

Communication with I&APs and Means of Consultation Employed

Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations details the steps to be taken during a public consultation process, and these have been used in guiding this process. Communication with I&APs with regard to the project was facilitated through the following means and in this order. Local community/stakeholders' input is essential for the EIA and ultimately the project to ensure the road serves both local and regional development goals.

- A Background Information Document (BID) containing brief information about the proposed project was compiled and hand-delivered to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT), accompanying the ECC application, and uploaded on the MEFT (ECC) Portal for project registration and shared with registered Interested and Affected parties (I&APs).
- Project Environmental Assessment notices were published in the New Era and Windhoek Observer newspapers dated 22 and 28 January 2025. The consultation period ran from the 22nd of January 2025 to the 21st of February 2025. To allow time for comments after the consultation meetings in August 2025, the comment period was extended to 29 August 2025 (as indicated on the BID and EIA poster placed in Spitzkoppe and Usakos).
- The consultation meetings were held with key stakeholders of the area (Oe-Gan Traditional Authority (OGTA)), with the Chief of the area (Chief Immanuel Gaseb) in Windhoek on the 2nd of April 2025 (Figure 1). A combined meeting between the #Gaingu Conservancy and the Oe-Gan Traditional Authority senior councilors was held on the 15th of August 2025 in Spitzkoppe Settlement (Figure 2). The meeting minutes are attached hereto. The consent letters issued by the two key stakeholders (Oe-Gan TA and #Gaingu Conservancy) are appended hereto.



Figure 1: The EIA Consultation meeting with the Oe-Gan Chief in Windhoek on the 2nd of April 2025



Figure 2: The EIA Consultation meeting in progress at the Spitzkoppe Community Centre on the 15th of August 2025

- An EIA poster was placed at the frequented main market in Usakos (OK Supermarket) public notice board and at Mini Shop in Spitzkoppe Figure 3. The copy of the poster is attached hereto.



Figure 3: The EIA poster in Usakos and Spitzkoppe

Feedback and Issues Raised by the Stakeholders (I&APs)

- Some key potential positive and negative impacts were identified by the Environmental Consultant. A few issues and comments were raised by the stakeholders in the meeting, as follows:
 1. The issue of mineral explorers (proponents) leaving unrehabilitated holes that are not closed or backfilled after exploration activities. This is a safety concern.
 2. The need for accountability to make sure that the holes and trenches are backfilled. It is advised to have representatives from both the Traditional Authority and Conservancy present during rehabilitation. This is aimed at

conducting inspections and reporting back for sign off (that the stakeholders and community are satisfied with the rehabilitation efforts made).

3. The issue of compensation for affected communities that farm in the area and would need to be relocated or move away, should the EPLs advance to the mining stage. It was explained that for the exploration stage (for which the EIA study and ECC application are carried out and made, respectively), there will be no community relocation since exploration activities would be done at selected site areas. The mining-related impacts, such as relocation or resettlement of affected communities, would be discussed if and when the EPLs or one of the EPLs displays good results to advance to the mining stage. Therefore, any issues related to the mining stage, including potential relocation of communities, would be discussed at that time (in the mining EIA study) and not in the exploration stage.
4. The impact of nuclear fuel minerals (uranium) on groundwater during exploration, which may affect water quality, which is needed for ecosystems, and the fact that the EPLs are within a conservancy.

The comments provided do not halt or object to the proposed project activities, but were meant to contribute to the improvement of the EMP and ensure that the biological, physical, and social environments are protected during the implementation and after completion of the project activities.

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR: FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON THE EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE (EPL) No. 9413 LOCATED ABOUT 20KM SOUTHWEST OF OKANGWATI IN THE KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA.

Under the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 EIA Regulations, the proposed exploration activities on EPL 9413 require an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) before commencement. The public is notified that an ECC application will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner.

Brief Project Description: The environmental scoping process will identify potential positive and negative impacts of the proposed activities on EPL 9413 located about 20 km Southwest of the Okangwati settlement in the Kunene region. The target commodities on the EPL are **Base & Rare Metals, Dimension Stone, Industrial Minerals and Semi-Precious Metals.**
Proponent: Aanpak Investments (Pty) Ltd
Environmental Consultant: Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd
Public members are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties to comment/raise concerns or receive further information on the Environmental Assessment process.

