ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING AND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED MINERAL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) 9415 IN RESPECT TO PRECIOUS METALS, BASE AND RARE METALS, INDUSTRIAL MINERALS, NUCLEAR FUEL MINERALS AND DIMENSION STONES, ||KARAS REGION, NAMIBIA



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Dear Sir/Madam

EXTENSION OF ECC SUBMISSION DEADLINES (EPL APPLICATIONS 9415, 9437, & 9453).

I refer to the above-mentioned subject matter.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 27 April 2025, in which you requested for an extension of the ECC submission deadlines, citing pending feedback from the Heritage council.

Please note that the submission period for the ECCs has been extended by six (6) months from the initial due date assigned to each licence. I believe this period should be sufficient to finalize all the pending issues and the subsequent submission of the ECC.

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NOTICE TO APPLICANT OF PREPAREDNESS TO GRANT APPLICATION FOR EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE No. 9415.

In terms of Section 48(4) of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act, No. 33 of 1992, notice is hereby given that the Minister is prepared to grant your new application, lodged on 20 April 2023, for an exclusive prospecting licence in respect of Dimension Stone, Base and Rare Metals, Industrial Minerals and Precious Metals Groups of Minerals over an area of land as shown in the attached diagrams, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the attached schedule, which terms and conditions supplement the terms, conditions and provisions of the said Act.

Your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 48(5) of the said Act, which requires that within one (1) month from the date of this notice, written acceptance of such terms and conditions must be received by the Commissioner, failing which the application will be deemed to have lapsed.

Kindly acknowledge your acceptance of such terms and conditions by

completing the section at the bottom of this notice.

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NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

OVERALL OVERVIEW

Penetrate Investment cc, herein referred to as the "Proponent" is a fully registered company in Namibia with interest in the prospecting and mining of mineral ore such as Dimension Stone, Base and Rare Metal, Industrial Minerals and Precious Metals

The proposed exploration activities mainly consist of the following prospecting activities:

- <u>Geological mapping</u>: this mainly entails a desktop review of geological area maps and ground observations.
- <u>Lithology geochemical surveys</u>: rock samples shall be collected and taken for trace element analysis. Also, trenches or pits may be dug (in a controlled environment e.g. fencing off and labelling activity sites) adopting manual or excavator to investigate the mineral potential. At all times, the landowner and other relevant stakeholder will be engaged to obtain authorisation where necessary.
- <u>Geophysical surveys</u>: entails data collection of the substrata, by air or ground, through sensors such as radar, magnetic and electromagnetic to detect any mineralization in the area.
- <u>Drilling</u>: Should analyses by an analytical laboratory be positive, holes are drilled and drill samples collected for further analysis. This will determine the depth of the potential mineralization. If necessary new access tracks to the drill sites will be created and drill pads will be cleared in which to set the rig.

While their operations stimulate diversification in the national economic and development activities, consequently creating employment opportunities and trickling benefits to the larger Namibian population, it poses the risks of unprecedented negative environmental impacts.

Potential impacts may vary in terms of scale (locality), magnitude and duration e.g. minor negative impacts in the form of dust and noise pollution especially during the handling (loading and off-loading) will be experienced.

To ensure that development activities are undertaken in an economic, social and environmental sound / sustainable manner, the Namibian Constitution and Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 provides for an environmental assessment process.

The purpose of the environmental assessment and therefore this report are to ensure compliance of the proposed operations with the environmental legislation in respect to managing potential impacts associated with the proposed Penetrated Investment cc exploration activities operations:

- Identifying potential socio-economic and environmental impacts
- Proposing management measures to avoid, prevent and of mitigate these
- Compile an Environmental Management for compliance monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the Environmental Clearance Certificate conditions

SCOPE OF THIS WORK AND ASSESSMENT APPROACH

The primary objective of the scoping is to identify potential impacts associated with the different development phase of this project.

The scope of the environmental assessment is to determine the potential environmental impacts emanating from all the processes involved with the transport, storage and handling of manganese ore. Once determined, possible enhancement measures will be listed for positive impacts while mitigation / preventative measures will be provided for negative impacts. Relevant environmental data has been compiled by making use of primary data, secondary data and from a reconnaissance site visit. The assessment consisted of a site visit to the project location and public consultation meetings with the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). As per the findings of this scoping report, an environmental management plan (EMP) was incorporated into this report to be submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Tourism.

The specific aims and objectives of this report are to:

- Determine the potential environmental impacts emanating from all processes involved with the proposed prospecting activities.
- Identify a range of management actions which could mitigate the potential adverse impacts to acceptable levels.
- Comply with Namibia's Environmental Management Act (2007).
- Provide sufficient information to the Ministry of Environment and Tourism to make an informed decision regarding the project.

NEED AND DESIRABILITY FOR THE PROJECT

The proposed activity responds to Namibia's strategic vision 2030 and the NDP5 of creating a conducive environment within which its citizens prospers and contribute to the national development goals by creating employment opportunities. Overall, this activity contribute to the nation's efforts of elevating poverty amongst the rural citizens.

Critically, going ahead with the proposed activity creates potential for the following marginal net benefits:

- Contribution Taxes and Royalty
- Transfer of knowledge and skill relating to mineral development
- Creates the most needed employment opportunities

NEED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

While increased economic activities can stimulate demographic changes and alter social, economic and environmental practices in many ways. Adverse environmental and socio-economic impacts have become a major area of concern for the business community, their customers, and other key stakeholders. As a result, companies seek to manage these impacts as part of their ethical and sustainable business conduct. Similarly, identifying, avoiding, mitigating and managing impacts, is a necessary condition Penetrate Investment cc to undertake its operation in compliance with the environmental legislative requirements in Namibia.

Therefore, Penetrated Investment cc appointed Moringa Enviro Consultants to conduct an environmental assessment and facilitate the process of obtaining and Environmental Clearance Certificate.

APPROACH TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) PROCES

The assessment process consisted of a site visit to the project location and consultation of neighboring farmers and relevant authorities. A comprehensive environmental management plan (EMP) was compiled and constitute the application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (Office of Environmental Commissioner).

OVERALL RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of the specialist studies, which all recommend that the proposed project can proceed and should be authorized by the DEAF, the proposed project is considered to have an overall low negative environmental impact and an overall moderate positive socio-economic impact (with the implementation of respective mitigation and enhancement measures).

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1 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

1.1. PROJECT BACKGROUND (ACTIVITIES AND RATIONALE)

1.1.1. Proposed project activities

Penetrated Investment cc, proposes to undertake geological exploration activities for *Base and Rare Metals, Industrial Minerals, Non-Nuclear Fuel and Precious Metals* on their EPL 9415 in the Karasburg constituency, rural districts of the Great ||Karas Region. The EPL 9415 is situated about fourteen (14 km) South-west of Grunau Settlement and thirty-seven (37 km) West of Karasburg Town

The proposed exploration activities mainly consist of the following prospecting activities:

- <u>Geological mapping</u>: this mainly entails a desktop review of geological area maps and ground observations. This includes the review of geological maps of the area and on-site ground traverses and observations and an update where relevant, of the information obtained during previous geological studies of the area.
- <u>Lithology geochemical surveys</u>: rock samples shall be collected and taken for trace element analysis to be conducted by analytical chemistry laboratories to determine if sufficient quantities of base & rare or precious metal or other minerals of interest are present. Also, trenches or pits may be dug depending on the commodity (in a controlled environment e.g. fencing off and labelling activity sites) adopting manual or excavator to further investigate the mineral potential.

These consists of small pits (±20cm X 20cm X 30cm) will be dug where 1 kg samples can be extracted and sieved to collect 50 g of material. As necessary, and to ensure adequate risks mitigation, all excavations will either be opened and closed immediately after obtaining the needed samples or the sites fenced off until the trenches or pits are closed. At all times, the landowner and other relevant stakeholder will be engaged to obtain authorisation where necessary.

