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# **EIA Consultation Meeting Attendance Register**

Project: Environmental Scoping Assessment for the Proposed Prospecting and Exploration Activities of Rare & Base and Precious Metals on Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 7246 in the Omatjete District, Erongo Region, Namibia

Date & Time: Friday, 05 November 2021, 14400

Venue:

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# **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING & EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE (EPL) NO. 7246 NEAR KALKFELD IN THE OMATJETE DISTRICT OF THE ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA

Date: Friday, 05 November 2021

**Time:** 14h00 for 15h00

Venue: Farm Erindi Onganga 27



Figure-25: Farmers' consultation meeting held on Farm <u>Frindi Onganga</u> 27 on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November-2021¶

The Public Consultation Meeting was attended by fourteen (14) people, including two Environmental Consultants from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) and two representatives from Damaran Exploration Namibia (Pty) Ltd (herein referred to as DEN who are the Proponent **EPL** holder's Representative or Partner). - Please refer to the attached attendance register. The 15th persons in the register were consulted individually on their Farm during site visit the following day (due to other commitments, they could not attend

the meeting)



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## **COVID-19 REGULATIONS ADHERENCE**

To ensure that the meeting, as a form of gathering complies with the COVID-19 Regulations, the chairs were set up in a way that social distancing between the people is observed and every attendee had a face mask on.

### INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

The owners of Farm Erindi Onganga 27 welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was officially opened by Mr. Riaan Kazondunge of DEN. He expressed gratitude to everyone in attendance for making time to attend the meeting.

The meeting attendance register was then circulated for the attendees to write down their names, contact details and sign so that they could be added to the list of interested and affected parties (I&APs) and receive further information on the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) process.

### **MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION**

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

### 2.1 Brief Description of the Project

The background of the EPL holder and Proponent (Mandarin Investments (Pty) Ltd) and their relation to DEN was provided by Mr. Riaan Kazondunge. Mr. Kazondunge further presented the proposed project activities with regards to their commodities of interest within EPL 7246.

Mr. Kazondunge indicated to the attendees (farmers) that the EPL is expiring in April 2022 and the reason the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or ESA process is only conducted now. This was because the process was initially commissioned in 2020 but could not be completed as intended due to some COVID-19 related challenges encountered by the previously appointed Environmental Consultant. It is for this reason that DEN recently appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS), independent environmental consultants to carry out the EIA and apply for the environmental clearance certificate (ECC) before the EPL expires in early 2022.

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

Ms. Shagama explained to the attendees what the meeting was all about and why they were invited (with reference to the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation). She further explained what an ESA is and that the



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proposed exploration activities are one of the listed activities in the 2012 EIA Regulations of the EMA that cannot be undertaken without an ECC from the Environmental Commissioner.

# 2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, the Environmental Consultant (Ms. Shagama) also presented the potential pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

# 2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

Ms. Shagama provided the meeting attendees the opportunity to raise their concerns/issues and or comment on the proposed project activities. The issues and comments recorded are presented in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the public meeting on Farm Erindi Onganga 27 on the 05<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

