

1.1 Communication with I&APs, and Means of Consultation Employed

Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations details the steps to be taken during a public consultation process and these have been used in guiding this process. Communication with I&APs with regards to the proposed development was facilitated through the following means and in this order:

- A Background Information Document (BID) containing brief information about the proposed project was compiled and hand delivered to MME during the submission of the ECC application, uploaded on the MEFT (ECC) Portal for project registration and shared with registered Interested and Affected parties (I&APs).
- Project Environmental Assessment notices were published in The Namibia Media Holdings' *Market Watch newspapers (Allgemeine Zeitung, Die Republikein, and Namibian Sun)* dated 28 November 2022 & 05 December 2022, briefly explaining the activity and its locality, inviting members of the public to register as I&APs and submit their comments/concerns.
- The BID was circulated to the I&APs, particularly the farm owners as well as other interested members of the public as requested.
- A consultation meeting was scheduled and held with stakeholders / the affected farmers (landowners) on the 17th of March 2023 at 11h30 at Central Hotel Boardroom in Omaruru as shown below.



Consultation meeting held in Omaruru on 17 March 2023

One of the landowners who was based in Windhoek and could not attend the meeting on the 17th of March 2023, had a separate briefing (meeting) in Windhoek on the 22nd of March 2023 – see photo below.

EPL-8241: Proof of EIA Consultation



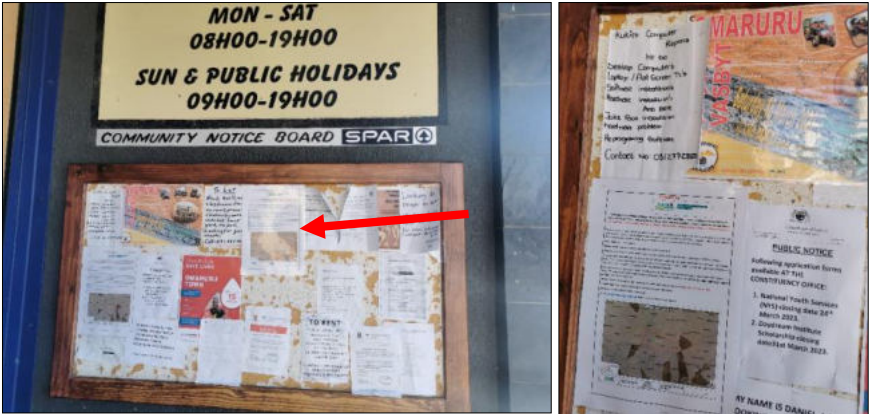
The consultation meeting in progress at 45 Mburumba Kerina Street in Windhoek (22 March 2023)

The consultation meeting minutes were taken and are attached hereto as Appendix E.

- Two A3 size posters were pasted at the Omaruru Municipality and Spar Supermarket notice boards in Omaruru as shown below.



The A3 ESA Study Poster at the Omaruru Municipality in March 2023



The ESA Study Poster in Omaruru at Spar Supermarket

1.2 Feedback and Issues from Interested and Affected Parties

Issues were raised by I&APs throughout the consultation period and these issues have been recorded (as received from I&APs) and incorporated in the ESA Report and Draft EMP. The summary these key issues are listed below.

