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EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL)
AREA 8049 IN THE KHOMAS REGION

PROOF OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION



Assessed by:



Assessed for:



November 2024

Proof of Public Consultation

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Notification Letter to Khomas Regional Council



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01 November 2024

Re: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE 8049, KHOMAS REGION

Dear Sir/Madam

Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd to apply for an ECC for the proposed exploration activities related to EPL 8049. The ECC is required as per the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 (EMA). In support of the ECC application, an environmental scoping impact assessment (EIA) and environmental management plan (EMP) will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism's Directorate of Environmental Affairs (DEA).

Project: Environmental Assessment and Management Plan for Exclusive Prospecting Licence 8049, Khomas Region

Proponent: Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd

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Interested and affected parties or neighbours are invited to register with the environmental consultant to receive further documentation and communication regarding the project. Please register at:

Fax: 088-62-6368 or **E-Mail:** epl8049@thenamib.com.

Registration and preliminary comments should reach our offices by latest 11 November 2024.

Should you require any additional information please contact Geo Pollution Technologies at telephone 061-257411.

Sincerely,
Geo Pollution Technologies

Andre Faul
Environmental Practitioner

Background Information Document

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE 8049, KHOMAS REGION

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Prepared by:



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September 2024

1 INTRODUCTION

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Figure 1 Project location

2 PURPOSE OF THE BID

With this background information document (BID), GPT aims to provide information to, and interact with, interested and affected parties (IAPs) regarding the project and the environmental assessment process. IAPs are therefore invited to register with GPT to:

- Provide information which should be taken into account in the assessment of impacts.
- Share any comments, issues or concerns related to the project.
- Review and comment on the EIA and EMP.

3 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Activities considered for the environmental assessment have been divided into the following phases: planning, construction, operational and decommissioning phases. A brief outline of expected activities for each phase is detailed below.

3.1 PLANNING PHASE

Planning is ongoing and include planning for the various phases involved with the exploration activities. As part of the planning phase, it is the responsibility of Proponent to ensure they are and remain compliant with all legal requirements. The Proponent must also ensure that all required management measures are in place, prior to and during all phases, to ensure potential impacts and risk are minimised. Typical planning activities include:

- Obtain or renew permits, licences and approvals from all relevant local and national authorities. This includes the ECC and drilling authorisation from the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform.
- Planning to meet the various conditions that may be prescribed by the MEFT as issued as part of the ECC.
- Liaison and reaching agreements with all land owners regarding access to their land.
- Make provisions to have a health, safety and environmental coordinator to implement the EMP.
- Ensure provisions for a fund to cater for restoration or rehabilitation activities in areas where exploration activities occurred, and for the eventuality of environmental incidents or pollution resulting from exploration activities.
- Ensure all appointed contractors and employees enter into an agreement with the Proponent which includes the EMP.
- In accordance with the ECC conditions, maintain a reporting system to report on the various management parameters as outlined in the EMP. This is a standard requirement of ECC conditions.

3.2 CONSTRUCTION PHASE

No major construction activities are required for exploration purposes. Construction activities pertain mainly to the establishment of access roads to specific areas targeted mainly for exploratory drilling, setting up temporary worker camps (if required), clearing and possibly levelling of drilling pads and associated laydown areas, and construction of temporary ablution facilities. Roads, camps and laydown areas will be created by bulldozer and/or manual labour, depending on the terrain and vegetation type and density.

3.3 OPERATIONAL PHASE

The operational phase encompass all operational activities performed within the EPL for purposes of exploring for the relevant commodities (base and rare metals, industrial minerals and precious metals). This include:

- Desktop studies: Review of existing geological literature and data for the area of interest.
- Remote sensing: Imagery and spectral data obtained from aerial surveys or satellites. Such data will be used to map geological characteristics and structures, with the aim of determining focus areas for more detailed exploration activities.
- Field surveys: Geological mapping of focus areas by visual confirmation of surface geology.
- Soil and geochemical sampling: Rock and soil collection and analysis to determine mineral content and thereby further refining the focus areas for exploration.
- Geophysical surveys: Surveys used to determine and map subsurface features without drilling. Various geophysical survey methods exist and include seismic, magnetic, electrical, electromagnetic and gravity methods. The Proponent will mainly use electrical (induced polarization and electrical resistivity tomography) and electromagnetic (audio-magneto telluric or electromagnetic sounding surveys) methods. These measure the electrical and electromagnetic properties of the subsurface to identify different materials and subsurface geology to refine focus areas. For both, survey lines need to be cleared to ensure unrestricted access for the equipment and cables.

