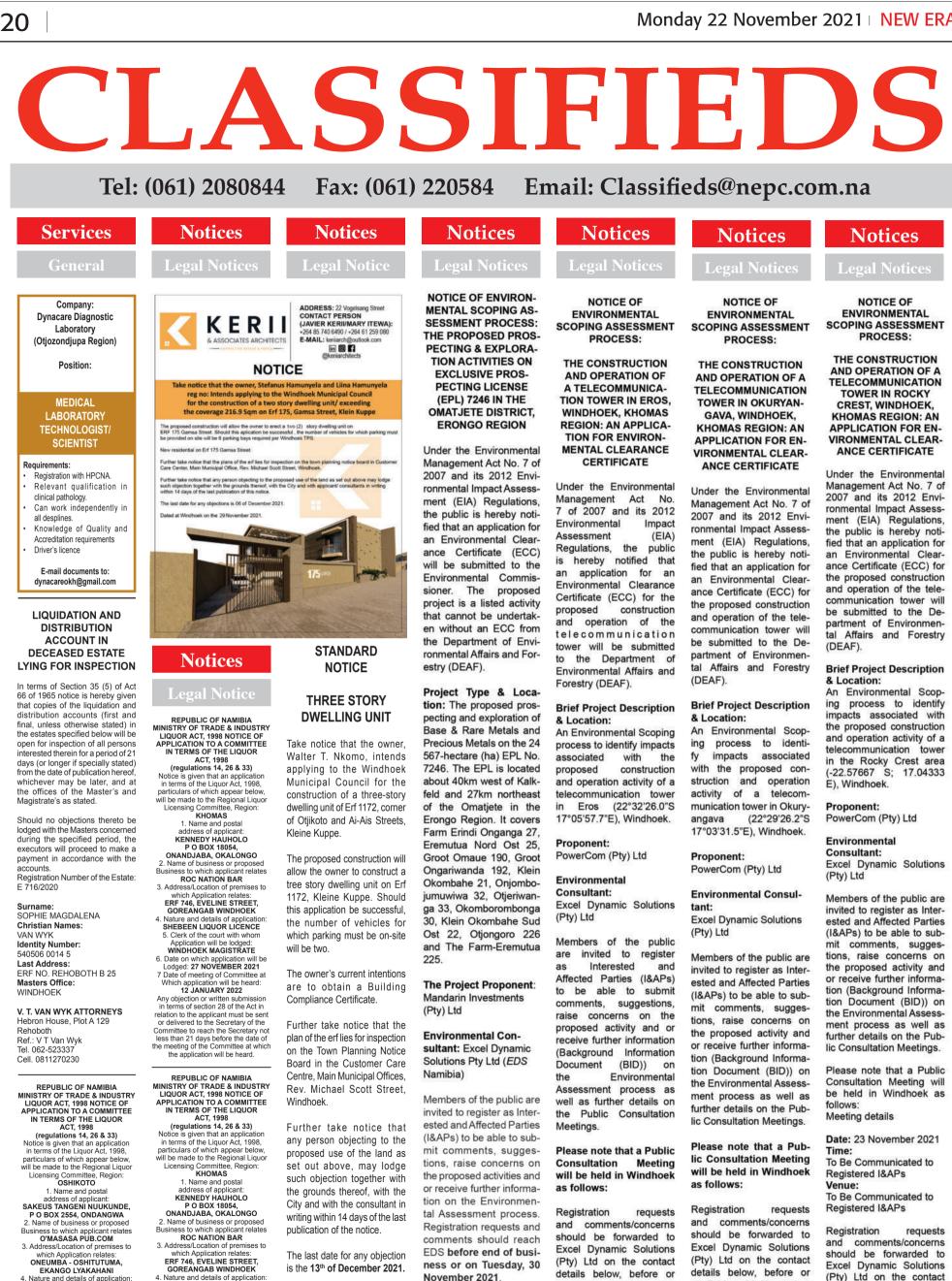


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The last date for any objection

is the 13th of December 2021.

Dated at Windhoek this

22nd day of November 2021

Name of consultant:

Gerrit Steen

Mobile number:

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Contact Person: Ms. Fredrika Shagama

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NOTICE OF ENVIRON-MENTAL SCOPING AS-SESSMENT PROCESS: THE PROPOSED PROS-PECTING & EXPLORA-TION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROS-PECTING LICENSE (EPL) 7246 IN THE OMATJETE DISTRICT, ERONGO REGION

Under the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, the public is hereby notified that an application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner. The proposed project is a listed activity that cannot be undertaken without an ECC from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF).