- Impact on flora impacts
- Impact on the scenic aspect of Namibia, which further affects the tourism sector
- Accidental fire damages
- Impact on fauna (snares or any traps installed by any exploration crews)
- Rehabilitation of test quarries and trenches/exploration holes and insurance/assurance thereof.
- Compensation on lost livestock due to gates left open or fences damaged during exploration.
- Soil erosion and vegetation/bush encroachment (alien/invasive species).
- The impact of exploration activities on local roads
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- Compensation of vegetation loses. Therefore, minimize the removal of vegetation
- Waste management: avoid open defecation onsite.
- Deworming medication should be supplied to the exploration crew.
- Littering: if not controlled, this will lead to environmental pollution on the farm.
- Poaching/illegal hunting: we should be informed on who will be onsite, what activities they will be carrying out, where they would be on the farm and duration.
- Stock theft: cumulative impact, as some of farm workers can be involved in stock theft.
- Rehabilitation: un-rehabilitated roads would trigger soil erosion
- Consultation and transparency: consult with us on time for any matters and open communication is encouraged.
- Hazardous waste: oil spillage from trucks or disposal of drilling mud. The mud/sludge from drilling activities, if disposed of on grass or young vegetation, growth is hindered.
- Corporate social responsibility: Consider assisting the farmers with upgrading farm gates, especially the gates that will be removed to enable entry of heavy and wider exploration vehicles such as trucks and machinery.
- Safety of the exploration workers/personnel onsite: there are leopards on the farm.
- Security onsite: A security guards particularly to look after exploration equipment and vehicles onsite should be stationed onsite but the guard will be chosen/recommended by the farmers (someone they can trust).

The first public consultation which entailed the submission of comments and registration as I&APs started on the 28th of November 2022 until the 06th of January 2023. However, the deadline for comments was extended further to early 2023, i.e., pending the consultation meetings that were only held in March 2023. Comments and concerns were submitted to Serja of which most were submitted in the consultation meetings as summarized above.



❖ S&P hikes Eskom's outlook

Electricity pylons are seen in front of the cooling towers at the Lethabo Thermal Power Station, an Eskom coal-burning power station. PHOTOS REUTERS

Fitch maintains South Africa's ratings

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HELENA WASSERMAN

The US credit rating agency Fitch maintained its view on South Africa, while S&P boosted its outlook on Eskom from "negative" to "stable". This is thanks to an expected transfer of some of Eskom's debt to government.

Fitch said South Africa's finances are constrained by high and still rising government debt, weak growth and high inequality. But it also has a "favourable" government debt structure, which is mostly in rand (not foreign currencies) and with long maturities. In addition, the country has a "credible" monetary policy framework.

The agency noted "substantial recent over-performance on fiscal revenues and the government's strong efforts to control expenditure", which if successfully continued, could bring about debt stabilisation.

"However, at this stage we assume

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 - S&P

a substantial part of recent higher revenues to be temporary and see current public sector wage negotiations pointing to increased upward pressure on spending.”

Fitch doesn't expect load shedding will significantly improve next year and will ease only gradually in 2024.

South Africa's growth potential remains low and is a key credit weakness, Fitch said.

"There recently has been more progress on the government's reform agenda pushed by a focus on process bottlenecks under Operation Vulindlela, but full implementation



South African President Cyril Ramaphosa.

still takes a long time and reforms on the agenda are limited in ambition. There is also a risk that measures to improve transport infrastructure, a key part of the agenda, are merely offsetting an underlying deterioration, as worsening capacity issues amid rising demand have held back mining exports this year.”

Tax revenue has been surprisingly high, but Fitch expects it to fall back as profits in the mining sector nor-

malise. Fitch kept South Africa's long-term rating at 'BB-' with a "stable" outlook.

Also on Friday, US ratings agency S&P hiked its outlook on Eskom from "negative" to "stable", keeping its rating at "CCC+”.

Eskom

It noted that Eskom's operating performance is deteriorating and its costs are rising, with billions spent

on diesel for emergency power generation. Fitch says there are signs that load shedding could increase in coming months. However, government's plan to take on between one- and two-thirds of Eskom's debt would help stabilise its finances.

It warned, however, that the debt transfer plan is complex and not without risks.

In addition, the transfer won't address Eskom's other challenges, such as weak operational performance, overdue receivables from municipalities, and below-cost tariff increases. Eskom's cash flow will depend on its new tariffs for next year, which will be granted by the regulator, Nersa, next month. Eskom asked for a 33% increase in its tariffs.

"We believe a full tariff award would be unaffordable for many customers, and either lead to lower sales volumes or a rise in bad debts," S&P said.

S&P says it would lower its rating if bondholders receive less value than the original promise under the debt transfer plan.

A week ago, S&P kept South Africa's credit ratings unchanged. Its outlook remains "positive", meaning the next step could potentially be an upgrade.

