APP-005678 Exploration Activities on Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) Area 9974 in the Omaheke Region

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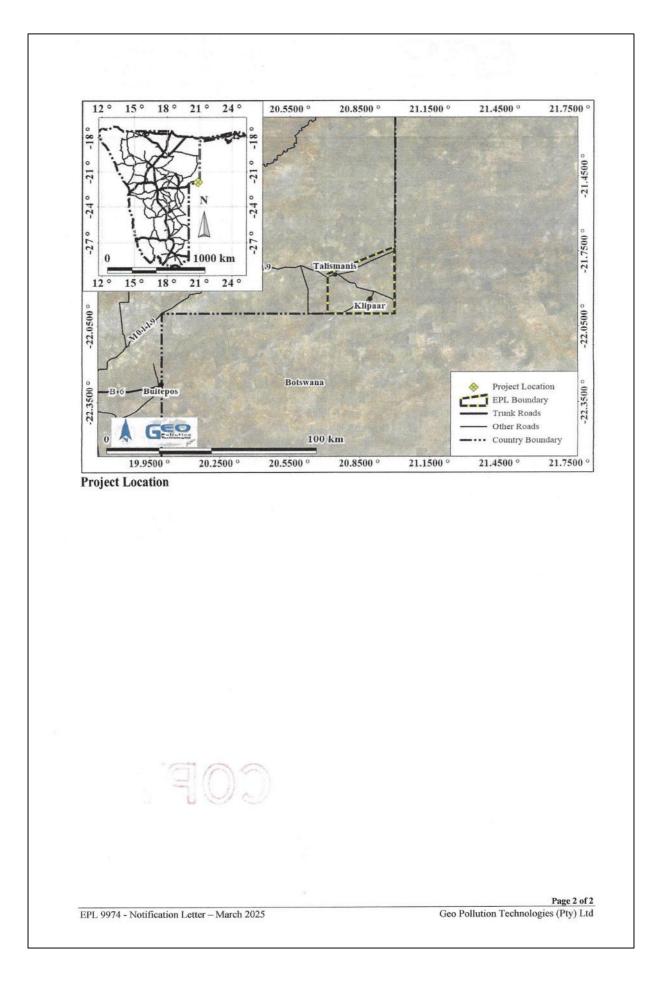


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Notification Letter to Omaheke Regional Council

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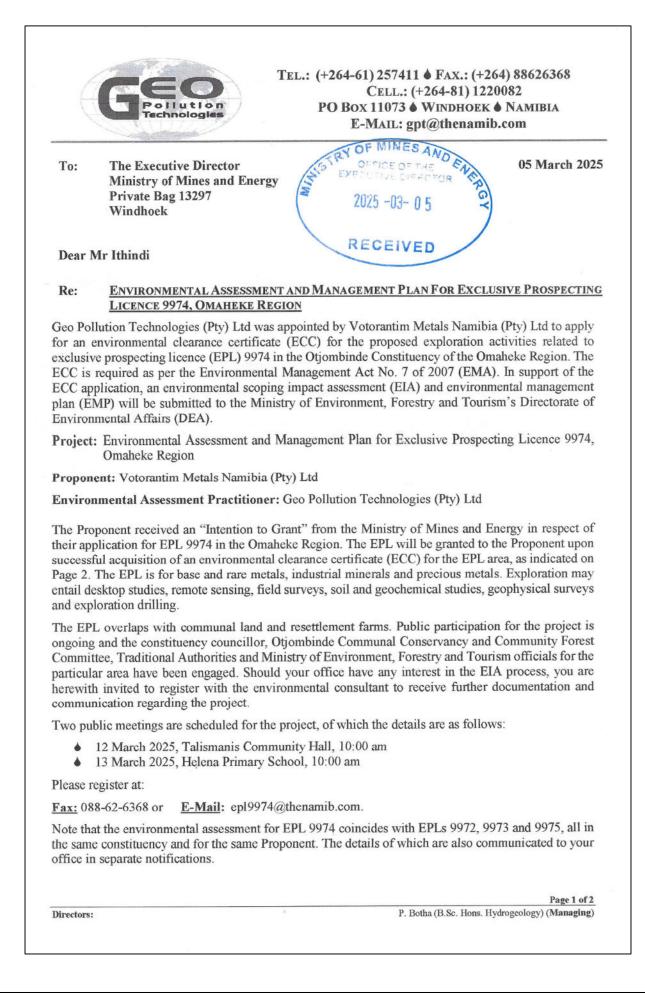


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Keetmans water taps run dry

Steven Klukowski

EETMANSHOOP-Theresidents of Keetmanshoop must find alternative sources of water for the next two days as supply interruptions and complete cut-offs will be experienced in some areas of the town.