- <u>Geophysical surveys</u>: entails data collection of the substrata (in most cases service of an aerogeophysical contractor will be soured), by air or ground, through sensors such as radar, magnetic and electromagnetic to detect any mineralization in the area, and are conducted to ascertain the mineralisation.
 - Ground geophysical surveys shall be conducted, where necessary using vehicle-mounted sensors or handheld by staff members, while in the case of air surveys the sensors will be mounted to an aircraft, which then flies over the target area.
- <u>Drilling and bulk Sampling</u>: Should analyses by an analytical laboratory be positive, holes are drilled and drill samples collected for further analysis. This will determine the depth of the potential mineralization. If necessary new access tracks to the drill sites will be created and drill pads will be cleared in which to set the rig. Two widely used drilling options may be adopted, these are the reverse circulation drilling and/or diamond-core drilling.

A typical drilling site will consist of a drill-rig, drill core and geological samples store and a drill equipment parking and maintenance yard (including a fuel and lubricants storage facility).

1.1.2. Project rationale

The proposed activity responds to Namibia's strategic vision 2030 and the NDP5 of creating a conducive environment within which its citizens prospers and contribute to the national development goals by creating employment opportunities. Overall, this activity contribute to the nation's efforts of elevating poverty amongst the rural citizens.

Critically, going ahead with the proposed activity on EPL 9415 creates a potential for the following marginal net benefits:

- Contribution Taxes and Royalty
- Preservation of the Damara people of Namibia's identity and cultural heritage
- Creates the most needed employment opportunities

1.2. PROJECT LOCATION

The EPL 9415 is situated about fourteen (14 km) South-west of Grunau Settlement and thirty-seven (37 km) West of Karasburg Town and it covers an area of 19726.18 hectares (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2).

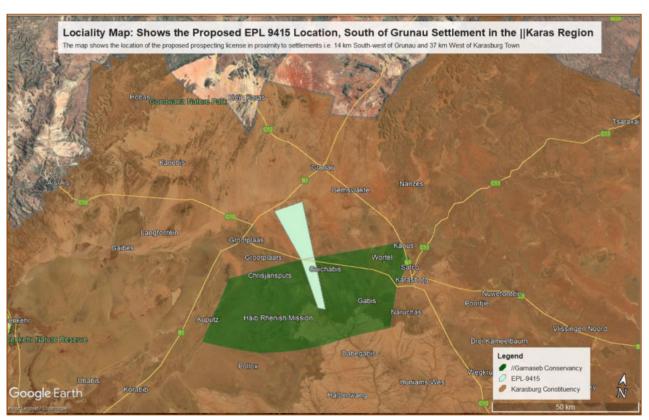


Fig. 1: Location of the Project Area relative to the closest town of Karasburg to the east. The National B1 road passes on the western side of the EPL.

The exploration activities will however only be conducted in selected section of the EPL area and is dependent on initial desktop geological survey. Equally the base-camp will be situated in one of the farm covered by the EPL and determined in respect to the previous activities on the EPL.

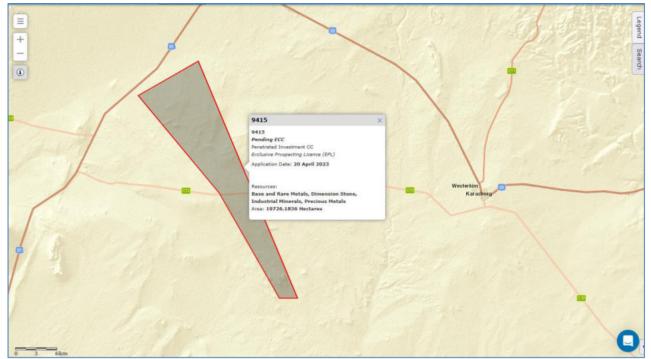


Fig. 2: Show the proposed EPL 9415 in rural Erongo Region, extending (19726 Ha).

1.3 SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE

1.3.1. BASECAMP

An administration, accommodation and maintenance camp shall be identified in consultation with the farms/land owners and setup within the EPL area, and will be cordoned off and off-limits to those not part of the exploration team. The camp is anticipated to host between 5 and 20 staff members consisting of geologists, field assistants, geo-technicians, drilling crew and semi/unskilled personnel.

The camp site will consist of tents, caravans and/or make-shift buildings and temporary ablution facilities. The predominant type of waste that will be generated during the exploration activities, in small volumes, is domestic waste (non-hazardous).

Domestic waste will be stored in a manner that there can be no discharge of contamination to the environment and disposed of correctly (refer to EMP commitments). Potential hydrocarbon spills from vehicles and drilling equipment might lead to soil contamination and needs to be treated as a hazardous waste if not bio-remediated.

1.3.2 WATER SUPPLY

Water will be required for diamond-core drilling and for dust suppression. Water can be supplied through existing farm boreholes (with the permission of the land owners, Fig. 3) and or if necessary new boreholes shall be developed explicitly for the exploration activities by Penetrated Investment cc in which case a permits must be obtained.

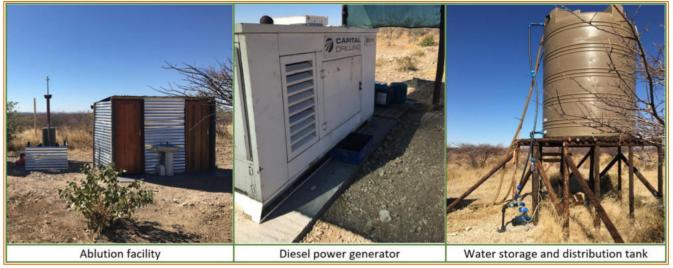


Fig. 3: Illustrate the typical sanitation and power supply infrastructure at Damaran Exploration Camps

1.3.3 POWER SUPPLY

The various machinery and equipment required for drilling are self-powered by means diesel engines and or generators, hence there is need for on-site fuel (diesel, **Fig. 3**) in either small mobile bowser or barrel drums on a concrete slab at the base-camp. The drill rigs will either be refuelled with Jerry cans or directly from the bowser.

1.3.5 ACCESS ROUTES

As far as is practicable, all site particularly the base-camp and drill sites shall be accessed through existing tracks, therefore no new roads or tracks will be created. Additionally, it is highly recommended that motorised access is minimised as much as practically possible, especially during geological mapping, sampling and geophysical surveys. Overall, all access by vehicles must be limited to existing tracks while all new access routes to the drill sites should be identified, agreed upon with the landowners and demarcated prior to the commencement of drilling activities.

1.4 DECOMMISSIONING AND CLOSURE PHASE

Taking into consideration that the proposed project does not involves any construction activities, decommissioning is not foreseen during the validity of the Environmental Clearance Certificate. Consequently, any impacts associated by default with this phase of a project are not applicable to the proposed activity.

However, should the proponent at any stage of the proposed project intend to construct any infrastructure, such must be subject to a separate environmental assessment and the mitigation measures to be identified in the appropriate Environmental Management Plan adhered to.