Public Consultation meeting details will be communicated with all the registered I&APs. Registration requests should be forwarded to Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd on the contact details below, before or on **7 February 2025.**
Contact: Excel Dynamic Solution
Email: public@edsnamibia.com
Tel: + 264 61 259 530



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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIALISATION AND TRADE, LIQUOR ACT, 1998
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO A COMMITTEE IN TERMS OF THE LIQUOR ACT, 1998 (REGULATIONS 14, 26 & 33)
Notice is given that an application in terms of the Liquor Act, 1998, particulars of which appear below, will be made to the Regional Liquor Licensing Committee, Region: **KHOMAS**
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PENDUKENI TAUTIKO SHIKONGO, PO BOX 24495, WINDHOEK
Name of business or proposed business to which applicant relates: **STATIC LOUNGE**
Address/Location of premises to which Application relates: **ERF 6880 SHOP NO.6 GAME CENTRE, HOCHLANDPARK, WINDHOEK**
2. Nature and details of application: **SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE EXTENSION OF HOURS, APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENTS OF PRIVILEGES**
3. Clerk of the court with whom Application will be lodged: **WINDHOEK MAGISTRATE'S COURT**
6. Date on which application will be Lodged: **24 JANUARY 2025**
7. Date of meeting of Committee at which application will be heard: **12 MARCH 2025**
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Well-deserved... Gauff (left) congratulates Badosa after she won on Rod Laver Arena. Photo: AFP

Paula Badosa eliminates third seed Coco Gauff

MELBOURNE - Coco Gauff's winning run came to an end against Paula Badosa in the quarter-finals of the Australian Open.

The American third seed arrived here as the most in-form player on tour after winning the WTA Finals to end last season, and then all five singles matches at the United Cup, including one against Iga Swiatek.

She went into the last-eight tie with 11th seed Badosa on a 13-match winning streak, but it was the Spaniard who came out on top in a 7-5, 6-4 victory. Badosa feared she may have to retire last year because of a persistent back problem, but ended the season strongly, making the quarter-finals of the US Open, and has now hit a new high in Melbourne.

"Today, I came in and I wanted to play my best game, and I think I did it," she said. "Coco, at the beginning, she was playing insane tennis, but I'm super-proud of the level I gave today.

"A year ago, I was here with my back, and I didn't know if I had to retire from this sport, and now, I'm here playing against the best in the world. I won today, I'm in the semi-finals. I will never think that a year after I would be here."

Both players held serve until 5-5 in the first set, when Badosa struck before opening up a 5-2 lead in the second set.

She was unable to serve it out at the first time of asking, but made no mistake the second time around to set up a clash against either top seed Aryna Sabalenka or Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

Gauff was left to rue 41 unforced errors, but was philosophical afterwards, saying: "Paula was playing great. Maybe some moments in the first

set could have gone my way, could have been a different outcome in the first set.

"I think it's just a lot more work to do. I'm obviously disappointed, but I'm not completely crushed. I'm looking forward to a lot. Even though I lost today, I feel like I'm in an upward trajectory."

Gauff said after her defeat, she was departing the Grand Slam with clear ideas on what to improve in a welcome contrast to how she felt after her US Open title defence ended last year.

World No 3 Gauff was far from her aggressive best, but said she felt more positive than she did after her fourth-round loss to compatriot Emma Navarro at New York.

I feel like (at the) US Open I was playing with no solutions, so I think that was more the frustrating part. Today, I feel I'm playing with solutions. "I know what I need to work on."

Gauff parted company with coach Brad Gilbert after the US Open, and hired Matt Daly and began making a few adjustments to her game, including grip changes.

Things did not go according to plan for Gauff against Badosa, with the 20-year-old identifying her serve as something that needed a bit more work after six double faults.

"I needed to work on my serve," Gauff said. "I'm not saying that my serve is where I want it to be, but I worked on it. Obviously, a big improvement. I want to continue working on that, continue working on playing aggressive.

"I feel I was ready from the start of this tournament," she added. "Yeah, with each match I found solutions. Then today, I was close to doing that as well. I'm obviously disappointed, but I'm not completely crushed."