Project Type & Location: The proposed prospecting and exploration of Base & Rare Metals and Precious Metals on the 24 567-hectare (ha) EPL No. 7246. The EPL is located about 40km west of Kalkfeld and 27km northeast of the Omatjete in the Erongo Region. It covers Farm Erindi Onganga 27, Eremutua Nord Ost 25, Groot Omaue 190, Groot Ongariwanda 192, Klein Okombahe 21, Onjombojumuwiwa 32, Otjeriwanga 33, Okomborombonga 30, Klein Okombahe Sud Ost 22, Otjongoro 226 and The Farm-Eremutua 225.

The Project Proponent: Mandarin Investments (Pty) Ltd

Environmental Consultant: Excel Dynamic Solutions Pty Ltd (EDS . Namibia)

Members of the public are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to be able to submit comments, suggestions, raise concerns on the proposed activities and or receive further information on the Environmental Assessment process. Registration requests and comments should reach EDS before end of business or on Tuesday, 30 November 2021.

Contact Person:

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Bulk Emulsion Handling and Storage

Location: Farm No: 38, Walvis Bay Municipal District approximately ±15km South of Walvis Bay

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE HANDLING AND STORAGE 9.1 The manufacturing, storage, handling or processing of a hazardous substance defined in the Hazardous Substances Ordinance, 1974.

Name of Proponent: Van Der Walt Logistics (Pty) Ltd

Name of Consultant: NEHC CC P O Box 8416, SWAKOPMUND

CONTACT PERSON:

Johan Cornelissen Tel: 064 404 146 Fax No.: 064 404 179 E-mail: info@nehcafrica.com

Date for comments and/or registration is 30 days from 15 November 2021 (last date: 14

December 2021) In order to be identified as an

interested and / or affected party, please submit your name, interest in the project and contact information to the consultants above within the said date mentioned above in writing.

Project Reference Number: 2021/159/K NOTICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS (EIA) OF THE PROPOSED BULK EMULSION HANDLING AND STORAGE AT FARM 38 IN WALVIS BAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Van der Walt Logistics (Pty) Ltd has appointed National Environmental Health Consultants (NEHC CC) to conduct the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for above mentioned project in order to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate as per the requirements of the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007), the Environmental Impact Assessment **Regulations** (GN 30 in GG 4878 of 6 February 2012) and within the framework of the Terms of Reference of this project all interested and affected parties need to be consulted to ensure that their concerns are taken into account for the following activity:



Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd

Document Type:

Project Name:

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

Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd

Environmental Consultant:

Proponent:

Mandarin Investments (Pty) Ltd (Legal EPL holder) and supported by Damaran Exploration Namibia (Pty) Ltd

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Background Information Document (BID)

1 INTRODUCTION

Mandarin Investments (Pty) Ltd (Legal EPL holder), supported by Damaran Exploration Namibia (Pty) Ltd (hereinafter referred to as *The Proponent*) proposed to carry out prospecting and exploration activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) No. 7246. The 24 567.604-hectare EPL was applied for and granted by the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) on the 16th of July 2018 and 30th of April 2019, respectively. The tenement (License) is valid until the 29th of April 2022. The EPL is located about 40km west of Kalkfeld, 27km northeast of the Omatjete Village and 60km north of Omaruru in the Erongo Region (**Figure 1**). The EPL covers (overlies) Farm Erindi Onganga 27, Eremutua Nord Ost 25, Groot Omaue 190, Groot Ongariwanda 192, Klein Okombahe 21, Onjombojumuwiwa 32, Otjeriwanga 33, Okomborombonga 30, Klein Okombahe Sud Ost 22, Otjongoro 226 and The Farm-Eremutua 225 (as seen in **Figure 2**).

EPL 7246 has potential for Base & Rare metals, Industrial Minerals, and Precious Metals. However, for this Environmental Assessment, the Proponent is only interested in the prospecting and exploration of Base & Rare metals, and Precious Metals. The Proponent intends to conduct mineral exploration activities within the EPL leading to the estimation and delineation of the target resources. Prospecting, exploration, and all mining related activities are among the listed activities that may not be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) under the Environmental Management Act (EMA) (2007) and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The relevant listed activities as per EIA regulations are:

- 3.1 The construction of facilities for any process or activities which requires a license, right of other forms of authorization, and the renewal of a license, right or other form of authorization, in terms of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining Act, 1992).
- 3.2 other forms of mining or extraction of any natural resources whether regulated by law or not.
- 3.3 Resource extraction, manipulation, conservation, and related activities.