The national water utility. NamWater said this was due to unforseen maintenance and repair works which had caused interruptions. NamWater's //Kharas regional head

Andries Kock said in a communique to the Keetmanshoop municipality, the town was experiencing low reservoir levels due to technical issues with their pumps along the main pipeline, which have been detected since Saturday.

"Due to additional technical challenges, the supply will not be sufficient to meet the town's demand, leading to ongoing water shortages until the issues are fully resolved, " the statement read.

NamWater estimated that full supply capacity will only be restored by Wednesday, 05 March 2025. "In the meantime, residents, particularly those in high lying areas such as Westdene may experience low water pressure and intermittent supply water pressure and intermittent supply disruptions, " said Kock, adding that residents should use water sparingly until the situation stabilises.

The document added that NamWater, in consultation with the Keetmanshoop municipality, will asses the situation and may need to implement temporary water rationing in certain areas

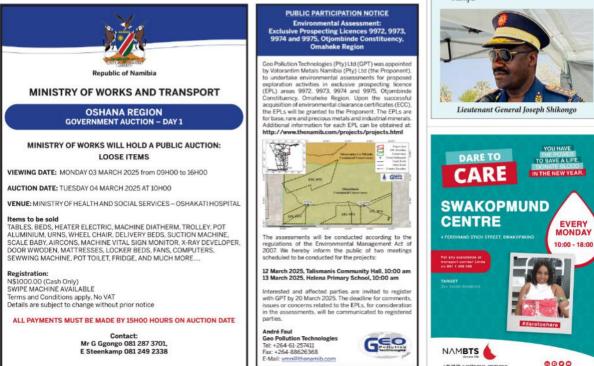


to mange the available supply effectively. Kock said the situation had worsened in the meantime as another mine supply water pipe leakage was reported

yesterday morning. He said even if all repairs and maintenance were carried out, the reservoir levels will remain low in the early stages, leading to interruptions in some residential areas and cut-offs in others.

Residents at the town expressed mixed feelings about the sudden, unforeseen water crisis. They bemoaned that the municipality had not warned them about the supply disruptions in advance.

In a social media post yesterday the Keetmanshoop municipality acknowledged the crisis, promising to provide regular updates to the community on progress.



Shikongo lauds public for respecting law

Monday 3 March 2025 | NEW ERA

Inspector General of the Namibian Police, Lieutenant General Joseph Shikongo has thanked Namibians for the manner in which they conducted themselves during the mourning of Founding President Sam Nujoma.

Shikongo particularly thanked Namibians for ensuring a smooth and dignified send-off for Nujoma, who died on 08 February 2025.

According to Shikongo, police officers were deployed across the regions to ensure safety and security. Nujoma's body was taken to seven regions of Omusati, Ohangwena, Kavango East, Zambezi, Otjozondjupa, Erongo and ||Kharas, before it was flown to Windhoek in the Khomas region for burial at the Heroes Acre. In all the regions, Nujoma's body was

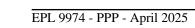
transported in a military procession and lay in state in all regions under the guard of the Namibian Defence Force to allow Namibians to pay their

last respects. "I should thus thank Namibians, from the bottom of my heart, for the manner in which they conducted themselves in ensuring we give our founding father a dignified send-off. We had no issues. Thank you, Namibians, let us continue doing this in events of this nature or any other event. Let us make sure our international dignitaries confirm Namibia as a country of order

dignitaries confirm Namibia as a country of order and peace," Shikongo said. He spoke to Nampa on Saturday, shortly before the commencement of Nujoma's the funeral service at Heroes' Acre in Windhoek. Shikongo said the police also did not encounter any issues related to crime, during the procession of Nujoma's body from Windhoek to other regions. "The process started on 20 February 2025 from the Hosea Kutako International Airport. I attended the arrival at Ondanewa and we proceeded to

the arrival at Ondangwa and we proceeded to Okahao. The events went very well," he noted.

