

## 2.2. PROJECT RATIONALE (MOTIVATION, NEED AND DESIRABILITY)

### 2.2.1 Project Motivation

The proposed activity responds to Namibia's strategic vision 2030 and the NDP5 of creating a conducive environment within which its citizens prospers and contribute to the national development goals by creating employment opportunities. Overall, this activity contribute to the nation's efforts of elevating poverty amongst the rural citizens.

Critically, going ahead with the proposed activity on MC 71621 creates a potential for the following marginal net benefits:

- Contribution Taxes and Royalty
- Technological Skill and Knowledge transfer
- Creates the most needed employment opportunities

### 2.2.2 Project Need and Desirability

Mining contributes about 25% to the Namibian GDP income, and thus the largest contributor to the Namibian economy. As in many African countries, mining is a key source of mineral commodities essential for maintaining and improving standards of living. Most important, the Namibian government makes provision for its citizens to obtain various mining license in order to create self-employment or business opportunities.

Mr. Otniel Koujo, were therefore presented an opportunity to venture into the sector by undertaking an exploration programme in respect in respect to Industrial Minerals, Non-Nuclear Fuel Mineral and Industrial Mineral.

Overall, the exploration activities is expected to generate full time medium to long term direct employment for at least 5-10 workers. The majority of workers to be employed on the proposed exploration project are expected to be skilled and/or semi-skilled (general labourers and operators).

## 2.3. PROJECT LOCATION

The MC 71621 which extends over 17.82 Hectares are situated in Central-western Namibia, within the Erongo Region (**Figures 4 and 5**) and approximately 30 km northwest of Usakos Town, outside any gazetted conservancy area within the Omaruru District. The area predominantly, consist of a number commercial farms that ventures in either livestock and or Game Farming activities and to some degree tourism establishments in commercial conservancies.

The mining claims are directly accessible via the D1935 gravel road connecting Usakos to Okombahe Settlement communal settlements. Other section of the mining claim will only be accessed by foot to ensure minimum impacts on the receiving environment.

