

Kavango west region meeting, (Nkurekuru).

Thursday 9th May 2019

Key stakeholders meeting Kavango West region for the proposed petroleum Exploration (Drilling of Stratigraphic wells) in Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) No. 73 Scoping, EIA and EMP.

Minutes.

10:05 Meeting resumes.

10:10 Welcoming remarks by the MC Councilor chairperson (Hon. Joseph Sikongo).

10:12 Presentation by DR Sindila

- Background of mining operations and oil exploration.
- Costs involved.
- Permits involved, processes and different stages and procedures.
- Purpose of the meeting is for sharing information to avoid confusions.

Drilling stages and options.

- For example Acreep used the size mix option before drilling
- While reconnaissance Energy Namibia(PTY)LTD opted to drill two wells (Gas Well drilling sites 5-6 and 6-2) first and then proceed with other methods of exploration.

Questions which were asked

10:52 (Regional director of MOEAC: KWRC)MRS Teopolina Hamutumua.

Q1. " Can you confirm, right now what you're saying is, there are different types of oil?

Q2. Are there no machines discovered or some technological manufactured equipment which can find oil. (Reply, unfortunately not, only through drilling and then size mix 2D and now improved to 4D size mix survey.

- 8 Locations were identified but only two will be drilled in 2019, one location is in the kavango East while the other is in the kavango West.

Q3. “ Meaning if oil is discovered its not for Namibia, due to expensive mechanical imports of equipment?, For how long will it take before the oil can be for Namibia and for Namibians?

Reply by Dr Sindila

- Agreement & negotiations of oil ensures that the country and it’s people benefits as well, in most cases 35% shareholding is for Country and it’s people.

Q4. “ How did the Nigerians get it right with oil production”?

Reply by Dr Sindila

- Local guys created creditable companies and went to join the London stock exchange to raise funds and then returned to Nigeria to invest in different kinds of operations such as supply chain and logistics ect
- Most eastern countries are ruled on presidential decree which might off unfavourable environment for business, whereas in Namibia we fortunate enough because Namibia makes it’s law via parliamentary proceedings which offers a much better security.

Drilling and operation

- Equipment are expected to be transported to the site and then assembled on site.
- Approximately 2.5km depth expected to be drilled, depending on some factors the depth maybe increased.
- Some challenges should be expected in assembling the drill rig.
- The drilling process has many other beneficial factors as it’s a source of so much information which helps us to understand the geology of the earth crust in that region underneath the soil surface.
- Drill helps with water supply for the local to benefit.

Q5. What are the benefits for the local people?

Reply by DR Sindila

- Local people via the management structures in place such as constituency councillors, local traditional authority would be part of the project at their skills level this is because of the danger and specialised work these c kind of operations require.

Q6 . How long is the drilling expected to last?

Reply....

- Plus minus 10 days, it’s a short operation if no complications are encountered.

12:01 Way forward .

- There are still safety measures and procedures to be complied with for prevention of environmental contamination, prevention of pollution, therefore a procedure of permit application is to be conducted prior to drilling.
- November/December 2019 if no destructions that's the proposed period for drilling.
- The people are welcome to send their comments via email to us concerning the proposed drilling operation.
- We will be updating and contacting you according to your zonal areas.

Q7. "From drilling stage to production, how long before employment is created and how long does it take to acquire drilling licence?"

Q8. " will the company be sponsoring bursaries for people to study?"

Q9. " Are the people expected to be share holding "?"

Reply

- The oil companies with licence permits in Namibia , are already doing annual contributions for social benefits and training via AMCOM fund.
- New commitments and agreements will be drawn or drafted but the local authority and regional councils are encouraged to use trust funds because more transparent.

Suggestion. Hon. Johannes H Karondo of Kapako Constituency suggested of the clearing of the nearby road which is approximately 15 km from the main road (Grootfontein-Rundu) directly to the site to avoid long driving and in return the nearby communities could benefit by for easy accessibility to the main road.

Q10 By Mr Veijo " Survey activities were conducted in our area last year, how come now we hear the drilling operation is going to take place far away from our area?"

Reply....

The company which was conducting a size mix was a different company with a different licence, which is Acreep, the company coming to drill now is Reconnaissance.

Q10 " Help us to understand, there was one scientist who came around to study and survey our area using a sounding device via the ministry of mines and energy in the 2010", Local people went around with him but he never shared the information he was acquiring ?

Q10, By Dr Mpasi EN Katewa (Chief regional Officer:KWRC)

- What is our take away to those who were not present here? What information can we take to the communities?

- Request by Hon. Johannes Karondo. (PRO)
- Requesting all stake holders not to forget the traditional authority in information sharing(local chiefs) should be updated and invited to such platforms so that they are well aware of what is happening in their areas, constituency Councillors are strongly encouraged to go share the messages and information with the traditional authorities so that they don't feel left out.

13:20

Meeting closed and communities were encouraged to bring as forth any information they have about oil suspicions in their areas ect.