



## NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

### EIA FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 9924 AND EPL 10131, WITHIN THE NAMIB NAUKLUFT NATIONAL PARK IN THE ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA

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GIZ Global Project "Strengthening National Implementation of Global Biodiversity Targets"

**TENDER INVITATION**

**Development of a Country Case Study on the alignment of climate change (UNFCCC/NDC) and biodiversity (CBD/NBSAP) agendas**

The GIZ Global Project "Strengthening National Implementation of Global Biodiversity Targets" is supporting countries in developing and implementing their third national biodiversity strategy and action plans in line with requirements of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) is one of the partners of this global project.

The global project is currently commissioning a multi-country case study report – including Namibia – that will examine synergies, gaps and opportunities how to align effectively national climate change and biodiversity agendas. Key processes and products of international conventions for climate and biodiversity (UNFCCC and CBD), such as the development of National Determined Contributions (NDC) under the UNFCCC and national biodiversity strategies and actions plans (NBSAP) under the CBD and their alignment will be a focus of analysis. The overall objective of the country case study is to provide recommendations for national and local stakeholders (Ministries, civil society etc.) how best to make use of synergies and concrete opportunities for Namibia.

**THE CONTRACTOR WILL ANALYZE:**

- Potential interlinkages and contradictions between climate change and biodiversity and relevant frameworks
- Targets and priority areas for enhancing synergies between biodiversity and climate change
- Opportunities and risks for linking NBSAP/NDC implementation with other relevant national development strategies
- Areas for strengthening NBSAP/NDC implementation in selected sectors GIZ is hereby inviting eligible and professional consultant companies, think tanks and individual consultants with advanced technical and political experience in the areas of climate change and biodiversity policies to submit their bids in conducting the Namibian country case study.



The details of the required services are described in the Terms of reference which are obtainable from the email address mentioned below.

**This tender is open to local firms/individual consultants only**

**Terms of Reference are to be requested via email from: [NA\\_Inquiry@giz.de](mailto:NA_Inquiry@giz.de)**  
**Please quote ref. no. 83467440 as your reference in the email subject line.**

**Deadline for tender submission: 19th July 2024 at 16h00**

**Proposals must be hand-delivered to the following address:**  
**Procurement Unit, GIZ-Office Namibia, No. 88 John Meinert Street, Windhoek West.**

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

**AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK**

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**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LAND REFORM**

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)**

**NAMIBIA**

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANT**

**NAMIBIA WATER SECTOR SUPPORT PROGRAM**

**Financing Agreement reference: 5800155002303**  
**Program ID No.: P-NA-E00-005**

**The Government of the Republic of Namibia has received financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) toward the cost of the Namibia Water Sector Support Program and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this loan/grant to payments to Project Implementation Assistance for the program under the contract for a Financial Management Technical Assistant (FMTA).**

The services included under this project will be for all financial management related matters for the project and the FMTA will be an integral member of the Program Implementation Team (PIT) reporting to the PIT Programme Coordinator. The Financial Management TA will carry out functions in accordance with the Financial Management framework and disbursement procedures specified in the Loan and Grant Agreement, project documents (i.e. Project Appraisal Report/Technical Annexes) as outlined in the African Development Bank Guidelines (hereafter referred to as the Guidelines). The work of the FMTA will be overseen by the Director of Finance in the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR).

The MAWLR invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (cover letter, curriculum vitae, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.)

**The Scope of Services for the consultant includes, but are not limited to the following:**

- Consolidation of the Annual Work Plans and Budgets for the project, including preparation of annual project administrative budgets.
- Maintaining books of accounts for the project consistency with international account standards, project description and cost tables.
- Ensuring that all accounting records and bank accounts are up-to-date using software acceptable to the African Development Bank.
- Preparing monthly Bank Reconciliation for all bank accounts, including timely justification of the Special Account.
- Preparing withdrawal applications: direct payments, replenishments of special accounts.
- Preparation of quarterly financial report in a format acceptable to the Bank. The quarterly financial reports should be submitted to the Bank within 45 days of the end of the quarter.
- Preparation of annual financial statements in a format acceptable to the Bank and the MAWLR.
- Update of the Project Implementation Manual where necessary.
- Follow up on counterpart funding from Government.
- Ensure that the financial procedures manual is applied in all financial transactions and to see to its update on a regular basis. This manual will indicate inter alia, approval procedures and signing off thresholds for the release of funds.

**Duration of the assignment is anticipated to take eighteen months (18) and the Place of assignment is to be Windhoek, Namibia.**

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations" dated October 2015", which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below **during office hours between 08h00 and 17h00 local time.**

Expressions of interest must be delivered (by email or by physical submission) to the address below by **20 June 2024 at 11h00 local time and marked "Expression of Interest for Financial Management Technical Assistant for the Namibia Water Sector Support Program"**.

Attn: **Directorate of Water Supply and Sanitation Coordination**  
**Chimwanga Maseka (Program Coordinator Technical Assistant)**  
**Government Office Park, Room 309**  
**Luther Street**  
**Private Bag 13184, Windhoek, Namibia.**

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### VACANCY

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NB: Please note that all relevant qualifications (Namibian qualifications included) must be recently certified and verified by the Institution where it was obtained or the NQA. For more information regarding evaluation of qualifications, please visit [www.namqa.org](http://www.namqa.org)



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The positive growth at Namibia's leading telecommunications company, MTC, now seeks a candidate in the following vacancy:

## General Manager: Product Solutions E3

The incumbent will report to the Chief Commercial Officer.

### Job Competencies:

The role is responsible for maintaining MTC's revenue streams by developing and marketing appropriate products & services through strategic product planning and execution throughout the lifecycle of the business.

- Develop, enhance the product, enterprise, and roaming strategy, and lead the implementation of the department objectives as per the defined strategy.
- Research and maintain a keen understanding of industry trends affecting customers by analyzing current efforts and make appropriate recommendations regarding product, enterprise, and roaming strategy.
- Identify existing and new markets for products and services and pro-actively analyse competitor strategies which could impact revenue growth for Mobile Telecommunications limited.
- Negotiate externally with suppliers on products, discounts, as well as launch dates in collaboration with the Chief Commercial Officer.
- Recommend how MTC can offer new products through existing and new systems to ultimately increase revenue growth.
- Develop future products and services in line with trends and market requirements to pro-actively obtain information that can be translated into product enhancements.
- Ensure objectives are met by team through monitoring performance, identifying training needs and providing input into the approval of appointments and promotions of staff in the section to ensure the appropriate skills mix in liaison with the Human Capital Department.
- Budget for and control the expenditure of the department.

