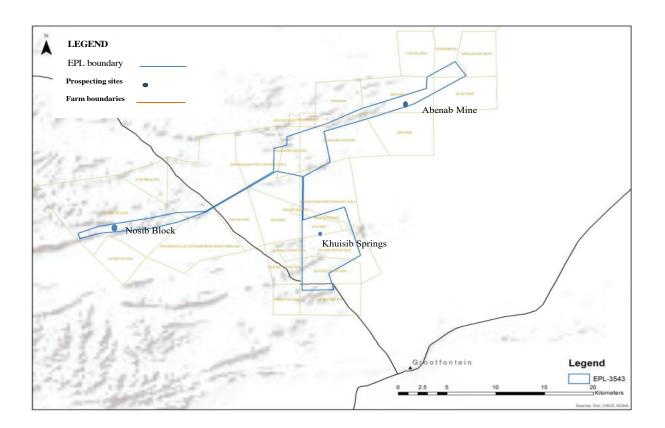


Application For the **RENEWAL** Of Environmental Clearance Certificate For EPL 3543 Located In The Area Between Tsumeb, and Grootfontein Otjozondjupa Region



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## ACRONYMS

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs
ECC	Environmental Clearance Certificate
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMA	Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007)
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
HIV	Human Immune Virus
MEFT	Ministry of Environment Forestry and Tourism
MME	Ministry of Mines and Energy
RC	Reverse Circulation
RDC	Red-Dune Consulting CC

## Acknowledgements

The renewal of this Environmental Clearance Certificate follows an existing Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the Exclusive Prospecting License 3543 that was approved by the office of the Environmental Commissioner. This EMP was developed by SLR Consulting Namibia.

Initially, Red-Dune Consulting has reviewed the EMP for purposes of renewing the Environmental Clearance Certificate as requested by Huab Energy Pty Ltd in 2019. Again in 2022, the company requested Red-Dune Consulting to review the EMP and apply for the renewal of the ECC.

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#### **Executive Summary**

Huab Energy (Pty) Ltd is a holder of the Exclusive Prospecting: License (EPL) 3543. The EPL was granted in 2011, exploration is a listed activity under the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007) that may not be undertake without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). The company was initially issued with an ECC in 2014 and undertook Geological studies, field mapping, Soil surveys, Geophysical surveys and Drilling (Reverse Circulation) between 2014 and 2017. The ECC was renewed in January 2017 where bi-annual and rehabilitation reports report detailing undertaken activities were submitted, which formed the basis of the ECC renewal.

For the period between 2017 to 2019 no exploration activities took place, hence the state of the environments remained the same since the renewal of the ECC in 2017 and the ECC for this period was due to expire in January 2020. Consequently, the company applied for the renewal in 2019 for the period of 2020-2022 which was granted.

Currently the ECC for the period 2020-2022 expired in December 2022, henceforth the company is hereby applying for the renewal of the ECC to cater for the period of December 2022 – December 2024.

Between 2019 to 2020, no exploration activities were undertaken on the EPL. During this period the company focused on completing development studies of the projects under EPL-3543, including Metallurgical test work and processing studies of the Abenab vanadium ore, incorporating preliminary mining studies of the deposit based on the 2019 resource update.

While between 2020-2021, various exploration activities such as line cutting, drilling, Geochemical Soil Sampling, Trenching, were undertaken at Khusib Springs and Nosib Project sites. Drill site, line cutting and trenches were properly rehabilitated. While minor oil spill during handling of hydraulics and engine oils were picked up and disposed off at the an approved disposal site at Grootfontein.

#### 1. Introduction

Huab Energy (Pty) Ltd was granted an Exclusive Prospecting License EPL 3543 as per the Mineral Resource Act 1992. Exploration is a listed activity under Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007) (EMA), that may not be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). The company was initially issued with an ECC in 2014.

In accordance with EMA, the ECC is valid for a period of three years and Section 56 of EMA provides for the renewal of the ECC. In accordance with this provision, the ECC was renewed in 2017 for the period of 2017-2019 as well as in 2019 for the period between 2019-2022. The renewed ECC of 2019 has expired in December 2022. Correspondingly, the company is hereby applying for the third renewal of the ECC for EPL 3543 for the period of 2022-2024.

