

## **7. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

### **7.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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Good consultation helps foster genuine and positive relationships with mutual respect, shared concerns and objectives between the company pursuing the development and the community. The public participation facilitator's role is to facilitate that process of dialogue to ensure there is transparency and accountability in decision-making and public confidence in the proposed project and its management.

#### **7.1.1. ADVERTS**

Public notices/invitations were placed in the following newspapers for two consecutive weeks on the 01<sup>st</sup> of November 2022 and the 08<sup>th</sup> of November 2022: Appendix D provides Tear sheets of the adverts.

- The Republikein newspaper
- The Allgemeine Zeitung
- The Sun newspaper

#### **7.1.2. SITE NOTICE AND VISIT**

Site notices were also placed at the Omakange Conservancy Hall (See Figure 13 below)



FIGURE 1 - SITE NOTICES PLACED AT THE OMAKANGE CONSERVANCY HALL

### 7.1.3. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The site visit was conducted on 19th of November 2022 together with two public and information sharing meetings that were held at Uukwaluundhi Conservancy Office Hall, Omakange village. The attendance included the Traditional Authority (TA) leaders and the surroundings community at large. The consultation was divided into two (2) sessions, session one (1) with the TA leaders, while session two (2) was attended by the public and also three (3) Senior TA leaders. A presentation was given by AEC Consultants cc. The presentations entailed an outline of the project, the environmental assessment process and the main potential issues or impacts identified to date. The audience were encouraged to give comments and raise any questions or concerns they had, either verbally during the meeting or written on paper. They were also encouraged to send comments later by e-mail either individually or through the esteemed traditional authority or constituency office.

Below are the key issues/concerns that were raised during the meeting:

- The issue of rehabilitation of the site once the project concludes.
- Consideration of reviving the dormant crushers that are within the area.
- Proposals for social and corporate responsibilities from the attendees.
- The issue of unemployment in the surrounding areas; the project to consider or give priority to local unemployed individuals especially the youth.

Furthermore, the minutes of the meeting and response as well as PowerPoint presentation are included in Appendix D. In the event that the ECC is granted the proponent shall ensure ongoing consultation with all relevant affected parties for access to land and other resources. Below are some images captured during the consultation period.



FIGURE 2 - PUBLIC MEETING AND INFORMATION SHARING IN SESSION UUKWALUUNDHI CONSERVANCY OFFICE HALL, OMAKANGE VILLAGE.

## **APPENDIX C – BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

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For the proposed development and small-scale mining activities for industrial minerals, within Mining Claims 72088, 72089 near Omakange

**Kunene Region**



## INTRODUCTION

Alliance Environmental Consultancy CC (AEC) (herein referred to as the consultant) has been appointed by Mr. Martin Demufawo Shaanika (herein referred to as the proponent) to act on their behalf in obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the proposed development and small-scale mining activities on Mining Claims 72088, 72089. The project area is located near Omakange in the Kunene Region.

This site is accessible via tracks from the C35 road. The Mining Claims covers a total area of approximately 17100 square meters. Figure (1 - 2) gives a detailed layout locale for the site.

## PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

This document serves the purpose of informing interested and affected parties (I&AP) of the following:

- Proposed project location;
- Proposed activities pertaining to the project;
- The EIA process to be followed;
- How you can get involved.
- We hereby encourage all I&APs to submit their comment/inputs/concerns on the proposed project activities.

Your comments will add value and enrich the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report as well as the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) that will be submitted to the competent authorities for decision making.

## ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION

In terms of the Environmental Management Act No.7 of 2007 and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2012, the project triggers listed activities that cannot be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). An environmental clearance application will be submitted to the Ministry of Mines and Energy (competent authority) and the Ministry of Environmental, Forestry, and Tourism (MEFT) for decision making before the commencement of the anticipated project activities.

The provision of the listed activities are as follows:

### MINING AND QUARRYING ACTIVITIES

**3.1** The construction of facilities for any process or activities which requires a license, right, or other forms of authorization, and the renewal of a license, right, or any other form of authorization in terms of Minerals (Prospecting and Mining Act), 1992.

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**3.2** Other forms of mining or extraction of natural resources whether regulated by law or not.