### Qualifications and Personal Competencies:

- Bachelor's degree in Business / Commerce / IT / Communication or 3-year related equivalent.
- Relevant postgraduate / Master's degree is advantageous.
- Work experience leading product management and product development in the telecommunications industry (preferably mobile and enterprise) for at least 8 years.
- At least 10 years' work experience within an ICT Telecoms environment.
- At least 3 years' experience within a Marketing Commercial environment.
- 5 years' experience with relevant IT based enterprise solutions.
- In depth knowledge of developing enterprise solutions based on a telco point of view both Fixed and Mobile as well as converged solutions.
- In depth knowledge of Hosted Enterprise solutions such as cloud-based services and solutions.
- Excellent project management skills, including project structuring and managing multiple work streams Independently.
- Must have a valid driver's licence.
- Must be a Namibian citizen or have permanent residency.

**Application Closing Date: Friday, 12 JULY 2024**

Submissions should contain a comprehensive CV supported by a motivation (cover) letter, as well as qualifications, and should be addressed as follows:

**Application: (Please state clearly which position you are applying for)**

**Att:** Human Resource Practitioner, Alexis Barry,

For electronic applications, apply via the recruitment website <https://jobopportunities.net/>

Please note that no hand delivered applications will be accepted.

**NB:** Only short listed candidates will be contacted and NO CVs or documents will be returned.

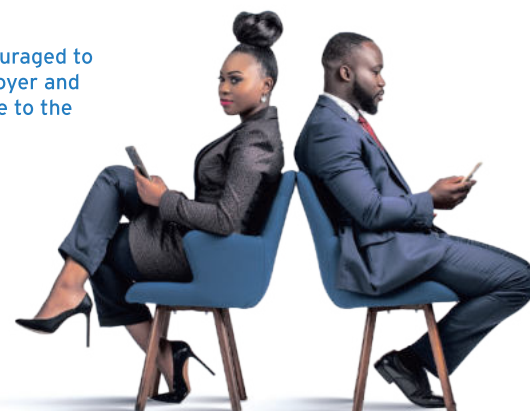
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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

19 June 2024

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Gib Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd (Gib Mining) intends to conduct exploration activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) 9924 and EPL 10131 situated east of Swakopmund, and south of the existing Langer Heinrich Uranium Mine within the Namib Naukluft National Park (NNNP) in the Erongo Region, Namibia (see Figure 1). The two EPLs constitute a total surface area of 1,535 ha (EPL 9924) and 3,227 ha (EPL 10131) respectively, but exploration activities will be limited to their targeted areas only.

The exploration activities planned during Phase 1 entail ground radiometric surveys, airborne radiometric, electromagnetic surveys and some grab sampling for geochemical analysis.

After the targets have been delineated, and deemed worthy of follow up, ground-based surveys entailing drilling and rehabilitation of the disturbed areas are planned during Phase 2.

### 2. ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

Prior to the commencement of the proposed exploration activities, environmental clearance is required from the Directorate of Environmental Affairs (DEA) of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT), based on an approved environmental impact assessment (EIA) process, in terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 and its associated regulations of 2012.

An EIA process will be conducted in terms of the above-mentioned legislation. Application for two Environmental Clearance Certificates (ECCs) and a parallel EIA process has been registered on the EIA online portal of the MEFT. The Application Forms will also be submitted to the competent authority, the Office of the Mining Commissioner at the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME), who will review the application and relevant reports and submit their comments to the MEFT. A final decision relating to the application will be made by the DEA of the MEFT.

Depending on the decision by the MME and MEFT, the ECC will be issued to Gib Mining, who then is accountable for the implementation of an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for each of the two EPLs.

Namisun Environmental Projects and Development (Namisun) has been appointed by Gib Mining as the independent environmental assessment practitioner to undertake the EIA process for the proposed exploration activities and preparation of amongst others, the EIA Scoping Reports and EMPs.

### 3. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document has been prepared by Namisun to inform you about:

- The proposed exploration activities (Section 5).
- The EIA process (Section 6).
- Potential environmental issues (i.e., aspects and potential impacts) (Section 7).
- How you can register as an interested and affected party (I&AP) (Sections 4 and 8).

### 4. PARTICIPATION IN THE EIA PROCESS

Public participation is an essential part of the EIA process. If you want to register as an I&AP and have input into the EIA process, please refer to the box below. All comments / questions / concerns will be recorded and addressed in the EIA process.

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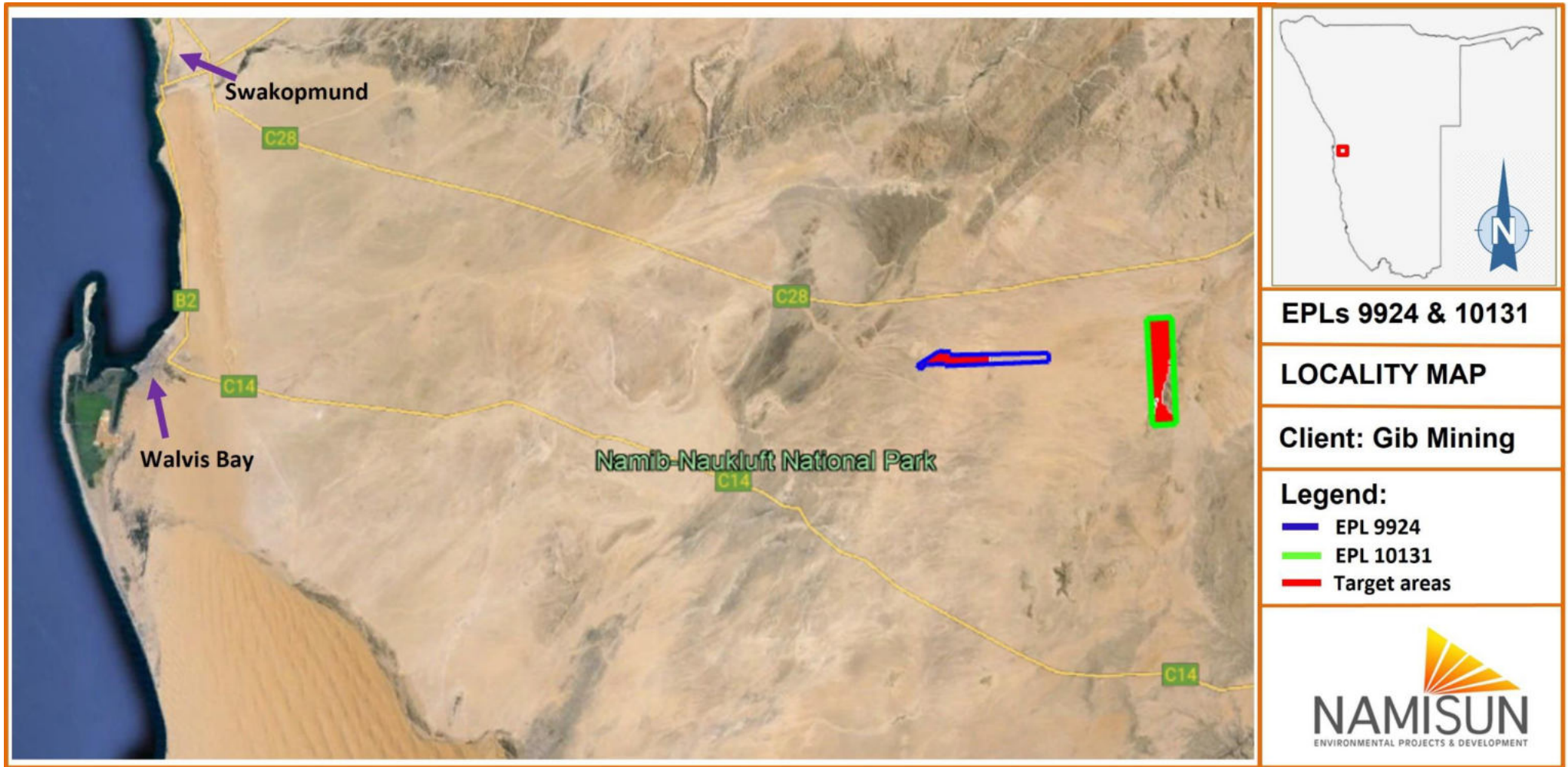