#### 2. Overview of the project

#### 2.1.1. Location

The EPL 3543 is located in the area between Tsumeb and Grootfontein (Figure 1). The center of the EPL is located at 19.63250000 S, 17.586666667 E. The EPL covers an area of 4334.35 hectares. It covers several commercial farms, whose main land use is agriculture, predominantly cattle farming.

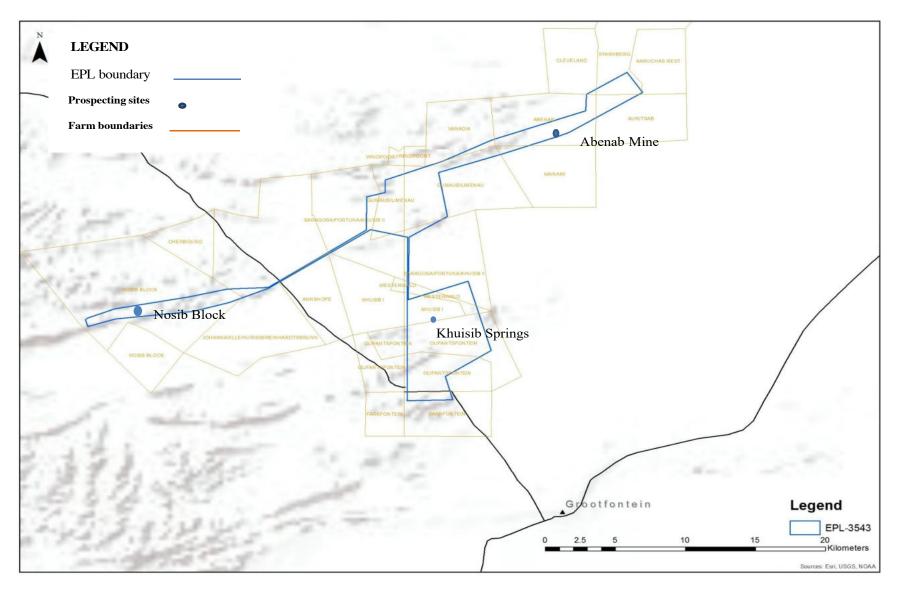


Figure 1. Location of EPL 3543

#### 2.1.2. Exploration activities

#### 2.1.3. Period 2014-2017

The company was issued with an ECC in 2014. The following exploration activities took place; Geological studies and field mapping, Soil surveys, Geophysical surveys, and Drilling (Reverse Circulation) between 2014 and 2017. The ECC was renewed in January 2017 where bi-annual and rehabilitation reports detailing undertaken activities were submitted and formed the basis of the ECC renewal.

#### 2.1.4. Period 2017-2019

For the period between 2017 to 2019 no exploration activities took place. The company applied for the renewal of the ECC which was granted and due to expire in December 2019. (Annex 1).

#### 2.1.5. Period 2019-2022

(a) 2019 to 2020

Between 2019 to 2020, no exploration activities were undertaken on the EPL. During this period the company focused on completing development studies of the projects under EPL-3543, including Metallurgical test work and processing studies of the Abenab vanadium ore, incorporating preliminary mining studies of the deposit based on the 2019 resource update.

#### (b) 2020 to 2021

Between December 2020 and December 2021, the company undertook the following activities; Drilling, Trenching, Ground Electromagnetic Survey, Line Cutting and, Geochemical Soil Sampling at two target site; Khusib Springs and Nosib Project.

#### i. Khusib Springs

At Khusib Springs, the company, using RC Drill, undertook 10 drill holes in April 2021 with a depth range of 10-90m. While in August 2021, 8 drill hole were drilled using Diamond Drilling with a depth range of 20-540m.

In addition, Ground Electromagnetic Survey was undertaken. The geophysical measurements were taken at 50m intervals from 850m traverses and separated by 100m spacing. The traverse lines required clearing of non-protected vegetation to create access of about 1m for the geophysical technicians and their equipment along the traverses.



Figure 2. The traverse line and technician undertaking Ground Electromagnetic Survey

Lastly at Khusib Springs, Geochemical Soil Sampling was undertaken where soil samples were collected from 30cm pits measuring about 15cm in diameter. The samples were collected along traverses separated by 100m spacing at 50m intervals. A total of 650 samples were collected.