**3.3** Resource extraction, manipulation, conservation, and related activities.

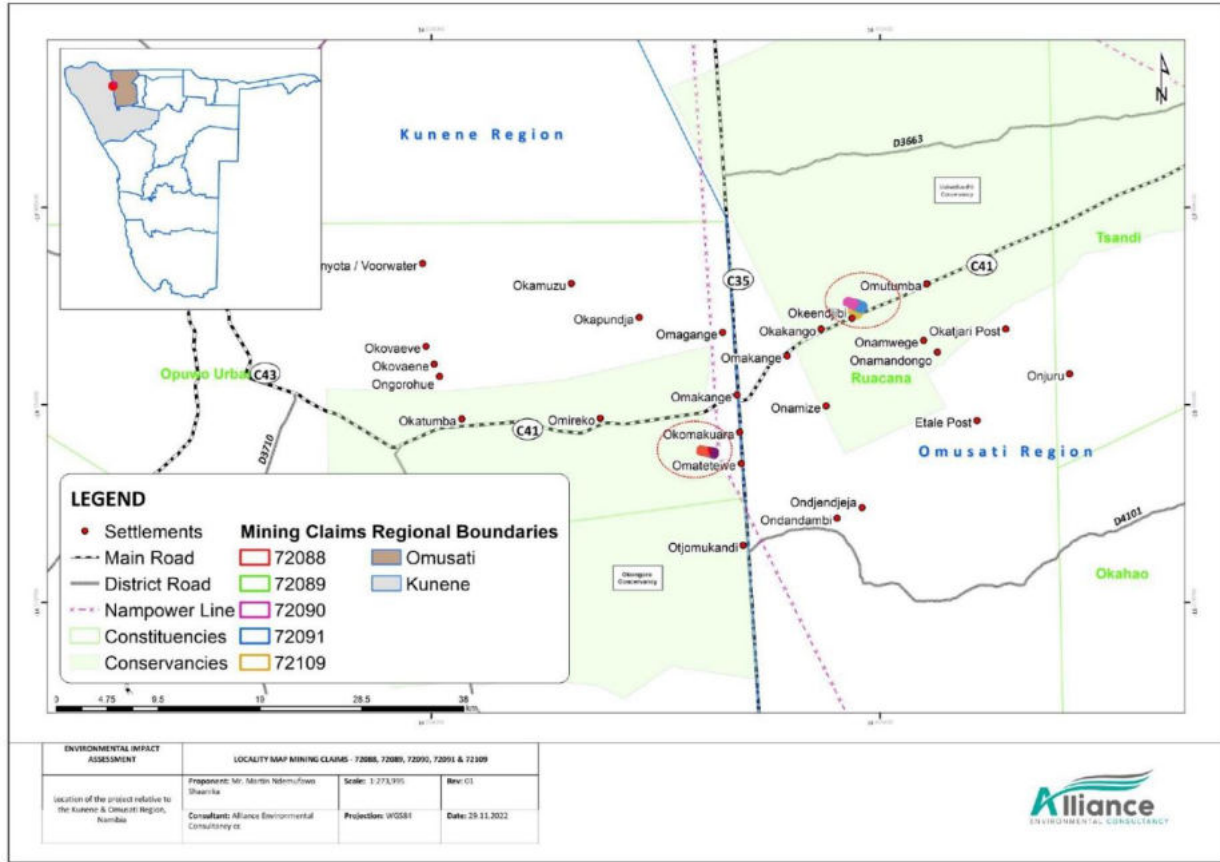


FIGURE 1 - PROJECT LOCALITY MAP



## PROJECT MOTIVATION

Mining activities in Namibia are of great contribution to the country's revenue and one of the largest economic sectors in the country. Although the proposed small-scale mining activities will directly contribute to the economy of the local town and areas of proximity, the following are the possible benefits at a regional to national scale:

- Contributions to annual license fees to the government through the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME).
- Payments of lease agreements and services rendered.
- Provisional contracting opportunity for companies interested in small-scale mining activities are carried out throughout the development and mining life operation of the proposed project (approximately 15 – 17 years).
- Provision of contractual employment opportunities.
- Increase in knowledge on the subsurface which then contributes to development, and geoscience research.
- Contribute to the socio-economic development and sustaining local businesses by means of purchases done during the mine's lifetime.

## PROPOSED PROJECT PLAN AND ACTIVITIES

The projected small-scale mining activities are summarized as follows:

1. Small-scale mining activities include a desktop review of existing data as well as past area studies. This is conducted to understand the commodities in the area for extraction. This can be done by purchasing high-resolution data from the Government and interpreting it as part of the initial mineral study.
2. Regional reconnaissance assessment, which includes field-based activities such as regional mapping and sampling in order to identify and validate prospective targeted areas identified during stage 1.
3. Initial field-based activities such as widely distributed geological mapping, sampling, surveying, and maybe widely spaced trenching and drilling.

The proposed project involves the development and small-scale mining activities to extract industrial mineral dolostone aggregates. Dolostone aggregates are used in the construction of roads, bridges, buildings and canals etc.

Detailed local field-based operations such as localized site-specific detailed geology

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mapping, trenching, bulk sample and surveying are carried out.

Small-scale mining is classified as such because of the simple setup, equipment and machinery used. Traditional methods of drilling, blasting, excavation and crushing techniques shall be conducted. The following is a summary of the envisaged project development process that will be implemented during the proposed mining activities:

- Planning and permitting
- Site preparation for the plant (with a capacity of approximately 50 000 cubic meters per day) and associated infrastructure.
- The machineries and equipment will involve the following: excavators, haul trucks, hammer crushers, screens, conveyers etc.
- Temporary camp for team if required may be established
- Supporting infrastructure, access, energy, and water supply.
- Decommissioning, final rehabilitation

ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

The location will be accessible through existing tracks from the C35 as far as practically possible. If the need to create new tracks arises, new access roads will

be assessed for any environmental sensitivity.

It is the Proponent's responsibility to negotiate access agreements with landowners and to ensure that all security measures to protect the land and the landowner's interests are always observed and as may be agreed upon with the landowners individually. Permission from landowners and appropriate authorities is required for any new tracks.

RESOURCES (WATER AND ELECTRICITY)

For the proposed activities, water will be brought to site as required. In addition, there is a burrow pit next to the site, which will reserve water (during the rainy season for use).

Should the company find suitable groundwater during the development of the site, a borehole may be used as a water source, provided the permission of the community is given and the necessary abstraction permit is attained from the Department of Water Affairs. , A hydrological study shall be conducted in support and only sustainable yields may be abstracted.

Diesel-powered generator and means of solar energy will be used as needed for

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small-scale mining equipment and lighting for the project.

ACCOMMODATION, SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE, AND SMALL-SCALE MINING METHOD

- The operation team will either be commuting from nearby settlements or will establish camp sites within the license area and with the permission of the community. The team is envisioned to consist of twenty-five (25) skilled and non-skilled workers.
- Portable toilets will be installed on-site and regularly serviced.
- Vehicles (especially pick up bakkies) and heavy machinery including drill rigs and trucks will be used during the course of the project.
- Waste will be collected and deposited to the nearest municipal dumpsite.
- Hydrocarbon tanks could be stored on-site. All hydrocarbon tanks will be appropriately stored and banded to hold 110% of the capacity of the tanks and all relevant permits should be applied for by the proponent as required (MME).
- The small-scale mining methods will be further described in the EIA scoping report.

## ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

In terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 and EIA Regulations, alternatives considered should be analyzed. This is to ensure that during the design evolution and decision-making process, potential environmental impacts, costs, and technical feasibility have been considered, which leads to the best option(s) being identified.

### Site Location

Minerals Occurrence Location: Several economic deposits are known to exist in various locations of Namibia, some of which have been explored by various companies throughout the years.

As part of the mineral rights, the proponent proposes to develop the economic minerals occurrences in these specific mining claims. There are no alternative locations considered for the proposed project.

### Equipment and infrastructure

The equipment and infrastructure options considered by the proponent are deemed sufficient at this stage of the project. However, in the world of revolving technology, the proponent may opt to employ other improved equipment/infrastructure in the future when deemed necessary in order to maximize the project output.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND STEPS

The EIA and EMP methodology applied for this project takes into account the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2012, and the Environmental Management Act (EMA) Act No. 7 of 2007. The process followed is detailed below and in Figure 2,

- a. Preparation of the Background Information Document (BID).
- b. Project registration or notification through the MEFT online Portal ([www.eia.mef.gov.na](http://www.eia.mef.gov.na)) or hand submission to the DEA.
- c. Project screening process.
- d. Preparation of the public notice to be published in two local newspapers twice for two consecutive weeks as well as site notices as part of the public consultation process as well. This process runs for (21 days) from 01<sup>st</sup> November 2022 – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 for this project. A public and information sharing meeting is planned for the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022. However, comments received after the stipulated period and before submission to the competent authority are also welcome.
- e. Preparation of the first Draft EIA/ Scoping and EMP Reports for client review, public and stakeholder inputs.
- f. Incorporation of comments and inputs from the client and I&APs into the reports for finalization.
- g. The final EIA/ Scoping and EMP reports are submitted to the competent authorities and the Environmental Commissioner in fulfilment of all the requirements of the Act and its Regulations.
- h. Stakeholders who are interested or affected by the proposed project will have additional fourteen (14) days to submit comments directly to the Environmental Commissioner (EC). The application will be made available for additional comments on the MEFT digital Portal [www.eia.mef.gov.na](http://www.eia.mef.gov.na).
- i. If the EC requires additional information about the project, the environmental practitioner will be alerted. Once provided-
- j. Wait for the Record of Decisions.