- Sky sport



Hamilton won the most recent of his seven world titles in 2020

Hamilton ‘realises dream’ on first day at Ferrari

Lewis Hamilton says he has “realised his dream” and his first official day at Ferrari marked a “new era in the history of this iconic team”. Hamilton, 40, began his preparations for his debut season with his new team on Monday at the Ferrari factory in Maranello. The seven-time world champion signed for Ferrari in January last year but contractual commitments to Mercedes prevented any substantive contacts until the end of 2024. “There are some days that you know you’ll remember forever and today, my first as a Ferrari driver, is one of those days,” he said in a post on Instagram.

“I’ve been lucky enough to have achieved things in my career I never thought possible, but part of me has always held on to that dream of racing in red. I couldn’t be happier to realise that dream today. “Today we start a new era in the history of this iconic team, and I can’t wait to see what story we will write together.” Hamilton will spend his first day meeting key people and getting to know the factory and team. Ferrari said he was given a tour with team boss Frederic Vasseur and chief executive officer Benedetto Vigna of “the Fiorano house and the pit garage, including a look at the famous office,

from where (founder) Enzo Ferrari would watch his team at work”. The statement added: “Hamilton then returned to the Scuderia HQ, where he met the management team and (vice-chairman) Piero Ferrari, before embarking on a daylong total immersion programme, visiting all the various departments to get to know the team. “The work continues tomorrow with more technical meetings and briefings as preparations get underway for what will be a very busy season.” The Briton is expected to drive a 2023 F1 car at Ferrari’s Fiorano test track later in the week, and will complete further days in it at Barcelona before

the launch of the 2025 Ferrari on 19 February. He is also likely to try out the 2025 car in the team’s simulator. The 2023 car is the most recent Hamilton is permitted to drive under F1’s testing restrictions. Among the differences to which he will have to adapt is that this will be the first time in Hamilton’s 18-year F1 career that he has driven a car that does not use a Mercedes engine. Official F1 pre-season testing is at Bahrain on 26-28 February, where Hamilton and team-mate Charles Leclerc will share the three days of running equally. Vasseur has said that Hamilton faces “a challenge” getting up to speed in

the short time available before the start of the season in Australia from 14-16 March. Vasseur said at Ferrari’s Christmas lunch last month: “It is not easy but he is coming with his own experience. But he is not the rookie of the year, I am not worried at all about this.” Hamilton will have a place to live in Italy to help his assimilation into Ferrari, which is regarded as the national team. Hamilton and Ferrari will appear alongside the other teams at the official F1 launch at London’s O2 Arena on 18 February before returning to Italy for Ferrari’s unveiling of the new car the following day. -IOL

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2. Name of business or proposed business to which applicant relates:
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3. Address/Location of premises to which Application relates:
OULUNGWENYA, OKAFITU - KAKAHALA

4. Nature and details of application:
SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE

5. Clerk of the court with whom Application will be lodged:
OUTAPI MAGISTRATE'S COURT

6. Date on which application will be Lodged: **11 - 29 JANUARY 2025**

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Any person having any objection against such application should lodge such objection/s in writing and within 14 days of the last publication to the applicant and the Swakopmund Municipality, during normal business hours

Closing date for objections or comments is: **17th February 2025.**

Contact Person: Mr P Kandjimi, Cell: 081 642 0834
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Experience... Joachim Löw wants to return to coaching.
Photo: Sky Sports

World Cup winner Löw ready to return to coaching

BERLIN - Joachim Löw is interested in a return to coaching, four years after stepping down as Germany helmsman, preferably at another national team and possibly at the 2026 World Cup. *Sport Bild* said in a report published yesterday that Löw, who turns 65 next week, can only see himself as a national team coach, and not in charge at a club at this time.

"If there's one thing I can fall back on, it's a lot of experience at tournaments," he said.

The 2014 World Cup winner struck similar line in an interview with *Kicker* sports magazine.

"There have been a few offers in the past two years, but I didn't have the feeling that I was burning for it," Löw said.

"But I will look into exciting options. I have experience with national teams, and in preparing a team with a vision over two years for a tournament."

Löw was Germany assistant coach under

Jürgen Klinsmann 2004-2006, and then head coach 2006-2021. He won the 2014 World Cup, reached the final at Euro 2008, came third at the 2010 World Cup, and was a semi-finalist at Euro 2012 and 2016.

His last engagement as a club coach was at Austria Vienna in 2003-04.