- ◆ Exploratory drilling: Once sufficient information is gathered from the above methods, and focus areas for exploration have been determined, a drilling plan can be determined and executed. This constitutes the most invasive part of exploration. Drilling logs will be kept and drill chips or cores will be collected for analysis in order to determine ore reserves and resource feasibility.

When accessing the EPL for exploratory drilling, existing roads will be used as far as is practically possible to access drill targets. Where no roads exist, roads will be created in such a way as to minimise the impact and potential future erosion. The drill rig and its associated equipment such as compressors, drill rods, etc., will be mobilised to site. Water and fuel for drilling operations will be carted to the drill sites. Adequate temporary ablution and mess facilities will be provided to workers who will be present on site for extended periods (e.g. during drilling). All waste, including any polluted soil or water, will be collected for disposal at recognised waste disposal facilities. Where possible, sewage will also be collected and disposed of at a registered wastewater treatment facility. Sewage may also be disposed of in existing or newly constructed pit latrines, septic tanks or french drain systems on the farm, in agreement with the land owner. Daily operations further include administrative tasks, security services and procedures, site maintenance and related activities. Maintenance of access roads will continually be conducted and includes dust management if and when required.

3.4 DECOMMISSIONING PHASE

Decommissioning during the exploration phase entails vacating exploration areas and removal of all equipment and infrastructure used by the Proponent or its contractors. All areas and roads will at such time be rehabilitated, or handed over to the land owner, in accordance with the agreements reached with the respective land owners prior to initiation of exploration activities. Rehabilitation may include shaping and/or ripping of roads, campsites, laydown and drilling areas to prevent erosion, allow rapid establishment of vegetation, and reduce the visual impact by contouring such areas to fit in with the natural topography of the land. Any pollution (e.g. fuel, oil, hydraulic fluid) as well as all drilling cores and cuttings present on and around explorations sites must be removed at such time. Drill cuttings can also be used for beneficial purposes (e.g. road surfacing, backfilling erosion ditches, etc.) in agreement with the land owner. Any potential hazardous cuttings should however be identified and removed accordingly.

3.5 PRELIMINARY IDENTIFIED IMPACTS

During the preparation of the environmental assessment, all components of the environment will be considered. However, only those components which are, or may be, significantly impacted, or are deemed to be sensitive, will be assessed. These may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Social (demographic profile, employment, social ills, etc.)
- ◆ Security (theft, unauthorised access, etc.)
- ◆ Economic (wages, procurement, taxes, etc.)
- ◆ Waste (general, sewage, hazardous, etc.)
- ◆ Soil and water (groundwater, surface water and soil pollution, erosion, compaction)
- ◆ Ecology (habitat loss, poaching, protected species)
- ◆ Health and safety (injuries, exposure, noise, etc.)
- ◆ Visual (erosion, scarring, pollution)
- ◆ Heritage and archaeology (historic artefacts, paleontological finds, etc.)

4 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

GPT invites all IAPs to provide in writing, any issues and suggestions regarding the project. This correspondence must include:

- ◆ Name and surname
- ◆ Organisation represented or private interest
- ◆ Position in the organization
- ◆ Contact details

- Any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the application.