#### ii. Nosib Project

At Nosib prospect a two phased drill program was undertaken between April and December 2021. The first program comprised of 15 RC drill holes that has a depth range of 40-101m. The second drill program was undertaken by diamond drilling, where a total of 7 drill holes were undertaken at the depth range of 80-140m deep. Furthermore, 3 drill holes were drilled by means of coring with one vertical and two inclined drill holes.

It was only at Nosib project where three (3) trenches of about 20m long with a depth range of 0.5-2m were dug. The trenches were localized within the historical mine site at Nosib. The trenches were dug using a Tractor-Loader-Backhoe (TLB) to allow bulk sampling of in-situ mineralization.

## 3. Environmental Mitigation Actions

### 3.1. General waste and Oil spill

Minor oil spills from handling of fuel, oils and lubricants occurred and contaminated soils were immediately picked up. General waste was also picked up immediately and disposed at the Grootfontein disposal site.



Figure 3. General waster and spill kit at the drill site

## 3.2. Drilled holes

The drill holes were cased up to 3-18m with pvc casing to keep the drill holes from collapsing, upon completion of the drilling, the casing was cut to ground level and capped. The Reverse Circulation sample bags were removed and disposed of appropriately.



Figure 4. PVC casing cut to the ground and capped

## 3.3. Access roads to drill sites

Tracks leading to drill sites were leveled which allows smooth revegetation



Figure 5. Track to access road before and after rehabilitation

#### 3.4. Trenches

Two of the sampling trenches were back-filled as soon as the sampling was completed.



Figure 6. A Trench before and after backfilled

One trench was left open for further sampling work. This trench is fenced off to prevent cattle and wild animals from falling in.



Figure 7. A Fenced Trench

## 3.5. Soil Sample Pits

Soil sample pits were immediately backfilled after a sample was collected.



Figure 8. A 30cm soil pit before and after it is backfilled

#### 4. The Environmental Management Plan

#### 4.1. Purpose of the EMP

This Environmental Management Plan (EMP) is a risk strategy that contains logical framework, monitoring programme, mitigation measures, and management control strategies to minimize environmental impacts. It further stipulates the roles and responsibility of persons involved in the project. These strategies are developed to reduce the levels of impacts for the projects.

#### 4.2. Compliance to the EMP

This EMP is a legally binding document as given under the provisions of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007). The proponent and its contractors must adhere to the framework of this document.

#### 4.3. Roles and Responsibilities

#### 4.3.1. Proponent

The proponent, shall take overall responsibility for proper implementation of the EMP. It remains the responsibility of the proponent to appoint key personnel for the implementation of the EMP such as Site Manager and ensure that all employees and contractors are conversant with the EMP.

#### 4.3.2. Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO)

Compliance to EMP is enforced by the environmental inspector as provided for under Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) (EMA).

#### 4.3.3. Site Manager

The Site Manager (SM) represents the proponent on site. He/she shall be responsible for daily activities in ensuring environmental protection. All communication with regard to the implementation of EMP must be channeled through the SM.

#### 4.3.4. Employees

It shall be responsibility of employees to always adhere to the provision of EMP when on site.

#### 4.4. Disciplinary Action

#### 4.4.1. Proponent

This EMP is a legally binding document, non-compliance to the EMP is punishable in accordance to the provision of EMA.

## 5. The EMP Tables Mitigation Measure and Commitments

This EMP table is not altered as provided from the proponent. The EMP was developed by SLR Consulting. Red-Dune reviewed the EMP, the gaps /comments are provided in red.

Activity	Potential Impact	Management and Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Indicators	Action Plan	
				Frequency	Responsible Parties
Air survey	Noise	<ul> <li>Discuss flight plans and schedule with land owners prior to air surveys.</li> <li>Avoid residences, game and livestock enclosures where possible.</li> </ul>	• Complaints from farmers and members of public	Prior to air surveys	Project Manager Pilots
Ground survey, mapping and soil sampling	Socio- economic	<ul> <li>Honour agreements set out in the site- access contracts</li> <li>Consult and provide feedback regarding activities on the individual properties</li> <li>Provide contact details to a designated Huab Energy Pty Ltd person, who will serve as liaison between landowners and the exploration teams</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Record of Conflicts between Huab and Farmers / Land Owners</li> </ul>	Duration of mapping and surveying	Project Manager Site supervisor

