

# Meeting Minutes



**24 February 2026**

**HUAB CONSERVANCY CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

**PROJECT: Environmental Impact Assessment for Mineral Exploration Activities on EPL 9038, Kunene Region.**

**Date:** Tuesday, 24 February 2026

**Time:** 10:30 – 11:15

**Venue:** MEFT Office, Khorixas

At least five (5) conservancy committee members were present, including two Environmental Consultants.

**Additionally, telephone communications were used to further interact with stakeholders who were unable to attend in person.**

**These minutes encompass feedback and discussions gathered during the meeting, as well as insights shared through phone conversations.**

## **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS**

The Environmental Consultant (Mr. Andjamba) began the meeting by introducing the team and explaining the purpose of the consultation, which was to engage Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about the proposed prospecting and exploration activities within **EPL 9038**.

## **2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION**

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

### **2.1 Brief Description of the Project**

Mr. Andjamba provided the attendees with an overview of the EIA process, citing relevant legislations such as the Environmental Management Act and its 2012 EIA Regulations on Public Consultation. He then explained the significance of obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the proposed project, emphasizing the attendee's crucial role in contributing to the EIA process by offering their insights and feedback regarding the potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of the proposed project.

### **2.2 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts**

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

### **2.3 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)**

Mr. Andjamba allowed the meeting attendees to raise their concerns, issues, and/or comments on the proposed project activities. The concerns/issues and comments recorded are presented in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the conservancy consultation meeting, 24 February 2026**

<b>Comment/ issue No.</b>	<b>Issues / comments / questions</b>	<b>Response</b>
1.	<p>Jeffrey Hanadaob (Huab Conservancy Chairman) stated that “We are aware of the exploration and in the past, there has been a lot of chaos in our conservancy area due to mining activities. Mining activities causes severe negative consequences on the rhinos, tourism and conservancy income. Therefore, we have been strongly against mining in Huab conservancy”.</p>	<p>This is only a proposed exploration and not mining operation. Should the proponent intends to continue with the mining phase in future, a separate environmental impact assessment will be conducted and you will be consultant for another meeting.</p>
2.	<p>The EPL, covers the Tourism area, and it is a Rhino breeding area which start from farm Welkom to Eersbegin and then Goeiehoop. We suggest the EPL should only include farm Mesopotamie.</p>	<p>Thank you for bring it to our attention, the rhino breeding area will be avoided.</p>

3.	We are mainly concerned about the relations and communications between the proponent, exploration operators and stakeholders. We have notice that sometimes the proponent enters into agreement with the stakeholders and later the proponent transfer the EPL to a different company which will not follow the agreement that was put in place.	The proponent promised to keep good relations with the conservancy management. The proponent also highlighted that if they get permission to start exploration activities, they will always notify the conservancy management before working in their area.
4.	Due to the lack of monitoring of exploration activities, sometimes miners pretend to be doing explorations while they are actually mining operation in the area bringing in heavy machinery, blasting, and causing the rhinos to leave the area, disturbing the ground and leaving open pit. The members of the Huab Conservancy view sustainable wildlife-based tourism as a preferred land-use option.	The exploration methods may include geological mapping, geophysical surveys, sampling and drilling. No blasting shall be done. If you suspect any illegal mining in the area, we encourage you to always report it. The ECC can be terminated.
5.	How will the community conservancy benefit from the proposed activities? We do not only want individual benefit e.g. employments, we	The Conservancy will benefit through co-operate social responsibility of the company. Example through donation.

	want the benefits for the community conservancy	
<b>6.</b>	Another concerned is about theft, poaching and illegal hunting.	We grantee employ with clean record and good conduct. Hunting will be strictly prohibited for the company, its employees, contractors, and any collaborators.

## **FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

Mr. Andjamba thanked the attendees for their crucial input through comments and raising their concerns. He 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.

Furthermore, Mr. Andjamba informed the attendees that the draft meeting minutes, Environmental Assessment Report, and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be shared with them for review and further comments. These documents will be made available to all the stakeholders.

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 adjourned at 11h15.

### **Some of the meeting attendees:**

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Figure 1 Evidence of conservancy consultation meeting at MEFT Office, Khorixas.