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A CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & ENGAGEMENT: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING & EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) NO. 8241 LOCATED NORTHWEST OF OMARURU IN THE ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA

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Project Nature and Location: The proposed prospecting and exploration activities on EPL-8241 which has a potential for commodities such as Base & Rare Metals, Dimension Stone, Industrial Minerals, and Precious Metals. The EPL is located about 10km northwest of Omaruru in the Erongo Region and covers an area of 19,726.1504 hectares (Ha).

The Proponent: Barbara Tjiroze
Environmental Consultant: Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC

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Project Nature and Location: The proposed prospecting and exploration activities on EPL-7603 which has a potential for commodities such as Base & Rare Metals, Dimension Stone, Industrial Minerals, Nuclear Fuel Minerals and Precious Metals. The EPL is located about 40km northwest of Usakos in the Erongo Region and covers an area of 16,685.635 hectares (Ha).

The Proponent: Dwyka Investment CC
Environmental Consultant: Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC

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Sanlam, Absa creates SA's biggest black-owned asset manager

Assets exceed R1 trillion

Sanlam and Absa have formally combined their investment businesses a year after announcing the merger.

LONDIWE BUTHELEZI

Sanlam and Absa have officially combined their investment businesses to form South Africa's largest black-owned asset manager. The two companies announced in October 2021 that they were joining forces to create an asset management firm second only to Ninety One in terms of size.

The new company, to be born out of marrying Sanlam Investments and Absa Investments – which comprised Absa Asset Management, Absa Alter-

native Asset Management, Absa Fund Managers and Absa Multi-Management – will have assets of more than R1 trillion.

On Thursday, the two firms said they've now met all the conditions, allowing them to officially launch the new asset management venture, Sanlam Investment Holdings Proprietary Limited (SIH), on 1 December.

GIANTS

The two combined all their investment management businesses in South Africa.

Absa Investments got a stake in SIH. Absa also entered into a 10-year distribution agreement with SIH. This means that the new asset management firm will use both Sanlam and distribution networks, thus reaching significantly more clients than they



ever could individually.

They also said that doing it as a team of two financial giants will help them bring a more holistic range of investment solutions to the market.

“Sanlam and Absa clients will gain from the enhanced investment offering. This partnership will allow

us to deliver investment solutions that sustain future generations,” said Sanlam Investment Group CEO, Carl Roothman.

He believes that the scale of SIH will position the group as the preferred investment solutions provider in South Africa.

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Nictus offers modern shopping experience for Tsumeb

Nictus Namibia, one of the country's largest and independent retailers has officially re-opened doors to its spacious and modern-looking Tsumeb branch, after months of setting up shop in short-term leased space. Nictus Tsumeb caught fire in late 2021 and major renovations had to be carried out on the branch's premises. Not only does the renovated store reveal Nictus' new brand identity but also stocks a wider range set to offer a one-stop shopping experience for Tsumeb residents and neighbouring towns. The shop now offers a variety of kids' furniture, kitchen items, and a wider range of small electrical appliances. It also sports a brand-new store in store for the well-known German brand Bosch. Nictus Holdings' managing director, Philippus Tromp, officiated the opening.

Total takes next step to develop SA gas fields



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PAUL BURKHARDT

TotalEnergies has applied for environmental authorisation toward developing its gas discoveries offshore South Africa.

The move forms part of a production right application in Block 11B/12B,

which is available for public comment, according a draft scoping report published online.

Future transition

Development of the block could potentially revive state-owned PetroSA's 45 000-barrel-a-day Mossel Bay gas-

to-liquids plant, which has run out of feedstock.

South Africa also plans to use the fuel to transition away from coal that's used to generate nearly all of the nation's electricity.

The production right area that is being applied for is smaller than the explora-

tion right area that the company previously held, according to the report.

TotalEnergies is the operator of the block with 45% of the rights, Qatar Petroleum holds 25%, CNR international 20%, and the remainder is held by the South African consortium Main Street.