 Table 5-1 Field Mapping, Geophysical Surveys And Soil Sampling

Activity	Potential Impact	Management and Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Indicators	Action Plan	
				Frequency	Responsible Parties
	Biodiversity	<ul> <li>Land owners to be provided with a list of all people working on site</li> <li>All staff operating on site will be provided with identification and proof that they are working for the applicant</li> <li>Ensure gates are closed after entry and exit.</li> <li>The footprint of the area to be disturbed for surveying/mapping and for providing access to survey sites will be minimized as far as is practically possible.</li> <li>Huab Energy will implement a zero tolerance policy with regards to the killing or collecting of any biodiversity. This applies to people directly employed by Huab Energy as well as any contractors working on</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Record Complains from farmers</li> <li>Footprint to cut down trees</li> <li>Report of fires</li> <li>Complaints from farmers and record of poaching</li> </ul>	Duration of mapping and surveying	Project Manager Site supervisor

Activity	Potential Impact	Management and Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Indicators	Action Plan	
				Frequency	Responsible Parties
		their behalf.			
		• Employees and contractors will be			
		shown the value of biodiversity and			
		the need to conserve the species and			
		systems that occur within the project			
		area.			
		• No open fires will be permitted on			
		site.			
		• Speed limits will be enforced so as to			
		prevent road kills.			
		• Permits will be required for the			
		removal of protected tree species.			
	Air quality	• Vehicle speeds will be limited to	Complain of dust	Duration	Project
		40km/h on access routes to limit dust.	pollution	of mapping and surveying	Manager Site supervisor

Activity Poter Impa	ntial M act M	anagement and Mitigation easures	Monitoring Indicators	Action Plan	
				Frequency	Responsible Parties
Herit	<ul> <li>pos arc</li> <li>In t ress find imp foll</li> <li>All</li> </ul>	apployee must be trained on the ssible find of heritage and haeological material in the area. The event that archaeological ources are discovered, a chance demergency procedure will be plemented which includes the lowing: a work at the find will be stopped to event damage; Inform the operational manager or supervisor Cordoned of the area with a danger tape and manager to take appropriated pictures. Manager/supervisor must report the finding to the competent authorities National Heritage Council of Namibia ( 061 244	<ul> <li>Sighting report/s of heritage resources / artefacts</li> </ul>	Duration of mapping and surveying	Project Manager Site supervisor

Activity	Potential Impact	Management and Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Indicators	Action Plan	
				Frequency	Responsible Parties
		375) National Museum (+264 61			
		276800) or the National Forensic			
		Laboratory (+264 61 240461).			
		• An appropriate heritage			
		specialist will be appointed to			
		assess the find and related			
		impacts; and			
		• Permitting applications will be			
		made to the necessary			
		authorities, if required.			
		• In the event that any graves are			
		discovered during the			
		exploration activities, these will			
		be avoided and preserved as a			
		first priority. If damage is			
		unavoidable, prior to damaging			
		or destroying any identified			
		graves, permission for the			
		exhumation and relocation of			

Activity	Potential Impact	Management and Mitigation Measures	Monitoring Indicators	Action Plan	
				Frequency	Responsible Parties
		graves must be obtained from the			
		relevant descendants (if known)			
		and the relevant local and			
		provincial authorities			

## Table 5-2 Drill Site Establishment

Activities	Potential Impact	Management and Mitigation Measures		Action Plan	
			Monitoring	Frequency	Responsible
			Indicator		Parties
- Access the drill site	Air quality –	• The movement of drilling related vehicles	• Same as	On-going	Project
using a new access	dust and	on the unpaved access track will be on a	Above		Manager
track where	gaseous	small scale			Site
necessary	emissions	• Vehicle speeds will be limited to 30km/h on			supervisor
- Set-up drilling		site			
machine with drip		• Vehicles and the drilling rig will be			
trays and		maintained in good working order			
groundsheets		• Minimize new access route development			
- Strip vegetation		(routes to be approved by land owners prior			
and topsoil (up to		to development)			
300mm where					
available)	Noise	• Vehicles will travel maximum 30 km/hour	• Complains	Ongoing	Project Manager
- Temporarily store		near houses/settlements	from farmers		Site supervisor
topsoil adjacent to	Biodiversity	• Refer to biodiversity management measures	• Same as	Ongoing	Project
drill site		relating to ground surveying, mapping and	above		Manager
- Set-up ablution		sampling (Table 4-1).			Site
facilities		• Honour agreements set out in the site-access			supervisor
- Set-up fuel and		contracts, specifically relating to the areas			