The Proponent has appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd, an independent team of Environmental Consultants to conduct the required Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) process and submit the ECC application to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT).

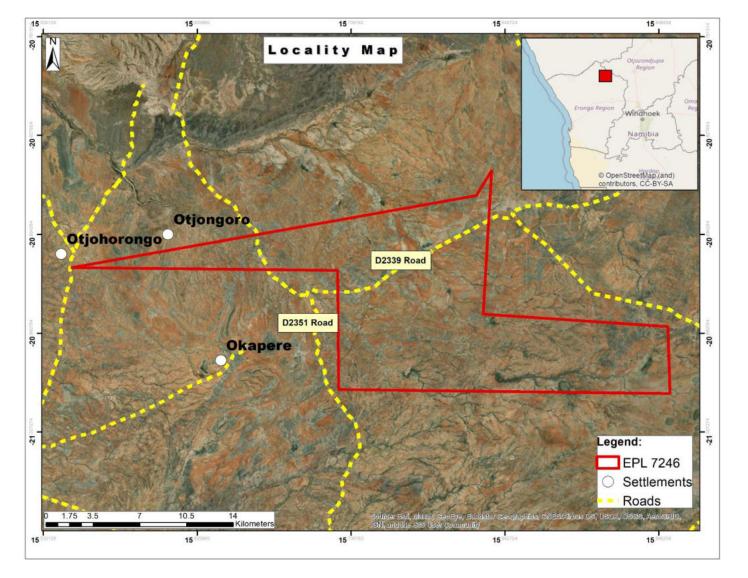


Figure 1: Locality of EPL 7246 in the Erongo Region, Namibia

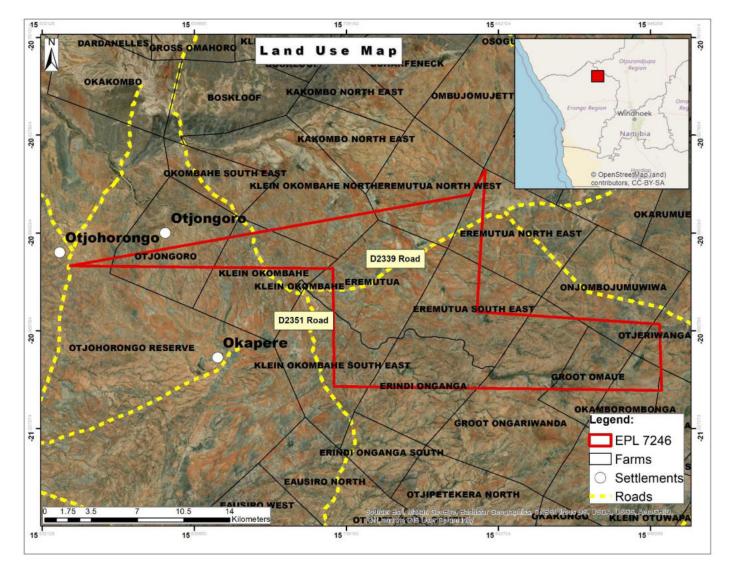


Figure 2: Farmers and Land Uses covered by EPL 7246

2 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

It should be noted that **this Background Information Document is not an Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Report but a non-technical summary of the ESA**, aimed for information sharing and as a basis for public involvement from the beginning of the ESA process. The purpose of this document is therefore to provide project background information to stakeholders as well as interested and affected parties (I&APs), thus providing an opportunity for them (I&APs) to receive information, comment and raise issues regarding the environmental authorization process.

The motivation behind this document is to:

- Provide background information of the task to the I&APs, and along these lines, giving a chance to them (I&APs) to get information, make remarks and raise issues with respect to the approval measure.
- Briefly introduce the proposed project and related activities to potential I&APs/stakeholders.
- Provide information on the ESA process and how I&APs can get involved.
- Invite members of the public to register as I&APs and added to the ESA database so that they can stay informed about the ESA progress throughout its process; and
- Provide all I&APs with an opportunity to comment or provide inputs/concerns on the proposed project activities, which

entails concerns/issues on the biophysical and socioeconomic aspects, and any other issues of concern related to the proposed project activities. The information from I&APs will then form basis of the ESA and EMP documents that will help the competent and regulatory authorities (Mines and Energy (MME) and MEFT, respectively) to make informed decisions and consider the issuance of the ECC.