FIGURE 1: LOCATION OF EPL 9924 AND EPL 10131

## 5. THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON THE TWO EPLS

Gib Mining proposes to undertake exploration activities on EPL 9924 and EPL 10131 for nuclear fuel minerals.

### 1. Exploration activities

The proposed exploration activities will be similar for both EPLs, as described below:

#### Phase 1

Initial exploration activities proposed during this phase include the following:

- Ground radiometric surveys – to detect any mineralization in the area.
- Airborne radiometric and electromagnetic surveys
- Grab sampling – the collection of soil and rock samples for a geochemical analysis – might be done as well.

#### Phase 2

Depending on the Phase 1 results, target areas will be delineated. Some additional exploration activities are proposed during this phase:

- Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling. Depending on what is intercepted, it is likely to be RC drilling only as this is a calcrete target. Diamond drilling is therefore unlikely.

Post-drilling activities entail the rehabilitation of the disturbed areas.

### 2. Machinery / vehicles

During Phase 1 one pick-up truck will be used. Exploration will be done on foot and without making any new access roads / tracks.

During Phase 2 two pick-up trucks, one drill rig, one support truck for rods and one fuel truck will be used.

### 3. Employment

It is anticipated that only one person, a geologist, will conduct work during Phase 1.

During Phase 2 the following personnel will be employed to carry out the exploration activities:

- 1 x geologist
- 10 x drilling operators (if drilling is justified by the results obtained during Phase 1).

### 4. Accommodation

No person will be allowed to stay onsite afterhours. Personnel will stay in Swakopmund (or elsewhere) and transported to and back from site daily.

### 5. Water supply

Drinking water will be transported from Swakopmund to the field daily.

If the project demands a bigger water need during Phase 2, a water tanker will transport water to site. The necessary authorizations will be arranged in such a case.

### 6. Power supply

The equipment required for drilling have their own power supply and or fixed generators. No electricity is needed for any other purpose.

### 7. Fuel supply and storage

Diesel is the main consumable. However, no diesel will be stored onsite. A fuel truck will bring diesel to site for refuelling of the stationery equipment.

All vehicles will make use of the fuel station(s) in Swakopmund to refuel.

### 8. Waste

All refuse generated will be contained and removed from site daily.

Drip trays will be placed under all stationery equipment and during refuelling. Any oil spill will be scooped into bags and taken to a permitted disposal site.

Once a drilling site is established, a portable toilet will be placed onsite to ensure that sewage is contained and disposed of (off-site) appropriately.

### 9. Access routes

Only existing access routes will be used during Phase 1 and all exploration onsite will be done on foot.

The main access to the sites will be via the C28 and D1982 roads (see Figure 1). During Phase 2, access roads will be required which will be rehabilitated after completion of the exploration activities, together with all other disturbed sites.

## 6. EIA PROCESS

The main objectives of the EIA process are to:

- Provide information on the proposed exploration activities and infrastructure.
- Describe the current environment where the project will be situated.
- Identify, in consultation with I&APs, potential negative and positive environmental aspects.

- Assess the associated potential environmental impacts of the proposed exploration activities.
- Develop EIA Scoping (including Impact Assessment) Report(s) and EMPs (i.e. for each EPL respectively) to ensure management and mitigation measures are implemented during the execution of the activities, to avoid or minimise impacts as far as possible.

The likely steps and timeframes of the EIA process are provided in Table 1 and the steps on the process are illustrated in Figure 2.

## 7. KEY ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

Potential environmental issues associated with the proposed activities, taking into account that the EPLs are located within the NNNP, include:

- Biodiversity: Physical destruction and general disturbance of vegetation, fauna and sensitive habitats because of the ground-based exploration activities; disturbance of fauna as a result of airborne surveys.
- Waste: Management of waste generated from the exploration activities.
- Water: Potential surface and groundwater contamination from hydrocarbon spillages during the execution of some exploration activities.
- Heritage: Possible impact / losses of historical, archaeological, or paleontological resources.
- Socio-economic: Potential negative impacts on current land use activities, nuisance-related impacts created by noise, dust and visual disturbances; positive impacts relating to investment and job creation.

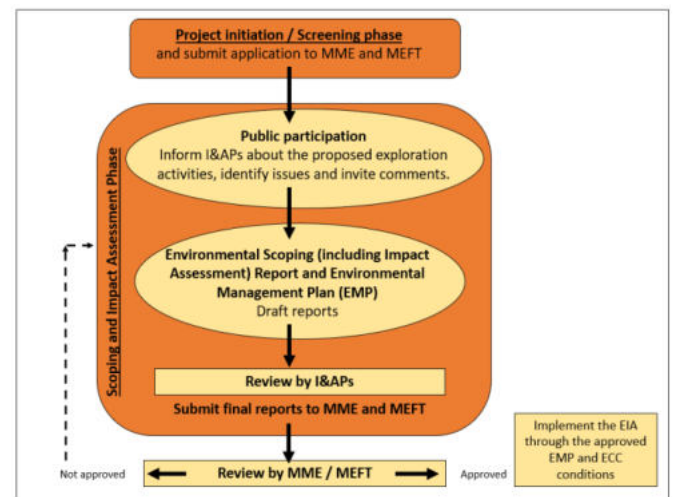
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**TABLE 1: EIA PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES.**

STEPS IN THE EIA PROCESS	
<b>PHASE I: Project initiation and internal screening (June 2024)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EIA project initiation.</li> <li>• Notify MME and MEFT through the submission of the EIA Application Forms and online registration.</li> <li>• Identify key stakeholders.</li> <li>• Site visit and identify environmental issues.</li> <li>• Notify other regulatory authorities and I&amp;APs of the proposed project (via newspaper advertisements, this document, emails, site notices).</li> <li>• Arrange and conduct key stakeholder focus group meetings.</li> </ul>	
<b>PHASE II – Combined scoping and assessment phase and EMPs (July to August 2024)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry out specialist investigations, if any.</li> <li>• Assess the potential impacts of the proposed activities (including assessment reports and EMPs).</li> <li>• Distribute the EIA reports for review and comment by regulatory authorities and I&amp;APs.</li> <li>• Consider comments received and compile the final reports.</li> <li>• Submit the final reports to MME and MEFT for their review and decision-making.</li> </ul>	



**FIGURE 2: THE EIA PROCESS**





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**Applicant: Gibb Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd**

**Name and location of the proposed activity:**

Gibb Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd proposes to undertake exploration activities on EPL 9824 and EPL 19131 for precious and base metals. The two SPLs constitute a total surface area of 1 000 ha (EPL 9824) and 2 007 ha (EPL 19131) respectively. All exploration activities will be limited to four targeted exploration sites.