Activities	<b>Potential Impact</b>	Management and Mitigation Measures		Action Plan	
			Monitoring	Frequency	Responsible
			Indicator		Parties
lubricants storage area		utilized for game and livestock farming. Special consideration should be given to the			
- Waste management		sensitive hunting season.			
		• Provide appropriate toilet facilities for the			
		exploration workers on the site or agree			
		with landowner to use certain facilities on			
		the farm.			
	Land use	• Access agreements to be prepared and	Physical	Ongoing	Project
		approved prior to drill site establishment.	Inspection and		Manager
		• The footprint of the area to be disturbed will	Complains		Site
		be minimized as far as is practically	Records		supervisor
		possible.			
		• Movement of heavy vehicles must be			
		coordinated and restricted to be on access			
		roads			
		• Normally, gravel roads are meant for light			
		vehicles, exploration vehicles have the			
		potential to damage the farm access roads.			

Activities	Potential Impact	Management and Mitigation Measures		Action Plan	
			Monitoring	Frequency	Responsible
			Indicator		Parties
		<ul> <li>Hence proper road maintenance must be implemented to ensure that the roads are left on good state</li> <li>Areas used as laydown areas are to be raked and/or ploughed to encourage re- vegetation</li> </ul>			
		• Agree on relevant compensation with land- owners where land uses are impacted			
	Heritage	• Refer to heritage management measures relating to ground surveying, mapping and sampling (Table 4-1)		Ongoing	Project Manager Site supervisor
	Socio-economic	• Refer to socio-economic management measures relating to ground surveying, mapping and sampling (Table 4-1)		Ongoing	Project Manager

## Table 5-3. Drilling

Activities	Potential Impact	Management and Mitigation Measures	Action Plan	
			Frequency	Responsible
				Parties
- Drill borehole	Contamination	• In all areas where there is storage of hazardous substances	On-going	Project
- Contain all	of	(i.e. hydrocarbons), there will be containment of spillages on	for all	Manager
drilling water in	soil/Hydrocarbo	impermeable floors and bunded trays that can contain 110%	drilling	Site
the sump and	n spillages	of the volume of the hazardous substances.	activities	supervisor
allow to settle		• All refueling and any maintenance of vehicles will take place		
- Log the drill core		on impermeable surfaces.		
and place on core		• Pollution will be prevented through basic infrastructure		
trays		design and through maintenance of equipment.		
- Maintain ablution		• Spill kits will be readily available on site. Employees and/or		
facilities		contractors will be shown to use the spill kits to enable		
		containment and remediation of pollution incidents.		
		• Environmental awareness training of contractor		
		• Huab Energy will establish environmental awareness in		
		employees and contractors		
		• A PVC lined sump will be used for collection of oils and silt		
		contained in the drilling water		
		• Any spills will be contained and cleaned up immediately		

Activities Potential Impa		Management and Mitigation Measures	Action Plan	Action Plan	
			Frequency	Responsible Parties	
		<ul> <li>Non-toxic and biodegradable drilling lubricant will be used</li> <li>Used oil, grease and lubricants cans must be collected in appropriate drums and disposed of at an approved site.</li> </ul>			
	Groundwater contamination	<ul> <li>Refer to management measures relating to contamination of soils.</li> <li>Licenses in terms of the Water Resource Management Act (Act No. 11 of 2013) will be obtained for all drilled holes (not just boreholes).</li> <li>Provide appropriate toilet facilities for the exploration workers on the site or agree with landowner to use certain facilities on the farm.</li> </ul>	On-going for all drilling activities	Project Manager Site supervisor	
	Air quality deterioration	<ul> <li>Vehicle speeds will be limited to 40km/h on access routes to limit dust.</li> <li>The movement of drilling related vehicles on unpaved access track will be on a small scale.</li> <li>Water sprays can be used around the lay-down area when a drill-site is located</li> </ul>	for all	Project Manager Site supervisor	