3 NEED AND DESIRABILTY OF THE ACTIVITY

Mining contributes about 12.5% towards Namibia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The mining industry is one of the largest contributors to the Namibian economy; therefore, it contributes to the improvement of livelihoods. In Namibia, exploration for minerals is done mainly by the private sector. Exploration activities have a great potential to enhance and contribute to the development of other sectors and its activities do provide temporary employment, and taxes that fund social infrastructural development. The minerals sector yields foreign exchange and account for a significant portion of gross domestic product (GDP). Additionally, the industry produces a trained workforce and small businesses that can serve communities and may initiate related businesses. Several associated activities that are fostered include, such as manufacturing of exploration and mining equipment, provision of engineering and environmental services and others. The mining sector forms the vital part of some of Namibia's development plans, namely: Vision 2030, National Development Plan 5 (NDP5) and Harambee Prosperity Plans (HPPs) I and II. Thus, mining is essential to the development goals of Namibia in contributing to meeting the ever-increasing global demand for minerals, and for national prosperity. Therefore, the successful exploration on EPL 7246 would then lead to the mining of Base & Rare Metals, and Precious Metals, which would contribute towards achieving the goals of the national development plans. Hence, the need to undertake the proposed exploration activities on the EPL.

4 **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed activities will entail the detailed exploration activities and delineating the mineral deposits and determine whether the deposits for targeted commodities are economically feasible mining resources.

The prospecting and exploration of minerals are the first components of any potential mining project (development and eventual mining). This is done to acquire the necessary data required for further decision making and investment options. These activities are anticipated to last for about three years. The planned activities and required resources and infrastructure are briefly described below. The detailed exploration methods (techniques) will be presented in the ESA Report.

The proposed phased approach for the exploration works is presented below. However, **it should be noted that these activities will only**

be undertaken upon the approval of the ESA Report and issuance of the environmental clearance certificate (ECC) by the Environmental Commissioner.

Once the Proponent has been issued with the ECC and obtained all relevant and required permitting/licensing (such as consents and land use agreements), and ready to commence with the actual exploration activities (with financial, technical, and human resources in place), the planned activities will commence on site.

4.1 Planned Activities: Proposed Exploration Methods

The Proponent intends to adopt a systematic prospecting and exploration approach of the following:

- <u>Desktop Study:</u> <u>Geological mapping</u> this mainly entails a desktop review of geological area maps and ground observations. This includes the review of geological maps of the area and on-site ground traverses and observations and an update where relevant, of the information obtained during previous geological studies of the area.
- <u>Lithology geochemical surveys</u>: rock samples shall be collected and taken for trace element analysis to be conducted by analytical chemistry laboratories to determine if enough Base & Rare, Precious Metals or other minerals of interest are present. Also, trenches or pits may be dug depending on the commodity (in a controlled environment

e.g., fencing off and labelling activity sites) adopting manual or excavator to further investigate the mineral potential.

These consists of small pits (±20cm X 20cm X 30cm) will be dug where 1kg samples can be extracted and sieved to collect 50g of material. As necessary, and to ensure adequate risks mitigation, all excavations will either be opened and closed immediately after obtaining the needed samples or the sites fenced off until the trenches or pits are closed. At all times, the landowner and other relevant stakeholder will be engaged to obtain authorisation where necessary.

• <u>Geophysical surveys</u>: entails data collection of the substrata (in most cases service of an aero-geophysical contractor will be soured), by air or ground, through sensors such as radar, magnetic and electromagnetic to detect any mineralization in the area and are conducted to ascertain the mineralisation.

Ground geophysical surveys shall be conducted, where necessary using vehicle-mounted sensors or handheld by staff members, while in the case of air surveys the sensors will be mounted to an aircraft, which then flies over the target area.

• <u>Drilling</u>: Should analyses by an analytical laboratory be positive, holes are drilled, and drill samples collected for further analysis. This will determine the depth of the potential mineralization. If necessary new access tracks to the drill sites will be created and drill pads will be cleared in which to set the

rig. Two widely used drilling options may be adopted, these are the reverse circulation drilling and/or diamond-core drilling.

A typical drilling site will consist of a drill-rig, drill core and geological samples store and a drill equipment parking and maintenance yard (including a fuel and lubricants storage facility).