Phase 1 of the proposed exploration activities entail ground reconnaissance, surface geophysics, electromagnetic induction and geotechnical. After the targets have been delineated, and deemed worthy of follow up, ground-based activities are planned during Phase 2. The proposed key activities during the phase include drilling and geo-logging activities such as drill-recovery investigations.

**Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner:**

External Environmental Practice and Development (EEDP) has been appointed by Gibb Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to complete the EIA process for the proposed project.

**Contact person: Dr. Pierre Dreyer (Project Manager)**

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**Registration to receive notifications / consultation and opportunity to comment**

In order to be an interested and/or affected party to the proposed activities, please contact your representative in Namibia as a means to be registered in Phase 1 of the EIA process. A background information document (BID) is available for a charge per contract valid from 19 June - 3 July 2014. Documents made of this will be available on request from EEDP on an hourly basis. Please bring hardcopy and be available until the end of the day. If you would like to attend a public drop-in meeting, please contact EEDP.

If you would like your comments to be submitted to the EIA, please contact EEDP from 19 June - 3 July 2014. For more information, please contact EEDP on 008 5297 7472 or 084 5297 1740/07.



Sent out to stakeholders during the period 19 June – 3 July 2024

Dear Madam or Sir

**NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 9924 AND EPL 10131 IN THE NAMIB NAUKLUFT NATIONAL PARK.**

Gib Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd (Gib Mining) intends to conduct exploration activities on Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) 9924 and EPL 10131 situated east of Swakopmund, and south of the existing Langer Heinrich Uranium Mine within the Namib Naukluft National Park (NNNP) in the Erongo Region, Namibia. Namisun Environmental Projects and Development (Namisun) has been appointed by Gib Mining as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to undertake the EIA process for the proposed project.

For your convenience, a Background Information Document (BID) about the proposed project is attached to this email. Kindly forward comments / input to be addressed in the EIA process to Namisun before 3 July 2024.

Focus group meetings with key stakeholders during next week will be arranged. Let me know what your interest is and if you want to attend one of the focus group meetings.

Regards

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Sent out to stakeholders during the period 27 August – 17 September 2024

Dear Sir / Madam

**Notice: EIA for the proposed exploration activities of GIB Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd on EPL 9924 and EPL 10131**

**SCOPING (INCLUDING IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REPORTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLANS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW**

With reference to earlier correspondence / telephonic discussions / focus group meetings regarding the proposed exploration activities of GIB Mining and the required EIA process, please be advised that the Scoping (including impact assessment) Reports and the accompanying Environmental Management Plans for both EPLs are now available for review and comment.

Hard copies of the documents (full reports) are available at the Public Library in Swakopmund.

Attached, please find the Executive Summaries of the two Scoping (including impact assessment) Reports. Electronic copies of the full reports, including all appendices and the accompanying EMPs are available on request.

Please send any comments you might have on the report to the undersigned by 17 September 2024.


Regards

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Gib Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd (Gib Mining)

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR PROPOSED  
EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 9924 AND EPL 10131

Information Sharing Meeting

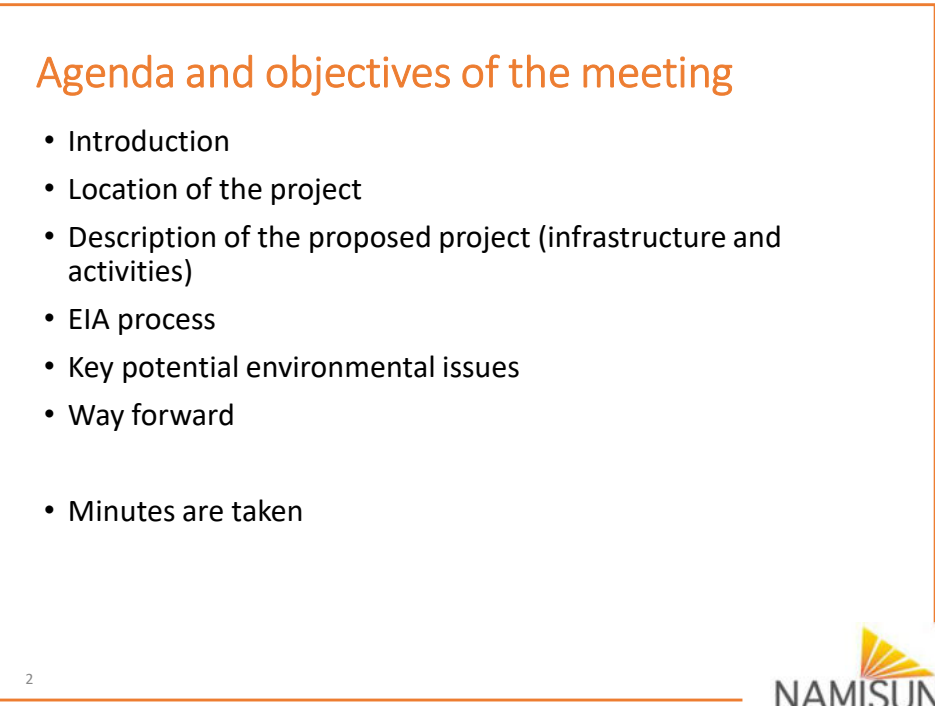

June 2024



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## Agenda and objectives of the meeting

- Introduction
- Location of the project
- Description of the proposed project (infrastructure and activities)
- EIA process
- Key potential environmental issues
- Way forward
  
- Minutes are taken



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## Introduction

- Gib Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd (Gib Mining) is the Namibian registered company of Gibb River Diamonds Limited of Australia.
- Gib Mining intends to conduct exploration activities on EPL 9924 and EPL 1013 for nuclear fuel minerals.