The process is also depicted in the diagram presented in Figure 3.

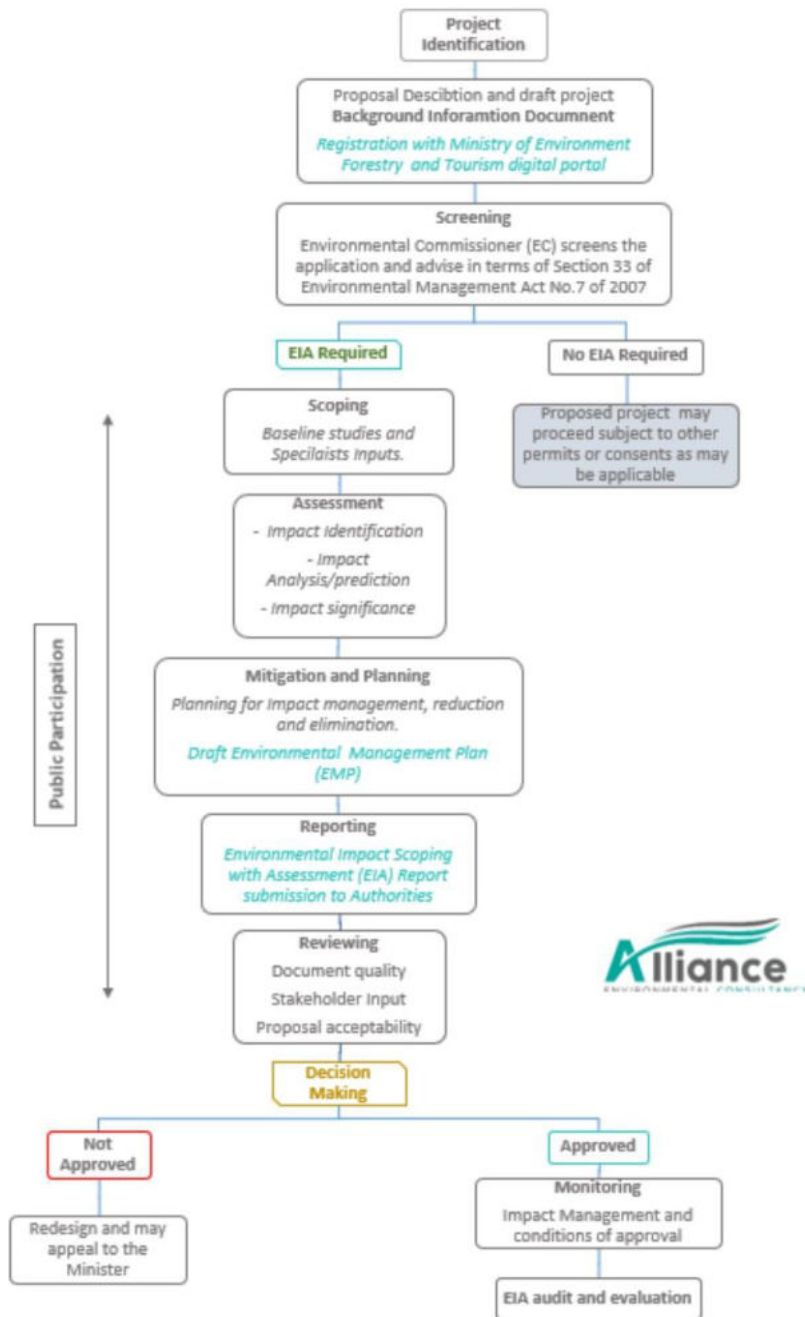


FIGURE 2 - EIA FLOW CHART BY AEC



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## EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Impacts are assessed and evaluated to identify the most pertinent environmental impacts by describing certain quantifiable aspects of these impacts and to provide possible mitigation measures to avoid and/or minimize the magnitude of the impacts that are possibly deriving from the various activities that constitute the proposed mining activities by the proponent.

The identification of potential impacts included impacts that may occur during the development phases of the project. The assessment of impacts includes direct, indirect as well as cumulative impacts. In order to identify potential impacts (both positive and negative) it is important that the nature of the proposed projects is well understood so that the impacts associated with the projects can be assessed.

The process of identification and assessment of impacts includes:

- Determining the current environmental conditions in sufficient detail to establish a baseline against which impacts can be identified and measured.

- Determining future changes to the environment that will occur in a case where the activity does not proceed.
- Develop an understanding of the activity in detail to understand its consequences; and
- The identification of significant impacts which are likely to occur if the activity is undertaken.

The following potential impacts on the social environment during the development and small-scale mining activities have been identified below and further discussed in the table that follows:

- Dust & Noise
- Health & Safety
- Visual
- Waste
- Ecological
- Groundwater and surface water
- Heritage & Socio-Economic

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND MITIGATION MEASURES**

The following table summarizes the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS
NEGATIVE
- Possible destruction of vegetation and fauna through disturbance of the surface
- Mining projects if not proceeding with necessary precautions are likely to cause soil and water contamination, due to hazardous chemical spills and leaks from machinery/ heavy vehicles
- Noise pollution from sources such as power generation, drill rig operations, heavy vehicle engines as well as other sources
- Air pollution from the emission of carbon dioxide by machinery during the mining activities
- Mining activities are accompanied by machinery and camping which are foreign to the environment and therefore causes a visual impact to the environment and the community members.
- Possible disturbance to heritage/historically important area of interest.

POSITIVE
- The project will positively contribute to the socio-economic development of the country by creating wealth, job creation, the country's GDP through tax and license payments
- This proposed project will however also contribute to achieving the country's national goals of poverty reduction through skills and human development (improving living conditions of locals)

Any negative environmental impacts that will arise from the proposed activities will be substantially minimized, avoided, and/or mitigated in accordance with the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and the best industry practices.

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I&APs are hereby invited to comment on environmental, social, and economic issues relating to the proposed project. The inputs from a broad variety of stakeholders will complement the EIA.