1.5. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

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Table 1: List of activities identified in the EIA Regulations which apply to the proposed project

EMA 2007 Legislation	Description of activity	Relevance to this project
The project is listed as an activity requiring an environmental clearance certificate as per the following points from Regulation 29(subregulation 3) of Government Notice No. 29 of 2012:	3.1 The construction of facilities for any process or activities which requires a licence, right or other form of authorisation, and the renewal of a licence, right or other form of authorisation, in terms of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining Act), 1992. 3.2 Other forms of mining or extraction of any natural resources whether regulated by law or not. 3.3 Resource extraction, manipulation, conservation and	The project involves both the construction of facilities for activities which requires a licence (in terms of the Minerals Act 33 of 1992) and undertaking of relating to resource extraction (exploration i.e. geological sampling and drilling)
The project is listed as an activity requiring an environmental clearance certificate as per the	related activities. 9.1 "The manufacturing, storage, handling or processing of a hazardous substance defined in the Hazardous Substances Ordinance, 1974."	The project involves the haulage, storage and handling of a potential hazardous (fuel and lubricants
following points from Regulation 29(sub- regulation 9) of Government Notice No. 29 of 2012:	9.2 "Any process or activity which requires a permit, licence or other form of authorisation, or the modification of or changes to existing facilities for any process or activity which requires an amendment of an existing permit, licence or authorisation or which requires a new permit, licence or authorisation in terms of a law governing the generation or release of emissions, pollution, effluent or waste."	In respect to the Petroleum Products and Energy Act 13 of 1990, the construction of fuel storage facility which may be an important component of the proposed activity requires a permit from a relevant authority.
	9.4 "The storage and handling of a dangerous goods, including petrol, diesel, liquid petroleum gas or paraffin, in containers with a combined capacity of more than 30 cubic meters at any one location."	The project involves the haulage, fuel from near-by towns to the exploration site
	9.5 "Construction of filling stations or any other facility for the underground and aboveground storage of dangerous goods, including petrol, diesel, liquid, petroleum, gas or paraffin."	Aspect of the project may t require the construction and maintenance of a fuel storage facility

Therefore, Penetrated Investment cc appointed Moringa Enviro Consultants to conduct an environmental assessment and facilitate the process of obtaining and Environmental Clearance Certificate.

2 ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND POLICIES

This section draws information from the legal sources in Namibia. The Republic of Namibia has five tiers of law and a number of policies relevant to agricultural activities and these include:

- The Constitution.
- Statutory law.
- Common law.
- Customary law.
- International law.

Key acts and policies currently in force include:

- Namibia's Environmental Assessment (EIA) Policy for Sustainable Development and Environmental Conservation(1995);
- Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007);
- Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Government Notice No. 30 of 2012);
- Namibia Agriculture Policy of 2015;
- Namibia Vision 2030.

As the main source of legislation, the Namibian constitution makes provision for the creation and enforcement of applicable legislation. In this context and in accordance with its constitution, Namibia has passed numerous laws intended to protect the natural environment and to mitigate adverse environmental impacts.

Namibia's policies provide the framework to the applicable legislation. Whilst policies do not often carry the same legal recognition as official statutes, policies can be and are used in providing support to legal interpretation when deciding cases.

2.1 APPLICABLE LAWS AND POLICIES

In the context of agriculture and related infrastructure in Namibia, there are several laws and policies currently applicable. Each of these is discussed in detail below.

2.1.1 NAMIBIA'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) POLICY OF 1995

This policy promotes accountability and informed decision making through the requirement of EIAs for listed programs and projects.

2.1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT No. 7 of 2007 and its regulations of 2012

To enforce the policy on EIAs, the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 aims to promote the sustainable management of the environment and the use of natural resources by establishing principles for decision making on matters affecting the environment; to establish the Sustainable Development Advisory Council; to provide for the appointment of the Environmental Commissioner and environmental officers; to provide for a process of assessment (Fig. 8) and control of activities which may have significant effects on the environment; and to provide for incidental matters.

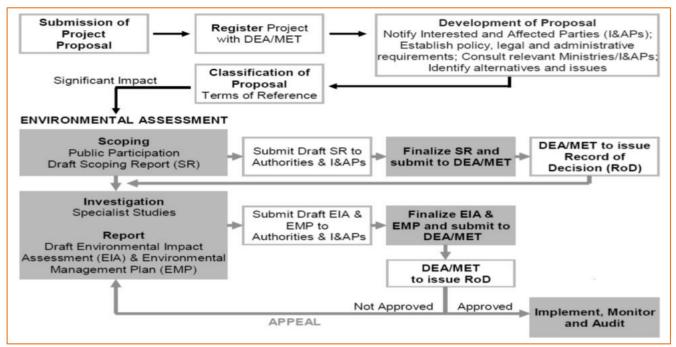


Fig 4: Illustration of the environmental assessment process in Namibia

2.1.3 THE ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTMENT FUND OF NAMIBIA

The Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Act No. 13 of 2001 provides for the creation of a fund that will be used to support sustainable environmental and natural resource management. The source of the funds will include penalties/fines paid and/or property forfeited in terms of non-compliance and/or crimes as set out in EMA.

2.1.4 THE WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT

The Water Resource Management Act No. 11 of 2013 aims to provide for the management, protection, development, use and conservation of water resources; to provide for the regulation and monitoring of water services and to provide for incidental matters.

2.1.5 THE FOREST ACT

The Forest Act No. 12 of 2001 allows for the declaration of protected areas in terms of soils, water resources, plants and other elements of biodiversity. This includes the proclamation of protected species of plants and the conditions under which these plants can be disturbed, conserved, or cultivated.

2.1.6 PARKS AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BILL

The Parks and Wildlife Management Bill (2009) aims to provide a legal framework for the sustainable use and maintenance of Namibia's ecosystems, biological diversity and ecological processes; and repeals the Nature Conservation Ordinance (4 of 1975). This Bill allows the Namibian Ministries of Environment and Tourism, and Minerals and Energy, to allow mining to take place within parks subject to the relevant assessments and authorizations.

2.1.7 NATURE CONSERVATION AMMENDMENT ACT

The Nature Conservation Amendment Act, No. 3 of 2017 provides for the declaration of protected areas and protected species.

2.1.8 NATIONAL HERITAGE ACT

The National Heritage Act No. 27 of 2004 provides protection and conservation of places and objectives of significance, as all archaeological and paleontological objects belong to the state.

2.1.9 LABOR ACT

Construction safety is regulated under the Health and Safety Regulations under the Labour Act No. 11 of 2007. The health and safety framework in Namibia regulates the following aspects:

- Construction safety;
- Electrical safety; Machinery safety;
- Hazardous substances; Physical hazards and general provisions;
- Medical examinations and emergency arrangements;
- Rights and duties of employees.

2.1.10 PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT

This Act No. 1 of 2015 provides a framework for a structured uniform public and environmental health system in Namibia. It covers notification, prevention and control of diseases and sexually-transmitted infections; maternal, ante-natal and neo-natal care; water and food supplies; infant nutrition; waste management; health nuisances; public and environmental health planning and reporting. It repeals the Public Health Act 36 of 1919.

2.1.11 MINERALS ACT

This Act No. 33 of 1992 provides a legal framework for regulating and governing all activities that explicitly entails the prospecting, exploration and mining of minerals within the boundaries of Namibia and the Ministry of Mine and Energy is the competent authority in this regard.

It also makes explicit reference to the protection and conservation of the natural environment by requiring for the development of an environmental impact assessment and management plan in which measures to avoid and or mitigate potential impacts relating to minerals development activities are clearly considered. Equally, the act emphasizes the prevention of pollution, and that a closure and rehabilitation plan is included in the environmental assessment.

3 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The range of environmental issues to be considered in the EIA has been given specific context and focus through consultation with authorities and I&APs. Included below is a summary of the people consulted, the process that was followed, and the issues that have been identified.

3.1 AUTHORITIES AND INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&APs)

A Background Information Document was prepared by Moringa Enviro Consultants and made available to stakeholders as part of the public consultation requirements preceding the development of an Environmental Scoping Report. This was in line with the environmental regulatory requirements and project registration. During the public stakeholder meeting, concerns on the likely impacts of the existing sand mining and brick making activities were raised especially on whether the mining activities posed any health risk to the community and the underground water table.

The following authorities and IA & Ps are involved in the EIA process:

National and Regional authorities:

- Ministry of Mines and Energy
- Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism

I&APs:

Public adverts were put in the newspaper (The Windhoek Observer and New Era), however the call for registration as I& APs did not yield any (as there were no parties that showed interest)

3.2 STEPS IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

Table 3 below sets out the steps in the consultation process that has been conducted to date.