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Date: 17 March 2023

FIRST CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE:

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) 8241 NORTHWEST OF OMARURU IN THE ERONGO REGION

1ST CONSULTATION MEETING SLOT (ACCOMMODATING BOTH FARMERS FOR EPL-8241 & EPL-7582 AS THE TWO EPLS ARE IN THE SAME AREA)

Date: Friday, 17 March 2023

Time: 11h30

Venue: Central Hotel Boardroom, Omaruru in Erongo Region

The Project Proponent: Tarah Hainana (EPL-7582) & Barbara Tjiroze (EPL-8241)

The Meeting was attended by ten (10) people (Please refer to the attached attendance register. However, one attendee from Farm Okosongoro No. 45 & Okarumuti No. 216 (EPL-7582) did not sign the attendance register, as well as two representatives from Farm Piechazek No. 236 & 237 (EPL-8241) who only indicated "Piechazek" in the register).

- **One Environmental consultant** from Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC and **One Archaeologist** from TARO Archaeology & Heritage Consultants
- **One representative** from EPL-7582. There was no representative for EPL-8241 in Omaruru
- **Seven (7) representatives** from the affected farms (whose farms are covered/overlain by the 2 EPLs) – as shown on the photos in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1: The 1st consultation meeting slot in progress at Central Hotel in Omaruru (17 March 2023)



1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING

Ms. Fredrika Shagama (the lead Environmental Assessment Practitioner / Consultant from Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants cc) opened the meeting and thanked farmers' representatives for making time. She briefly explained the meeting agenda of the meeting in accordance with the Public Consultation's Section 21 to 24 of the 2012 EIA Regulations: Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007.

The Environmental Consultant circulated the consultation meeting attendance for signature as proof of consultation to be appended to the ESA Report. Printed copies of the Background Information Documents (BIDs) were also distributed to the attendees for self-reading to enable the raising of concerns, and submitting comments.

2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION

Ms. Shagama presented the agenda of the meeting which included the following main points:

2.1 Explanation of what an ESA is, its Process and the Public Role in the Process

Ms. Shagama explained the ESA process and that the proposed prospecting and exploration works is one of the listed that cannot be undertaken without an environmental clearance certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner, and that the consultation meeting is one of the requirements to the EIA study process to apply for the ECCs for the two EPLs (7582 and 8241).

2.2 Brief Description of the Project

A brief description of the planned project activities was presented as per the provided BIDs copy. Ms. Shagama reiterated that it is important for the farmers to understand that the proposed activities are not for mining activities but exploration only. This is also because the Proponent cannot mine on EPLs as mining can only be done once the exploration activities yield positive (economic feasible) results, of which the Proponent will need to apply for a Mining License (ML). The ML will be subject to another detailed EIA Study with specialists and apply for an ECC for mining activities. Therefore, the ESA Study focuses on prospecting an exploration phase only.

2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, Ms. Shagama presented the potential pre-identified potential positive and negative environmental impacts anticipated from the proposed prospecting and exploration activities.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

Upon presentation of the ESA/EIA process, project activities, and anticipated impacts, the meeting attendees were afforded an opportunity to ask questions and/or raise concerns with regards to the proposed project activities.

The key comments and concerns raised in the meeting were noted for consideration and inclusion in the ESA Report. These recorded comments and concerns are presented in **Table 1**.



Table 1: Issues, suggestions and comments received during the Consultation Meeting on 17 March 2023 at 11h30