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**GET INVOLVED**

To ensure that you are registered as an Interested & Affected party, complete the form with your comments, issues/concerns below and forward it to [info@enviro-aec.com](mailto:info@enviro-aec.com)

Your involvement is highly appreciated

**FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL-SCALE MINING ACTIVITIES FOR INDUSTRIAL MINERALS, WITHIN MINING CLAIMS 72088,72089 NEAR OMAKANGE, KUNENE REGION**

**REGISTRATION AND RESPONSE FORM FOR INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES**

<i>DETAILS OF THE INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY</i>	
<b>FULL NAME:</b>	
<b>NAME OF ORGANIZATION:</b>	
<b>POSTAL ADDRESS:</b>	<b>POSTAL CODE:</b>
<b>STREET ADDRESS:</b>	<b>POSTAL CODE:</b>
<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER:</b>	<b>FAX NUMBER:</b>
<b>CELL PHONE NUMBER:</b>	<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b>
<b>INTEREST IN THE PROPOSED PROJECT:</b>	
<b>COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:</b>	

**APPENDIX D – ADVERTS, SITE NOTICES, STAKEHOLDER LIST/ATTENDANCE  
REGISTERS AND MEETING MINUTES**

NEWSPAPER ADVERTS

TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2022

Market Watch

Republiek Sun Allgemeine Zeitung 7

Market Watch

Kleinadvertensies • Classifieds

SPERTYE: 13:00 TWEE WERKSDAE VOOR PLASING
DEADLINES: 13:00 TWO WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO PLACEMENT

TEL: 061\*297 2175 FAX: 061\*239 638
EMAIL: classifieds@synergi.com.na

Geen advertensies sal telefonies aanvaar word nie.

No advertisements will be accepted telephonically.

Table with 2 columns: INHOUDSOPGAWE and CONTENTS. Lists various categories like Death Notices, Memorials, Real Estate, etc.

RATES & DEADLINES

To avoid disappointment of an advertisement not appearing on the date you wish, please book these early. Classified small, notices and display smalls: 13.00, two working days prior to placing.

008 Betrekkings gevra Employment Wanted

008 BELINDA (34) is op soek na huiswerk of kantoorboekmaakwerk van Maandag tot Vrydag. Het ondervind met skoonmaak- en stykwerk. 081-7862331 DM0202200406391

009 Vakatures Vacancies

VACANCIES: TUTORS: Designation: Tutors. Number of Positions: (Twelve) 12 Subject(s): 2x Mathematics, 2x Biology, 2x Chemistry & Physics, 2x Agriculture, 2x English, 2x Geography, History & Development Studies. Phase: Grade 10-11 Duty Assumption: 1 January 2023

010 Spesiale dienste Services

ECONOMIX RENOVATIONS CC: For all your building, renovations, painting, tiling, roof sealing, plumbing, welding and many more. Contact Winned 081-4222103 or 061-213597. E-mail: economixrenov@iway.na DM0202200406310

013 Bou en verf Construction

SPECIALS, SPECIALS, SPECIALS! Adrian Oberholzer: Building & renovations. Specializes in roof sealing, painting, plumbing, building, paving, welding, etc. Call 081-4909420. DM0202200406379

016 Te huur To Let

TO LET: OTTOMOUSE (MAIN-STAY) COMPLEX: Newly renovated 2 bedroom ground floor unit. Courtyard, carport N\$ 5,700 Annelize-0811265451 DM0202200406441

025 Regskenningsgevings Legal Notices

IN THE High Court of Namibia. Main Division, Windhoek Case No: HC-MD-CIV-ACT-CON-2022-01543. In the matter between: FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NAMIBIA LIMITED, Execution Creditor and KONIS OMOTULI NAKUYALA, Execution Debtor NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

025 Motors Vehicles

BUSES FOR SALE: 2x Scania 45-seaters with air-con. Offers will be accepted. Contact 081-2354803 or 061-210779. DM0202200406472

029 Besigheids Businesses

ARRIKI CONSTRUCTION & ELECTRICAL: Electrical installations, geyser installations and repairs, solar installations, painting and roof sealing. Call 081-2091378. DM0202200406300

034 Erwe te koop Erven for Sale

NEW DEVELOPMENT: 10 Minutes before Windhoek. Choose your plot and let's build your dream house for you. Prices range from N\$895 000 for 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. Pre-approved clients contact us: +264 814 639 417 DM0202200406099

035 Regskenningsgevings Legal Notices

IN THE High Court of Namibia, Northern Local Division. Held at Oshakati. Case No: HC-NLD-CIV-ACT-CON-2020/00204. In the matter between: LOIDE SHIPANGA, Plaintiff and JIDS ENGINEERING CC, Defendant. NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

YOU ARE SOMEONE'S TYPE DONATE BLOOD HAPPY SPRING! Tuesday, 1 November 2022. Wednesday, 2 November 2022. NAMBTS donate life. www.bts.com.na

In tere herinnering aan Charles Peter Herbert \*12 September 1937 \*26 Oktober 2022. NAMBOb. Call 081 666 6009

In joufhele Herinnering Louisa Maria Reid Onse mama Onna wys. Sister en vriendin. Kerkdiens 05/11/2022. Teraarstelling: Windhoek Begrafploas. Wynand 081734880 Julius 0815688251

BOOK & PAY FOR YOUR CLASSIFIED ADS ONLINE

Visit https://classifieds.synergi.com.na log in via your myna account and follow the easy steps to upload your classified.

TODAY IS... AUTHOR'S DAY. If you know the joys of raising 'Little Women', you have ridden on a cart with my Hick Fics. You read all the books of Stephen King and lost yourself with 'Things to remember in disaster' with Lawrence. You've enjoyed the classic four American Authors can spin. Author's Day commemorates all the authors that have been spoken to the world by the of these creative souls, but especially those works of the American Author.

DM0202200406424

05. NOVEMBER 2022 SALE

ALL USED CLOTHES HALF PRICE FLEA MARKET. Corner Kütz and Shikulengeni (Bismarek) Street. From 9:00 to 12:00



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CUPPUCCINO DAY
Italy is famous for the variety of coffee it produces. Cappuccinos are loved among coffee lovers and despite its vague history many people still appreciate the comfort it brings.

005 Kennisgewings Notices
DEATH, FUNERAL COVER Love is caring even after death do us part. Get N\$100,000 death or funeral cover for only N\$150 p/m...

009 Vakatures Vacancies
SHINE TECHNOLOGIES SOLUTIONS (PTY) LTD has the following vacancies: 1. Senior technical consultant position...

