for 40 years (40+ family members )
- 10. loss of farmyard to operate our park & fly business
- 11. our workers and their families loose their homes (about 20 people)
- 12. loss of our entire cattle farming operation, running in excellent condition for over 40 years
- 13. loss of our ability to produce food for Namibia
- 14.10 employees loose their permanent work
- 15. significant noise pollution, spoiling our country environment
- 16. impact on gravel road M51
- 17. loss of private airfield for flying
- 18. current lifestyle estate plans in the pipeline now impossible
- 19. loss of fencing, infrastructure, buildings, pipelines, water installations
- 20. loss of cheetah habitat, vulture breeding pairs, red hartebeest birth grounds, game in general
- 21. what assurance do we have that local Namibians and NOT foreigners / Mauritians / Indians will be employed?
- 22. In the past, during the initial prospecting phase, Jindal lost the court case due to numerous transgressions. So if that is their track record, how will the rest going to be?
- 23. blasting process's impact on buildings, the international airport and its effect on tourism as the biggest contributor to GDP
- 24. concern about the ability to rehabilitate the area at the end of the mining phase

Figure 8 - I&AP Comments Letter sent to ECC on 5 July 2024.