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## Location

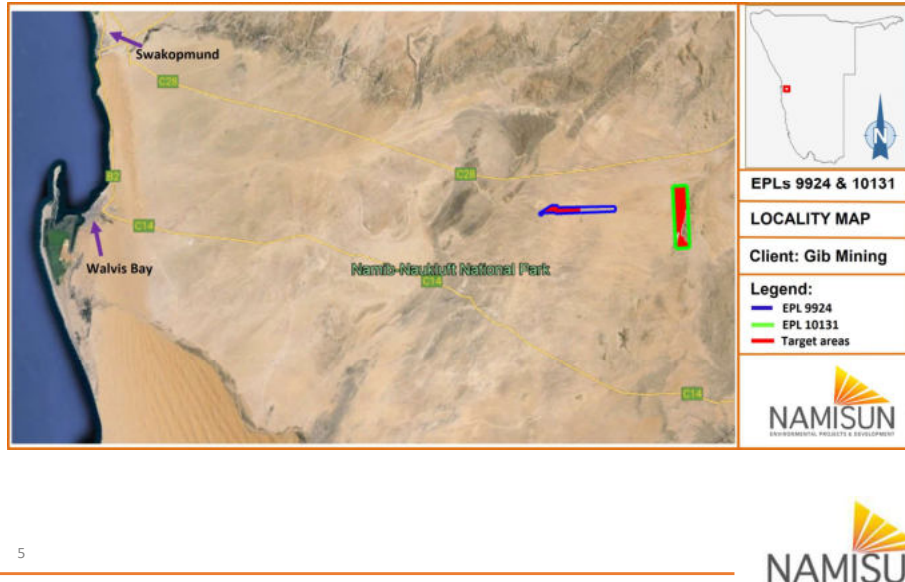
- Both EPLs are situated within the NNNP
  - Between the C28 and C14 roads
- EPL 9924 is about 110 km from Swakopmund (just south of Hotsas) and EPL 10131 is further east close to the boundary of the park
- Access from the C28 road via park roads is possible to both
- Both EPLs are relatively small –
  - EPL 9924 = 1,535 ha
  - EPL 10131 = 3,227 ha

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## Project location



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## Proposed activities

### Phase 1:

- Ground radiometric surveys – to detect any mineralization in the area
- Airborne radiometric and electromagnetic surveys
- Grab sampling – the collection of soil and rock samples for a geochemical analysis – might be done as well.
- One pick-up truck, no new roads, exploration on foot (one person)

### Phase 2:

- Depending on the Phase 1 results, target areas will be delineated.
- Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling
- Post-drilling activities entail the rehabilitation of the disturbed areas.
- Two pick-up trucks, one drill rig, one support truck, one fuel truck
- One to ten persons

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## More description

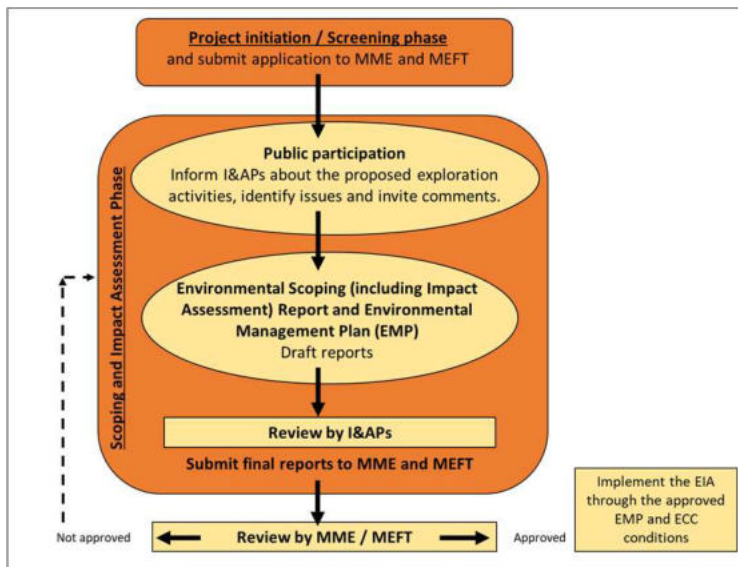
- Park rules will be obeyed
- No person overnight onsite
- Only drinking water onsite, with a slight possibility of a tanker during Phase 2
- No power needed during Phase 1; own power supply during Phase 2
- No diesel will be stored onsite
- Waste will be contained and removed from site daily
- Only existing roads will be used during Phase 1; access roads for rig during Phase 2 are possible – which will be rehabilitated afterwards.

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## The EIA process



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## Key potential issues identified so far

- Biodiversity – destruction of flora and sensitive habitats; disturbance of fauna
- Waste management
- Water – potential contamination of surface and groundwater from hydrocarbon spills and leaks
- Heritage – unknown; therefore, a specialist was appointed
- Socio-economic (+): Jobs, investment; (-) land use, nuisance-related impacts created by noise, dust and visual.

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## Way forward (public input)

- Comments received to date and during this meeting will be included in the Draft Environmental Scoping (including Impact Assessment) Report.
- Draft Report will be distributed for comments: **August 2024.**
- **Would a 21-day review period be acceptable?**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED  
EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES OF GIB MINING (PTY) LTD**

**MINUTES OF FOCUS GROUP MEETING – C-TAN**

<b>MEETING DETAILS</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	Wednesday 26 June 2024	
<b>TIME:</b>	13:00	
<b>VENUE:</b>	Swakopmund Paint Ball, Swakopmund	
<b>PROJECT:</b>	EIA FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES OF GIB MINING ON EPL 9924 AND EPL 10131	
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<p>The objectives of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To share information about the proposed project and its location.</li> <li>• Provide a description of the EIA process.</li> <li>• Provide information about the key potential environmental issues</li> <li>• Provide stakeholders with an opportunity to be involved in the EIA.</li> <li>• Describe the way forward, highlighting further opportunities to be involved in the EIA process.</li> </ul>	
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Organisation:</u>
	Nico Scholtz	Gib Mining (Pty) Ltd
	Peter von Ginkel	C-TAN
	Pierré Smit	Namisun

## **1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

Pierré Smit opened the meeting and set the context and reasoning of the Focus Group Meeting.

## **2. INFORMATION SHARING**

Pierré Smit provided an overview of the project, including its location. The EIA process was also explained, highlighting the following:

- General background and location.
- Detailed context about the project.
- The EIA process that will be followed.
- Key potential environmental issues associated with the proposed activities.
- The way forward.

## **3. DISCUSSION (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)**

A few questions / comments / issues were raised during the meeting. These have been recorded in the attached table (see Appendix 1). The responses to all questions / comments are provided in the Issues and Responses Report (IRR) attached as an appendix to the EIA Scoping (including Impact Assessment) Report.

## **4. THE WAY FORWARD**

Pierré Smit outlined the way forward as follows:

- Similar Focus Group Meetings are held and will be held with other stakeholders.
- The assessment outcomes of the project will be documented in a report as a draft version, together with a drafted EMP, and made available for a public review period.
- Namisun will finalize the EIA documents after the review period, incorporating comments received and submitting the documents to the MME and MEFT for their final review and decision.