008 Vakatures Vacancies
PROJECT & PROGRAMME ADMINISTRATOR / FACILITATOR Wilderness Therapy Namibia was established in 2008 as a faith based alternative therapeutic intervention method...

013 Bau en verf Construction
SPECIALS, SPECIALS, SPECIALS! Adriaan Oberholzer: Building & renovations. Specializes in roof sealing, painting, plumbing, building, paving, wetting, etc.

009 Kennisgewings Notices
ADVERTISING FOR PSYCHIATRISTS: The Namibian Pain Centre in Swakopmund is advertising for a psychiatrist with at least 10 years' experience in: Anxiety and Depression, Post-partum depression, Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome...

008 Vakatures Vacancies
JUNIOR MANAGEMENT position available for qualified electrician. Must have 3 - 5 years experience in planning and managing electrical projects and maintenance.

009 Kennisgewings Notices
PUBLIC NOTICE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION & MINING ACTIVITIES WITH-IN MINING CLAIMS 72088, 72089, 72090, 72091 & 72109, OMAUATI & KUNENE REGIONS

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Market Watch
Om te adverteer skakel: Kleinadvertensies t: 061-297 2055

**SITE NOTICES PLACED AT THE OMAKANGE CONSERVANCY HALL**



**REGISTERED AND IDENTIFIED STAKEHOLDER IST**

<b>ORGANIZATION/AUTHORITY</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	<b>CAPACITY</b>
Ministry of Agriculture, Water & Forestry: Forestry Directorate	Mr Natanael Amadhila	Chief Regional Forester
Ministry of Mines and Energy	Mr Shivolo Erasmus	Mining Commissioner
Ministry of Environment and Tourism	Mr Timoteus Mufeti	Environmental Commissioner
Kunene Regional Council		
Omusati Regional Council		
Okongoro Conservancy		
Uukwaluudhi Conservancy		
Uukwaluudhi Constituency		
Opuwo Urban Constituency		
NamWater	Mr. Du Plessis NP	Environmental
NamPower	Ms Haihambo Nadia	Environmental
Roads Authority	Mr. Rutz Jackie	Area Manager

**PUBLIC MEETINGS ATTENDANCE REGISTERS (BOTH SESSIONS)**


Summary of the public participating meeting that was undertaken on the 19th of November 2022 at Uukwaluundhi Conservancy Office Hall, Omakange village. In a nutshell, the meeting was well attended, by both Traditional Authority (TA) leaders and community at large. In order to ensure that all critical issues/concerns are well captured, the meeting was subdivided into two (2) sessions, session one (1) with the TA leaders, while session two (2) was attended by the general public - and also three (3) Senior TA leaders. Below are the key issues/concerns that were raised during the meeting:

Identified key I&APs that were not present at the meeting, but need to be consulted:

- a) Uukwaluundhi Conservancy, Omusati Region – Johannes Shaanika (Chairperson) – 0812807623
- b) Okongoro Conservancy, Kunene Region
- c) Omusati and Kunene Regional Councils
- d) Omakange Stone Committee Group – need to be consulted
- e) MAWRD – Omakange office



**ATTENDANCE REGISTER**



**Alliance**  
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Postal Address: P. O. Box 51008, Bachibitsch, Windhoek, Namibia

PROJECT: *Development & small-scale mining for industrial minerals MCs 72088, 72089, 72090, 72091 & 72109*

VENUE: *Ukwalundhi conservancy office*

DATE: *19/11/2022* TIME: *9:30*

	NAME & SURNAME	ORGANIZATION	TEL/CELL NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
1	<i>Titus SHUUYA</i>	<i>AEC</i>	<i>0853013777</i>	<i>titus.shuuya@gmail.com</i>
2	<i>WILHARD Isak</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>0813215480</i>	
3	<i>Isak Wilbard</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>0812448456</i>	
4	<i>Joseph Lilongwe</i>		<i>08140450423</i>	
5	<i>Michael Cleofus</i>	<i>ELECTION</i>	<i>0816666404</i>	
6	<i>DAVID Immanuel</i>	<i>Handmen</i>	<i>0817284439</i>	
7	<i>Gustaph Imbia</i>	<i>Handmen</i>	<i>0813980095</i>	
8	<i>JASON ANGALA</i>	<i>Special advisor to headmen</i>	<i>0814549348</i>	<i>angalab72@gmail.com</i>



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MCs 72088 & 72089

ESIA REPORT

**POWER POINT PRESENTATION**





**Proposed development and small-scale mining activities for industrial minerals, within Mining Claims 72088, 72089, 72090, 72091 & 72109 near Omakange, Omusati & Kunene Regions**

**Public Participation Meeting**

19<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

**Titus Shuuya, Mr**

# OUTLINE

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- Purpose of the Proposed Project
- Environmental Requirements

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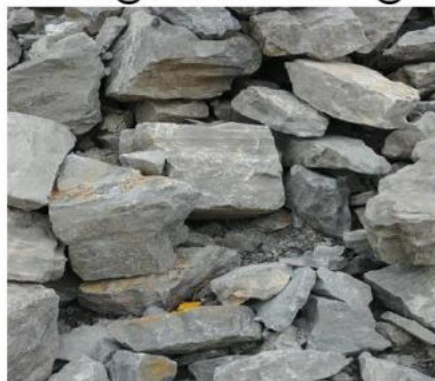
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# INTRODUCTION

Alliance Environmental Consultancy CC (AEC), “the consultant” has been appointed by Mr. Martin Demufawo Shaanika, “the proponent” to assist with the application process for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC).

The proponent proposes to development a small-scale mining project for industrial mineral on Mining Claims 72088, 72089, 72090, 72091, specifically with interest in:

- Dolostone aggregates - used in the construction of roads, bridges, buildings and canals etc.