The low crime rate during the mourning period, he stressed, is attributed to Namibians' patriotism in ensuring that Nujoma's mourning period was respected.



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NEWS

Monday 10 March 2025 NEW ERA

DRC gets new police station

Eveline de Klerk

SWAKOPMUND The Democratic Resettlement Community (DRC), a township in Swakopmund, which is home to over 40 000 residents, has long faced challenges with criminal activities, leaving residents in constant fear for years. However, thanks to a generous

donation from Rössing Uranium, the community now has access to police services, after the mining company constructed a police station.

Rössing constructed a state-of-the-art police station to the tune of N\$23 million. The station, which was inaugurated on Thursday, was constructed within five months. A total of 22 officers have been assigned to the new station.

The facility boasts four holding lls, each with an exercise cells, each courtyard, an interrogation room, a doctor's consultation room, a visitors' room, an armoury room, a records and archives room, an evidence room, four offices, a boardroom, ablution facilities, a secure passage for inmate drop-offs, dining area, a pantry, a laundry room, staff kitchen and a server/radio room. Safety and security minister Albert Kawana applauded the mine for

their generous donation while acknowledging the ongoing challenges faced by residents due to the lack of a local police station.

Kawana said the station would significantly improve police response times, bringing law-enforcement services closer to the community and enhancing public safety. Police supremo Joseph Shikongo on the day socept shiking on the day also expressed gratitude towards Rössing Uranium, saying the station is more than just bricks and mortar. "It is a testament to the

commitment of the Namibian government, the ministry of home affairs and key stakeholders, including Rössing Uranium whose financial contribution made the facility possible," he said.

Rossing Uranium's board chairperson, Steve Galloway, pointed out that they opted to construct the police station to keep the community as well as

their employees safe. "Many people in the community lived in constant fear, not knowing whether they would wake up to a safe tomorrow.

Many of our employees had been victims while on their way to work or returning home," he said. -edeklerk@nepc.com.na

Shangula commissions medical boat for Zambezi

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Albertina Nakale

ATIMA MULILO Health Minister Dr Kalumbi Shangula on Friday commissioned a purpose-built medical boat aimed at bridging the gap in healthcare access for communities in flood-prone areas in Zambezi region.

'We gathered here today for a very special occasion to witness the commissioning of a purpose-built boat, designed to facilitate the transportation of health workers and patients on the water course," said Shangula. The boat, donated by the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) at a cost of over N\$600 000, is set to serve as a crucial healthcare lifeline for remote communities.

The minister said that the donation marks a significant milestone in Namibia's ongoing

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCES 10042 TO 10045, OMAHEKE, KHOMAS AND HARDAP REGIONS

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mission to provide integrated, affordable and quality healthcare services. "The geography of the

Zambezi Region presents unique challenges, particularly during the rainy season when flooding disrupts access to essential health services," Shangula stated. Shangula added the boat is

a targeted solution to ensure that all citizens, irrespective of location, have access to necessary healthcare services. The introduction of the medical boat aligns with

Namibia's recently approved Universal Health Coverage

(UHC) policy. "Namibia's UHC Service Coverage Index currently stands at 63%—one of the highest in the SADC region," Shangula noted.

Recognising the growing impact of climate change on healthcare service delivery,

the minister underscored the need for innovative solutions. Recurrent floods not only disrupt everyday life but also hinder critical healthcare services. This boat is not just a

Speaking at the event, Kabbe North constituency councillor Bernhard Sisamu echoed Shangula's sentiments, urging local communities to take

resource, and it is imperative that we all take ownership of it. Let us work together to safeguard and maintain it so that it can serve us for many years to come," Sisamu stated. -anakale@nepc.com.na

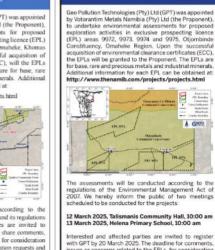
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The assessments will be conducted according to the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and its regulations of 2012. Interested and affected parties are invited to register with GPT for the opportunity to share comments, issues or concerns related to the projects, for consideration in the assessments. Registrations, information requests and comments should be submitted to GPT by 21 March 2025.