No.	Name of the speaker/commentor & Capacity	Comment/Issue/Suggestion	Response provided by:
1.	Mr. P. Clausen (Farm Okosongoro No. 45 & Farm Okarumuti No. 216): EPL-7582	<p>Exploration and any mining related activities will always have a negative impact on the farming, particularly game farming (trophy hunting) and eventually tourism. There are also other activities of income generation on some farms such as charcoal.</p> <p>The planning of exploration trips to the farms should be properly done and consultation with individual farmers done during land access agreement period.</p>	<p>Ms. Fredrika Shagama (Ms. FS): Noted. We will try to address this impact in the ESA Report and provide measures that can be implemented during exploration activities' presence in the area.</p> <p>With regards to access agreements, yes, this will need to be adhered to by every EPL owner before commencement of any ground works.</p> <p>Mr. Tarah Hainana (Mr. TH – EPL7582): I also believe that transparency, building and maintaining a good relationship as well as managing it, will be very important for the activities.</p>
2.		There is a concern of accidental fire outbreaks from fires that may be started by the exploration crews. Will there be any compensation for damages to property and affected wildlife?	Ms. FS: This is well noted. And yes, provision will be made for compensation in case fire outbreaks from exploration related activities. It will also be important for the landowner/farmer to include such incidents as conditions in their land access and use agreements. This aspect will also be included in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) to be shared with all farmers.
3.		The issue of poaching of wildlife and livestock theft on the farm during exploration. I recommend that proponents should ensure that the project workers onsite are provided with enough food to make sure that they are not tempted to poach or steal livestock for food.	Ms. FS: Noted for inclusion in the EMP.
4.	Ms. Uda Clausen (Farm Okosongoro No. 45 & Farm Okarumuti No. 216): EPL-7582)	Mining cannot co-exist with farming/wildlife. Wildlife has decreased over the year and this decrease has been linked to projects such as charcoal, mining and exploration activities. Due to these activities, livestock is mainly enclosed in kraals to prevent	Ms. FS: This has been noted. We understand the concern and we will try to address in the environmental documents and how the impact can be mitigated during exploration. It should also be noted that exploration will be site specific within the EPL



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		<p>animal theft by these project related personnel.</p> <p>As the saying goes " thank the farmer if you have eaten today". Therefore, this needs to be looked at.</p>	<p>and not necessary the whole EPL area, and duration is shorter compared to mining itself, which does not form part of this environmental assessment.</p>
5		<p>I think there should be a shares agreement when mining starts as a form of compensation to disturbed farm land.</p>	<p>Ms. FS: Noted. This would be consider when and if the EPL is converted into a mining license (which can only be confirmed after exploration).</p>
6.		<p>Why is the EPL specifically in our area? Why Omaruru</p>	<p>Ms. FS: EPL applications are made in an area based on the geology/rock units of an area which determines the type of mineral commodities are associated with that geology. Therefore, proponents select an area either based on a historical exploration finding or purely the geological map. In other words, the Proponent applied for this EPL, based on their interest to explore for Base & Rare metals (copper and zinc), industrial minerals (lithium) and precious metals (gold), dimension stone (granite) with the hope of finding an economic feasible concentration of either of the minerals.</p>
7.	<p>Mr. Markus Trede (Farm Lindholm No. 237)</p>	<p>Can please explain to us how the exploration process works or what stages are included in that?</p>	<p>Ms. FS: prospecting and exploration activities are done as a follow-up exercise to the phases involved (the aim is to obtain as much information as possible which aids in planning for the next stage of exploration, if feasible). The phases/stage are (1) prospecting which includes non-invasive methods such as geological mapping, aeromagnetic survey (capturing ground data from a low-flying small exploration air craft), (2) soil & rock sampling – collecting of soil and rock samples in the field where one would need sampling bags (1kg, or 5kg, depending on the required sample size) and sampling tools such as hand-held sampling</p>