Table 2: Consultation Process with I&APs and Authorities

TASK	DESCRIPTION	DATE					
Notification-regulatory authoriti	Notification-regulatory authorities and I & APs						
I & APs identification	Newspaper notifications calling for registration as Interested and Affected Party of the proposed project, published in the Confidente and The Villager Newspapers	08 – 14 August 2025					
Newspaper advertisements	Newspaper notifications calling for Public Comment on the Scoping Report by Interested and Affected Party of the proposed project, published in the Confidente and The Villager Newspapers	15 – 22 August 2025					
Public Meeting and Review of So	coping report						
Public Consultation Meeting with I & APs and authorities	Public meeting with registered I & APs held at the Opuwo and comment / input obtained	September 2025					
I & APs and authorities (excluding MET) review of scoping report Scoping Report availed to the public for comments and input prior to submission to the Competent Authorities		01 – 16 November 2025					
,	prior to submission to the competent futurorities	01 – 10 November 2025					

4 DESCRIPTION OF THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT

4.1 GEO-DEMOGRAPHIC AND CLIMATE BASELINE

Climatic baseline

About 22% of Namibia's land is classified as desert (hyper-arid), 70% is classified as arid to semi- arid and the remaining 8% is classed as dry sub-humid (Mendelsohn et al. 2003). The average maximum temperature at Opuwo Town which is the closest settlement to the study area, the summers are sweltering and partly cloudy; the winters are short, comfortable, windy, and clear; and it is dry year round. Over the course of the year, the temperature typically varies from 10°C to 36°C and is rarely below 8°C or above 39°C (Mendelsohn et al. 2003).

Over the course of the year, the temperature (**Fig. 5**) typically varies from 9°C to 35°C and is rarely below 6°C or above 38°C (Mendelsohn et al. 2003). All of Namibia, except for the coastal plains, experiences humidity of below 30% during the day for much of the year - in the north-east for about six months, the north-centre for seven months, the central area for eight months and in the south for all 12 months. High temperatures and low humidity result in high rates of evaporation. Evaporation rates from an open body of water inland of the coastal plains range from about 2000 mm to over 2660 mm per annum (Olivier, 1995).

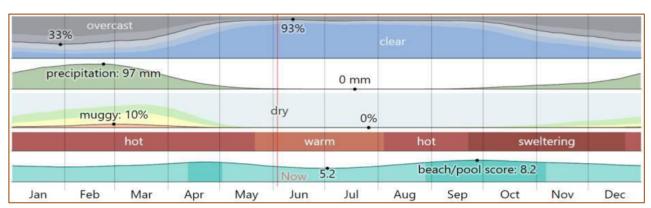


Fig. 5: The summary of the climate at Opuwo (the closest town) by month (Weather Sparks, 2024)

The hot season lasts for 3.8 months, from September 12 to January 5, with an average daily high temperature above 34°C. The hottest month of the year in Opuwo is November, with an average high of 36°C and low of 19°C. The cool season lasts for 2.3 months, from May 24 to August 1, with an average daily high temperature below 29°C. The coldest month of the year in Opuwo is July, with an average low of 10°C and high of 28°C.

Rainfall is highly erratic and unpredictable with an inter-annual coefficient of variation that ranges from about 30% (**Fig. 6**) in the north-east to over 100% in the driest areas. Around the project area and across the desert biome, annual average rainfall ranges between 10 mm 120 mm per annum, and this decreases along the east-west gradient to annual averages of less 20 mm per annum.

The predominant average wind vector (speed and direction, **Fig. 7**) at 10 meters above the ground at Opuwo varies throughout the year, with winds blowing often from the east for 6.7 months, from March 1 to September 22, with a peak percentage of 77% on June 27. The wind is most often from the south for 5.3 months, from September 22 to March 1, with a peak percentage of 56% on January 1.



Fig. 6: The summary of precipitation in the Opuwo surrounding, (solid line) accumulated over the course of a sliding 31-day period, with 25th to 75th and 10th to 90th percentile bands.

The windier part of the year lasts for 6.4 months, from May 8 to November 21, with average wind speeds of more than 3.7 meters per second. The windiest month of the year in Opuwo is July, with an average hourly wind speed of 4.3 meters per second. The calmer time of year lasts for 5.6 months, from November 21 to May 8. The calmest month of the year in Opuwo is March, with an average hourly wind speed of 3.1 meters per second.

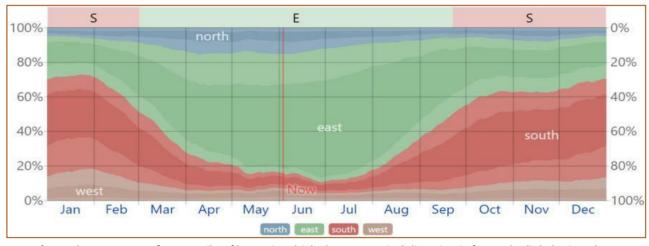


Fig. 7: The summary of percentile of hours in which the mean wind direction is from, the lightly tinted areas at the boundaries are the percentage of hours spent in the implied intermediate directions (northeast, southeast, southwest, and northwest)

Geo-Demographic

The //Karas Region is the southernmost region of Namibia's 14 political regions. With a total land area of 161,086 km², the region occupies 19.6% (almost one-fifth) of the country's total land surface and it is the largest region, in terms of land, in the country (Karas Poverty Profile, 2007). The //Karas Region has a relatively small population compared to the vast land cover. With 77,421 people residing in the region this means a density of 0.5 persons per km² (NSA, 2014).

According to the Namibia 2001 Population and Housing Census, ||Karas had a population of 69,329 (32,346 females and 36,976 males or 114 males for every 100 females) growing at an annual rate of 1.3%. The fertility rate was 3.1 children per woman. About 54% lived in urban areas, while 46% lived in rural areas, and with an area of 161,215 km2, the population density was 0.4 persons per km2. Classified by age, 11% of the population was under 5 years old, 20% between 5 and 14 years, 63% between 15 and 59 years, and 6% 60 years and older.

The population was divided into 15,481 households, with an average size of 4.1 persons; 35% of households had a female head of house, while 65% had a male as head. For those 15 years and older, 69% had never married, 20% married with certificate, 2% married traditionally, 5% married consensually, 1% were divorced or separated, and 2% were widowed.

The most commonly spoken languages at home were Afrikaans (40% of households), Nama/Damara (26%) and Oshiwambo (23%). For those 15 years and older, the literacy rate was 87%. Nearly 45% of the population are from coloured and white Namibian groups. In terms of education, 52% of girls and 48% of boys between the ages of 6 and 15 were attending school, and of those 15 years and older, 77% had left school, 7% were currently at school, and 7% had never attended.

In 2001, the employment rate for the labor force (67% of those 15+) was 71% employed and 29% unemployed. For those 15 years old or older and not in the labor force (24%), 28% were students, 40% homemakers, and 32% retired or unable to work. According to the 2012 Namibia Labour Force Survey, unemployment in the ||Karas Region stood at 23.9%. The two studies are methodologically not comparable.

Among households, 94% had safe water, 26% no toilet facility, 50% electricity for lighting, 81% access to radio, and 35% had wood or charcoal for cooking. In terms of households' main sources of income, 7% derived it from farming, 69% from wages and salaries, 6% cash remittances, 5% from business or nonfarming, and 10% from pension.

For every 1,000 live births, 37 female and 56 male infant deaths occurred. The life expectancy at birth was 61 years for females and 54 for males. Among children younger than 15, 4% had lost a mother, 6% a father, and 1% were orphaned by both parents. About 3% of the entire population had a disability, of which 22% were deaf, 29% blind, 10% had a speech disability, 13% a hand disability, 27% a leg disability, and 7% a mental disability.