## **5. CLOSE**

The meeting was closed by 14:00



## APPENDIX 1: QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / CONCERNS RAISED

(Refer to the IRR for responses to all questions / comments / concerns raised)

NO.	QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / ISSUES RAISED
1	<p>How long does the process of an EIA and its decision-making take?</p> <p>The period of assessment cannot be generalized. This assessment is estimated to be completed by the end of July whereafter a 21-day period for public review is allowed. Then the finalized documents will be submitted to the authorities for decision making. This normally takes about three months, meaning that an outcome before the summer holidays is possible.</p>
2	<p>Can an individual stop a development project? Would it be possible for an individual to stop a proposed development?</p> <p>In theory it is possible, permitting that all correct acts and mechanisms provided in the act and its regulations are used. However, this does not happen often, and it is not clear if there was such a case recorded ever.</p>

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED  
EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES OF GIB MINING (PTY) LTD**

**MINUTES OF FOCUS GROUP MEETING – ELSPE MINING**

<b>MEETING DETAILS</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	Wednesday 26 June 2024	
<b>TIME:</b>	11:00	
<b>VENUE:</b>	Elspe Mining offices, Swakopmund	
<b>PROJECT:</b>	EIA FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES OF GIB MINING ON EPL 9924 AND EPL 10131	
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<p>The objectives of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To share information about the proposed project and its location.</li> <li>• Provide a description of the EIA process.</li> <li>• Provide information about the key potential environmental issues</li> <li>• Provide stakeholders with an opportunity to be involved in the EIA.</li> <li>• Describe the way forward, highlighting further opportunities to be involved in the EIA process.</li> </ul>	
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Organisation:</u>
	Nico Scholtz	Gib Mining (Pty) Ltd
	Andra Heyman	Elspe Mining
	Kallie Esterhuizen	Erongo Plant Hire
	Pierré Smit	Namisun

## **1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

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- Key potential environmental issues associated with the proposed activities.
- The way forward.

## **3. DISCUSSION (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)**

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## **4. THE WAY FORWARD**

Pierré Smit outlined the way forward as follows:

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- The assessment outcomes of the project will be documented in a report as a draft version, together with a drafted EMP, and made available for a public review period.
- Namisun will finalize the EIA documents after the review period, incorporating comments received and submitting the documents to the MME and MEFT for their final review and decision.

## **5. CLOSE**

The meeting was closed by 12:30



## APPENDIX 1: QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / CONCERNS RAISED

(Refer to the IRR for responses to all questions / comments / concerns raised)

NO.	QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / ISSUES RAISED
1	<p>Why does Australian mining companies show such a great interest in Namibia and specifically the Erongo Region? Australia is a mining country, with some of the world's biggest names in the mining industry based in Australia. Gib Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd is a subsidiary of an Australian company, Gibb River Diamonds Limited. Namibia is an attractive opportunity to Australian mining companies, and the Erongo Region shows good value for companies with an interest in uranium. Gib Mining wants to explore these opportunities as well and is looking for "open ground" in Namibia. The two EPLs will be investigated as a result of this thinking.</p>
2	<p>What commodities are considered for the proposed exploration activities? Only nuclear fuel minerals, nothing else.</p>
3	<p>Are there any farms overlapping or bordering EPL 10131? The EPL only borders the boundary of the park and does not overlap any commercial farm. Engagement with the landowners will be considered but is not necessarily practical within the two-week period. Therefore, they will be approached via email. WhatsApp and or SMS</p>
4	<p>The first owner of the Elspe Mine, Mr Von Stryk, was an energetic prospector with a vivid interest in the geology of the Namib Desert. It is quite possible that some remnants of his prospecting activities may be present on the two EPLs. Can this be considered during the heritage specialist study? Yes, definitely.</p>

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED  
EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES OF GIB MINING (PTY) LTD**

**MINUTES OF FOCUS GROUP MEETING – NNNP**

<b>MEETING DETAILS</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	Friday 5 July 2024	
<b>TIME:</b>	10:00	
<b>VENUE:</b>	Two Beards Coffee, Swakopmund	
<b>PROJECT:</b>	EIA FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES OF GIB MINING ON EPL 9924 AND EPL 10131	
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<p>The objectives of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To share information about the proposed project and its location.</li> <li>• Provide a description of the EIA process.</li> <li>• Provide information about the key potential environmental issues</li> <li>• Provide stakeholders with an opportunity to be involved in the EIA.</li> <li>• Describe the way forward, highlighting further opportunities to be involved in the EIA process.</li> </ul>	
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Organisation:</u>
	Nico Scholtz	Gib Mining (Pty) Ltd
	David Masen	MEFT
	Riaan Solomon	MEFT
	Werner Petrick	Namisun
	Pierré Smit	Namisun

## **1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

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## **3. DISCUSSION (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)**

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- Namisun will finalize the EIA documents after the review period, incorporating comments received and submitting the documents to the MME and MEFT for their final review and decision.

## **5. CLOSE**

The meeting was closed by 11:30

## APPENDIX 1: QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / CONCERNS RAISED

(Refer to the IRR for responses to all questions / comments / concerns raised)

NO.	QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / ISSUES RAISED
1	What is the scope of work for the EIA? Does it also include the potential of future mining activities (if the exploration activities indicate positive results). Is provision made for a kind of “worst scenario” during the assessment?
2	Hotsas is a natural spring where water from the subsurface is seasonally forced upwards. The actual spring is however covered, and a permanent borehole was drilled instead to ensure that the water supply is continuous. A windmill abstracts the water from the borehole.
3	Poaching is a massive problem in the NNNP, especially in its northern parts. This tendency has worsened since the first mining activities (at Langer Heinrich) started and exploration activities increased thereafter.
4	The waterhole at Gemsbokwater is currently dysfunctional because the borehole is blocked by tree roots. The only solution is to drill another borehole, which is not considered immediately due to the lack of funds. The mining companies can be approached to find a solution for the lack of water at Gemsbokwater.
5	Management requirements and mechanisms reflected in the “National Policy on Prospecting and Mining in Protected Areas” must guide the EMP for the project and be formalized as commitments where relevant.
6	The permanent population of vultures at Hotsas prefer this location because of the shelter which provides them a good breeding ground, the availability of water and food supply and the absence of aircraft.
7	Exploration activities (and in the worst case, mining activities) at Hotsas will be a direct cause of habitat fragmentation and loss – especially for the vultures. More discussions with avifauna specialists and Vultures Namibia will follow.
8	Since the national government encourages mining investments, this sometimes led to negative impacts to the cost of the environment and the effectiveness of nature conservation.
9	Additional engagement of Manie le Roux, Bennett Kahuure and Kenneth Uiseb is proposed and discussions with them – or their representatives are planned.