## **INTRODUCTION cont...**

Mining and quarrying are listed activities, hence:

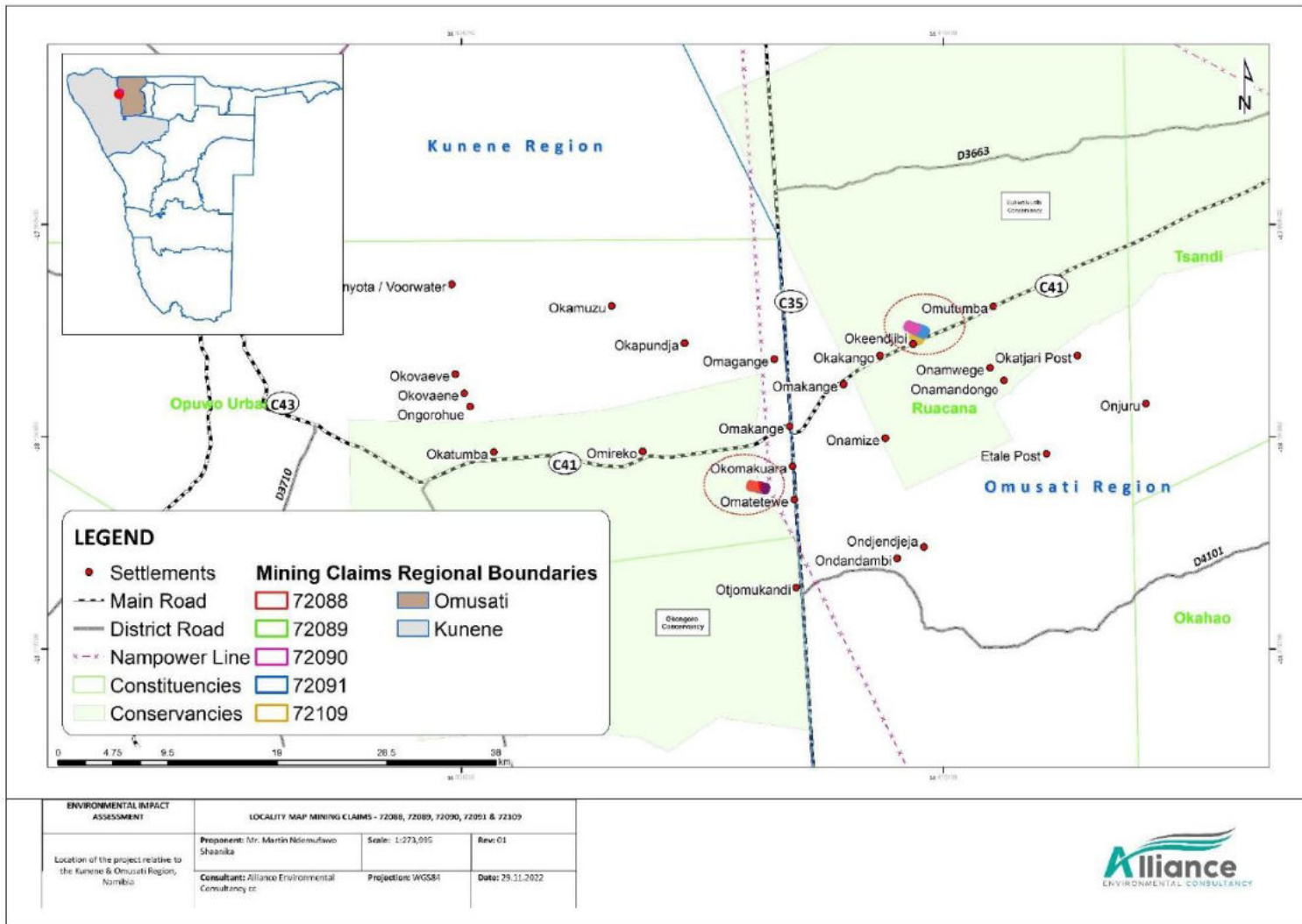
- An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) should be conducted as per the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 EIA Regulations:
  - a processes that includes public participation;
  - it identifies and analyses potential positive and negative impact on the environment and social safeguards related to a project;
  - summarized in the scoping report and Environmental Management Plan (EMP);
  - Inform decision making by the competent authority to approve or not approve the ECC.

## INTRODUCTION cont...

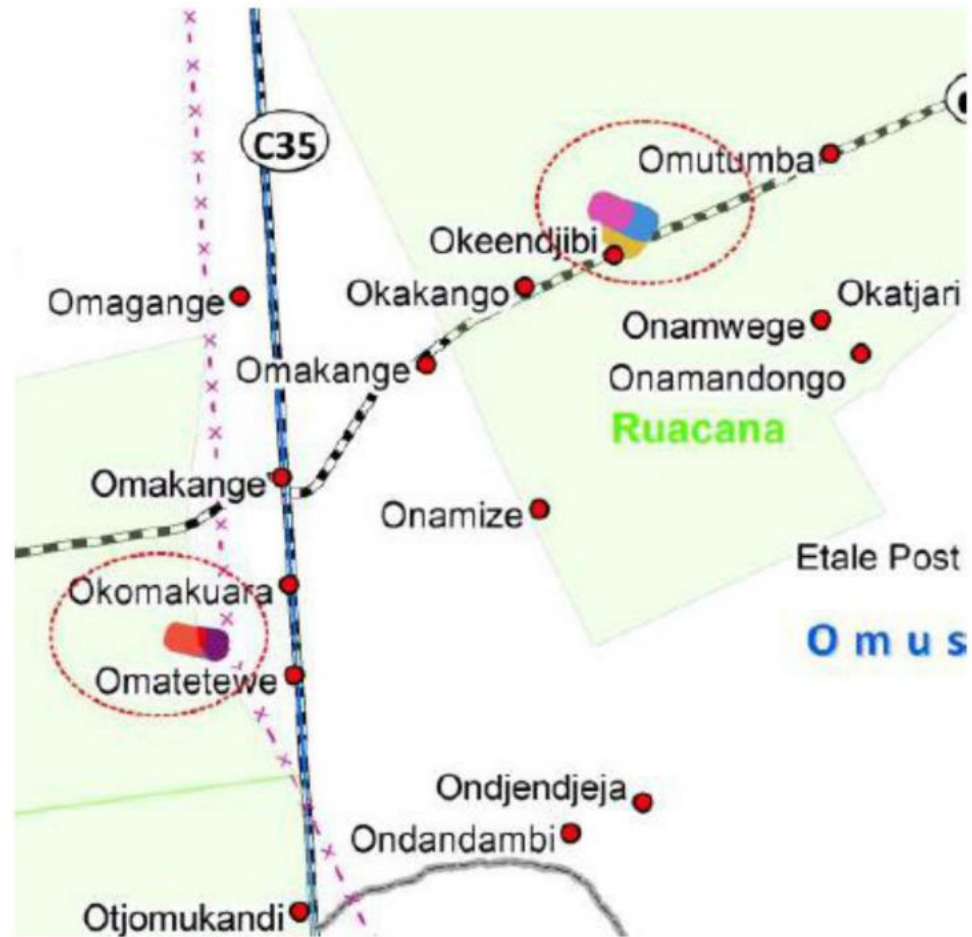
### Purpose of an EIA

- Introduce the proposed project and related activities to potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs);
- Provide information about the EIA process and how I&APs can be involved/register;
- **Thereafter, identify, assess and formulate** appropriate management actions required to **avoid, minimise or mitigate** the negative impacts; or to **enhance the benefits** of the project.