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			<p>scoops. The 3rd phase involves invasive methods (trenching and drilling).</p> <p>For trenching, there would be an excavator, spades and other associated equipment. During the trenching, this equipment will be stored onsite until the work is completed. The same applies to drilling (drill rigs, bowsers, truck and associated vehicles and equipment). Therefore, it will not be economical to take the equipment on and offsite to return the following week or months. However, the Proponent and their contractors will need to communicate this to the farm owners, which includes how many people will be onsite, etc.</p> <p>Exploration duration is result driven and depending on the factors such as, how fast the laboratory sends back the sample results to be able to continue with the next phase and how soon the investors release funds for the next phase, etc. This is the reason some exploration projects can even take 5 to 7 years.</p>
8.	Ms. Alina Vogel (Farm Gross Okandjou No. 187)	We often hear about EPL owners selling their licenses after. What guarantee do we have that a proponent will not do the same and we will have a completely new face when activities start and have no one to hold accountable for possible damages on our farms during exploration?	Mr. TH – EPL7582: The Ministry of Mines & Energy (MME) does not allow the sale of an EPL wholly to a new owner as the initial EPL holder is required to stay on the EPL with at least 15%. Therefore, you will still see me when exploration commences.
9.	Mr. Markus Trede (Farm Lindholm No. 237)	There seems to be a lot of negative impacts than positive ones. How can we be convinced that the positive impacts are at least giving us hope?	<p>Ms. FS: Unfortunately for exploration, the direct positive impacts are few compared to the negatives, but this is exactly why exploration activities and other projects are listed under the 2012 EIA Regulations.</p> <p>For the exploration, there are more negative impacts as this is associated with the project</p>



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			activities, and the aim of the ESA/EIA study is therefore to assesses the potential negative (adverse) and see how their significance can be reduced to acceptable levels. For instance, if water is encountered in some exploration holes that will no longer be needed for further exploration data collection, the hole cannot be backfilled/closed. The holes would be communicated with the respective farmer to reach a decision for the Proponent to equip the borehole for the farmer to use it further (for water supply).□Furthermore, in terms of other benefits to the farmers apart from land access fees, they would also procure certain services and goods such as provision of drinking and cooking water exploration crew while onsite at a fee, etc.
10.	Ms. Uda Clausen (Farm Okosongoro No. 45 & Farm Okarumuti No. 216): EPL-7582)	The conservation of heritage resources should be prioritized.	Ms. FS: Noted. This is actually one of the crucial components of the environmental assessment as the EPL will also need a consent letter from the Heritage Council. One of the team member with us is the Archaeologist Mr. Mushi who will need access to the farms covered by the EPL so that he can conduct an Archaeological & Heritage impact Assessment (AHIA). The AHIA Report will be submitted with an application to the National Heritage Council for evaluation and consideration of the consent letter. The consent letter will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner as per of the application for an ECC.
List of hand written comments/concerns submitted by the representatives of Mr. Piechazek for EPL-8241			
11.	Mr. A. Piechazek (Farm Piechazek No. 236 & 237)	If the Proponent will be using this road, I would like them to not bump our goats (animals).	Ms. FS: Noted. This will be incorporated in the EMP for implementation. The same can also be incorporated into your farm access agreements as a condition.



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		They should ask for permission to clear the roads if need be.	-Well noted. To be incorporated in the EMP.
12.		I do not want the Proponent, their workers or contractors throwing rubbish such as plastics, bottles and papers on and around the farm.	Ms. FS: Noted. The management of all solid waste generated during exploration will be incorporated in the EMP for implementation. The same can also be incorporated into your farm access agreements as a condition.
13.		If they will be staying on the farm, they must have toilets. If anyone from the exploration crew poach animals on the farm, who should I hold accountable?	Ms. FS: Noted. The management of human waste/sewage generated during exploration will also be incorporated in the EMP for implementation. -The Proponent through the Exploration Manager will be held accountable. The channels of solving complaints will be attached under Environmental Monitoring Table in the EMP.
14.		Where exploration holes and trenches will be drilled and dug, respectively, they would be closed off and backfilled, respectively. They should not be left open.	Ms. FS: Noted. The rehabilitation of disturbed site areas after exploration will be incorporated in the EMP for implementation
15.		No unauthorized roads should be created on the farm. Where necessary, permission to create new access roads should be obtained from me (the farm owner).	Ms. FS: Noted. This measures will be incorporated in the EMP for implementation
16.		Should you need water, particularly for drinking and cooking, please ask me to provide the amount needed, if possible. If there is a problem, who should I go to for help/ lodge the complaints?	-Ms. FS: This has been well noted and will be incorporated into the EMP for the Proponent to purchase drinking water from the farm. -Problems, complaints and or issues encountered by the farm owner during exploration should be submitted to the Exploration Manager who the Proponent will introduce to the farmer before commencing with ground works.