Topography, geology and Soils

The EPL is located within the Northern Zone (NZ) of the Damara orogenic belt (**Fig. 9**), which is geologically characterised by rocks of Nosib and Swakop Groups mainly. According to (Miller, 2008), this zone has been thrusted northward over the Otavi, Mulden and pre-Damara rocks along the Khorixas-Gaseneirob thrust. The Nosib Group in the area is present to the west of the EPL, representing a tectonic window (fenster) where felsic pyroclastic rocks, ignimbrite, ash-flows and lavas strongly recrystallized of the upper Naauwpoort Formation are present. These units are overlain by the Swakop Group units of the Ugab Sub-group and Kuiseb Formation locally

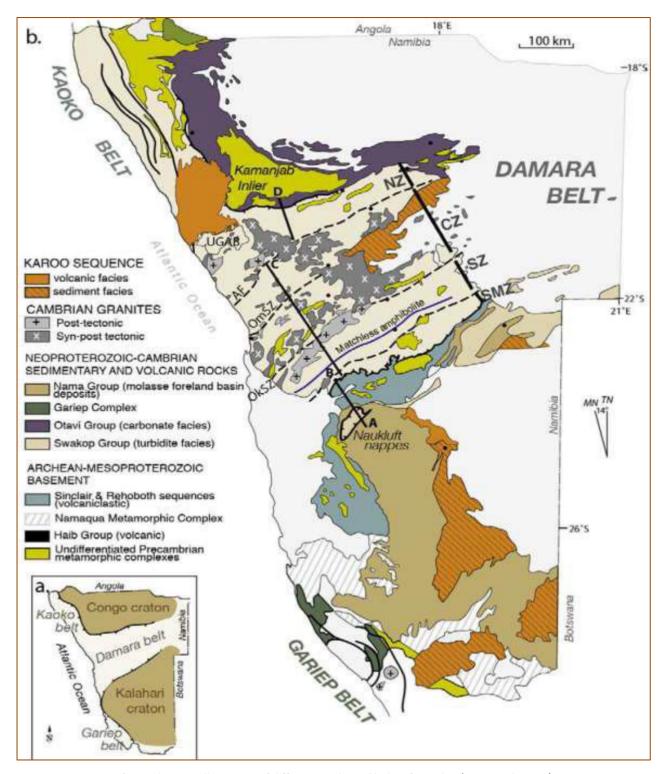


Fig 9: Schematic illustration of different geological belts of Namibia (Gray, et al., 2008)

Topographically, the area is characterized by the presence of localized mountainous areas with flat regions in between covered by eroded sand. Relief elevation ranges from 800m towards the southeast to maximum heights of up to 1600m to the west. The tectonic structure of the area and the erosional processes, together with the climate have conditioned the formation of a peculiar elongated and folded-shape of the topography

4.2 BIOPHYSICAL BASELINE

Namibia's vegetation and biomes are classified into five major types, shown in (Figure 20). These are, the Namib Desert, Nama Karoo, Succulent Karoo and the Trees and Shrub savannah. These biomes fall within the project area and thus key receptors of environmental impact particularly in case of tanker capsizing resulting into potential spillage of the fuels.

Overall terrestrial diversity of plants and animals is highest in the north-eastern parts of Namibia (Figure 20, green map indicator), because of the higher rainfall and presence of wetlands and forest habitats that are not found elsewhere in the country. Many species in the north are also more tropical, with ranges that extend into neighbouring countries to the north and north-east. Species richness is highest in Namibia's mesic wetlands and woodlands in the vertebrate classes particularly (Barnard 1998).

Due to its low productivity, the south-west African arid zone is endowed with modest diversity of species compared to more mesic habitats. What is most distinctive about Namibian biodiversity is its high degree of endemism (Barnard 1998). Unlike the concentration of biodiversity in the north-east, the great majority of Namibia's endemic species are found in the dry western and north-western regions (Figure 20, brown map indicator) (Barnard 1998, Mendelsohn et al. 2002). The patterns of endemism reflect the importance of arid habitats in supporting unique and specially adapted species.

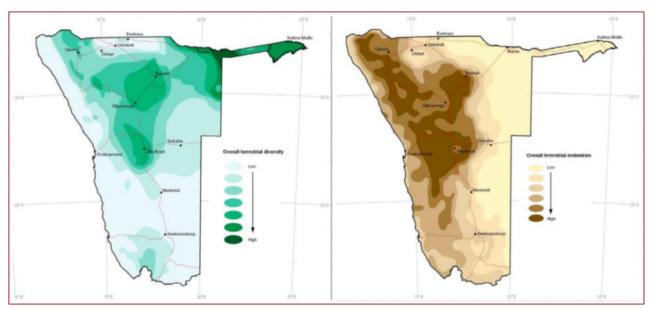


Figure 20: Shows a comparison of overall terrestrial species diversity (green) against overall endemism (brown), with the most endemism observed within operations route resulting in a "Red Flag" in terms of environmental risks.

Endemic species, particularly of birds, mammals and reptiles, are concentrated in the escarpment zone. In the Namib, endemics are associated with the dunes, rocky inselbergs and hills, and the sandy and gravel plains. For instance, approximately 60 reptile species (50% of all Namibian endemic reptiles) are endemic to, or found mainly in, Namibia's Namib Desert (Griffin 1998).

In birds, the greatest diversity of southern African endemics is centred on the arid savannah and Karoo biomes and extends into the escarpment (Brown et al. 1998). Highland areas of the country, including Waterberg, Khomas Hochland, Karas Mountains, Brandberg, inselbergs in the Sperrgebiet and the karstveld are particularly important for many endemic plants (Mendelsohn et al. 2002).

4.3 ARCHAEOLOGY BASELINE

In Namibia, archaeological resources are often vulnerable to developmental and mining impacts. Typical sites do not only include those found in the mountains, hills and outcrops but also those generally found in the flat areas (Namib Desert) and or in riverbeds. Others includes surface scatters of stone artefacts, rock shelters with evidence of occupation, including rock art, graves, stone features such as hunting blinds and huts, and more recent site such as colonial battlefields, road-works and historical mines.

Some of these site types are might be obvious to some observer, such as rock art or historical mines. Others are quite ambiguous and might appear less significant than they are, such as pre-colonial stone features. This means that it is very difficult for mining projects to avoid damage to archaeological heritage sites if they have not been located, identified and made known during EIA process.

The heritage and culture consideration through a desktop study, indicates the central Namib Desert is recognized as a major archaeological landscape in Namibia (see Breunig 2003, Kinahan, 2012, 2020, 2021; Nankela, 2013, 2017, 2020; Lenssen-Erz, 2004; Pleurdeau et al., 2012) also (Fig. 11). However, a considerable and large part of the region remains archaeologically unregistered because research has concentrated mostly on key major granite landforms which helped to establish the sequence of human occupations and determined the relationship between archaeological sites and the particular types of terrain across the landscape.

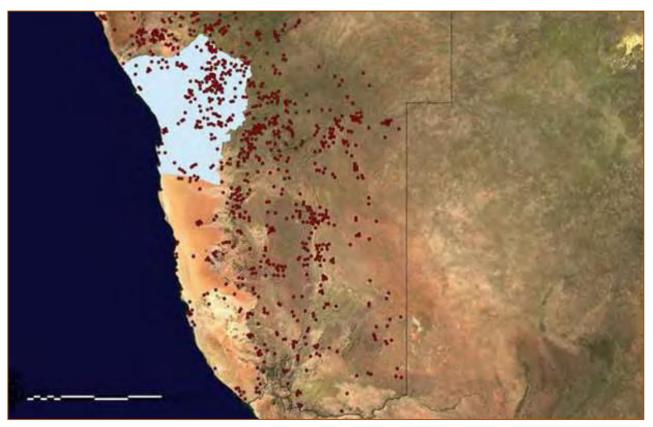


Fig. 11: Overall Distribution of Archaeological Sites in Namibia (Kinahan, 2012)

It is for this reason that the region's archaeological wealth is evidenced in a substantial number of prehistoric human settlements dating from the Early through Middle to Late Stone Age periods (Kinahan, 2012). The earliest evidence of human activity is traced back from 800 000 years Before Present (BP) according to Kinahan (2011).

Multiple sources further attests that abundance of significant archaeological sites have been recorded within the last 12 000 to 10 000 years, during Holocene period which coincides with the onset of warmer and moist conditions after the retreat of the Last Ice Age period which led to sudden expansion of human occupation as aridity intensified in the entire Namib Desert and hinterland (Stuut et al., 2000; Pleurdeau et al., 2012; Nankela, 2007; Lenssen-Erz, 2007).