All contributions become public knowledge and will be circulated along with the reports as per the EMA requirements. The comments, inputs and suggestions will also be submitted to the DEA along with how any issues have been addressed in the EIA. The public participation process will remain ongoing during the environmental assessment. However, all comments and concerns should timeously be provided to GPT to ensure incorporation into the final report. For any additional information the project team may be contacted at:



Your Rights as an IAP according to the Environmental Management Act, No7 of 2007, Government Notice No. 30 (Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations)

Section 23:

- (1) A registered interested or affected party is entitled to comment in writing, on all written submissions made to the Environmental Commissioner by the applicant responsible for the application, and to bring to the attention of the Environmental Commissioner any issues which that party, believes may be of significance to the consideration of the application, as long as -*
 - (a) comments are submitted within 7 days of notification of an application or receiving access to a scoping report or an assessment report;*
 - (b) the interested and affected party discloses any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of the application.*
- (2) Before the applicant submits a report compiled in terms of these regulations to the Environmental Commissioner, the applicant must give registered interested and affected parties access to, and an opportunity to comment in writing on the report.*
- (3) Reports referred to in sub regulation (2) include*
 - (a) scoping reports;*
 - (b) scoping reports amended and resubmitted;*
 - (c) assessment reports; and*
 - (d) assessment reports amended and resubmitted.*
- (4) Any written comments received by the applicant from a registered interested or affected party must accompany the report when the report is submitted to the Environmental Commissioner.*
- (5) A registered interested or affected party may comment on any final report that is submitted by a specialist reviewer for the purposes of these regulations where the report contains substantive information which has not previously been made available to a registered interested or affected party.*

Section 24:

The applicant responsible for an application must ensure that the comments of interested and affected parties are recorded in reports submitted to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of these regulations, and comments by interested and affected parties on a report which is to be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner may be attached to the report without recording those comments in the report itself.

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This document costs N\$60 and has to be renewed every six months.

To avoid a fine of N\$1 000 or their operations

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For more information, potential operators can visit the Windhoek City Police headquarters or call 061 302 302.



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‘Geen gunste vir gawes’

VAN BL. 1

“Jy hoor geen huan hieroor kraai nie, maar in ons geval word ons daarvan beskuldig dat ons demokrasie verkoop. Dit moet stop. Is dit omdat ons Afrikaners? Dit is nie regverdig nie,” het ’n sigbaar gefruiteerde Nandi-Ndaitwah gesê.

Ná die Fiebert-skandaal waarin verskeie Swapo-weddens in 2019 weens beweerde korrupsie-aanklagte gearrester is, het die party ’n rits veranderings aangebring aan die manier waarop Swapo skenkings aanvaar en ontvang.

REGULASIES

Die Verkeerskommissie van Namibië (ECN) het destyds regulasies gepubliseer oor die maksimum drempel van geld wat partye van Namibiërs, plaaslike firmas, buitelanders en buitelandse maatskappye kan ontvang voordat hulle gedwing word om hierdie bedrae via die media bekend te maak. Die destydse party-gevoel, wyle dr. Hage Geingob, het toe aangekondig dat Swapo ’n interne proses van hersiening, hervorming en ondersoek na vorige skenkings onderneem.

Hy het met onmiddellike effek beveel dat geen Swapo-lid of simpatiseer-

der moet poog om skenkings van enige voornemende skenker – plaaslik of internasionaal – te werf sonder die magtiging van die kantoor van die sekretaris-generaal nie.

Geingob het ook opdrag gegee dat geen Swapo-lid of amptenaar namens die party skenkings van enige bron – plaaslik of internasionaal – mag aanvaar sonder om magtiging van die party se sekretaris vir finansies en ekonomiese aangeleenthede, in oorleg met die sekretaris-generaal (SG), te verkry nie.

’n Ander regulasie het verplig dat enige persoon of instansie wat op versoek of op ’n vrywillige basis van voorneme is om ’n skenking aan en tot voordeel van Swapo of sy amptenaars te maak, dit in oorleg moet doen deur die kantoor van die party se sekretaris vir finansies en ekonomiese aangeleenthede en die SG.

Geingob het gesê Swapo gaan ’n sentrale owerheid, verkieslik sy sekretaris vir finansies en ekonomiese sake, aanstel om skenkings wat aan die party gemaak is, te aanvaar en te registreer. Dit sal hulle in staat stel om interne onsmigtighedsprosedures uit te voer voor die formele aanvaarding van ’n bepaalde politieke skenking en om skenkings wat die voorgeskryde drempels oorskry, in die openbaar bekend te maak.