Löw admitted in the *Kicker* interview that he should have resigned after Germany's first-ever World Cup group stage exit in 2018 in Russia.

"I should have cleared the way for someone who comes up with new ideas and makes a clear cut with the golden generation," Löw said.

He said it took him some time to digest disappointing results in his final years as Germany coach, but that he was also not in a hurry to return.

"I don't have the pressure of a young coach who always has to move on quickly," he said.

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Ready for more... Goalkeeper Andre Onana. Photo: Goal.com

Goalkeeper Andre Onana hopes Manchester United's 1-0 win at Fulham proves a "turning point" in their season.

Lisandro Martinez's 78th-minute strike earned Ruben Amorim's side victory at Craven Cottage on Sunday, lifting them up to 12th in the Premier League table.

Defender Martinez's deflected long-range effort was almost cancelled out in the final minutes by Joachim Andersen, but a crucial block on the line by 21-year-old Toby Collyer ensured United held on.

"We have to enjoy it because at the end of the day when things are going good, everyone is happy," Onana told *MUTV*.

"It's what we want because we are Manchester

United, and we are under the obligation to give everything on the pitch.

"Hopefully this game was the turning point, and from here we move on."

The win followed a 2-1 success over Rangers in the Europa League on Thursday.

United have only lost once since the turn of the year - a 3-1 defeat at home to Brighton - and Onana says the team are fighting for each other.

"We are in this together," he added. "Like I always said, we win together, we lose together, bad moments will come, and good moments will come."

"We have to stick together; it doesn't matter what happens."

-Nampa/AFP

How to build equity in your property faster

As a homeowner in South Africa, building equity in your property is not only a smart financial move but also essential for long-term wealth. Whether you're looking to upgrade your home or improve its resale value, there are several effective strategies to boost your equity quickly.

Make Extra Mortgage Payments: One of the most straightforward ways to build equity faster is by making extra payments toward your mortgage. Even small additional contributions can make a big difference in reducing your outstanding loan balance, which in turn increases your equity. Consider making an extra payment every year or paying more than the minimum each month to knock down the principal balance more quickly.

Refinance Your Mortgage: With the fluctuating interest rates in South Africa, refinancing could be a great option if rates are lower than when you originally bought your home. A lower interest rate could reduce your monthly payments, allowing you to pay off the principal faster. If you're financially stable, consider refinancing to a shorter loan term, like a 15-year mortgage, to build equity at an even quicker pace.

Enhance Your Home's Value with Localised Improvements: Investing in home improvements that resonate with the local market can significantly increase your home's value. In the Western Cape, homes with energy-efficient upgrades are particularly appealing, given the region's focus on sustainability. Installing solar panels, adding water-wise landscaping, or upgrading insulation can not only lower your utility bills but also boost your property's A fresh coat of paint, especially in the trendy tones popular in Cape Town, can also add instant curb appeal.

Take Advantage of Rising Property Values: The Western Cape has seen steady property value increases in certain areas, especially those near the coast or in up-and-coming neighbourhoods. Keeping an eye on market trends can help you make informed decisions about when to refinance or In growing areas, the mere passage of time can contribute to natural appreciation, increasing your home equity without much effort.

Rent Out Space or Consider Short-Term Lets: With the booming tourism sector in Cape Town, renting out part of your home as a short-term let or even a long-term rental can generate extra income.

By employing a mix of these strategies—making extra payments, refinancing, investing in localised improvements,



leveraging market trends, and renting out space—you can significantly accelerate the growth of your home equity in the Western Cape. The key is to stay proactive and make strategic choices that align with both your current goals and future property aspirations. Cobus Odendaal, CEO of Lew Geffen Sotheby's International Realty in Johannesburg and Randburg recently explained why home equity is important.

Acts as a Source of Wealth and

Financial Security
Home equity is a form of forced savings. As you pay off your bond, you're essentially transferring your cash into home value, thereby helping you build wealth over time. For many, home equity is their largest financial asset, providing significant security in retirement or in times of financial need. Unlike many other investments, home equity is a tangible asset that can also increase in value over time, making it a key part of a long-term financial plan.

Access to Borrowing Options with Lower Interest Rates
One of the biggest advantages of home equity is that it can be used as collateral for loans. This affords you various borrowing options, often at lower interest rates than unsecured loans and can provide funds for larger expenses, but it's important to borrow responsibly since these loans are secured by your home, meaning failure to repay could put your property at risk.