Comment/	Commentor name & Issue / comment /	Response and name of responder:
issue No.	question	
1.	Mr. O. von Gossler: Why are we only being	Mr. Riaan Kazondunge (RK) of DEN: As mentioned earlier, there was an Environmental
	consulted now for the EIA? Was it advertised	Consultant appointed in 2020 to undertake the EIA Study and apply for the ECC.
	before?	However, due to the challenges encountered, they could not complete the task. EDS was
		recently appointed to continue with the task and hopefully get an ECC issued before the
		expiry date of the EPL in April 2022 and hopefully get some work done on the EPL before
		then so that we can have something to report on to the Ministry of Mines & Energy. Due
		to this, the Public Consultation is done in a non-traditional way whereby the farmers
		consultation is done first (now) and then advertise for the rest of the public to still submit
		comments to the Environmental Consultant (EDS) for incorporation into the
		Environmental Report.
		Ms. Fredrika Shagama (FS) of EDS: To add on what Mr. Kazondunge said, we decided to have a consultation meeting with you before we advertise in the newspapers as directly affected landowners. This is because it is almost end of the year and we were concerned that most, if not all of you may not be available from end of November to early December for this meeting, as some of you might be preparing to travel for holidays. The EIA adverts will appear in the newspapers next week. The registration of other interested and affected parties and submission of comments and or concerns is set until the 30 <sup>th</sup> of November 2021. Therefore, the consultation does not end with today's meeting only.
2.	Mr. O. von Gossler: What will happen when	Mr. RK: This will depend on what the specific farmer(s) want(s). Some farmers may
	exploration yields positive results? What will	choose to rent out the affected portion of the farm or sell it off to the mining company
	happen to our farms?	(project owners). It will entirely be on mutual agreement.

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3.	Mr. Barend J. van Rensburg: What is the plan before the EPL expires?	Mr. RK: There would be the need to take some soil samples as these will provide a preliminary or baseline information to the detail exploration works (stage). Currently, there is a target to collect twenty (20) soil samples capturing anything within 2mm in 5kg bags.
4.	Mr. Barend J. van Rensburg: Where will the sampling crew (workers) commute from to sample different farms?	Mr. RK: Upon reaching an agreement and obtaining consent from the willing farm owner, a temporary campsite can be set on the selected and willing host farm for the days of sampling to ensure that the crew gets to sampling sites on time and complete the sampling quicker.
5.	Mr. Barend J. van Rensburg: Can we get the GPS coordinates of soil sampling sites provided to the farmers?	Mr. RK: We will share these with you. It should also be noted that the coordinates are marked in river systems.
6.	Mr. John van Rensburg: The issue of water supply in the area. There is a water supply issue because the boreholes are at 100 to 120 meters below ground level at the yield may not even be good and this water is already not enough for livestock. How will the exploration activities handle this?	<b>Mr. RK:</b> The required water from the area would only be for drinking purposes only. In the case of diamond drilling when we get to that stage, it will require something like 40 to $60m^3$ , and the existing boreholes may not be able to supply such a large amount of water for this. Therefore, we may need to look at siting new boreholes or carting drilling water into the area.
7.	Mr. A. J. Standler: Will the explorer do rehabilitation of the explored (disturbed) sites? Will this be part of the land/farm access agreements?	<b>Mr. RK:</b> Yes. This will be done once the work is completed at that specific site area on the farms. For exploration drilling, if groundwater is encountered, we can leave (hand over to) the borehole(s) for the farmer(s).

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8.	Mr. Barend J. van Rensburg: Suggestion – Since the EPL is about to expire and the EIA process has just begun to obtain the environmental clearance, can we just set up agreements for bulk soil sampling in the meantime to allow some preliminary works? Then if further works such as detailed exploration will be required, we can amend these agreements or draw up new ones for the next stages of exploration.	Mr. RK: We will get into that and share the draft agreement with the affected farmers (for soil sampling) as soon as possible.
9.	Mr. O. von Gossler: I have a printed list of some comments made to EPL 8039 and I think some of them may still be relevant to EPL 7246 as well. I understand some have already been listed in the Background Information Document (BID) and touched during the preceding discussions.	Ms. FS: That is fine, sir. Kindly, just erase "EPL 8039" from the title of the printed hard copy of the list, add EPL 7246 instead and sign for us to be able to use the same list to address the relevant issues to EPL 7246.  Note: the signed printed hard copy was handed over to and received by Ms. Shagama for incorporation into the Environmental Scoping Report and Management Plan (EMP).
10.	Ms. Fredrika Shagama (a question all farmers in attendance): In terms of Archaeology and Heritage, are there known sites and or objects on the farms?	Mr. Barend J. van Rensburg: There are some rock paintings on the mountain in my farm (Farm Groot Omaue 190). I will share the coordinates.