Goewerneur spreek sy kommer uit

Verkragting van minderjariges ’n kopseer in Oshikotostreek

Verkrachtigingsake het gedurende die laaste kwartaal van die boekjaar onder hersiening met 58% afgeneem, asook selfdoodgevalle met 21% en veediefstal met 53%.

Keaya Kamhove

Die Oshikoto-goewerneur het sy kommer uitgespreek oor ouers, voogde en bure wat minderjariges in die streek verkrag en sê dat daar van hulle verwag word om die kinders te beskerm en hulle nie leë aan te doen nie.

Penda ya Ndakolo het tydens sy onlangse streekreise gesê ondanks die misdaadstatistiek wat ’n afname toon in vergelyking met die van verlede jaar, is dit ontstellend dat geslagsgebaseerde geweld (GBV) teenoor kinders gepleeg word deur diegene wat met hul veiligheid toevetrou is.

“Dit is goed om te sien dat ver-

krachtigingsake gedurende die laaste kwartaal van die boekjaar onder hersiening met 58% afgeneem het, selfdoodgevalle met 21%, terwyl veediefstal ook met 53% gedaal het, vergeleke met dieselfde kwartaal van die vorige boekjaar,” het Ya Ndakolo gesê.

“Hoewel dit ’n positiewe ontwikkeling is, bly die kommer dat die meeste van die GBV-sake soos verkragting teen minderjariges gepleeg word deur die mense wat veronderstel is om vir daardie kinders te sorg.

“Die oortreders van GBV is meestal familieledes, voogde en bure. Dit is inderdaad ontstellend. “Daarom herhaal ek dat ons almal ons pogings moet verdubbel om misdaad te bekamp. Kom ons gebruik verskeie middele soos opvoeding en bewustmakingsveldtogte in skole en ander openbare plekke.

“Die belangrikste is egter dat ons daarna streef om ons kinders teus op die regte manier groot te maak. Wanneer die kinders



Die Oshikoto-goewerneur, Penda ya Ndakolo. FOTO: ANS

op ’n korrekte manier grootgemaak word, sal hulle vir sekere verantwoordelike lede van die samelewing groei.”

Oshikoto het in 2018 die hoogste aantal verkrachtigingsmisdade wat teen minderjariges gepleeg is, aangestaan. Die syfer het op 39 gestaan.

Republieken se austerkoerant

Namibian Sun het in Januarie berig oor hoe die polisie in die Oshikotostreek ’n saak ondersoek waarin ’n 39-jarige man daarvoor beskuldig word dat hy sy tienerdogter by sy huis in die Onyanya-kiesafdeling verkrag het.

Die 15-jarige meisie het haar pa gaan besoek, wat haar na bewering daardie aand verkrag het. Die voorval het glo in Oktober verlede jaar plaasgevind.

In Maart het die Oshikoto-polisie weer ’n saak ondersoek van ’n tienjarige meisie wat na bewering deur haar 43-jarige biologiese pa verkrag is. Die voorval het glo by die Uuholamo-nedersetting in die Okankulo-kiesafdeling plaasgevind.

Destyds het die polisie ondersoek daarop gelei dat die verdagte die meisie die middag na skool in die slaapkamer gevind en haar glo verkrag het.

Dit is maar een van die talle sake wat oor die jare by die Oshikoto-polisie aange meld is.

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Skrywers delf diep in Namibië se geskiedenis

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Die boek, wat gebaseer is op mondelinge navoring, ontlee die outsbare stelsels wat kontrakwerkers bygehou het, insluitend waarskynlik van sterftes in die werksplek. Die boek handel breedweg oor die praktiese wat gemeenskappe in tye van stres bymekaar gebou het (toe trek-

arbeiders ver van die huis af gewerk het) en hoe hierdie werkers aangepas het by stelsels wat met kolonialisme gekom het, soos die posleë.

Nampala is tans die skoolhoof van die Gekombineerde Skool Uukelo in die Ohangwanastreek. Sy het ’n doktorsgraad in geskiedenis aan die Universiteit van Wisconsin verworwe met haar tesis waaruit die boek bestaan. Die boek word vandag by die nasionale biblioteek bekend gestel.