# PROJECT LOCATION



## PROJECT LOCATION cont...



Located in the Okeendjibi and Omatetewe areas near Omakange. It covers an area of ~ 17100 Ha. Accessible via tracks from C35 road.

## **PROPOSED PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

The projected small-scale mining activities are summarized as follows:

- Desktop review of existing data as well as past area studies – to understand the commodities.
- Regional survey e.g., field-based, mapping, sampling trenching and drilling for validation purposes.
- Detailed local field-based operations such as localized site-specific detailed geology mapping, trenching, bulk sample and surveying are carried out.
- Traditional methods of drilling, blasting, excavation and crushing techniques shall be conducted.

Summary of the envisaged project development process:

- Planning and permitting
- Site preparation for the plant (capacity ~ 50 000 m<sup>3</sup>/day)
- Decommissioning, final rehabilitation

## **SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT & SERVICES**

Machineries & equipment to be used:

- excavators, haul trucks, hammer crushers, screens, conveyers etc.
- Temporary camp, if required.
- Access road if required – agreement with landowner shall be in place.
- Energy – a diesel-powered generator and solar energy
- Water supply – to be transported to site, but a permit shall be in place if boreholes are required.

## **NEED AND DESIRABILITY OF THE PROJECT**

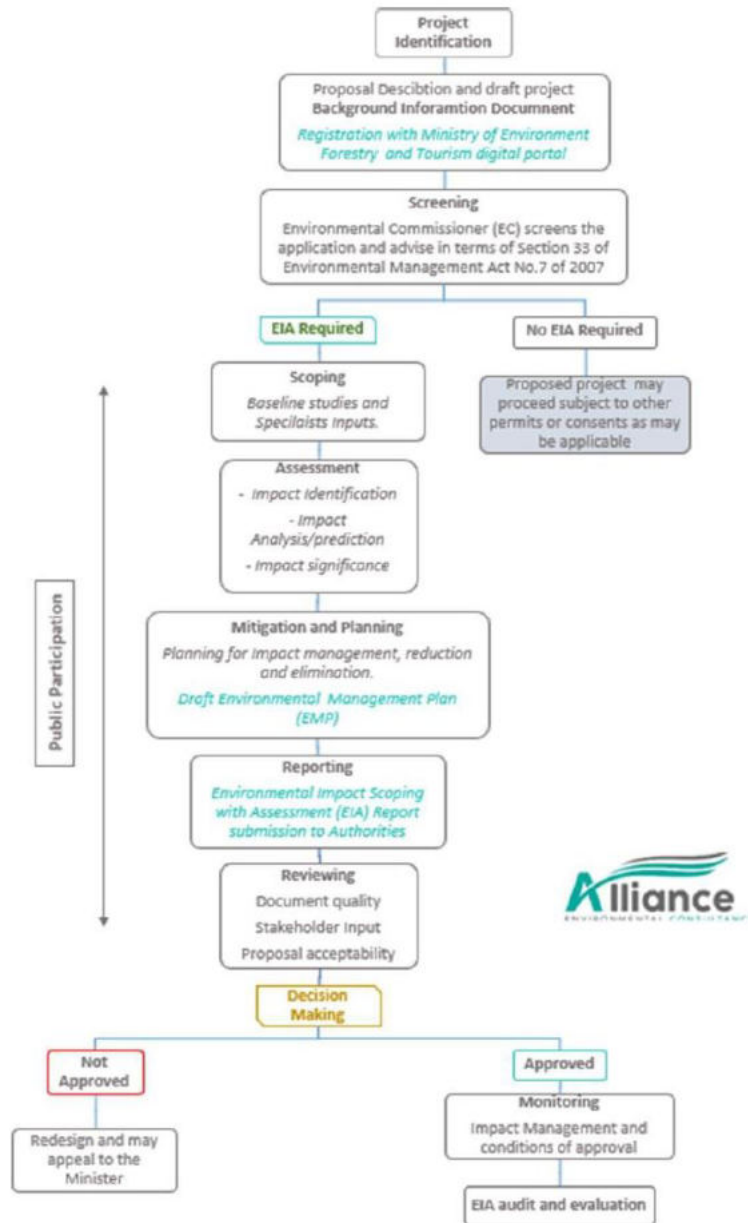
Mining activities are of great contribution to the country's revenue and one of the largest economic sectors in the country.

The proposed small-scale mining activities will directly contribute to the economy of the local community, possible benefits at a regional to national scale such as:

- Contributions to annual license fees to the government through the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME).
- Payments of lease agreements and services rendered.
- Provisional contracting opportunity for companies interested in small-scale mining activities (up-to ~15 – 17 years).
- Provision of contractual employment opportunities.
- Increase in knowledge on the subsurface which then contributes to development, and geoscience research.

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Conducted in terms of the Environmental Management Act 7 of 2007 and EIA regulations. Aim to identify, assess and ascertain potential environmental impacts that may arise from the proposed activity.





# Environmental Impact Assessment

Issues identified to be investigated include, but are not limited to:

## Positive impacts

- Employment creation – 25 skilled and unskilled (priority for locals)
- Income generation (local/national)
- Training opportunities – skills development

## Negative impacts

- Possible fauna & flora disturbance
- Possibility of **illegal hunting**
- Land use **conflict**
- Minor visual, soil, water, air and noise pollution especially during operation phase
- Health and safety impacts, if appropriate Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) are not provided or used correctly
- Solid and hazardous waste management
- Possible disturbance to heritage/historically important area of interest

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION & MINING ACTIVITIES WITHIN MINING CLAIMS 72088, 72089, 72090, 72091 & 72109, OMSATI & KUNENE REGIONS**

On behalf of the proponent, Alliance Environmental Consultancy CC (AEC) herewith gives notice in terms of the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for the proposed prospecting and mining activities within MCs 72088, 72089, 72090, 72091 & 72109.

An Environmental Scoping and Impact Assessment (ESIA) and Draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be submitted to the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) and the Ministry of Environment Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) to support the application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate for the proposed activities.

**Proponent:** Mr. Martin Demutawo Shaanika

**Commodities:** Industrial minerals

**Location of the project area:** Near Omakange within Okongoro and Ukwaluudhi communal conservancies (Fig1).

**LEGEND**

- Settlements
- Main Road
- District Road
- Nampower Line
- Conservancies
- Mining Claims Regional Boundaries
- 72088
- 72089
- 72090
- 72091
- 72109
- Omsati
- Kunene

**REGISTRATION**

All Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to register and submit comments duly motivated in writing on or before the 21st of November 2022. Registration and Background Information Documents (BID) for the project can be requested from the email address below. The public meeting will be held at Tjimuhiva Combined School on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 at 09am and another at 13H00.