Helps with Retirement Planning

Home equity can be especially valuable in retirement planning. Some homeowners downsize by selling their property, buying a less expensive home, and using the proceeds for retirement income. Others may explore options like a reverse mortgage (home equity release loan), allowing them to access their equity without having to move. Home equity can be a reliable source of funds for those who wish to maintain a comfortable lifestyle during retirement without dipping into other investments. -Property 24

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSES (EPLs) NO. 9885 & 9985 NEAR ARANDIS TOWN IN THE ERONGO REGION

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The Proponent: Tarah Hainana

Project Nature and Location: Upon issuance of the ECCs and EPL certificates (exploration rights) and obtaining all relevant documents (agreements) from land custodians (local Traditional Authority), key land users (#Gaingu Conservancy), the Proponent will plan for and commence with prospecting and exploration of Nuclear Fuel Minerals on the EPLs. EPL-9885 covers an area of 23,073.1506 hectares (Ha) whereas EPL-9985 covers 19,978.5782Ha. EPL-9985 is about 20km northeast of Arandis and EPL-9885 is about 40km further northeast of Arandis and stretches towards Grootspitskop (Spitzkoppe) in the Erongo Region. Both EPLs are within the #Gaingu Conservancy. This EIA Study is for exploration activities ONLY, not mining, because mining cannot be done on EPLs. This means, that if exploration yields economically feasible results, mining licenses would be applied for after exploration, of which different EIA Studies would be conducted to apply for mining licenses, i.e., to convert EPLs into mining licenses at a later stage.

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The public is notified that the application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner as required under the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 EIA Regulations. The proposed prospecting and exploration work on EPL-9488 is a listed activity in the EIA Regulations that cannot be undertaken without an ECC, subject to an EIA Study, approval of the EIA Scoping Report, and Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

The Proponent: Tarah Hainana

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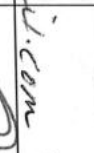

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSES (EPLS) NO. 9885 & 9985 NEAR ARANDIS TOWN IN THE ERONGO REGION - APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC)

Project Proponent: Tovah Hairang

Date & Time: Wednesday, 03 April 2015, 11:00

Venue: Chief T. Gaseb Office Room, Office of the T/A Windhoek

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Date: 15 August 2025

CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES

Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Study for the Proposed Exploration Activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licenses (EPLs) No. 9885 & 9985 near Arandis Town in the Erongo Region

Date: Friday, 15 August 2025

Time: 11h00 AM to 12h10 PM

Venue: Spitzkoppe Community Centre Office, Spitzkoppe Settlement

Project Proponent: Tarah Hainana

Meeting Attendance

The attendance comprised two Environmental consultants from Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC (Serja HGE Consultants), the Proponent for EPL-9488, and twelve (12) members of the community representing the Gaingu Conservancy and Oe-Gan Traditional Authority (OGTA). - as shown in the pictures below (Figure 1) and the signed attendance register attached hereto.



Figure 1: EIA Consultation meeting in progress at the Spitzkoppe Community Centre on the 15th of August 2025

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Senior Traditional Councillor Walter Khuwiseb of the Tubusis Area (under the Oe-Gan TA), and he welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Victoria Festus (the Chairperson) requested that everyone introduce themselves before proceeding to the meeting agenda. After introductions, Ms. Fredrika Shagama (Environmental Assessment Practitioner / Consultant) was handed the opportunity to present the meeting agenda. The agenda of the meeting was based on the requirements of the 2012 EIA Regulations, specifically Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007, Sections 21 to 24, regarding public consultation.

Copies of the Background Information Document (BID) were distributed among the attendees for self-reading and follow throughout the meeting proceedings. She circulated the attendance register for the attendees to sign the meeting attendance as proof of consultation to be appended to the ESA Report.

2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION

Ms. Shagama presented the agenda of the meeting, which included the following main points:

2.1 Explanation of what an ESA is, its Process, and the Public Role in the Process

Ms. Shagama explained that the ESA process is done in compliance with the EMA, as the proposed prospecting and exploration works are one of the listed activities that cannot be undertaken without applying and obtaining an environmental clearance certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner, which is subject to an ESA process and ESA Report as well as an Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The ESA process requires that the consultation meeting be held with the stakeholders/affected and or interested community members where the project activities would be undertaken.