‘BEDELAARS IN ONS EIE LAND’

Dr. Willem Odendaal se Begynners

on our own land... word eerskomende Dinsdag by die Wetenskaplike Vereniging van Namibië bekend gestel.

Die boek handel oor die uitsetting van die Hai||om uit die Etosha Nasionale Park in 1954 onder Suid-Afrikaanse administrasie.

Die Hai||om het in 2015 ’n aansoek in die hof ingedien. Die vraag oor die rejsprosedure wat die Hai||om kan volg om Namibië se houe te nader om vergoeding te eis, is die spilpunt van hierdie boek.

Odendaal lyk onder meer na die

tekortkominge met betrekking tot geskiedkundige grondontcleining in Namibië se plan vir grondhervorming en bevind dat Namibië se wetlike raamwerk beperkend en verouderd is en dat dit ’n rol in die Hai||om se aansoek in die hof gespeel het.

Odendaal het ’n doktorsgraad in regte van die Universiteit van Strathclyde in Glasgow, Skotland, en werk tans saam met plaaslike gemeenskappe in Namibië om kwessies verwant aan menseregte en omgewingsregte.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: KALAHARI
PROSPECTING LICENSE 2014/AM 0049

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The assessments will be conducted according to the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and its regulations of 2012. Interested and affected parties are invited to register with GPT for the opportunity to share comments, issues or concerns related to the projects, for consideration in the assessments. Registrations, information requests, comments and concerns should be submitted to GPT by 1 Oct 2024.

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Tronkstraf bring nie ons pa terug, sê dogter

VAN BL. 1

Die landdros het Clemens ook gekritiseer omdat hy as ouer mishak het en daarop gewys dat hy sy seun moes aangesien het om hom nie tot geweld te wend nie.

Die tragiese verlies van Mutonga, het by gesê, het ’n blywende leemte gelaat – nie net in sy familie nie, maar ook in die gemeenskap.

“Die leemte wat die oorledene gelaat het, veral in die lewens van sy jong kinders, kan nooit gevul word nie,” het Mufana bygevoeg.

Felicia het gesê dat haar familie

“Dit was ’n lang vyf jaar van hofgevegte om uiteindelik geregtigheid te kry. Die manier waarop die landdros en staatsanklaer die saak hanteer het, was baie sensitief, waarvoor ons as ’n familie opreg dankbaar is. Hulle het alle aspekte van hoe die gebeure ontvou het, noukeurig oorweeg.

“Ous is baie tevrede met hoe die landdros die saak hanteer en die uitpraak met soveel sensitiviteit gelewer het. Die twee hoofbesliddings is tot 18 jaar tronkstraf gevonnis, plus ’n bykomende twee jaar vir die onwettige besit van vuurwapens, wat dit altesaam 20 jaar maak. Aangesien hulle reeds vyf jaar sedert 2019 agter tralies was, het die landdros besluit om nie daardie tyd op te kort nie,” het sy dogter verduidelik.

“As ’n familie is ons ook dank-

baar vir die staatsanklaer, wat ons bygestaan en onvermoed gegee het om te verseker dat ons die geregtigheid kry wat ons verdien.

“Dit was ’n moeilike vyf jaar van in en uit die hof en die leistering wat ons van die oortreders se familie moes verdur, maar op die ou einde het ons die geregtigheid gekry wat ons gesoek het,” het Felicia bygevoeg.

ONDERSOEK

In Augustus 2019 het ’n plaaslike Engelse dagblad berig dat Mutonga se familie hul ontevreidenheid uitgespreek het oor die polisie se ondersoek na sy dood.

In ’n brief aan die Namibiese polisie se inspekteur-generaal Sebastian Ndeitunga destyds, het die familie gesê hulle het vertroue verloor in die ondersoeksbesmet van Katima Mulilo, wat

deur adjunk-kommissaris Evans Simasiku gelei is.