Such changes eventually prompted the Hunter-Gatherers to find refuge in mountainous localities such as the Brandberg, Erongo and Spitzkoppe Mountains where food and shelter was available. Chronologically, records yielded from a series of excavations carried out in these areas roughly over the last 6000 BP to 50 years BP when the rock art tradition was likely abandoned. These archaeological data are attributed to the Hunter-Gatherers and later pastoralists' communities.

In the light of the evidence found during the field assessment and other desktop review of previous field surveys, it can be concluded that should a detailed heritage assessment be necessary and conducted it may yield the following results:

- Pre-Quaternary palaeontological evidence in insignificant quantity and mainly in the vicinity of Palaeozoic shale outcrops near Omaruru or Karibib, Aus and Lüderitz.
- Moderately high density of late Holocene to recent pre-colonial archaeological sites throughout the extent of the power-line route, including burial cairns and remains of nomadic pastoral encampments, as well as possibly of some rock art sites and rock shelter sites containing sealed occupation debris
- Generalized occurrence of colonial era sites, including farm settlements, battlefield sites and related remains.

However, given the nature, scope and scale of the proposed activity and particularly that it entails potential use mechanical equipment an archaeological specialist study is deemed necessary and highly recommended for the next phase of the site development projects. Critically, the proponent is cautioned to at all time strictly adhere with the search and find procedure in accordance with the stipulations of the Namibian National Heritage Act (No. 27 of 2004) in the highly unlikely event that artefacts are found in the EPL area.

Therefore, it remains necessary that in the absence of extensive heritage and culture studies in the region there remains a possibility of encountering numerous undeclared artefacts / sites of heritage importance. A search and find procedure (Appendix C) must be strictly followed in accordance with the stipulations of the Namibian National Heritage Act in the highly unlikely event that artefacts are found in the sand mining area.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 INTRODUCTIONS TO THE ASSESSMENT APPROACH

Potential environmental impacts were identified by Moringa Enviro Consultants in consultation with I&APs, regulatory authorities, specialist and Penetrated Investment cc In case of social impacts, the assessment focused on third parties only (third parties include members of the public and other local and regional institutions) and did not assess health and safety impacts on workers because the assumption was made that these aspects are separately regulated by health and safety legislation, policies and standards.

The impacts are discussed under issue headings in this section. The discussion and impact assessment for each sub-section covers the construction, operational, decommissioning and closure phases where relevant. This is indicated in the table at the beginning of each sub-section. Included in the table is a list of project activities/infrastructure that could cause the potential impact per farming phase. The activities/infrastructure that are summarized in this chapter, link to the description of the proposed project.

Mitigation measures to address the identified impacts are discussed in this section and included in more detail in the EMP section of this report. In most cases (unless otherwise stated), these mitigation measures have been taken into account in the assessment of the significance of the mitigated impacts only. Both the criteria used to assess the impacts and the method of determining the significance of the impacts is outlined in **Table 4**.

Table 4: Criteria for Assessing Impacts

PART A: DEFINITION AND	CRITER	RIA CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY		
Definition of SIGNIFICANCE		Significance = consequence probability		
Definition of CONSEQUENCE		Consequence is a function of severity, spatial extent and duration		
Criteria for ranking of the SEVERITY/NATURE of environmental	Н	Substantial deterioration (death, illness or injury). Recommended level will often be violated. Vigorous community action. Irreplaceable loss of resources.		
impacts	M	Moderate/measurable deterioration (discomfort). Recommended level will occasionally be violated. Widespread complaints. Noticeable loss of resources.		
	L	Minor deterioration (nuisance or minor deterioration). Change not measurable/will remain in the current range. Recommended level will never be violated. Sporadic complaints. Limited loss of resources.		
	L+	Minor improvement. Change not measurable/will remain in the current range. Recommended level will never be violated. Sporadic complaints.		
	M+	Moderate improvement. Will be within or better than the recommended level. No observed reaction.		
	H+	Substantial improvement. Will be within or better than the recommended level. Favorable publicity.		
Criteria for ranking the	L	Quickly reversible. Less than the project life. Short-term		
DURATION of impacts	М	Reversible overtime. Life of the project. Medium-term		
	Н	Permanent.Beyondclosure.Long-term.		
Criteria for ranking the	L	Localized-Within the site boundary.		
SPATIAL SCALE of	М	Fairly widespread–Beyond the site boundary. Local		
Impacts	Н	Widespread–Far beyond site boundary. Regional/national		

This method complies with the method provided in the Namibian EIA Policy document and the draft EIA regulations. Part A provides the approach for determining impact consequence (combining severity, spatial scale and duration) and impact significance (the overall rating of the impact). Impact consequence and significance are determined from Part B and C. The interpretation of the impact significance is given in Part D. Both mitigated and unmitigated scenarios are considered for each impact.

PART B: DETERMINING CONSEQUENCE								
SEVERITY = L								
DURATION	Long-term H Medium Medium Medium Medium							
	Medium term	М	Low	Low	Medium			
	Short-term	L	Low	Low	Medium			
		SEVE	RITY = M					
DURATION	Long-term	Н	Medium	High	High			
	Medium term	М	Medium	Medium	High			
	Short-term L		Low Medium		Medium			
		SEVE	RITY = H					
DURATION	Long-term	Н	High	High	High			
	Medium term	M	Medium	Medium	High			
	Short-term	L	Medium	Medium	High			
			L	М	Н			
			Localized	Fairly	Widespread			
			Within site	widespread	Far beyond site			
			boundary	Beyond site	boundary			
			Site	boundary	Regional/national			
Local								
			SPATIAL SCALE					

PART C: DETERMINING SIGNIFICANCE						
PROBABILITY	Definite/Continuous	Н	Medium	Medium	High	
(of exposure to	Possible/frequent	Medium	Medium	High		
impacts)	Unlikely/seldom	L	Low	Low	Medium	
L M H						
CONSEQUENCE						

PART D: INTERPRETATION OF SIGNIFICANCE				
Significance	Decision guideline			
High	It would influence the decision regardless of any possible mitigation.			
Medium	It should have an influence on the decision unless it is mitigated.			
Low	It will not have an influence on the decision.			

^{*}H = high, M = medium and L = low and + denotes a positive impact.

This chapter discusses possible environmental impacts associated with the operation of Penetrated Investment cc and further proposes mitigation measures in an effort to ensure that preferably only the positive impact are achieved. The potential negative impacts are identified following the criteria resented in Section 4 of this report, and it is anticipated that these impacts may relate mainly to the following aspects:

- Noise and Air Pollution
- Generation and Storage of Waste
- Contamination of Groundwater
- Disturbance of the Ecological Functions and Systems
- Socio-Economic (Health and Safety)

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

This chapter discusses the alternatives, as well as the selection process of the preferred alternatives that have been considered and assessed as part of the Scoping Phase. The 2012 EIA Regulations (GG4878) define "alternatives", in relation to a proposed activity, "as different means of meeting the general purpose and requirements of the activity, which may include alternatives to the:

- property on which or location where the activity is proposed to be undertaken;
- type of activity to be undertaken;
- design or layout of the activity;
- technology to be used in the activity; or
- operational aspects of the activity; and
- Includes the option of not implementing the activity".

The Scoping Report therefore provided a full description of the process followed to reach the proposed preferred activity, site and location within the site. It further includes the following as a minimum:

- The consideration of the no-go alternative as a baseline scenario;
- A comparison of the reasonable and feasible alternatives; and
- Providing a methodology for the elimination of an alternative.

5.1.1 NO-GO ALTERNATIVE

The no-go alternative assumes that the proposed project will not go ahead i.e. the proposed Kilembe Mines Mining' proposed mineral prospecting does not realize. This alternative entails that the operations would not drive any environmental change and result in no additional environmental impacts on the EPL site.