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11.	Ms. Fredrika Shagama (addition to all	Mr. O. von Gossler: Yes, there are some rock paintings on my farm (Eremutua Nord Ost
	farmers in attendance): We will be visiting	25). I am willing to show them to you tomorrow. There also some on Farm
	these archaeological sites where possible and	Okomborombonga 30.
	possibly identify more on other farms.	

### FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Ms. Shagama thanked the attendees for their crucial input through comments and raising their concerns. She indicated to the attendees that all their comments, concerns and inputs had been noted down for consideration and addressing in the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Report as well as incorporating their recommendations into the draft EMP. For the comments and inputs meant for Damaran Exploration Namibia (DEN) (representing the Proponent/EPL holder, Mandarin Investments), these have also been noted down for DEN's consideration and implementation.

Furthermore, Ms. Shagama informed the attendees that there is still an opportunity after the meeting <u>until Tuesday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2021</u> to submit further questions/ comments for incorporation into the draft ESA Report. She also informed them that the draft Environmental Assessment Report together with the meeting minutes, and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be shared with them for review and further comments. These documents will be made available through emails provided on the attendance register.

Once the review of the draft ESA Report and EMP is done, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) for evaluation and consideration of an ECC.

The meeting was adjourned at 17h00.



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Possible concerns and conditions of farmers, regarding exploration activities on the Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No 8039 located West of Kalkveld in the Otjizondjupa and Erongo regions.

- 1. Any right of admission is only approved after a contract was signed between the respective farm Owner and the proponent company Damaran Exploration Namibia including companies they may contract. A certified copy of the exploration license has to be submitted to the farmer. Each person has to register for excess in writing at the respective farm owner/manager, in advance. Each ID number and Cell number has to be listed, additional to the contact details of the manager in charge-
- 2. Condition: Entry of people, cars and any machines strictly monitored and limited to registered persons Only on all involved farms and to agreed areas only, to avoid possible crime actions and disturbing of wildlife & livestock.
- 3. Announcement for entry on the farms only during working hours, or other agreement.
- 4. Absolutely no pollution will be tolerated, neither any garbage in the field, nor soil pollution of oil etc nor any dumping of what so ever nature into ground water.
- 5. All possible precautions to safeguard bushfire has to adhered to at all times !!! For instance: Cigarettes in the field, open fires, machines, electric tools etc. All possible damage will be charged.
- 6. No killing/poaching or even collecting of any animals or any parts thereof, will be tolerated, nor unnecessary disturbing of them, on water places, nesting etc. Collecting of plants/ wood or any other item of the farm is strictly prohibited, if not other agreed.
- 7. The quantity of water usage has to be carefully negotiated on, as resources are very limited in our area. Water usage has to be paid.
- 8. Environment of all living creatures, specially Cites Animals and protected plants has to be taken especially care of.
- 9. Historical Bushmen painting etc may not be damaged.
- 10. Roads used by the organization has to be maintained properly and to the satisfaction of the farm
- 11. If a more stationary campsite is necessary, the place has to be agreed on with the respective farmer and it must be fenced and kept clean. Toilettes has to be available for those staying on the farm.
- 12. The movement of people on the properties/ agreed areas has to be announced in advance, to guarantee safety for prospectors & their employees and on the other hand disturbance for wildlife as well, as foreign visitors/ hunters are roaming and hunting in the area.
- 13. Noise & dust pollution has to be kept as low as possible.
- 14. No man made holes or any other trenches, nor dangerous equipment may stay insecure in the field, to avoid animals getting hurt or even killed.
- 15. The infrastructure of the farms has to be respected and handled with care. All damage has to be replaced in full.
- 16. No "side-business" is allowed on the farms for prospectors nor mining or other related employees. No sell to farm employees or neighbors of groceries, alcoholic drinks nor drugs, nothing.

All applicable charges or compensation will be specified in the contract between the 2 parties, the farmer and the Exploration company.