“Ous het vertroue in die hele misdaadondersoekafdeling van die Namibiese polisie by Katima Mulilo verloor, en ons eis dat die moordsaak van Lemmy Mutonga deur beampptes van ’n ander streek ondersoek word. Die hele ondersoekspan moet verwyderd en ondersoek word,” het die brief gelui.

Die familie het verskeie ongerymdhede, onbevoegtheid en malatigheid in die bewaring van bewysstukke tydens die polisie-ondersoek uitgelik.

“Die klere wat Mutonga gedra het die dag toe hy geskiet is, is nie deur die polisie vir forensiese ontleding gehaal nie. In plaas daarvan, is die bloedbevleete klere aan sy ma terugbesorg,” het die familie destyds beweer.

>> **Onderhandelinge glo** nog aan die gang

Reparasiedokumente 'verdwyn in die niet'

Die ministerie van internasionale betrekkinge en samewerking verduidelik sommige dokumente kan nie opgespoor word nie en ander moet nog opgestel word.

Jonima Boukes

Dokumente, insluitend notules van vergaderings tussen Namibiese en Duitse tegniese komitees, het glo verdwyn.

Dit het onlangs aan die lig gekom in 'n saak in die hofhof wat Bernadus Swartbooi, die Landless People's Movement (LPM) en 11 tradisionele owerhede teen die regering aanhangig gemaak het.

Die hofaansoek poog om die omstrede gesamentlike verklaring tussen Namibië en Duitsland – waarin die Duitse regering ingestem het om Namibië 1,1 miljard euro (R18,6 miljard) aan projekte oor 30 jaar te betaal vir die versoening en heropbou van geraakte gemeenskappe van die Nama-Herero-volks-

moord van 1904 tot 1908 – nêlêg te verklaar.

Volgens regerings-vertenwoordigers sluit die vermiste dokumente ook 'n opdrag aan die spesiale politieke kabinetskomitee deur die tegniese komitee op 24 Maart 2022 in asook notules van verskeie spesiale kabinetskomitee-vergaderings.

Hulle het ook aan die hof gesê die addendum, finansieringsooreenkoms, die konsepraamwerk vir 'n spesiale doellovoertuig en die gesamentlike konsepverklaring met wysigings word nog deur die twee regerings onderhandel.

Penda Naanda, die uitvoerende direkteur van internasionale betrekkinge en samewerking, het in sy beëdigde verklaring gesê dié dokumente wat nie weg is nie, word steeds deur vertenwoordigers

van die Namibiese en Duitse regerings opgestel. Sommige van die dokumente wat met die onderhandelinge verband hou, is ook onderhewig aan prokureur-kliënt-privilegie.

Penda Naanda
UITVOERENDE DIREKTEUR

"Sommige dokumente kan nie opgespoor word nie ten spyte van 'n ywerige soektog daarna."

"Sommige dokumente kan nie opgespoor word nie ten spyte van 'n ywerige soektog daarna. Sommige dokumente word nog voerherel," het Naanda gesê.

Naanda het Swartbooi en die tradisionele leiers

daarvan beskuldig dat hulle nie in goeder trou opgetree het deur dokumente te eis wat nog nie deur die twee regerings onderhandel is nie en daardeur glo ook die onderhandelinge belemmer.

Swartbooi en die tradisionele leiers het in reaksie by monde van hul regerverteenwoordiger, Patrick Kauta, gesê dit is onmoontlik om te glo dat van die dokumente nog in konsepvorm is of nog onderhandel word.

Hy het ook daarop gewys dat hulle geregtig is op alle dokumente wat aan die besluitnemers voorgelê is en waarop staatgemaak sou word om die besluite te neem.

"Dit is moeilik om te dink dat enigiets op die oomblik nog onderhandel kan word, aangesien die Namibiese en Duitse regerings kennis gegee het van die gesamentlike verklaring.

"Die gesamentlike verklaring kon nie aanvaar word sonder dat die onderhandelinge wat tot die



Penda Naanda, die uitvoerende direkteur van internasionale betrekkinge en samewerking. FOTO: ARGES

aanvaarding van die gesamentlike verklaring geleidelik afgehandel is nie."