It favors the *status quo* or baseline against which other alternatives are compared and will be considered throughout the report. However, the likely negative environmental impacts of other current and future user that may still happen in the absence of the proposed activities includes: Natural dust and generation of particulate matter during windy event particularly resulting from other regional economic activities such as construction, mining and tourism, pollution and environmental degradation associated with current land use along and around the proposed project route and sites.

Therefore, in terms of the "No-go Alternative", potential economic gains that may never be realized if the proposed project activities do not go-ahead include: loss in income for both the local community and the partnering investor, unemployment and the loss of socio-economic benefits derived from current and future export and import trading opportunities. Most importantly, is the reduced regional integration in terms of trade and investment, loss of direct and indirect contracts and employment opportunities, export earnings, foreign direct investments and various taxes payable to the Government.

5.1.2 CONCLUDING STATEMENT ON ALTERNATIVES

Namibia's industrial ambition is articulated in Vision 2030, which stipulates that the country should be an industrialized nation with a high income by the year 2030. In terms of the production and export structure, Namibia aspire to build the bridge from producing and exporting predominantly primary commodities to offering value added and service-orientated products. The production and export structure would also be more diverse, enabling the economy to better withstand exogenous shocks.

Despite the limited capacity to process minerals locally, Namibia is considered the preferred nation of choice in terms mining given its vast unexploited distribution of mineral resources. Alternative prospecting techniques and use equipment is recommended as far as enhancing environmental safety is concerned.

In case of social impacts, the assessment focused on third parties only (third parties include members of the public and other local and regional institutions) and did not assess health and safety impacts on workers because the assumption was made that these aspects are separately regulated by health and safety legislation, policies and standards.

The No-Action Alternative comparative assessment, suggests that environmental impacts of a future in which the proposed activities do not take place, may be good for the receiving environment because there will be no potential negative or positive environmental impacts associated with the proposed activities (mineral exploration).

5.3 ASSESSMENT OF IMPACTS AND MITIGATION

Mitigation measures to address the identified impacts are discussed in this section and included in more detail in the EMP report that is attached in Appendix B. In most cases (unless otherwise stated), these mitigation measures have been taken into account in the assessment of the significance of the mitigated impacts only

5.3.1 IMPACTS ON THE BIOPHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Potential impacts in respect to the Biophysical (Table 10) environment involves particularly the terrestrial environments and relate mainly to the mineral prospecting and mining activities in regard to sampling (drilling and or bulk –sampling).

Potential impacts in respect to the Biophysical environments (**Tables 5 - 7**) involves, given that the proposed activity entails non-invasive and consumptive mining development activities but rather limited to prospecting presents mainly secondary potential impacts. Geological surveys and rock sampling, and desktop research creates opportunity for the project staff members to access otherwise reserved park areas and thus temptations for poaching and collection of natural resources. Details of the potential impacts are demonstrated in the following tables:

Table 5: Impact on the Biophysical Environment – EPL site Access and use of vehicles

Impact Event	Disturba	nces on Biod	liversity		,		
Description	Off-road driving is a major concern, particularly with regard to uncontrolled use						
				. This leads to			
				specially in envir			
		Tracks leave scars that can remain for centuries, affecting the aesthetic qualities					
Nature		of the dunes and the surrounding gravel plains, reducing the attractiveness of					
		the area as a recreational destination. Littering of the beaches and the desert due to increasing tourism is a general problem. Camping outside of designated areas					
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No Construction		ing of EPL					
envisaged at this		s and samp					
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	• Upgra	ding of acce	ess tracks				
	(e.g. gı	rading)					
				s will have a mini			
Severity				will be used an			
				minimized to very			
5				l impacts is med	lium given	the pr	oject location
Duration		ounding land					
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Spatial Scale				npacts spatially pect to wildlife / I	:	alliaiaa	
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Description of			must be	limited to the p	re-identifi	ed peg	matites belts
Mitigation Measures		the EPL area	اسماما				
		Unless necessary and agreed with the Park management, no new access tracks shall be greated and no lodging shall be allowed in consistive zones.					
shall be created and no lodging shall be allowed in sensitive zones							

Table 6: Impact on the Biophysical Environment – Sampling / trenching for geological sampling

Impact Event	Disturbances on Biodiversity in respect to sampling and trenching activities
Description	Should analyses by an analytical laboratory be positive, geological boreholes or trenches are drilled / dug and geological samples collected for further analysis. This will determine the depth of the potential mineralization. If necessary new
·	access tracks to the drill sites will be created and drill pads will be cleared in which to set the rig. Two widely used sampling options may be adopted, these are the reverse circulation sampling and/or diamond-core sampling / trenching.
Nature	Depending on the scale of sampling / trenching (intensity), potential impacts relating to vegetation clearing for access tracks and drill transects may arise from the project activities. Consequential impacts therefore are: Noise from sampling machineries and potential spill of hydrocarbons Disturbance of habitats (protected plant species) and species displacement Potential littering with solid waste

Phases: Phases during which the project has implications of sampling / impacts apply are highlighted below; Significance assessment was carried out on the sampling / trenching phase which presents a long term risk.

Significance assessment was carried out on the sampling / trenching phase which presents a long term risk.							
				Decommissionin	•		
Construction Phase	-	ational Phase		Phase	Pos	Post Closure	
No Construction	Access for	ing of EPL a surveys	area and				
envisaged at this	sampling with project						
stage	vehicles N/A					N/A	
		ding of acce	ess				
	. •	(e.g. grading)					
		•			dium severity give		
Severity					ess track will be		
					igation measures		
- ··	_		•		high given the p	roject location	
Duration		a national par			. Iva avvia na erecat	:+- b-l+	
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Spatial Scale					livestock collision	and poaching	
Probability				es accompanied l		rana poderning	
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	 in respect to managing incidental events; Exploration activity must be limited to the pre-identified pegmatites belts 						
	 within the EPL area thus reducing the spatial impacts to key areas of the EPL Unless necessary and agreed with the park management, no new access tracks 						
Conceptual					d in sensitive zon		
Description of	Tempo						
Mitigation Measures		material including hydrocarbons are well contained prior to final disposal at					
			•	o or applicable to			
					icles and drill rig		
	service	a in the field	tnus preve	enting unnecessa	ry spillage of hyd	irocarbons	

 Table 7: Impact on the Biophysical Environment – Waste Management (Effluent, Solid and Hydrocarbons)

Impact Event		eneration and			5c, <u>5</u>	one. ane			
Description	Operation actual generati	Operational activities relating to mainly the lodging and to a lesser degree the actual geological surveying and sampling activities present an opportunity for the generation of both solid waste (litter material) and hydrocarbons (fuel and lubricants).							
Nature	includes Little Eff nec Min of	but may not lear materials in luents and secessary and a nor hydrocarb soils and gro intenance of o	be limited e. plastic wer may bathroom ons spilla undwate equipmer	bags, cartons, foo only be generated with flushing toil ge(fuels and lubri f, in case of hydi t and vehicles	od pao d in c ets ar cants ocar	ckages and ase where a re used s), possible c bon spillage	base-camp is ontamination mainly from		
Phases: Phases during Significance assessmen									
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Construction Phase	Opera	ational Phase		Phase	•	Post	Closure		
 No Construction envisaged at this stage 	Lodging is envisaged at existing campsite / N/A N/A N/A lodge within the park								
Severity	Taken to	gether, wast	e generat	ion in respect to th	ne pr	oposed activ	ities presents		
	impacts	that are of ve	ry-low se	erity as in genera	l little	is generate	d .		
Duration		ation of the pons thus short		npacts is bound to ature	the	duration of	the proposed		
Spatial Scale	Low, waste generation shall be limited mainly to the lodging areas and subject to property owners and thus not entirely influence by the proposed project								
Probability				nly to the lodging fluence by the pro		•	t to property		
Unmitigated	Severity	Duration	Spatial Scale	Consequence		currence	Significance		
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	_		Spatial	_		pability of			
Mitigated	Severity L	Duration L	Scale L	Consequence L	Oc	currence	Significance L		
Conceptual Description of Mitigation Measures	 Given that lodging is recommended to be at existing camp-sites and or lodges, this aspect shall be managed as part of the current property owners compliance requirements In the field, hydrocarbon waste shall be contained (in spill kits) and stored in appropriate heavy-duty plastic cabbage, transported to the nearest waste-oil recycling / solid waste disposal facility in Opuwo or applicable town A sufficient number of spill kits shall be acquired and strategically placed, particularly near every sampling site to ensure that timely response to any potential fuel and lubricant spills is conducted (should the project require any sampling activities to be undertaken). These shall include an on-site used oil disposal bin(s) Equally, effluent waste shall be managed in compliance with the lodging host's requirements, although during any sampling activities – temporary dry-pit toilet facility must be provided at every site. 								