Furthermore, the EPL is in an application stage with the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy (MIME), and before the rights or the certificate of the EPL can be issued to Mr. Hainana, the ECC needs to be obtained first and submitted to the Mining Commissioner to consider the EPL application.

2.2 Brief Description of the Project

A brief description of the planned project activities was presented as per the provided BID copy, and Ms. Shagama emphasized the importance of understanding that the conducted ESA Study and subsequent ECC are for prospecting and exploration only and not mining. She further explained that mining activities can only be undertaken on a mining license and not on an EPL, as an EPL is exclusively for exploration. In other words, mining can only be done once the exploration activities yield positive (economically feasible) results, which would mean the Proponent will need to convert the EPL into a mining license by applying for it. The mining license would also be subject to another detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study with specialists, and an application for an ECC for mining activities.

2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, Ms. Shagama also presented the potential pre-identified positive and negative environmental impacts anticipated from the proposed prospecting and exploration activities.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

The meeting attendees were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and/or raise concerns with regard to the proposed project activities so that these can be incorporated into the meeting minutes and used as a basis for the compilation of the ESA Report and Draft EMP. The key comments and issues made in the meeting were recorded and noted for consideration and inclusion in the ESA Report. These issues and comments are presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Issues, suggestions, and comments received during the Consultation Meeting with the Oe-Gan Traditional Authority and Gaingu Conservancy members on the 15th of August 2025 in Spitzkoppe

No.	Name of the speaker/commenter & Capacity	Comment/Issue/Suggestion	Response provided by:
1.	Mr. Ben Naruseb (Senior Traditional Councillor/Spitzkoppe Headman)	The people need to be informed by holding a meeting with them before the project starts.	Ms. Fredrika Shagama: This is well noted, and it will be done.
2.		From experience, the issue of us issuing consent letters for exploration and the explorers leaving unrehabilitated holes that are not closed or backfilled. This is a safety concern.	Ms. Fredrika Shagama: This is a valid comment, and this will be listed in the EMP to ensure that exploration holes and trenches are backfilled after completion of exploration works. This will also be noted during environmental monitoring, which will be done in the area every 6 months after the ECC is issued.
3.		Proponents might have the EMP, but they do not implement it. We need someone to make sure that the holes and trenches are backfilled. It will be better to rehabilitate and have someone from the TA and Conservancy to inspect the area and report back for sign off (that the stakeholders and community are satisfied with the rehabilitation efforts made.	Ms. Fredrika Shagama: This is well noted. There will be a 6-month monitoring report done by an independent environmental consultant who will be inspecting the area and report back to the office if the Environmental Commissioner.
4.	Mr. Naas Uanga (member of the Gaingu Conservancy)	Who will be responsible for checking that the proponent is indeed implementing the EMP?	Ms. Fredrika Shagama: There is usually an Environmental Control Officer (ECO) as part of the project during implementation or an external environmental consultant to monitor the implementation of the EMP onsite. The community can also have someone representing them to be part of the exploration team so that they can monitor. Furthermore, anyone can also raise non-compliances to the proponent, and if the proponent is not changing or addressing the issues, these can be expedited to the Environmental Commissioner for further actions (if the proponent does not address the issues as instructed by the Commissioner, this can result in the ECC being suspended until the issues are addressed. When the ECC is suspended, this also means that there is no work being done during that period.

No.	Name of the speaker/commenter & Capacity	Comment/Issue/Suggestion	Response provided by:
5.		If the exploration continues to the mining stage, will there be some form of compensation for affected communities and land that will be lost due to planned mining works? The area covered by the EPL is also used by farmers who have livestock. Would these farmers be compensated if they were required to move to pave the way for mining? And would they be compensated through the Conservancy or the Traditional Authority?	<p>Ms. Fredrika Shagama: Yes, according to the Minerals Acts and National Compensation Policy, there will be compensation as set out in these laws. However, these would be adequately addressed as part of the mining license EIA, if it gets to that stage after exploration.</p> <p>The compensation discussions would be discussed with individual affected farmers in consultation with the Traditional Authority, since the land belongs to the state.</p> <p>The list of legislation applicable to EPLs and exploration activities will be provided in the Scoping Report.</p>
6.	Mr. Walter Khuwised (Senior Traditional Councillor/Tubusis Area Headman)	Nuclear Fuels (Uranium) are sometimes found in areas where there is water, but there are no people in some areas. However, the uranium affects water quality, which is needed for ecosystems, and the fact that the EPLs are within a conservancy.	Mr. Tarah Hainana: The concern is well noted.