**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED  
EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES OF GIB MINING (PTY) LTD**

**MINUTES OF FOCUS GROUP MEETING – URANIUM MINES**

<b>MEETING DETAILS</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	Wednesday 26 June 2024	
<b>TIME:</b>	09:00	
<b>VENUE:</b>	Uranium Institute, Swakopmund	
<b>PROJECT:</b>	EIA FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES OF GIB MINING ON EPL 9924 AND EPL 10131	
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<p>The objectives of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To share information about the proposed project and its location.</li> <li>• Provide a description of the EIA process.</li> <li>• Provide information about the key potential environmental issues</li> <li>• Provide stakeholders with an opportunity to be involved in the EIA.</li> <li>• Describe the way forward, highlighting further opportunities to be involved in the EIA process.</li> </ul>	
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Organisation:</u>
	Nico Scholtz	Gib Mining (Pty) Ltd
	Gabi Schneider	Namibia Uranium Institute
	Johan van der Merwe	Reptile Uranium
	Tinus Prinsloo	Bannerman Resources
	Pierré Smit	Namisun

## **1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

Pierré Smit opened the meeting and set the context and reasoning of the Focus Group Meeting.

## **2. INFORMATION SHARING**

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- General background and location.
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- Key potential environmental issues associated with the proposed activities.
- The way forward.

## **3. DISCUSSION (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)**

A few questions / comments / issues were raised during the meeting. These have been recorded in the attached table (see Appendix 1). The responses to all questions / comments are provided in the Issues and Responses Report (IRR) attached as an appendix to the EIA Scoping (including Impact Assessment) Report.

## **4. THE WAY FORWARD**

Pierré Smit outlined the way forward as follows:

- Similar Focus Group Meetings are held and will be held with other stakeholders.
- The assessment outcomes of the project will be documented in a report as a draft version, together with a drafted EMP, and made available for a public review period.
- Namisun will finalize the EIA documents after the review period, incorporating comments received and submitting the documents to the MME and MEFT for their final review and decision.
- CLOSE

The meeting was closed by 10:30

## APPENDIX 1: QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / CONCERNS RAISED

(Refer to the IRR for responses to all questions / comments / concerns raised)

NO.	QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / ISSUES RAISED
1	<p>Do all exploration companies, specifically those in the exploration for nuclear fuel minerals, come to the Namibian Uranium Institute? Association with the NUI is voluntary, but there seems to be a reluctance amongst some operators to register or to report on their activities.</p>
2	<p>Gib Mining wants to be involved with the NUI.</p>
3	<p>Are there still Swakop River farmers unhappy about the activities related to uranium mining and exploration? Not all farmers are happy, but the resistance against uranium is much less. In general, the relationship with the Swakop River framers is much healthier.</p>
4	<p>Can the Hotsas Waterhole be regarded as sensitive, and should it be avoided instead? Good relations with the park authorities will be put in place so that unwanted activities are avoided. Although Hotsas might be sensitive, it seems to be non-sensitive to non-intrusive activities, but for intrusive activities its sensitivity must be considered.</p>
5	<p>What rehabilitation activities are planned? Firstly, sign boards will be placed along access tracks and roads to prevent unauthorized entries and unnecessary disturbance. New access tracks and roads will be rehabilitated after drilling-related activities are completed. All disturbed areas will be rehabilitated so that they will return to natural conditions after a rainy season. In the case of Reptile Uranium, rehabilitation interventions are ongoing and monitored continuously.</p>
6	<p>It is important to emphasize that airborne surveys have an impact too and cannot be regarded as non-intrusive</p>
7	<p>An archaeological survey is part of the assessment process and will be conducted in the period 17 to 23 July 2024.</p>
8	<p>A map to show the existing EPLs and MLs in the Erongo Region will be useful and can be considered for inclusion into the reports.</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR GIB MINING NAMIBIA (PTY) LTD

**ISSUES AND RESPONSE REPORT**

TABLE 1: COMMENTS RECEIVED BY IAPs DURING THE INITIAL REGISTRATION / COMMENTS PERIOD, INCLUDING FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS

NO.	COMMENT / QUESTIONS / ISSUE RAISED	ORGANISATION	METHOD	RESPONSE
<b>General issues related to both EPL 9924 and 10131</b>				
G1	How long does the process of an EIA and its decision-making take?	C-TAN	Focus Group Meeting, 26 June 2024	The period of assessment cannot be generalized. This assessment with reporting was completed in August, whereafter the two draft EIA Scoping (including impact assessment) Reports (for each of the two EPLs) were distributed for review by I&APs. After the comments period, Namisun will consider all comments received, incorporated these into the reports and submit the final reports to MME and MEFT for the review and decision-making.  The various steps in the EIA process, with dates are summarized in Sections 1.4.1 and 2.3.2 of the EIA Scoping (including impact assessment) Reports.
G2	Can an individual stop a development project? Would it be possible for an individual to stop a proposed development?			In theory it is possible, permitting that all correct procedures and mechanisms provided in the relevant Act(s) and associated Regulations are followed. However, the ultimate decision of any Application for an Environmental Clearance is taken by the MEFT (DEA) (i.e. Environmental Commissioner). Informed decisions are based on the findings of the EIA (i.e. reports submitted to MEFT at the end of an EIA process), which must include comments received from individuals (i.e. I&APs), and how these were addressed.
G3	Why does Australian mining companies show such a great interest in Namibia and specifically the Erongo Region?	ELSPE Mining	Focus Group Meeting, 26 June 2024	Australia is a mining country, with some of the world's biggest names in the mining industry based in Australia. GIB Mining Namibia (Pty) Ltd is a subsidiary of an Australian company, Gibb River Diamonds Limited.  Namibia is an attractive opportunity to Australian mining companies, and the Erongo Region shows good value for companies with an interest in uranium. GIB Mining wants to explore these opportunities as well and is looking for "open ground" in Namibia. The two EPLs will be investigated because of this thinking.
G4	What commodities are considered for the proposed exploration activities?			Only nuclear fuel minerals, nothing else.  Refer to Sections 1.2 and 4.1 of the EIA Scoping (including impact assessment) Reports.
G4	The first owner of the Elspe Mine, Mr Von Stryk, was an energetic prospector with a vivid interest in the geology of the Namib Desert. It is quite possible that some remnants of his prospecting activities may be present on the two EPLs. Can this be considered during the heritage specialist study?			An Archaeological (specialist) study was undertaken by Dr Kinahan for both EPLs. The findings of the field work and study are summarized in Section 5.5 of the EIA Scoping (including impact assessment) Reports. The full Archaeological (specialist) Report is attached as Appendix E.  Although many traces of test trenching and other evidence of prospecting activities from the 1950s in the northern parts of the NNNP are present, they are not recorded as legacy impacts because they are small and barely visible.