Die vermiste dokumente sluit in ondertekende, beoordeelde gedateerde en goedgekeurde notules van die vergadering tussen die Namibiese en Duitse tegniese komitees by Midgard Lodge vanaf 9 tot 11 Maart 2022.

'n Afskrif van die addendum wat die inlywing van die voorgestelde veranderinge en wysigings deur die prokureur-generaal bewys, is ook nog soek.

Hulle soek ook nog die goedgekeurde notules van

beide die raadplegende komitee-vergadering van belanghebbendes op 4 tot 6 Oktober 2023, 'n afskrif van die konsepraamwerk

ringsooreenkoms asook 'n afskrif van die addendum en finansieringsooreenkoms.

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Hof besluit binnekort oor Maree se bekentenis

Kristien Kruger

Hoewel die publiek nie toegelaat word om die hofverrigtinge van die vermoede pedofiel, Johann Maree, by te woon nie, is inligting van die hof ontvang dat 'n binneverhoor vandeeweek afgehandel is.

Die binneverhoor handel oor die toelaatbaarheid van 'n bekentenis wat Maree glo afgelê het ná sy arrestasie in April 2020. Hy beweer nou dat hy die bekentenis onder dwang afgelê het.

Tydens Maree se aansoek om borgtog sowat drie jaar gelede,



Johann Maree FOTO: KRISTEN KRUGER

het die staatsanklaer, Like Phelam, dele van die bekentenis in die landdroshof in Windhoek voorgelees.

Maree het daarin skuld erken en verduidelik wat hy aan elkeen van die minderjarige slagoffers gedoen het. Hy het ook destyds die bekentenis onderteken.

Hy het wel reeds tydens hierdie borgtogverrigtinge aangegroef dat hy gedwring was om die bekentenis af te lê.

Volgens 'n hofkerk is die binneverhoor Maandag afgehandel en is die saak tot 4 Oktober uitgestel vir die lewering van die uitspraak. Die hof sal besluit of die bekentenis tydens die verhoor

as bewysstuk toegelaat sal word.

AGTERGROND

Maree word daarvan beskuldig dat hy tientalle minderjarige seuns in Windhoek verkrag en seksueel misbruik het. Hy het na bewering ook kinderpornografie vervaardig en dit op die donker web versprei.

Ingevolge die hof se instruksie, mag die publiek en media nie die verhoor bywoon nie om sodoende die identiteit van die slagoffers te beskerm.

Maree se verhoor word deur die hofhof in Windhoek hanteer en deur regter Philanda Christiaan aangebore.