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12 March 2025, Talismanis Community Hall, 10:00 am 13 March 2025, Helena Primary School, 10:00 am

Interested and affected parties are invited to register with GPT by 20 March 2025. The deadline for comments. issues or concerns related to the EPLs, for consideration in the assessments, will be communicated to registered parties.

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THE NAMIBIAN

Ofamili otai pula ouyelele kombinga yefyo laEiseb

OFAMILI yomunambelewa weameno Francis Eiseb, oo a xulifila momunyeka wahomata oo wa kanififa ehangano lokulandifa okawe ledina Namib Desert Diamonds (Namdia) okawe kongushu

Diamonds (Namdia) okawe kongushu yeemiliyona N3530, oya hala omany-amuko kombinga yoikumungu oyo ya kundukida efyo laye. Ova hala okushiva kutya omolwashike ehangno la dopa okunghonopeka eameno lalo odula ya dja ko, nande okwa li la londodwa kopolifi kutya changano okwa li la tanwa notashi dulika li ka ningilwe omunyeka. Mumwainamati waEiseb, Godfried Eiseb, Eine okwa lombwela oThe Namibian kutya ofamili o in a Godfried Eiseb, Etine okwa lombwela oThe Namibian kutya ofamili oi na omapulokombinga yelongopauyelele olo lihe po nosho yo ekwatafano koNamdia nopolifi kombinga yefyo laEiseb. Otava ti otashi dulika pu na sha tashi

holekwa.

"Omolwashike Namdia ta vandje ashike ouyelele paife konima mum ashike ouyelele paife konima mum-wamementai wetu kwa li adipawa? Omolwashike kwa li nave u yandja eshi kwa li va londwelwa kutya otashi dufika ku ka ningwe omunyeka odulaya dja ko?" Godfried osho a pula ngaho. Eiseb (57) okwa li a dipawelwa pehangano opo pefimbo lomunyeka momafiku 18 Januali.

momatiku 18 Januali. Godfried okwa popya kombinga yoshi-bofa shefyo lapuka, nokwa hala okushiwa kutya omolwashike mumwainamati kwali adengelwa a ye konhele oko kwa mingilwa omunyeka omanga kwa li che li moilonga. Okwa pula yo vali kombinga yeelo pota dopolifi odo da yooloka. Godfried okwa hala, usoa wei jo dombinga hutna, aww hala yoo vali okushiiva kutya omu-

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nangeshefa wokawe akula Doron Cohen, oo e li yoo ombangi yepangelo, kutya moshiningwanima omu oku na mo shike. Cohen vati okwa li e na oukaume wakola naEndjala. "Otwa hala okushiiva kutva olvelve a dipava mumwameme.

kutya olyelye a dipaya mumwameme. Inatu hala okuya ouyuki moshipala, ashike ova mwena unene, omanga twa kanifa mumwameme," Godfried osho a ti ngaho. Omupedu inspkta wopolifi Eliza Mutota muFebuluali okwa li a lombwela oThe Namibian kutya opolifi okwa li ya kufila ko Namdia kutya opulifi okwa li ya omalongekido omunyeka odula ya dja to. "Okwa itwa nima obwona lele mao. ko. "Okwali twa ninga oshoongalele na ko. Okwa ii twa ninga osnoongalele nav ndee hatu va londoda kutya otu na ouyele kombinga yomunyeka wa longekidwa, Otwe va lombwela va kale va tona ulawa kule va tona su kule va tona clele

Otwe va lombwela va kale va tonata nokuyambula po eameno lavo," Osho a ti ngaho. Rui Tyitende, omundjadjukununi omilandu dopashiwana, naye okwa pula kutya oshike ewiliko laNamdia lihe na eameno lakola li amene emanya olo

na cameno takola it amene emanya olo li na ongusha. "Ohatu fatulula ngahelipi kutya eedjo dopaushitwe odo di na ongushu yeebili-yona oda kala tadi amenwada fa olnakaatu oyo ngeno ya tuvikilwa metungo omo ile omatangara". Osho a pula ngaho. Kakele kuAngula Namdia okwa kufa mo, oaxaailonna aweehe monudu waxa

