

Project Background Information Document

Environmental Scoping Assessment for Exploration and Prospecting Licences EPL9531 in the Karas Region, Namibia

1. WHAT DOES THIS DOCUMENT TELL YOU?

This document aims to provide you, as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP), with background information regarding the application for Environmental Clearance Certificate for the proposed exploration and prospecting in the Karas Region. (Refer to Section 9: Locality Map), and Section 6 on the required environmental studies to be undertaken.

Any person, company, authority or other entities that might be directly or indirectly affected by the proposed activity can register as an Interested or Affected Party (I&AP). This includes, but is not limited to landowners, tenants, municipal and provincial authorities, interest groups, Non-Government Organisations and conservation groups.

This document further indicates how you can become involved in the project, receive information, or raise issues which may concern and/or interest you. The sharing of information forms the basis of the Public Participation Process and offers you the opportunity to become actively involved in the project from the outset.

2. STUDY AREA PROFILE

The allocated EPL area is located around the town of Aus, at the local Karas region. The applied area covers an area of 19 165 Ha. The proposed EPL area is accessible along the B4 tarred road from either Keetmanshoop or Luderitz and while the remaining smaller portion is accessible via the C13 road. The proponent intends to conduct exploration and prospecting for base and rare metals, dimension stone, industrial minerals and precious metals.

3. SITE DESCRIPTION

The exploration area is located on the southern plains, some approximately in the vicinity of Aus, Karas region. The applied EPL area are located in close proximity and is surrounding the town of Aus. The vegetation in the study area come from desert and semi-desert vegetation with sparsely distributed grass and shrubs.

4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Grey Barn Trading cc seeks to become active explorer for base metals, rare earth metals, dimension stones, industrial and precious metals.

Grey Barn Trading cc has applied for about 19 165 hectares area for prospecting and exploration in the area is located around the town of Aus, at the local Karas region. The applied area will be for exploration and prospecting with the ultimate aim of making a discovery in the area.

Grey Barn Trading cc is a wholly owned Namibian company with experience in prospecting and exploration. The ultimate goal is to contribute in mining and prospecting in the Karas Region.

The exploration and prospecting related activities are a listed activity in terms of the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007, thus requiring an assessment.

5. POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed development have been identified and will be assessed in the Environmental Scoping / Impact Assessment (EIA) study. Specialist inputs which will form part of the EIA study includes:

Table 1: Relevant potential impacts

SPECIALIST FIELD	ORGANISATION
Socio-Economic	Augite Enviro Investments cc
Air / Noise Pollution	
Ecological Baseline	
Archaeological Baseline	To be appointed

A high animal diversity and endemism of mammal particularly birds and reptiles can be found in the area. This formed the catchment area of several major ephemeral rivers. Much of the area lies between 500m and 1000m above sea level and consists of igneous and metamorphic rocks.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is an effective planning and decision-making tool, which allows for the identification of potential environmental consequences of a proposed project.

Listed activities to be applied and assessed in the EIA study will include:

Table 2: Relevant listed activities

LISTED NOTICE	ACTIVITY
GG. 4878 R.29	3 (3.2 & 3.3.) Exploration and prospecting activities

As part of this EIA process all I&APs will be actively involved through a public participation process. The project will consist of three major phases as illustrated in Figure 3:

- 1) Phase 1: Application for Environmental Authorisation;
- 2) Phase 2: Environmental Scoping Phase; and
- 3) Phase 3: Environmental Impact Phase Study and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

These three phases will culminate in the approval or rejection of the project i.e. positive or negative Environmental Authorisation.

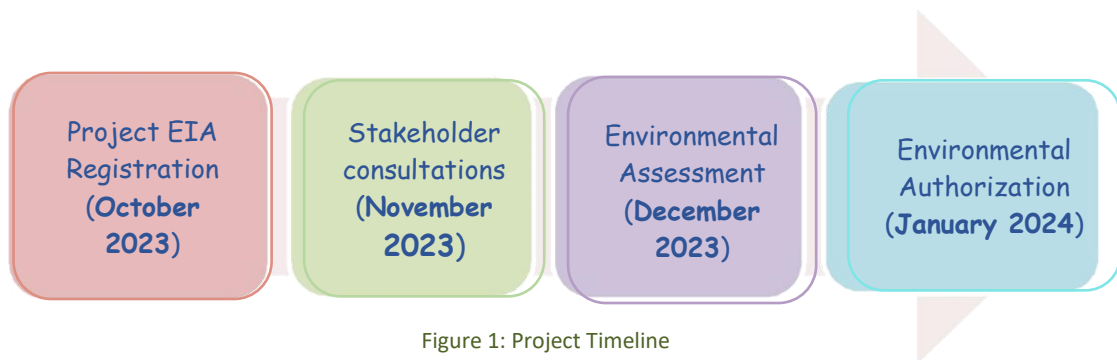


Figure 1: Project Timeline

7. YOUR ROLE AS AND I&AP

If you consider yourself an I&AP for the proposed project, we encourage you to make use of the opportunities created through the Public Participation Process to become involved in the process and raise the issues and concerns which affect and/or interest you, and about which you require more information.