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<p>Archaeological & Heritage Impact Assessment: Mr. Roland Mushi (the Archaeologist) will send email requests to the farmers for farm access so that he can conduct the Archaeological & Heritage impact Assessment (AHIA) and map the heritage sites/resources within EPL-7582.</p>			

There were no further questions or comments/concerns. However, some attendees indicated that they would send comments to Serja within 14 days, i.e. by Friday, 31 March 2023 for incorporation into the Report and EMP.

Ms. Shagama concluded the meeting and thanked the attendees for their participation. She informed them that their comments will be incorporated into the ESA report and suggestions added to the EMP before finalizing the documents for submission to the Environmental Commissioner.

The meeting was adjourned at 13h50.

2ND CONSULTATION MEETING SLOT

Date: Wednesday, 22 March 2023

Time: 10h30

Venue: Mr. Albert Piechazek Office, 45 Mburumba Kerina Street, Windhoek

The Project Proponent: Barbara Tjiroze

The Meeting was attended by 4 people (Please refer to the attached attendance register)

- **One Environmental consultant** from Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC
- **A representative** of Barbara Tjiroze/partner (EPL-8241)
- **Two (2) representatives** from Farm Piechazek No. 236 & 237 (Mr. Albert Piechazek and Mr. Eddy Piechazek who could not attend the Omaruru meeting on 17 March 2023). The photo taken from the meeting is shown in Figure 2 below.



Figure 2: The 2nd consultation meeting slot in progress at 45 Mburumba Kerina Street in Windhoek (22 March 2023)

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING

Ms. Fredrika Shagama (the lead Environmental Assessment Practitioner / Consultant from Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants cc) opened the meeting and thanked the two farm representative for making time for the meeting. She briefly explained to him meeting the agenda of the meeting in accordance with the Public Consultation's Section 21 to 24 of the 2012 EIA Regulations: Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007.

The Environmental Consultant requested the attendees to sign the meeting attendance as proof of consultation to be appended to the ESA Report. A copy of the Background Information Document (BID) was also provided to the attendees for self-reading.

2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION

Ms. Shagama presented the agenda of the meeting which included the following main points:

2.1 Explanation of what an ESA is, its Process and the Public Role in the Process

Ms. Shagama explained what an ESA is and that the proposed prospecting and exploration works is one of the listed that cannot be undertaken without an environmental clearance certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner, and that the consultation meeting is one of the requirements to the EIA study process to apply for the ECC.

2.2 Brief Description of the Project

A brief description of the planned project activities was presented as per the provided BID copy. Ms. Shagama reiterated that it is important for farmers to understand that the proposed activities are not for mining activities but exploration only. This is also because the Proponent cannot mine on an EPL. Mining can only be done once the exploration activities yield positive (economic feasible) results, which would mean the Proponent will need to apply for a Mining License (ML). The ML will be subject to another detailed EIA Study with specialists and apply for an ECC for mining activities. Therefore, the ESA Study focuses on prospecting an exploration phase only.

2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, Ms. Shagama presented the potential pre-identified potential positive and negative environmental impacts anticipated from the proposed prospecting and exploration activities.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

The farmer/landowner was provided with an opportunity to ask questions and/or raise concerns with regards to the proposed project activities.

The key comments and issues made in the meeting were recorded and noted for consideration and inclusion in the ESA Report. These issues and comments are presented in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Issues, suggestions and comments received during the Consultation Meeting on 22 March 2023 at 10h30

No.	Name of the speaker/commentor & Capacity	Comment/Issue/Suggestion	Response provided by:
1.	Mr. Albert Piechazek (Farm owner: Farm Piechazek No. 236 & 237)	The area is sensitive particularly on the following: -Soil erosion and vegetation/bush encroachment (alien/invasive species).	Ms. Fredrika Shagama (Ms. FS): This has been well noted and will be incorporated into the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for implementation.
2.		-The impact of exploration activities on local roads -Damaging of gates and vegetation by the heavy exploration vehicles and machinery.	