There were no further questions or comments/concerns.

Ms. Shagama thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their valuable contributions to the discussions. She informed them that their comments will be included in the Report and EMP and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner for evaluation and consideration of the ECC.

Way forward: The meeting attendees were informed that the ESA Report and EMP will be compiled by Serja Consultants. The meeting attendees were also informed that the Proponent and Environmental Consultants will do a site visit for assessment and data collection the same day (15 August 2025) after the meeting.

The meeting was closed and adjourned at 12h10 PM.




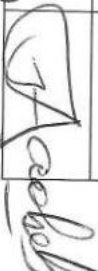
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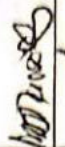



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Project Proponent: Torah Hainana


Date & Time: Friday 15 August 2025, 10h00 to 11h00 AM

Venue: Spitzkoppe Community Centre, Spitzkoppe Settlement

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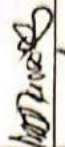



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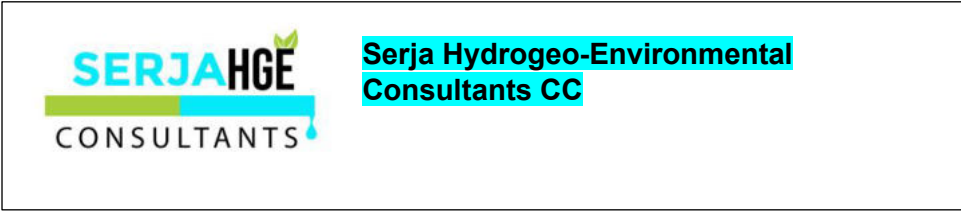
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The public is notified that an application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism (MEFT) as required under the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 EIA Regulations. The proposed activities (prospecting and exploration) on two Exclusive Prospecting Licenses (EPL)-9885 & 9985 are listed activities that cannot be undertaken without an ECC from the MEFT. The applications EPL-9885 and EPL-9985 EPLs were made to the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) (now the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy (MIME)) on the 20th of December 2023 and 3rd of April 2024, respectively, and have not been granted yet as per the Namibia Mines and Energy Cadastre Map Portal status ('Pending ECC'). The ECC for the two neighboring EPLs is subject to an EIA Study, which is currently being carried out. Should the EIA Study be approved and the ECC issued and obtained from the MEFT, the ECC will be submitted to the MIME for consideration of granting the rights to each EPL (EPL certificates) to the Proponent.

Project Proponent: Tarah Hainana

Environmental Assessment Practitioner (Environmental Consultant): Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC

Type of proposed Activity and Location: Upon issuance of the ECC by the Environmental Commissioner at the MEFT and subsequent EPL certificates (rights) by the MIME, the Proponent will plan for and commence with the proposed prospecting and exploration of mineral commodities (resources) potentially occurring on EPL-9885 and EPL-9985. EPL-9885 covers an area of 23,073.1506 hectares (Ha), whereas EPL-9985 covers an area of 19,978.5782Ha (totalling a combined area of 43,051.7288Ha). EPL-9985 is about 20km northeast of Arandis, and EPL-9885 is about 40km further northeast of Arandis and stretches towards Grootspitskop (Spitzkoppe) in the Erongo Region. Both EPLs are within the #Gaingu Conservancy - please refer to the maps below. **It should be noted that this EIA Study is for exploration activities ONLY and not mining because mining cannot be done on EPLs, i.e., the Proponent would need to apply for a mining license after exploration (if found to be economically feasible). A separate EIA Study would be conducted to apply for a mining license, i.e., to convert both EPLs or one of them into a mining license or mining licenses.**

It is against this background that members of the public are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to comment/raise concerns or receive further information on the EIA Study, like the background information document (BID). The Registration or comments submission should be made in writing to the contact details below before or on **Friday, 29 August 2025**.

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A: Locality map of EPL-9885 & 9985 near Grootspiskop (Spitzkoppe) and Arandis, respectively, and B: Conservancy (significant land use) overlain by the two EPLs