4.2 Supporting Human Resources, Services, and infrastructure

The following services and infrastructure as provided below will be required for the project activities:

- <u>Human resources</u>: The project activities will require between 5 and 20 staff members consisting of geologists, field assistants, geo-technicians, drilling crew and semi/unskilled personnel.
- **Base Camp:** An administration, accommodation and maintenance camp shall be identified in consultation with the farms/landowners and setup within the EPL area and will be cordoned off and off-limits to those not part of the exploration team. The camp will host the above-mentioned staff members consisting of geologists, field assistants, geo-technicians, drilling crew and semi/unskilled personnel.

- The camp site will consist of tents, caravans and/or make-shift buildings and temporary ablution facilities. The predominant type of waste that will be generated during the exploration activities, in small volumes, is domestic waste (nonhazardous).
- Domestic waste will be stored in a manner that there can be no discharge of contamination to the environment and disposed of correctly (refer to EMP commitments). Potential hydrocarbon spills from vehicles and drilling equipment might lead to soil contamination and needs to be treated as a hazardous waste if not bioremediated.
- <u>Water supply</u>: Water will be required for diamond-core drilling and for dust suppression. Water can be supplied through existing farm boreholes (with the permission of the landowners) and or if necessary new boreholes shall be developed explicitly for the exploration activities by Damaran Exploration Namibia (Pty) Ltd in which case a permit must be obtained.

Potable water will also be made available for the exploration crew (workers) on site.

- <u>Fuel supply:</u> (for personnel use to cook): The Proponent will provide fuel to be used for food preparation by the site workers. No firewood will be collected on the farms or neighbouring land, without the owners or authority's permission.
- <u>Fuel Supply (machinery and equipment)</u>: A 300-litre diesel will be used for machinery and equipment and fuel generator, per month. The various machinery and equipment required for drilling are self-powered by means diesel engines and or generators, hence there is need for on-site fuel (diesel) in either small mobile bowser or barrel drums on a concrete slab at the basecamp. The drill rigs will either be refuelled with Jerry cans or directly from the bowser
- Site accessibility (roads): the EPL is accessible from the C33 road via D2351 and D2339 which passes through the EPL. Therefore, project related vehicles will be using these existing roads to access the EPL. It is also anticipated that, if necessary, onsite new tracks to the different targeted exploration sites within the EPL will be created. The Proponent may need to do some upgrade on the site access road to ensure that it is fit to accommodate project related vehicles, such as heavy trucks.

As far as is practicable, all site particularly the basecamp and drill sites shall be accessed through existing tracks, therefore no new roads or tracks will be created. Additionally, it is highly recommended that motorised access is minimised as much as practically possible, especially during geological mapping, sampling and geophysical surveys. Overall, all access by vehicles must be limited to existing tracks while all new access routes to the drill sites should be identified, agreed upon with the landowners and demarcated prior to the commencement of drilling activities.

<u>Waste management</u>: the different waste will be handled as follows:

<u>Sewage</u>: Potable chemical toilets and associated ablution facilities will be provided on site. The wastewater will then be transported offsite to the treatment facility either by the Proponent or a designated/appointed external waste management contractor.

<u>General and domestic waste</u>: sufficient waste bins (containers) will be made available at both exploration sites and campsite for waste storage. The bins will be emptied into the main onsite container for disposal at the nearest landfill site, when necessary (upon reaching full capacity of the main waste container onsite).

- <u>Hazardous waste</u>: All vehicles, machinery and fuel consuming equipment will be provided with drip trays to capture potential fuel spills and waste oils. The waste fuel/oils will be carefully stored in a standardized container until such a time that it can be disposed of at the nearest approved hazardous waste management facility.
- <u>Health and Safety</u>: Adequate and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided to every project personnel while on and working at site. A minimum of two first aid kits will be readily available at exploration sites to attend to potential minor injuries, while major injuries will need to be attended to further by transporting the injured to the nearest health centre for treatment and needed care.
- <u>Potential Accidental Fire Outbreaks</u>: A minimum of basic firefighting equipment, i.e., two fire extinguishers will be readily available in vehicles, at the working sites and campsite.

4.3 Project Equipment, Material, Machinery and Vehicles

The required equipment, machinery and vehicles will be kept at a demarcated storage area on site that will be established within the EPL. These include:

- 4X4 pickup trucks
- Long distance haulage and dump trucks

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- Excavator / front-end loader to scoop up sandy overburden
- Dozers (to clear vegetation along planned drilling site access roads
- Drill rig
- Drilling fluids stored in manufacturers approved containers
- Air compressors
- Diesel generator for power supply
- Two-way radios for constant communication on site.