Kakele kuAngula Namdra okwa kuta mo ovanalionga aveshe mongudu yova-feekelwa moshiningwanima omu. Ehangano Etine okwa li la pitifa omukanda womapandja atatu tau yandje ouyelele kombinga yomunyeka. "Pandodo ci, kapu na nande etomeno lehmiituwal kuta oca na osumailoma. lokwiitavela kutya opu na omunailonga

umwe, kakele komu ambelewa weameno oo a mangwa po, kwa li a kwatelwa mo-

munyeka omu," Omupopiliko waNamdia Beverley Coussement osho a ti ngaho. Angula (45) oye umwe wonovafeckel-wa vavali ov va mangwa po. Omutivali oShololo (45). Ewiiklongudu luNamdia ola tula pedu omukulunhuwiliki. Alisa Amupolo, nosho yoomukulunhu woilonga Uaharoka Kauta nomuwiliki weameno Paulinus Sheyapo opo Ii kwashilipaleke "omakonakono omeni a manguluka". Omukanda waN-amdia owe ya konima omuleli wongudu yomilameno yopambelewa McHenry Ve-nanii Etitatu kwa li a ponokela omuprima minista Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila nomapulo momutumba wopashiwana nomapulo momutumba wopashiwana

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nomapulo momutumba wopashiwana kutya oshike epangelo la mwena ashike kombinga yomunyeka. Omuleli woPopular Democratic Move-ment Eine okwa lombwela oDesert FM kutya ngeno okwa li ina pula, Namdia ngeno ina tya sha. "Ngeno okwa li haame, ngeno ouyelele ou ou li ashike ponhele yonhumba ndee ngeno kapu ande omunhu umwe a pewa ouyelele," Osho a ti ngaho.



OMULOKA ... Ondama yaAvis Etitatu okwali ya mona omeva awana. Noimeno otai monika ya ndjidja nawa.

yoshinima eshi ndee tali tu lombwela kutya oshike naana sha ningwa po lela. "Natu lombwelwe keshe efimbo. Ouwe ava okwa li va monika. Va monika ngahelipi?Nava dule okuyandja ouyelel Shikwambi okwa i opolifi niai myena anada. Omupopiliko wopashiwana weedifi

uhapu kashona," Osho a ti ngaho. Omupopiliko wopashiwana wopoli timo okwa ti opolifi inai mvenan ande kombinga yoshikumungu eshi, ashike otai mono manga omaumbangihokololo Etine okwa lombwela oThe Nanibian



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Site Notice 1 – At junction of M0119 and D3814 Driving from Talismanus eastwards in the EPL

Site Notice 2- On M0119 Driving from Talismanus to Rietfontein



Site Notice 3 – At Talismanus Clinic



Site Notice 3 -Member of the GPT Team Explaining the Project to Interested Parties who saw the Notice at the Clinic





Site Notice 4 – At Fuel Retail Facility

Site Notice 5 – Helena Primary School



Site Notice 6- On D8310 Driving from North to South towards Helena



Re: Meeting: Environmental Impact Assessments for EPLs 9971, 9972, 9974 and 9975 in the Omaheke Region

Date: Monday, 17 February 2025

Time: 14:00

Venue: Otjombinde Constituency Office

In attendance:

Name	Position	Organisation
Wenzel Kavaka	Regional Councillor	Otjombinde Regional Council
Jacqualine Hoëses	Ranger	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (Gobabis)
Georgina Swartz	Warden	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (Gobabis)
T. Mukuahima		NamPol
Silbanus Hoveka	Traditional Councillor	Hoveka Traditional Authority
Abedi Kaiko	Conservancy Management Committee, Chairperson	Otjombinde Conservancy and Community Forest
Percy Tjijenda	Conservancy Management Committee, Vice Treasurer	Otjombinde Conservancy and Community Forest
Benitha Kamboua	Conservancy Management Committee, Secretary	Otjombinde Conservancy and Community Forest
David K. Tjozongoro	Senior Traditional Councillor	Ovambanderu Traditional Council
Paulina Geelbooi	Senior Traditional Councillor	Ovambanderu Traditional Council
Christian Brunette	Geologist	Votorantim Metals Namibia
André Faul	Environmental Scientist	Geo Pollution Technologies

Abedi Kaiko welcomed everyone at the meeting and allowed the different parties to introduce themselves.