**Email:** [info@enviro-aec.com](mailto:info@enviro-aec.com)

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- Public participation is the cornerstone of the EIA process
- I&APs will be given the opportunity to comment on the findings of the reports, during the specified comment periods
- I&APs are hereby invited to comment on environmental, social, and economic issues relating to the proposed project.
- It involves:
  - Public notifications ., e.g. newspaper etc.
  - I&APs registrations
  - Consultations with relevant stakeholders

# Questions & Comments

**THE LAST DAY TO SEND COMMENTS IS ON 22 NOVEMBER  
2022**

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**COMMENTS AND RESPONSES**

QUESTION BY	QUESTION	RESPONSE BY AEC CONSULTANT
<p><b>Traditional Authority Representative</b></p>	<p>What is the size of each MCs?</p>	<p>72090 - 17.22ha, 72109 - 13.82ha, 72091 - 17.30, 72088 - 17.19ha and 72089 - 17.42ha</p> <p>Generally, a MC is usually approx.18ha.</p>
	<p>What influence does the PPP have on the ECC approval?</p>	<p>The PPP purpose is to afford the public an opportunity to provide their comments or concerns with regards to the proposed project. The idea of PPP is to have an open and transparent communication between the consultant/proponent and the public that are potentially interested or affected. Usually, the input from the public makes a great effort during the drafting of the assessment reports at mostly involve the native information of the project locality. However, the final decision lies in the hands of the Ministry of Environment Forestry and Tourism as well as the potential competent authorities.</p> <p>AEC further clarified that; the main aim of the team is to engage/consult with the public in order to obtain appropriate information pertaining the proposed project such information will be submitted to the Government for decision making.</p>
	<p>Will the proponent rehabilitate the site once the site and/or work have been completed?</p>	<p>The Environmental Management Plan as well as the scoping assessment provides rehabilitation measures, it is important that the site is rehabilitated upon project closure for the land</p>

		to be usable again. Although might not be 100% as the original state.
	Is there a limited number of MCs that can be issued to individuals?	According to the law that is employed by the Ministry of Mines and Energy, an individual can only have a maximum of ten (10) mining claims to their name.
	Did you consider reviving dormant crushers that are within the area?	According to the proponent that has not been considered, maybe at a later stage once the ownership is determined and if the need arise. However, that would be an alternative to minimize ground damage at a larger area instead of working from the already disturbed sites in the vicinity.
	Please also include the social corporate responsibility that can benefit the community in the long run e.g., build TA office, upgrade clinic, establish community garden etc.	That will be a measure to be considered by the proponent through mutual agreements with the relevant parties when the project progresses.
	There have been many developers within the area, but all they do is empty promise, they never fulfil their promise – and its worrisome.	AEC nor the proponent are not familiar with other developers that are/were present in the area, therefore cannot comment on that. However, to avoid similar situations the proponent will keep lines of communication with the public open throughout the life of the project.
	Also include educational training and skills development and/or transfer for the local community – Traditional authority needs assistance from you developers.	Usually, projects as this one gives priority to the locals in terms of employment and sills sharing. This are also provided in the EMP and the scoping report. <b>Response by Proponent:</b> He further explained that him as the owner of the MCs will make sure that local community are given priority in terms of job employment, procurement of material and service delivery.

	<p>How long it will take for Government to approve so that the project can start – the people are hungry and need employment.</p>	<p>once the EIA report is submitted, the Government will take at least three (3) months to review and make decision.</p>
	<p>If the project commences, what is the life span?</p>	<p>At the moment, the predicted period is approximately 15 – 17 years, depending on the available resource and geological confirmation.</p>
	<p>There is poverty in the area, people really need job – that's a project like this will improve their living standards, development is needed.</p>	<p>Noted and as allured by the proponent, the local community will be given priority.</p>
	<p>At least three (3) TA members should be selected to be part of the ongoing process for the proposed project.</p>	<p>Noted and will be considered.</p>
	<p>Once operation start, please provide/avail the local community the excess/waste/unwanted materials at a cheaper price.</p>	<p>Noted and will be considered.</p>
	<p>Have you also considered consultation with the local councilors?</p>	<p>Yes, the public invitation was provided to them, however, they refereed AEC to consult with the Ruacana Councilor office and that will be employed.</p>
	<p>How will you ensure that local people are considered in terms of the employment?</p>	<p>An employment plan shall be developed, which will have details regarding the employment procedures including hiring local community.</p>
	<p>We are hungry, we want work and feed our family, please don't give us empty promise.</p>	<p>Noted and as allured by the proponent, the local community will be given priority.</p>

<p><b>Local Community Members</b></p>	<p>I was working for many years for a certain company, but they never provided us with the employment contracts and not even social security registration.</p>	<p>All people that will be working on the project shall sign the employment contract and they should be registered with social security.</p>
	<p>The TA is failing us, they do not employ people as promised, they should revise the TA committee strategy.</p>	<p>Noted, the proponent will formulate an employment plan that will give equal opportunities to all potential members of the public that qualifies.</p>
	<p>To the TA, why didn't you invite all people to the meeting to attend?</p>	<p>All I&amp;APs were invited through newspaper adverts, site notices were placed at the Tjimuhiva School, Tsandi community hall and at the Omakange community hall, the message was given to the TA to invite all potential affected parties too. However, in the future radio announcement will be considered in the future since some community or areas do not receive newspapers. <b>0815870345</b></p>
	<p>we have noticed that in Namibia, only young people are being employed, will you consider employing also older people?</p>	<p>There will be an employment plan which will guide the employment procedures to give equal opportunities to all deserving people.</p>
	<p>How many % of unskilled and skilled employees will be hired? And also consider employing all tribes, not just from one tribe.</p>	<p>It is not easy to decide now, it will be clearer once the project have well established, but definitely the local community will be given priority, especially when it comes to unskilled employment, procurement of good and service delivery.</p> <p>There should be I&amp;APs communication strategy plan, this will enable effective and efficient communication with the local community. For example, the proponent should always report to the traditional authority's office before accessing the site.</p>

	<p>Many thanks for coming and engage with us, there have been so many project/developers in the area, but I am disappointed that our own local community steal materials such as solar panels and batteries.</p>	<p>Disappointed to hear that the local community engage in acts like that, this will chase potential investors away. We hope to have a better relationship with the community once our operations begin says the proponent.</p>
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