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IAP Comments

Email Received: From Seef Stepelberg, Land Owner in EPL Area Date Received: 12 December 2024	
Comment	Response
<p><i>Pay Deposit with an attorney Trust account. R\$ 1 mil.</i></p> <p>Photo 5-9 Borehole</p> <p>5.8 GENERAL Prior to any access to the EPL area, surface access agreements will be negotiated and signed with the land owners. Such agreements will clearly stipulate the landowners' requirements, expectations and compensation. The first agreement will cover activities up to geophysical surveys and geochemical sampling. Should a target site for core drilling be identified, a new agreement will be reached with the land owner.</p> <p>Four wheel drive vehicles, numbered and marked as being the property of the Proponent, will be used to transport staff to the site and back. Access to target areas on the farm will at all times be via existing roads, or where no roads are present, roads will be made as per agreements reached with land owners. Such roads will preferably be made by means of manual labour in order to</p> <p>EPL 8049 - EIA & EMP - Nov 2024</p> <p>Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd</p>	<p>All negotiations between the landowner and the Proponent will take place once the EPL is granted to the Proponent, and exploration is planned for the specific farm. Such negotiations will be included in the surface access agreement.</p>
<p>9 km west of the EPL.</p> <p>Implications and Impacts Access to exploration areas will be difficult due to the rugged and mountainous terrain, where no existing roads are present. Even moving of large vehicles such as drill rigs to the EPL area will require cognisance of the steep Gamsber Pass.</p> <p>If new roads are created to gain access to particular areas of the EPL, or if drill pads are cleared, erosion can occur during heavy rainfall events. If such roads and drill pads are not suitably rehabilitated, erosion may be a long term problem.</p>	<p>Corrected</p>
<p>Implications and Impacts A significant portion of Namibia's protected tree and plant species occur within the EPL boundaries. These, together with bird nests they (and other trees) may contain, may be damaged during exploration activities. Poaching of wildlife is a concern. Encounters with venomous or dangerous animals (e.g. leopard, rabid animals, etc.) may pose a danger to the Proponent's staff.</p> <p><i>poisonous add's mambas, puff adders & zebra snakes & scorpions</i></p> <p>8.8 DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS The project is located in the western area of the Windhoek District and Khomas Region, and falls</p>	<p>Changed to "Encounters with venomous (mambas, puff adders, zebra snakes, scorpions) or dangerous animals...."</p>
<p><i>Rooib Farm Isab's Hags Telescopes</i></p> <p>The EPL is relatively remote from commercial centres with Windhoek reachable by 150 km and Walvis Bay by 200 km of gravel roads. Solitaire, 110 km away by road, has the nearest small shop, fuel retail facility with tyre repair service, and restaurant / take-away. Farms surrounding the EPL that has hospitality and accommodation facilities are, among others, Rooisand Desert Ranch on farm Chausib, Hakos Astro Guest Farm on Farm Groot Hakos, Corona Guest Farm on Farm Corona and Camp Rooiklip on Farm Rooiklip. Of these, both Rooisand Desert Ranch and Hakos Astro and Guest Farm have observatories. Stargazing is offered to guests and remotely operated observatories of international astronomers are located on Farm Chausib. It is specifically the dark and clear (unpolluted) night sky in this area presenting an ideal location for astronomy.</p> <p>Implications and Impacts There are no settlements in or near the EPL area. Thus, although unemployment and poverty in the Khomas Region is relatively high, there will be no job seekers in the area, apart from possibly</p>	<p>Added</p>
<p><i>High water</i></p> <p>refers to the presence of bright lighting in the area illuminating the sky and thus reducing visibility. This too, is more linked to potential future mining than the exploration phase per se.</p> <p>Loss of farmland: This concern is also linked to potential future mining. The concern is that farming and mining cannot co-exist and should a mine realise, the farm will no longer be a viable farming unit.</p> <p>10 IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND MANGEMENT OF IMPACTS The purpose of this section is to identify and assess the most pertinent environmental impacts that are</p>	<p>The IAP's concern regarding this matter is noted and was communicated to the Proponent.</p>
<p>consequences of non-compliance, etc.</p> <p><i>Trust fund at attorney</i></p> <p>10.1.1.6 Rehabilitation and Pollution Clean-up • If not already established, establish and maintain a fund/insurance for rehabilitation of the exploration sites, or for unforeseen events where environmental pollution occur which requires clean-up and/or remediation.</p> <p>10.1.1.7 Community Liaison • Appoint a community liaison officer and devise a community liaison strategy.</p>	<p>See above</p>
<p><i>NOT Allowed? X</i></p> <p>(MILES) AND JANS instructions and all spills or leaks are cleaned up immediately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have serviced firefighting equipment within easy reach, including those used to fight veld fires. Fire used for purposes such as cooking must only be allowed within designated areas far removed from any flammable material such as dry vegetation. <p>Mitigation: • Implement the fire protection and firefighting plan in the event of a fire.</p>	<p>Such aspects can be stipulated in the surface access agreement.</p>

Possible?

Drilling of exploration holes may penetrate a confining aquifer layer (aquitard). This may cause mixing of aquifer water where the one aquifer may contain water of a poor quality, causing contamination of the aquifer having better quality. An alternative impact may be the leaking of water from one aquifer into another, causing existing boreholes to dry up or springs to dry up. Based on the limited amount of information available, it is not expected that such impacts would occur within the project area. It would however be advisable to take care during drilling that proper monitoring is taking place to evaluate for such conditions and that appropriate remedial actions be implemented where needed – the precautionary principal should be applied.

Based on existing information it is not likely to happen. A reputable drilling contractor should however be used, who can take the necessary steps to safeguard groundwater, should this scenario arise.

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