



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR  
MINING CLAIMS IN NAMIBIA**

**BEING APPENDIX A TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACT**

**1. Background information**

- 1.1 Companies (or individuals) applying for **MINING CLAIMS** must complete this questionnaire. (Please fill in ALL questions).
- 1.2 The answers provided in this questionnaire shall be regarded as commitments, which will become part of the **Environmental Contract** between the Holder and the Government of the Republic of Namibia, duly represented by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) and the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME).
- 1.3 Once the Holder has completed this questionnaire the MET and MME will either accept / reject / request further information regarding the environmental commitments made therein. The MET and MME reserve the right to add further conditions.
- 1.4 Once agreed to by all parties concerned, the completed questionnaire shall form part of the **Environmental Contract**.
- 1.5 Please attach a map of the claim area and a copy of application to register claims.

**2. Holder details**

2.1 Name of Holder	Valmet Trading Enterprises CC	
2.2 Name of Claim Holder (if different from 2.1)		
2.3 Telephone, Fax, Cell phone and/ or E-mail	Tel: 0811623997 E-mail:	Fax: Cell phone: 0811623997
2.4 Postal Address  Residential/ Registered Address	Box 1162 Swakopmund 35 Visarend str. Huisebmond, Walvis Bay.	
2.5 Reference Number	NEPL no: 9269	Expiry: 10/11/2023
2.6 Registered No.(s)	72578	
2.7 Location, district and Region of claim	Uis, Erongo region	

2.8 Minerals to be mined	Semi-precious stones
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2.8 How many people will work on your claim, and where will they live?

Number of people	Where will the people live
7	Camping at the claim area.

### 3. Environmental commitments

#### 3.1 Pollution and Waste

3.1.1 What will you do with **normal litter** (e.g. Kitchen spoils, cans, bottles, paper, etc.)

Wheeler bins on site, which will be emptied on a weekly basis at Uis landfill.

3.1.2 What **industrial waste** will be generated and what will you do with it (e.g. old machinery, vehicles, building rubble, batteries, paint, thinners, vehicle oil, etc.)

No industrial waste will be generated from the envisaged project.

3.1.3 Describe what type of **toilet facilities** will be provided

Portable toilets will be put up in the vicinity of the basecamp, will be emptied on a weekly basis at Uis sewerage pond.
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### 3.2 Vehicles, earthmoving equipment, drilling and blasting :

3.2.1 List the type and quantity of vehicles, earthmoving equipment, drilling equipment, and other machinery likely to be used on your claim (e.g. 2 x bakkie; 1 x bulldozer, etc.)

Vehicles:  
4x4 Pick-up bakkies and an eight-ton truck will be used during the operation of the project.

Earthmoving equipment:  
An 400PC excavator, equipped with the exclusive highly efficient hydraulic control system will be used for excavation and loading purposes.

Drilling equipment:  
A jackhammer equipped with a compressor will be used for drilling purposes.

Other equipment or machinery:

3.2.2 Describe the environmental damage that is likely to result from the use of vehicles and machinery within the claim area. (e.g. on the landscape in general, soil, vegetation, noise, dust, etc....)

Existing tracks will be used to access the site by machinery and vehicles, although the area is poorly vegetated since it is a desert, only plant species that will be within the targeted area will be cleared, if such plant species are inevitable. A vegetation management plan will be formulated and if protected plant species and high valued plant species are encountered, they will be avoided. The vehicles and all machineries will be serviced regularly to ensure that no soil contamination, and if any oil leakage have been detected, a drip tray will be used. All employees will be provided with the correct Personal Protect Equipment (PPE). The operation hours will be from 08h00 am to 17h00 pm. From Monday to Friday, no work will be allowed during dust hours.

3.2.3 How will you control the movement of vehicles and machinery in order to minimise Environmental damage?

Only existing tracks will be used during the operation of the project and no new roads or tracks will be established. No off-roads will be permitted on-site and an assistant environmental officer will be appointed to ensure compliance.

3.2.4 Which routes will be used by vehicles to get to your claim and state whether you intend making new roads or tracks (both to your claim and within your claim).

No new roads will be used, as the mining claim is close to the main road between Henties Bay and Uis.

3.2.5 Will you do any blasting on your claim? Yes  No  Unsure

3.2.6 If "yes" above, explain how you intend minimising environmental impacts, including the safety of humans, livestock and wildlife?

N/A

**3.3 Water**

3.3.1 How much water do you intend using for various activities (e.g. Human use, washing of equipment, washing sand/stones, recreation, dust control, gardens, etc.) and state how you intend saving water within each category of use.

Activity or category of use	Quantity of water needed per month (litres)	Water saving methods
Human Consumption	130 litres per day	Water will be used sparingly
Cleaning	100 litres per day	Water will be re-used to clean tools and equipment.

3.3.2 Where will you get your water (e.g. river, own borehole, water affairs connection, etc)

Water will be transported to the site from Uis in a water tank trailer.

3.3.3 Explain how you will minimise or completely avoid polluting any water source, including underground water.

Vehicles and machinery will be service regularly to avoid any oil or fuel leakage and any oil or fuel spillage detected will be attended to as soon as possible by a professional company. No operation will take place near a water source.

**3.4 Relations with neighbouring communities and/or the general public**

3.4.1 Are there any people living in or near your claim?

Yes  No  Unsure

3.4.2 If "yes", explain where these people live and describe their economic activities.

N/A

3.4.3 If "yes" in (3.4. 1) explain what you will do to maintain a good relationship with such people.

N/A

3.4.4 Will the activities on your claim restrict the movement of other people in the area ?  
(e.g. the general public, tourists, farmers, local people, etc.)

Yes  No  Unsure

3.4.5 If "yes" for 3.4.4. please explain why their movements or access will be restricted

N/A

### 3.5 Protection of plants and wildlife

3.5.1 How will you ensure that your activities will not cause unnecessary damage to **plants and wildlife** in or near your claim (e.g. hunting, plant collecting, fishing, etc.)?

A vegetation management plan will be formulated and an induction course on plants and wildlife conservation will be given to all employees to sensitize them on the value of wildlife and plants.
Area with endemic species will be avoided.
No illegal harvesting of plants or hunting of wildlife will be permitted.

**3.6 Historical, archaeological and cultural heritage**

(e.g. Rock art, graves, monuments, fossils, sacred sites, historical buildings, etc.)

3.6.1 Are there any historical, archaeological or culturally important sites within your claim area (tick one box) ?

Yes  No  Unsure

3.6.2 If "yes" above, please describe these briefly

N/A

3.6.3 If such sites are known, how will you avoid damaging them ? .

N/A

3.6.4 If such sites are discovered after you have started working your claim, would you accept new conditions to this contract so that they can be properly protected ?

Yes  No  Unsure

**3.7 Rehabilitation**

3.7.1 When will you rehabilitate the environmental damage done during prospecting ? (tick appropriate box)

I have no intention of rehabilitating any damage   
On a continuous basis (i.e. simultaneous with prospecting)   
Only after all prospecting has finally been completed   
Don't know

3.7.2 Describe the programme of mining from start and the methods to rehabilitate damage:

The excavated areas will be backfilled on continuous basis.

**4. Existing Damage**

Describe what environmental damage exists in your claim area now, in other words, damage caused by someone else before you began working on the claim. (where possible, provide evidence such as photo's, statements, etc.)

No existing damage done on the environment at the moment.

I hereby declare that the information provided in this questionnaire is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and correct, and that I'm prepared to keep to the commitments stated therein.

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Claim Holder or Authorized Representative

.....Windhoek.....11/11/2022.....  
Place Date