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		-Compensation of vegetation loses. Therefore, minimize the removal of vegetation	
3.		-Waste management: avoid open defecation onsite. -Deworming medication should be supplied to the exploration crew. -Littering: if not controlled, this will lead to environmental pollution on the farm.	Ms. FS: Noted, and will be incorporated into the EMP for implementation
4.		Accidental fire outbreaks: what guarantee do we have that the fire outbreaks will not occur and an insurance should be in place for exploration.	Ms. FS: As standard procedure, the exploration personnel will be trained on safety & health risks including refraining from starting open fires onsite (if not accommodated onsite where starting a fire for cooking purposes in an enclosed space), and how to use fire extinguishers to fight accidental fires
5.		Poaching/illegal hunting: we should be informed on who will be onsite, what activities they will be carrying out, where they would be on the farm and duration. Stock theft could be a cumulative impact, as some of the farm workers are at times involved in stock theft. Therefore, the Proponent should educate their workers.	Ms. FS: Noted, and these recommendations will be incorporated into the EMP for implementation. We will also propose an EMP training that will emphasize on these issues. A NO POACHING tolerance policy will be incorporated into the employment contracts of the exploration personnel to discourage the practice.
6.		Rehabilitation: un-rehabilitated roads would trigger soil erosion	Ms. FS: Noted.
7.		Consultation and transparency: consult with us on time for any matters and open communication is encouraged.	Ms. FS: Noted.
8.		Hazardous waste: oil spillage from trucks and disposal of drilling mud should be contained. The mud/sludge from drilling activities, if disposed of on grass or young	Ms. FS: Noted.



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		vegetation, their growth is hindered. There has been such an incident of grass no longer growing where the mud was disposed of. Therefore, consider disposing of the mud responsibly or elsewhere offsite but still responsibly.	
9		Corporate social responsibility: Consider assisting the farmers with upgrading farm gates, especially the gates that will be removed to enable entry of heavy and wider exploration vehicles such as trucks and machinery.	Ms. FS: Noted.
10.		Will there be blasting as part of exploration?	Mr. Ndiilima Malima (Proponent representative): No. there will be no blasting during exploration.
11.		Safety of the exploration workers/personnel onsite: there are leopards on the farm. Therefore, their safety should be considered.	Ms. FS: Noted.
12		Security onsite: A security guards particularly to look after exploration equipment and vehicles onsite should be stationed onsite but the guard will be chosen by us (someone we can trust).	Ms. FS: Noted.
13.		Fire arms: fire arms are strictly prohibited when entering the farm	Ms. FS: Noted.
14		Accessibility to different EPL sites: Consider accessing from Epako or via the Piechazek farms	Mr. Ndiilima Malima (Proponent representative): Noted.
15.	Mr. Ndiilima Malima (Proponent representative):	We will consider setting up a main accommodation site (camp) in Omaruru and the workers will be commuting from there to reduce the number of workers onsite and the EPL is also just about 10km from Omaruru. This will minimize and or avoid some of the impacts that	Ms. FS: this is crucial and, therefore noted.



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		may occur if workers are stationed on the farm 24 hours.	

There were no further questions or comments/concerns.

Ms. Shagama thanked Mr. Piechazek for making time to sit with us, informed him that his input is well appreciated and that the comments he made will be incorporated into the ESA report and suggestions added to the EMP. Ms. Shagama then closed the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11h40.




CONSULTATION MEETING ATTENDANCE REGISTER

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) NO. 7582 LOCATED NORTH OF OMARURU IN THE ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA
758241

Project Proponent: Tarah Hainana (EPL7582)

Date & Time: 11h30

Venue: Central Hotel Boardroom, Omaruru

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CONSULTATION MEETING ATTENDANCE REGISTER

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) NO. 8241 LOCATED NORTHWEST OF OMARURU IN THE ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA

Project Proponent: Barbara Tjerve

Date & Time: Wednesday, 22 March 2023

Venue: MT Trading & Agri Trains Office & 5 Mburumba Kerim Street, Windhoek

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