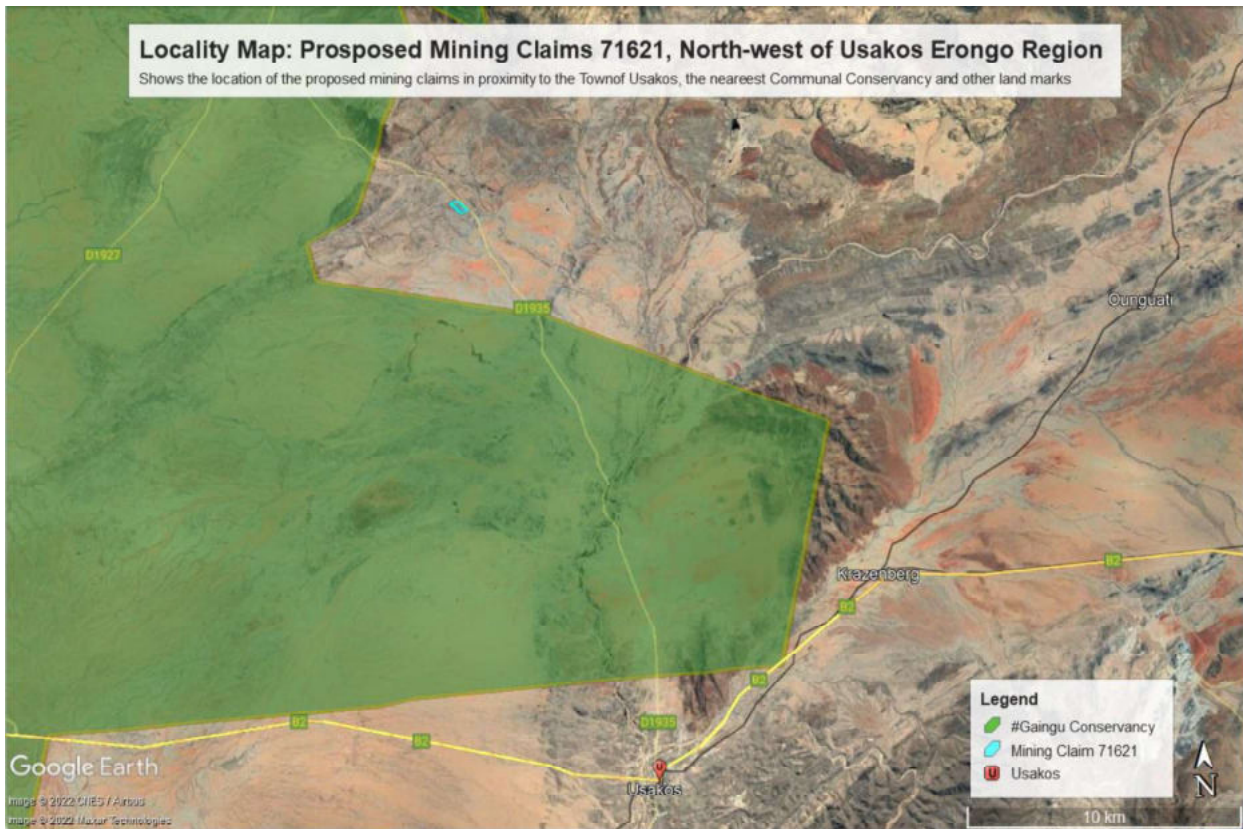


Figure 4: Locality map of the proposed exploration activity's site or area in the Erongo Region

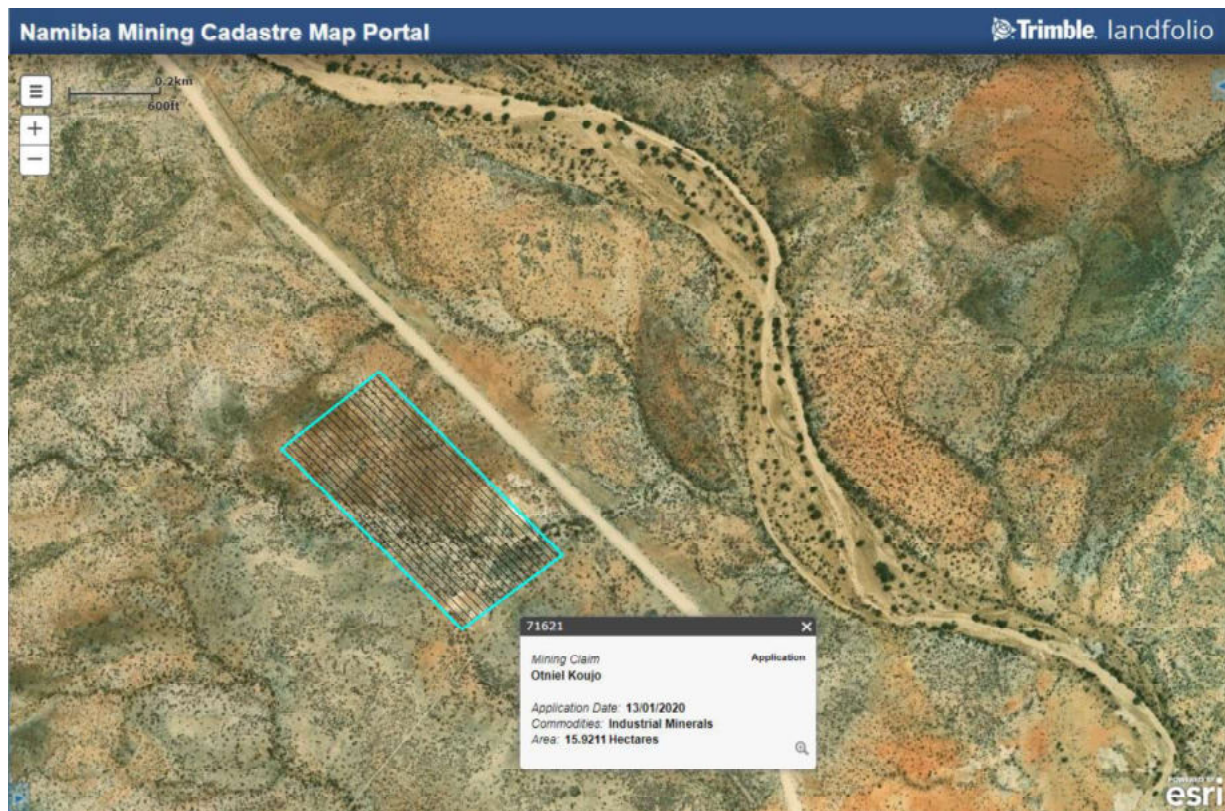


Figure 5: Evidence of the proposed mining claims application on the Ministry of Mine's cadastre (MME, 2022)