

**20 February 2025**



### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

**PROJECT:** Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) for the proposed prospecting and exploration activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) No. 9278 located north of Otjimbingwe in the Erongo region, Namibia

**Date:** Thursday, 20 February 2025

**Time:** 09:00 – 12:17

**Venue:** Tsoaxudaman Traditional Authority Hall

The public consultation meeting was attended by twenty - two (22) people, including one environmental consultant, Proponent representative and an archaeologist from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS); - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

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

The meeting was conducted by Mr. Mandume Leonard (an Environmental Consultant). Mr. Mandume opened the meeting by introducing the EDS team and then stating the purpose of the consultation meeting with the parties affected by the proposed prospecting and exploration

activities on EPL No. 9278. The meeting attendance register was circulated for the attendees to sign and add their contact details, so that they could be added to the list of interested and affected parties (I&APs) and receive further information on the ESA process.

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

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

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

Mr. Mandume explained the EIA process to the attendees, and the reason for their invitation to the meeting (with reference to the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation). Mr. Madume further explained the importance of the proposed project of requiring an ECC and attendee's role in the EIA process.

### **2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts**

To ensure transparency towards the public and understanding of proposed works by the attendees, the Environmental Consultant also presented the pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

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

Mr. Mandume provided the meeting attendees with the opportunity to raise their concerns/issues and / or comment on the proposed project activities. The issues and comments recorded are presented in **Table 1** below.

**Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the public consultation meeting, 20 February 2025**

<b>Comment/ issue No.</b>	<b>Commenter name &amp; issue / comment / question</b>	<b>Response and name of responder:</b>
<b>1.</b>	We are thankful that you (EDS consultants) have consulted us before the proponent started with the exploration. Kindly ensure that the chosen sites will properly be rehabilitated.	<p><b>Mr. Mandume (ML):</b> Thank you for the positive comment. We will ensure the inclusion of rehabilitation measures in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP).</p> <p><b>Mr. S.:</b> Environmental restoration is one of our core values. We will ensure that the sites are rehabilitated.</p>
<b>2.</b>	Our local people should truly benefit from the proposed project in terms of employment and skills transfer.	<p><b>ML:</b> Well, noted, the proponent will ensure that the locals are favored the most.</p> <p><b>Mr S.:</b> If we have a skilled Geologist in Otjimbingwe, we will employ him or her. If the exploration will require unskilled laborers, then we will again employ the local people.</p>
<b>3.</b>	Why did the proponent reapply for this EPL?	<b>Mr. S.:</b> When we previously had the EPL we did not have the necessary funds for prospecting.
<b>4.</b>	There are Mining Claim (MC) exists within this EPL, what will happen if the commodities that the proponent is looking for is found in my MC?	<p><b>ML:</b> The owner of the MC and the proponent of this proposed project will have to reach an agreement.</p> <p><b>Mr S.:</b> If there are existing MC in the EPL and they are active, we (the proponent) do not have any access to it, however an agreement</p>

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		between the owner of the MC and the proponent can be made if necessary.
5.	There is a lack of cooperation between small-scale miners and the owners of the EPLs in the area.	<b>ML:</b> We have taken note of the comment.
6.	In terms of the distribution of benefits from this project, what share will the traditional authority or the local community get if this proponent starts mining here?	<b>Mr. S.:</b> At my level I am not able to give the exact answer, this will have to be discussed by the board members.
7.	The community members must benefit from any success that may originate from the resources in our area.	<b>ML:</b> Well noted.

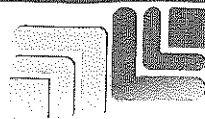
## **FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

Mr. Mandume thanked the attendees for their input through comments and by raising their concerns. He indicated to the attendees that all their comments, concerns and inputs had been noted down for consideration, and for addressing in the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Report, as well as incorporating their recommendations into the draft EMP.

Furthermore, Mr. Mandume informed the attendees that the draft meeting minutes, Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be shared with them for their review and further comments. These documents will be made available through emails provided on the attendance register.

Once the review of the reporting is completed, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) for evaluation and consideration for an ECC.

The meeting adjourned at 12h17



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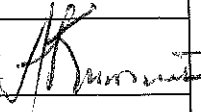

## Public Meeting Attendance Register

PROJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING  
AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) 9278 LOCATED  
NORTH OF OTJIMBINGWE ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA

Venue: Tsoaxudaman Traditional Authority Hall  
Date: 09H00 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Time: 09H00

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