Activities	Potential Impact	Management and Mitigation Measures	Action Plan	
			Frequency	Responsible Parties
		• near settlements (or sensitive land-use areas, i.e. horticultural areas).		
	Noise generation	<ul> <li>Drilling will only be conducted during the day when drill sites are located close to inhabited homesteads.</li> <li>Drilling plans and schedules will be discussed and agreed upon with land owners prior to initiation.</li> <li>Vehicles will travel maximum 30 km/hour near houses/settlements.</li> </ul>	On-going for all drilling activities	Project Manager Site supervisor
	Land use	• Refer to land use management measures relating to drill site establishment (Table 4-2)	On-going for all drilling activities	Project Manager Site supervisor
Water abstraction	Groundwater quantity	<ul> <li>Water use licenses in terms of the Water Resource Management Act (Act No. 11 of 2013) will be obtained for all boreholes.</li> <li>Water levels will be measured prior to abstraction, during abstraction (daily) and after completion. Levels will be reported to land owners.</li> </ul>	On-going for all drilling activities	Project Manager Site supervisor

Activities	Potential Impact	Management and Mitigation Measures	Action Plan	
			Frequency	Responsible
				Parties
		• Should water be reached during drilling the landowners will		
		be informed. Should the landowners wish it; the holes will		
		be cased and left for use by the farmers (liability relating to		
		the boreholes will then be transferred to the landowners).		
		the boreholes will then be transferred to the landowners).		

## Table 5-4. Relevant to All Exploration Activities

Activities	Potential Impact	Management and Mitigation Measures	Action Plan	
			Frequency	Responsible Parties
All exploration	Social –	Provide appropriate toilet facilities for the exploration	On-going	Project Manager
activities	provision of	workers on the site or agree with landowner to use certain	for all	Site supervisor
	toilet facilities	facilities on the farm.	exploration	
	and other	Employment	activities	
	Socio			
	Economic	Recruit locals for unskilled labour		
	Impacts	• Where possible, procure materials from local suppliers		
	(Employment,	Alcohol and Drug Abuse		
	Alcohol and			
	Drug Abuse,	• Ban the use of alcohol and drugs at work place		

Activities	Potential Impact	Management and Mitigation Measures	Action Plan	
			Frequency	Responsible Parties
	HIV and AID	<ul> <li>Teach employees about dangers alcohol and substance abuse</li> <li>All employees must be screen with the breathalyser to avoid intoxicated personnel on site</li> <li>HIV and AIDS</li> <li>Provide HIV / AIDS awareness at induction</li> <li>Avail Condoms at the mine site</li> </ul>		
	Waste Management	<ul> <li>Waste generated will be handled in accordance with the contract signed with the landowner.</li> <li>Suitable receptacles for waste disposal will be provided at appropriate locations on site. These receptacles will be clearly marked for different waste types.</li> <li>Employees and contractors will be shown the importance of correct waste disposal as well as waste minimization and recycling.</li> <li>Waste will be removed from site and disposed of at a suitable licensed waste disposal facility.</li> </ul>		Project Manager Site supervisor

Activities	Potential Impact	Management and Mitigation Measures	Action Plan	
			Frequency	Responsible Parties
		Hazardous waste (including hydrocarbon contaminated		
		material/soil) will be disposed of at a licensed hazardous		
		waste disposal facility.		

Table 5-5. Closure and Rehabilitation

Activities	Potential	Management and Mitigation Measures	Action Plan	
	Impact		Frequency	Responsible
				Parties
General closure	Groundwater	• In all areas where there is storage of hazardous substances	Once- Closure	Project Manager
activities:	and	(i.e. hydrocarbons),	of	Site supervisor
- Close drill holes	surface	• There will be containment of spillages on impermeable floors	drill site	
(unless otherwise	water	and bunded trays that can contain 110% of the volume of the		
agreed with farmers)	contaminat	hazardous substances.		
- Remove water from	ion	• All refueling and any maintenance of vehicles will take place		
the sump and drip		on impermeable surfaces.		
trays		• Pollution will be prevented through basic infrastructure		
- Remove oils and silt		design and through maintenance of equipment.		
from drip trays and		• Spill kits will be readily available on site. Employees and/or		
store until disposal to		contractors will be shown how to use the spill kits to enable		
permitted hazardous		containment and remediation of pollution incidents.		
landfill site		• Any spills will be contained and cleaned up immediately		
- Backfill the sump				
once it has dried out	Noise pollution	• Vehicles will travel maximum 30 km/hour near	On-going	Project Manager
(dome to allow for		houses/settlements.		Site supervisor