André Faul explained that the purpose of the meeting is to establish communication channels and information sharing between the different parties involved, and to allow for cooperation during, and after, the environmental assessment process. He further briefly explained the environmental assessment process and gave a short overview of what exploration typically entails. He stressed that the first stages of exploration are not invasive and only if a specific area is suspected of having a resource, more intrusive methods are used which may include exploration drilling.

Christian Brunette provided background information on Votorantim Metals Namibia, stating that it is a Namibian company focussed entirely on exploration, with a parent company in Brazil. Votorantim Metals Namibia has exclusive prospecting licences (EPLs) all over Namibia.

André Faul noted that Votorantim Metals Namibia has not officially been issued with the EPLs yet, but only with an "intention to grant" by the Ministry of Mines and Energy, on condition that the environmental assessment is conducted and that an environmental clearance certificate be issued. Once the EPL is then granted, and Votorantim Metals Namibia wish to access the land, a surface access agreement has to be reached.

A question was raised on whether locals will get opportunities for employment once Votorantim Metals Namibia start exploration in the area. It was affirmed that some unskilled labourers may be sourced from the area for manual labour like clearing vegetation to provide access for the exploration teams to conduct geophysical investigations or drilling.

Mr Tjorongoro stated that they do not have any objection to the proposed activities as long as all communication, notifications and requests are made through the office of the Regional Councillor. André Faul said that when the environmental assessment is submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, it must be accompanied by letter(s) of support from relevant authorities. The

same will be required once Votorantim Metals Namibia wants to access the area. These will then all be made via the office of Mr. Kavaka.

With no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Re: Meeting: Environmental Impact Assessments for EPLs 9971, 9972, 9974 and 9975 in the Omaheke Region

Date: Thursday, 20 February 2025

Time: 09:00

Venue: NACSO Boardroom, Windhoek

In attendance:

Name	Organisation
Maxi Louis	Namibian Association for CBNRM Support Organisations (NACSO)
Uaanao Katjinjaa	Namibian Association for CBNRM Support Organisations (NACSO)
John Hazam	Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF)
Tunnomukwathi Angula	Namibian Association for CBNRM Support Organisations (NACSO)
Usiel Ndjavera	World Wide Fund for Nature (Namibia)
Michelle Dillmann	Votorantim Metals Namibia
Rafael Freitas	Nexa Resources
Sem Cambiete	Votorantim Metals Namibia
André Faul	Geo Pollution Technologies

Maxi Louis welcomed everyone at the meeting and allowed the different parties to introduce themselves. André Faul then explained that the purpose of the meeting is to establish communication channels and information sharing between the different parties involved, and to allow for cooperation during, and after, the environmental assessment process. A general discussion ensued between all parties present at the meeting and the following is a summary of the key insights gained from the discussion:

- There are no resident non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the Otjombinde Conservancy, but the NNF does periodically get involved with projects in the conservancy.
- Among others, NACSO works towards ensuring that business developments/activities in conservancies take notice of the local communities and inform and involve them in various processes of setting up such businesses. Secondly, NACSO also ensures that environmental impact assessments (EIAs) follow the correct procedures and processes for activities in conservancies requiring assessment and that all support organisations associated with NACSO are involved.
- It is important to also inform the Omuramba Ua Mbinda Communal Conservancy about the EIA, even if only a small portion of the EPL [9972] overlaps with the conservancy.
- It should be established whether the communal conservancies and the community forests share the same management committees or not. If not, both should be informed and considered.
- The overarching Regional Conservancy Association must also be involved in the EIA process. NACSO will share the contact details with Geo Pollution Technologies.
- The conservancy Game Management and Utilization Plan (GMUP) must be considered in the EIA process. NACSO will share this with Geo Pollution Technologies.
- The latest conservancy profile and annual report must be considered in the EIA process. NACSO will share these with Geo Pollution Technologies.
- Public meetings should be conducted in Otjombinde (Talismanus) and Helena. Notifications should be aired on the Herero radio station of the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC).
- The NNF can assist with disseminating information regarding the EIA and the public consultation process to the conservancies.