NO.	COMMENT / QUESTIONS / ISSUE RAISED	ORGANISATION	METHOD	RESPONSE
G5	What is the scope of work for the EIA? Does it also include the potential of future mining activities (if the exploration activities indicate positive results). Is provision made for a kind of “worst scenario” during the assessment?	MEFT (DWNP)	Focus Group Meeting, 5 July 2024	The EIA only considers proposed exploration activities (refer to Chapter 4 of the EIA Scoping (including impact assessment) Reports. However, with reference to Chapter 8 of the report, Namisun recommends that GIB Mining initiates a more detailed Environmental Screening Study if mining and related activities are proposed near the Hotsas Waterhole and Gemsbokwater Waterhole.
G6	Do all exploration companies, specifically those in the exploration for nuclear fuel minerals, come to the Namibian Uranium Institute?	Uranium Mines	Focus Group Meeting, 26 June 2024 at the Uranium Institute	Association with the NUI is voluntary, but there seems to be a reluctance amongst some operators to register or to report on their activities. GIB Mining wants to be involved with the NUI.
G7	Are there still Swakop River farmers unhappy about the activities related to uranium mining and exploration?			Not all farmers are happy, but the resistance against uranium is much less. In general, the relationship with the Swakop River farmers is much healthier. Both EPLs are located ~30 km south of the Swakop River and far away from the closest farmer(s), i.e. the farmers are not considered a receptor to the proposal exploration activities.
G8	A map to show the existing EPLs and MLs in the Erongo Region will be useful and can be considered for inclusion into the reports.	Uranium Mines	Focus Group Meeting, 26 June 2024 at the Uranium Institute	Due to the possible inaccuracies, it was decided not to create such a composite map in the reports.
<b>General issues related to both EPL 10131</b>				
G9	Are there any farms overlapping or bordering EPL 10131?	ELSPE Mining	Focus Group Meeting, 26 June 2024	The EPL only borders the boundary of the park and does not overlap any commercial farm. Refer to Section 5.7 of the EIA Scoping (including impact assessment) Report for EPL 10131.
<b>Biodiversity / Water (relating to both EPL 9924 and EPL 10131)</b>				
B1	Management requirements and mechanisms reflected in the “National Policy on Prospecting and Mining in Protected Areas” must guide the EMP for the project and be formalized as commitments where relevant.	MEFT (DWNP)	Focus Group Meeting, 5 July 2024	Noted. See Section 3.4.3 and Chapter 7 of the EIA Scoping (including impact assessment) Reports as well as Section 6.1 of the EMPs.
B2	Since the national government encourages mining investments, this sometimes led to negative impacts to the cost of the environment and the effectiveness of nature conservation.			Noted. The EIA process undertaken for the proposed exploration activities considered the potential impacts and assessed these (without and with mitigating measures). See Chapter 7 of the reports.
B3	It is important to emphasize that airborne surveys have an impact too and cannot be regarded as non-intrusive.	Uranium Mines	Focus Group Meeting, 26 June 2024 at the Uranium Institute	Noted. The potential impacts from airborne surveys are assessed in Section 7.1 of the reports and relevant measures are presented in the EMPs.
B4	It would be good to emphasise the sensitivity of the camelthorn trees, including their root systems and any potential impacts on their water supply in the EMPs. This aspect could also be included in the monitoring (Section 7.1 e of the EMP) – it may be an idea to monitor selected key trees (using fixed point photography), to check for changes over time	African Conservation Services CC	Feedback during the Public Review Period (27 Aug – 17 Sep 2024) per email	Noted. Comments were incorporated in the EMPs.
<b>Biodiversity / Water (relating to EPL 9924)</b>				
B5	Hotsas is a natural spring where water from the subsurface is seasonally forced upwards. The actual	MEFT (DWNP)		Noted. The Hotsas Waterhole and aspects are considered in the EIA Scoping (including impact assessment) Report for EPL 9924 (refer to Chapters 5 to 8).



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	spring is however covered, and a permanent borehole was drilled instead to ensure that the water supply is continuous. A windmill abstracts the water from the borehole.		Focus Group Meeting, 5 July 2024	
B6	Poaching is a massive problem in the NNNP, especially in its northern parts. This tendency has worsened since the first mining activities (at Langer Heinrich) started and exploration activities increased thereafter.			Noted. Poaching related aspects (and potential impacts) are include in the Sections 5.4 and 7.1 of the reports and were also addressed in the EMPs with the appropriate management and mitigation measures to avoid / mitigate potential impacts related to poaching.
B7	The permanent population of vultures at Hotsas prefer this location because of the shelter which provides them a good breeding ground, the availability of water and food supply and the absence of aircraft.			Noted. The baseline conditions relating to the vultures around Hotsas is described in Section 5.7 and assessed in Section 7.1 of the EIA Scoping (including impact assessment) Report for EPL 9924. Refer to relevant requirements in the EMP to ensure impacts are avoided / minimized.
B8	Exploration activities (and in the worst case, mining activities) at Hotsas will be a direct cause of habitat fragmentation and loss – especially for the vultures.			With reference to Sections 1.4.2, 2.3 and 5.4, Namisun consulted with Vultures Namibia (i.e. Mr. Peter Bridgeford) regarding the potential impacts on vultures and also the most practical measure for inclusion into the EMP.
B9	Can the Hotsas Waterhole be regarded as sensitive, and should it be avoided instead?	Uranium Mines	Focus Group Meeting, 26 June 2024 at the Uranium Institute	The sensitivities around the Hotsas Waterhole were identified in the EIA and described in Chapter 5 of the EIA Scoping (including impact assessment) Report for EPL 9924. The potential impacts relating to these sensitivities (considered proposed exploration activities in the western part of EPL 9924) are assessed in Chapter 7 (without and with mitigation).
<b>Biodiversity / Water (relating to EPL 10131)</b>				
B10	The waterhole at Gemsbokwater is currently dysfunctional because the borehole is blocked by tree roots. The only solution is to drill another borehole, which is not considered immediately due to the lack of funds. The mining companies can be approached to find a solution for the lack of water at Gemsbokwater.	MEFT (DWNP)	Focus Group Meeting, 5 July 2024	Noted.
<b>Rehabilitation (relating to both EPL 9924 and EPL 10131)</b>				
R1	What rehabilitation activities are planned?	Uranium Mines	Focus Group Meeting, 26 June 2024 at the Uranium Institute	Rehabilitation requirements are included in Section 6.1 of the EMPs.

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**Submission of the final reports to the competent authority, the Directorate of Mines (Office of the Mining Commissioner) at the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME).**

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Attention – Mrs Isabella Kandjii-Chirchir

Kindly take note of the following:

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the abovementioned project has been completed.

Please find herewith the final documents following the environmental assessment process. These documents exist of an Environmental Scoping (including impact assessment) Report and an accompanying Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for each of the two EPLs, i.e. four documents. Also attached to this memorandum, please find the original two application forms for Environmental Clearance Certificates (ECCs) for each of the two EPLs.

Please review these two applications with their accompanying documents. Once the review by your good office has been completed, kindly share the applications and your recommendations / comments with the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) – the Office of the Environmental Commissioner at the Directorate of Environmental Affairs, who will make the final decision regarding the applications.

Yours sincerely

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Yours sincerely

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