Activities	Potential	Management and Mitigation Measures	Action Plan	
	Impact		Frequency	Responsible
				Parties
subsidence) and plug	Contaminati	• Refer to management measures relating to contamination of	On-going	Project
borehole (unless an	on of soils	water	and	Manager
agreement is in place			closure	Site
with landowner for				supervisor
alternative uses)	Air	• Vehicle speeds will be limited to 40km/h on access routes to	On-going	Project
- Move drill core trays,	quality	limit dust.		Manager
ablution facilities,	deteriorati	• The movement of drilling related vehicles on unpaved access		Site
water bowser, stores	on	track will be on a small scale.		supervisor
<ul> <li>and drill rig from the site</li> <li>Dispose of any general waste to a permitted landfill site</li> <li>Remove temporary fencing</li> <li>Rip and plough compacted areas</li> </ul>	Soil erosion	<ul> <li>Impacted footprints are to be raked and/or ploughed to encourage re- vegetation</li> <li>Access routes will be ripped unless the land owners wish for them to remain.</li> <li>A monitoring program will be implemented to establish re- vegetation progress</li> <li>Agree on relevant compensation with land-owners where land used for hunting</li> <li>purposes is impacted</li> </ul>	Starts at closure, continues for a pre- determined time (as stated in agreements)	Project Manager Site supervisor

Activities	Potential	Management and Mitigation Measures	Action Plan	
	Impact		Frequency	Responsible
				Parties
- Replace topsoil over	Waste	Decommission ablution facilities	Once off	Project
disturbed area	management	• Ensure that all waste generated during activities is removed		Manager
- Rehabilitate access		from the site and		Site
track by ripping		• disposed of appropriately		supervisor
- GPS marker to				
identify	Land use	• Land owners will be invited to carry out site inspections	Post-closure	Project
- drill site		following rehabilitation in order to ensure that it has been		Manager
		carried out suitably.		Site
				supervisor

## 6. Conclusion and Recommendations

#### 6.1. Conclusion

The following are points of consideration;

- The review of the Environmental Management Plan found it to be adequate, practical and efficient towards the improvement of environmental sustainability;
- The ECC was due for renewal in December 2022;
- In accordance to the activities undertaken and consent from farmers affected, there were no red-flags or complaints from farmers about environmental performance;
- With adequate implementation of the EMP, the project is not expected to pose harm to the environment.

#### 6.2. Recommendations

- It is recommended to the approving authority to approve the renewal of the Environmental Clearance Certificate.
- It is further recommended to the approving authority conduct site inspection of site, especially the drilled site and establish cordial relationship with farmers' associations whom are crucial at monitoring the exploration activities in order to ensure compliance to the law and the EMP.

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#### 8. Appendixes

#### **Appendix 1: Environmental Clearance Certificate 2017-2019**



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Dear Sir/Madam

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE 3543, OTAVI- GROOTFONTEIN, OTJOZONDJUPA REGION

Environmental Management Plan submitted is sufficient as these have made an adequate provisions of the environmental management concerning the proposed activities. From this perspective regular environmental monitoring and evaluations on environmental performance should be conducted. Targets for improvements should

This Ministry reserves the right to attach further legislative and regulatory conditions during the operational phase

On the basis of the above, this letter serves as an environmental clearance certificate for the project to Proceed. However, this clearance letter does not in any way hold the Ministry of Environment and Tourism accountable for misleading information, nor any adverse effects that may arise from this project's activities. Instead, full accountability rests with Huab Energy (Pty) Ltd and their consultant.

This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, from the date of issue unless withdrawn

Yours sincerely, Teofilus Nghitila ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER



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## Appendix 1: Environmental Clearance Certificate 2019-2022