With no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 09:40.

Public meeting: Environmental Assessment for Exploration Activities on EPL 9972, 9973, 9974 and 9975, Omaheke Region

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Date:	12 March 2025
Time:	10:00 AM
Venue:	Talismanus Town Hall, Otjombinde Constituency, Omaheke Region

List of Abbreviations

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Environmental Impact Assessment
Exclusive Prospecting License
Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd
Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform
Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism

The meeting was chaired by André Faul and translation from English to Otjiherero and vice versa was performed by Abedi Kaiko.

André Faul made introductions and continued to give a short presentation on the proposed exclusive prospecting licence areas in the Constituency and explained the purpose and procedures of the environmental assessment process. He stressed that the first stages of exploration are not invasive and only if a specific area is suspected of having a resource, more intrusive methods are used which may include exploration drilling. After the presentation the audience was provided with an opportunity to ask questions regarding the project.

An audience member asked what the benefits for the community will be and if they come across an area where only one person resides, how will they ensure their protection and safety. **André Faul** responded that during the exploration phase, benefits to the community may be limited, primarily in terms of employment. Benefits do include the economic injection into the local community when exploration teams require services such as lodging, food and fuel. Unskilled workers may be employed to assist with clearing areas for geophysical investigations and clearing of drilling areas. If drilling takes place, it will provide valuable information regarding groundwater sources. He further stated that all land owners must be contacted prior to the exploration team accessing the land. He acknowledged the difficulty of contacting all land owners due to the remoteness of the area and the lack of formal communication channels. He mentioned the importance of involvement of authorities, including the MAWLR and the regional council. Additionally, he reassured attendees of GPT and the client's cooperation with the Otjombinde conservancy committee and the constituency office. The objective is to identify residents, obtain their contact details, and make prior arrangements to determine accessible and restricted areas.

An audience member stated that he encountered an individual who have received permission from one of the traditional authorities and the Ministry of Mines and Energy to conduct exploration in their area. This individual did not consult the community beforehand. While pointing at a map, the attendee requested confirmation from André Faul, asking whether multiple parties can conduct exploration in the same area. André Faul stated that there should not be two or more EPLs overlapping. He asked the attendee to approximately identify the area on the map. He explained that within the EPL, the specific area in question has mining claims and is entirely excluded from the EPL. He added that although there are established procedures and regulations, not everyone follows them. He informed attendees to the MEFT website, where complaints regarding such matters can be submitted. A discussion in Otjiherero ensued between members of the audience. The details of the conversation pertained to the mining claim issue.

A member of the audience asked how long the environmental assessment will take and how long it will take before the company starts exploration. André Faul stated that the environmental assessment needs to be submitted by latest May 2025 to meet the Ministry of Mines deadline which is towards the end of 2025. The timing of exploration depends on Votorantim's schedule, but it can only start after the environmental clearance is issued, thus soonest 2026.

It was asked if the exploration team will just come onto their land once environmental assessment is finished. André Faul stated that they will have to first engage with the various authorities such as the chairman of the constituency office, the conservancy committee, etc. in order to establish communication channels between themselves and the land owners. Surface access agreements must also then be negotiated before they can access the areas.

A concern was raised that there is a big information gap between the Otjombinde community and the Ministry of Mines and Energy. This gap needs to be closed and the Ministry should engage with the community. The Otjombinde community is remote and does not gain access to information from the Ministry. That is why people can show up with mining licenses without the locals knowing about it. André Faul mentioned that he will include this request in the EIA. He stressed that reaching each and every person residing in the area is extremely difficult and even with the steps taken by GP, there will still be people who have not heard about Votorantim on the day the start exploration.

A request was made that Votorantim makes themselves know to the local residents so that they are aware of them. Also as they move through the area into different locations, they should notify the communities.

With no further matters the meeting was adjourned.