By completing and submitting the accompanying registration form, we will ensure that you are registered as an I&AP for the project, and ensure that you are provided with future information pertaining to

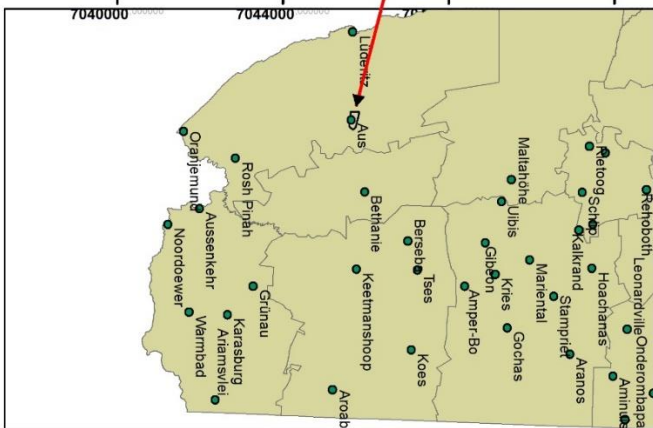
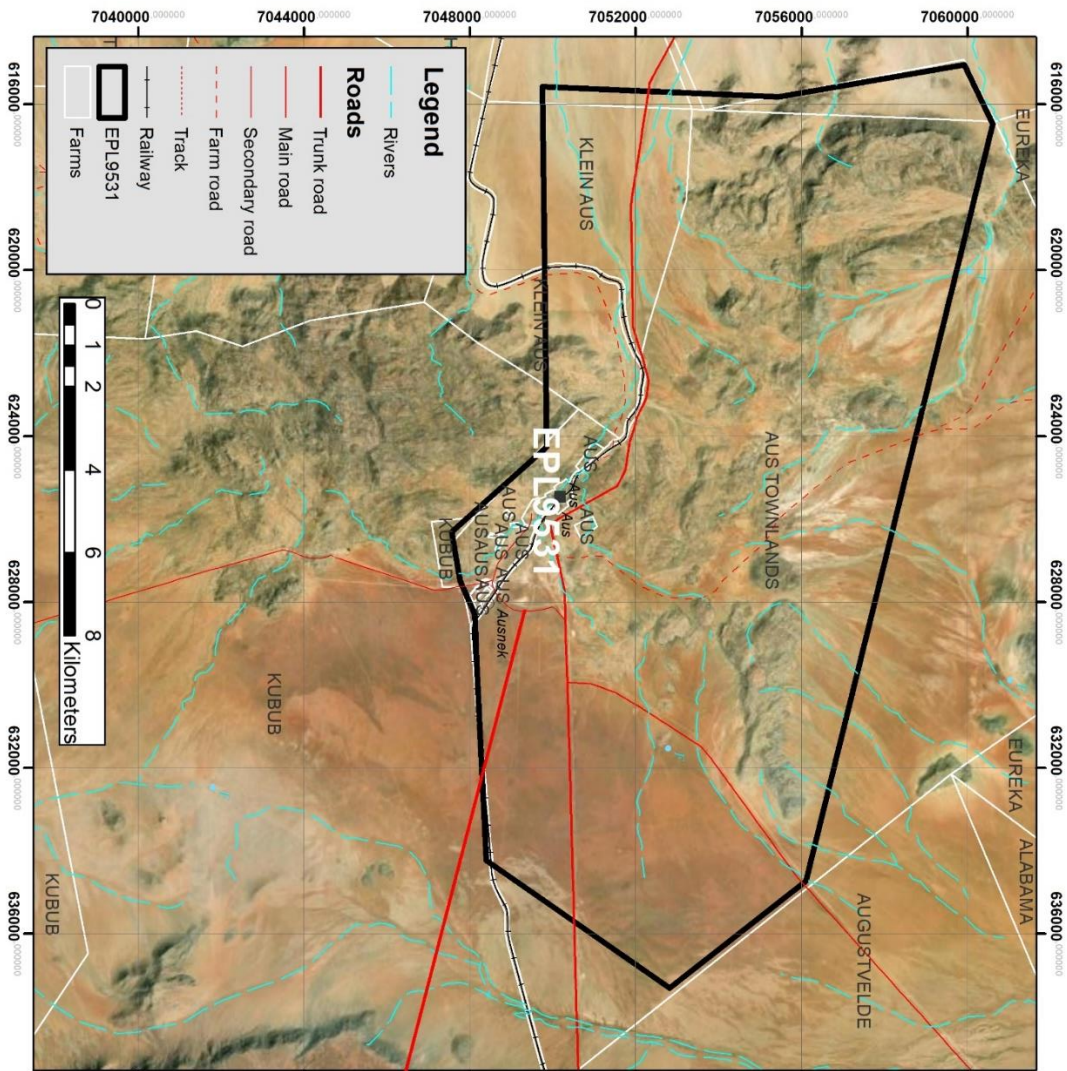
8. COMMENTS AND QUERIES

Please direct all comments, queries or inputs to:

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the project as well as the availability of the draft and final for comments.

9. MAP OF PROJECT SITE AND SURROUNDING LAND USES



Location Map of EPL9531

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT of Exploration and Prospecting Licences on EPL9531 in the Karas Region

REGISTRATION AND COMMENT FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS:

Title: First Name:

Surname:

E-Mail:

Telephone: Fax:.....

Organisation (if applicable).....

Capacity (e.g. Chairperson, member, etc):

Physical Address:

Town:

Postal Address: Code:

Town: Code:

1. What is your main area of interest with regards to the proposed project?

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2. Do you have any points of concern or support regarding the proposed project?

YES / NO

If "yes", please briefly list these in point form:

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3. Are there any additional stakeholders who you feel should be consulted with regards to the proposed project?

YES / NO

If "yes" please list their names and contact details below:

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