4.4 Decommissioning: Rehabilitation of Explored Sites

The decommissioning referred to here is the cessation of exploration activities either upon discovering an economic feasible and worthy deposit or unsuccessful exploration works. Either way, the Proponent will need to properly decommission the activities to either prepare the selected areas of the EPL for the mining phase or upon a nonsuccessful exploration abandon the explored and rehabilitated sites.

The impact on the physical environment by exploration works can be lessened by planning with future decommissioning of explored sites in mind. Therefore, towards the end of each exploration activity on worked/explored sites of the EPL, progressive / ongoing rehabilitation will be carried out by the Proponent. This can be achieved through partial backfilling of boreholes and trenches with topsoil and waste rocks. The aim is to ensure that the disturbed site areas are left close to their pre-exploration state as much as possible.

4.5 Potential Impacts

The following potential impacts have been identified so far for the surrounding towns, settlements, and property:

Positive:

- Socio-economic development through employment creation (primary, secondary, and tertiary employment) and skills transfer,
- Open other investment opportunities and infrastructurerelated development benefits,
- Produce a trained workforce and small businesses that can service communities and may initiate related businesses,
- Boosting the local economic growth and regional economic development.
- Increased support for local businesses through the procurement of consumable items such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), machinery spare parts, lubricants, etc.

Negative:

- Potential disturbance of existing pastoral systems,
- Physical land / soil disturbance
- Impact on local biodiversity (fauna and flora) and habitat disturbance and potential illegal wildlife hunting (poaching) in the area.
- Potential impact on water resources and soils particularly due to pollution,
- Air quality issue: potential dust generated from the project.
- Potential occupational health and safety risks
- Vehicular traffic safety and impact on services infrastructure such as local roads
- Vibrations and noise associated with drilling activities may be a nuisance to locals
- Environmental pollution (solid waste and wastewater)
- Archaeological and cultural heritage impact through unintentional uncovering of unknown archaeological objects or sites
- Potential social nuisance and conflicts (theft, damage to properties, land use conflicts, etc.)

The potential impacts listed above were pre-identified and therefore should not be deemed as final or the only ones. Other potential impacts will be identified as the ESA process progresses i.e., upon site visit and consultation with the public (I&APs). All impacts and public concerns/comments will be incorporated and addressed in the Environmental Assessment Report and EMP.

4.6 Public Consultation

Public consultation is an important part of ESA process. During the consultation process, interested or affected members of the public are given an opportunity to find out more about the activity and raise any issues or concerns pertaining to the environmental assessment.

To comment or receive further information on the project, <u>please</u> <u>register with Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd</u> (contact details herein) as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) <u>before or on</u> **Tuesday, the 30th of November 2021 to public@edsnamibia.com**.

All registered I&APs will be kept informed throughout the various stages of the project and will be provided with the opportunity to comment on the Scoping (ESA) Report.

The Public Consultation Meeting has been scheduled as follows:

- Date: Friday, 05 November 2021 @ 14h00 for 15h00
- Venue: Farm Erindi Onganga 27 (one of the Farm coordinates 21° 2'0.18"S 15°47'0.11"E)



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05 November 2021

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

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



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 1 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.

Comment/	Commentor name & Issue / comment /	Response and name of responder:
issue No.	question	
	Mr. O. von Gossler: Why are we only being consulted now for the EIA? Was it advertised before?	Mr. Riaan Kazondunge (RK) of DEN: As mentioned earlier, there was an Environmental Consultant appointed in 2020 to undertake the EIA Study and apply for the ECC. 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 th of November 2021. Therefore, the consultation does not end with today's meeting only.
2.	Mr. O. von Gossler: What will happen when exploration yields positive results? What will happen to our farms?	Mr. RK: This will depend on what the specific farmer(s) want(s). Some farmers may choose to rent out the affected portion of the farm or sell it off to the mining company (project owners). It will entirely be on mutual agreement.

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

Comment/	Commentor name & Issue / comment /	Response and name of responder:
issue No.	question	
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?	Mr. RK: 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?	Mr. RK: 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 farmers in attendance): We will be visiting these archaeological sites where possible and possibly identify more on other farms.	Mr. O. von Gossler : Yes, there are some rock paintings on my farm (Eremutua Nord Ost 25). I am willing to show them to you tomorrow. There also some on Farm Okomborombonga 30.

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 30th 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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