Public meeting: Exploration Activities for Votorantim Metals Namibia on EPL 9972, 9973, 9974 and 9975, Omaheke Region

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Geo Pollution Technologies Exploration Activities of Votorantim Metals Namibia

Date:	13 March 2025
Time:	10:00 AM
Venue:	Helena Primary School, Otjombinde Constituency, Omaheke Region

List of Abbreviations

EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EPL	Exclusive Prospecting License
GPT	Geo Pollution Technologies
RAP	Resettlement Action Plan

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A meeting attendee asked whether Votorantim Metals will bring their own employees for the work or if members from the local community would be included. André Faul responded by explaining that during the exploration phase, only a small team is required. He further stated that Votorantim already has qualified candidates who are experienced in the work, specifically in the geological aspect. However, he acknowledged that for line-cutting, especially given the area's dense vegetation, local assistance would be needed. He added that if the project progresses to the mining phase, and valuable minerals are found, more workers would be required, creating employment opportunities. He assured that where possible, the local community would be prioritized for support roles.

A question was raised if residents would be compensated if minerals were found on their land and whether they would need to relocate. André Faul explained that if a minable resource is find, a detailed EIA will be required that focus on specifically that area. This will also require a resettlement action plan. He reassured attendees that compensation will be provided if relocation is necessary, with formal negotiations involving Votorantim, the EPL consultants, and the government, as it is government land.

It was asked why the broader community was not invited to the meeting. André Faul explained the challenges in arranging meetings and reaching everyone in a communal area. It is thus best to work through the constituency and conservancy offices to disseminate information as widely as possible.

With no further matters the meeting was adjourned.

Notified and Registered Interested and Affected Parties

Name	Position	Organisation
Andrew Kgosiemang	Chief	Batswana Ba Namibia Traditional Authority
Clifford Katjinjo	Manager	Otjombinde Communal Conservancy and Community Forest
Silbanus Hoveka		Hoveka Traditional Authority
Ronnie Kandapaera	Forestry Official	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
Georgina Swartz	Warden	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (Gobabis)
Jacqualine Hoëses	Ranger	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (Gobabis)
Vetundja Kazapua		Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism - Directorate of Forestry
John Hazam	Senior Technical Advisor	Namibia Nature Foundation
Priscilla Mundilo	Senior Technical Advisor ESMS	Namibia Nature Foundation
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Calvin Sisamu		NamPower
Andries Kok	Chief Operations Officer	NamWater
Jolanda Kamburona	Environmental Scientist Water Quality & ES	NamWater
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Detlivine Katamelo	Chief Community Liaison Officer	Omaheke Regional Council
Pecka Semba	Office of the Chief Regional Officer	Omaheke Regional Council
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Benitha Kamboua	Secretary	Otjombinde Communal Conservancy and Community Forest
Percy Tjijenda	Treasurer	Otjombinde Communal Conservancy and Community Forest
Mitchel Ngaujake	Chairperson (New)	Otjombinde Communal Conservancy and Community Forest
Jacobus Wasserfall	Hunting Operator	Otjombinde Conservancy
Wenzel Kavaka	Regional Councillor	Otjombinde Constituency
David K. Tjozongoro	Senior Traditional Councillor	Ovambanderu Traditional Council
Paulina Geelbooi	Senior Traditional Councillor	Ovambanderu Traditional Council
Eben Nowaseb	Chief Warden for Omaheke Region	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (Gobabis)
Maxi Louis	Director	The Namibian Association of Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) Support Organisations (NACSO)
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Matthew Walters	Manager	World Wildlife Fund
Usiel Ndjavera		World Wildlife Fund

Comments Received	Response
E-Mail Received	Thank you for your mail. They are particularly
From: John Hazam	interested in copper deposits, but of course, should
Date: 4 March 2025	they find any other minable resource which falls
A couple of questions:	within the category base and rare metals, industrial
1. What are you looking for? What are you hoping to	minerals and precious metals, they would probably be
find?	interested in that too. I attach an EIA for a similar EPL,
2. What technologies are you going to use – are you	although in a different area, that we conducted for
drilling? – are you using remote satellite technologies?	them. Refer to section 5 for details on the exploration
	processes. It will be exactly the same for the ones in
	Omaheke Region.