5.2.2 IMPACTS ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Table 8: Environmental Impact: Human Health and Safety

				luman Health and S	afety				
Impact Event	Disturbances to the social environments								
Description	During the exploration stage, social impacts are most likely to be minimal and often positive. At this stage, usually the level of interaction between project staff and or project equipment with the local community is significantly minimum and therefore potential health and safety risks very low. However, given the Pandemic Outbreak pandemic it is recommended that all protocol in this respect are observed throughout the exploration phase. The inter-migration of project staff in-and-out of the region may present								
Nature	potential risks of disease transmission particularly in respect to Pandemic Outbreak and other contagious diseases between the local community and project staff. The most significant impact in respect to health is the potential for increasing the strain on the already under capacitated local health services facility should project staff fall ill while in the field.								
Phases: Phases during	which sourc	es of social (h	ealth an			re highlighte	ed below;		
Construction Phase		ational Phase		Decommissioning Phase	g	Post	Closure		
N/A	 Use of the lodging and other social facilities, as well as other social interactions N/A N/A N/A 								
Severity	In the unmitigated scenario, the potential risk for transmission of contagious / infectious diseases is High								
Duration	The Significance of the potential impacts is subject to the compliance with national health protocols, however given the minimal interaction of project staff and the local community impacts are classified as incidental and short-term.								
Spatial Scale Probability	Medium, in case of near-miss incidents (were cases are not detected) the risk may be medium to high but localized if for instance project staff undergo prior testing for Pandemic Outbreak before coming for fieldwork. Low, especially given that there are clear guideline and protocols governing								
FIODADIIITY	Health a	nd safety of b	Spatial	agious diseases an		pability of	bsei ved		
Unmitigated	Severity	Duration	Scale	Consequence		currence	Significance		
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			Spatial		Prob	ability of			
Mitigated	Severity	Duration	Scale	Consequence		currence	Significance		
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Conceptual Description of Mitigation Measures	 Strict compliance with the EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events; It is strictly advised that project staff ensures that in respect to Pandemic Outbreak, are tested prior to venturing in the field (and carries a health certificate indicating a negative result, which is not older than 72 hours) Carry sufficient First Aid equipment to ensure that minor injuries reduces need to access local health facility and therefore minimizing potential strain on local services Strict compliance with national health protocols as and when directive are issued in respect to any disease outbreak and or recurring pandemics such as HIV / AIDS and Pandemic Outbreak Strict ban on use of any toxic substances within and during the working environment must be prohibited and serious punitive actions taken against any transgressors is recommended. 								

Table 9: Impact on the Social Environment – Air and Noise Pollution

				ent – Air and Noise	Pollutio	n				
Impact Event										
Description	Should analyses by an analytical laboratory be positive, geological boreholes or trenches are drilled / dug and geological samples collected for further analysis. This will determine the depth of the potential mineralization. If necessary new access tracks to the drill sites will be created and drill pads will be cleared in which to set the rig. Two widely used sampling options may be adopted, these are the reverse circulation sampling and/or diamond-core sampling, and alternatively trenches may be dug for sampling.									
Nature	impacts excavato	Depending on the scale of sampling / trenching (intensity), potential noise impacts relating to the use of large vehicles such as a drill rig truck and or excavator may be generated. Consequential impacts therefore are: • Noise from sampling / trenching machineries may be anticipated								
Phases: Phases during v	vhich source	es of social (Ai	r and Noi			are highl	ighted below;			
Construction Phase		ational Phase		Decommissioni Phase	ng	Po	st Closure			
 Land preparation and setting-up of drill sites Setting-up Base- camp for project staff 	for sampli vehicle • Upgrad	Accessing of EPL area								
Severity	Taken together, the disturbances will have a high severity in the unmitigated scenario. In the mitigated scenario, many of these disturbances can be prevented or mitigated to acceptable levels, which reduces the severity to low.									
Duration	_		•	al impacts is subje d impact's duratio			•			
Spatial Scale	lead to in site which	Low, localized although cumulative as haulage along the designated routes may lead to increased traffic. The noise aspect is mainly limited to the feedlot facility site which far from residential areas. Very Low, the only noisy activities associated with the proposed operation are								
Probability				decommissioning		•	•			
Unmitigated	Severity	Duration	Spatial Scale	Consequence	Probab Occur	-	Significance			
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			Spatial		Probab	_				
Mitigated	Severity	Duration	Scale	Consequence	Occur	rence	Significance H			
Conceptual Description of Mitigation Measures	 Strict compliance with the EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events; Noise complaint register must be kept and maintained regularly with mitigation measures adopted accordingly. All excessive noise generating activities must be strictly carried out during the day between o8hoo (am) and 17hoo (pm) week days only. Conditions of the Environmental Clearance Certificate and Surface-use Agreement (with the relevant Traditional Authority and Park) must be accordingly adhere to. As much as possible, it is recommended that vehicles with the most minimum footprint are used such as smallest excavator and or portable drill rig (drawn on a trailer). 									

Table 10: Impact on the Social Environment – Culture, Heritage and Scenic values

Impact Event				Culture, Heritage a						
impact Event		Disturbances to the heritage and scenic value of the environment The rapid on-ground survey and desktop review for cultural and heritage sites,								
Description		reveals that generally there were low/no occurrence of known cultural heritage or archaeological sites, hence the assumption is that the occurrence of								
Description										
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				EPL area is low.		ever, evid	ence cultural			
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				ould either have b						
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				evious exploratior			ations and or			
				nd tourism undert						
Phases: Phases during	g which sou	rces of social	(cultura	, heritage and sco	enic va	lues) impa	cts apply are			
highlighted below;	ı									
				Decommissionin	ıg	_				
Construction Phase	Oper	ational Phase		Phase		Pos	t Closure			
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 Land preparation and construction 	 Recon activiti 	naissance								
activities			e.g.	and ground leve activities	illig					
	geolog						NI/A			
Temporary lodging for construction				Temporary lodg			N/A			
for construction staff	remote		ing	for decommission	iiiig					
	mappi			staff		II h a la	:41			
Severity				elating to field-ba		i be low w	itii extremely			
				ce without mitigat al impacts is subje		20 0800000	d aparation's			
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Spatial Scale				ops and along rive on significantly lim			tivities to one			
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Mitigated	Severity	Duration	Scale	Consequence		irrence	Significance			
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Conceptual				. 27 of 2004) an						
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Mitigation Measures		National Heri			r ciopii	Terre strout	a be reported			
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	times,	-	occuu. c u	outilited in the E		or oc impic	eea ac an			
			ev shoul	d be carried out	if su	spected a	rchaeological			
			-	vities / shelters ha		-	_			
	 proposed exploration and test mining operations. A stakeholder complaint register must be kept and maintained regularly with 									
		mitigation measures adopted accordingly, recording all concerns relating								
		impacts of the proposed exploration activities on the cultural and scenic value								
	-	of the environment which may be reported by interested and affected parties.								
	or the	environment	which ma	v be reported by i	nterest	ted and affo	ected parties.			

Table 11: Impact on the Economic Aspect

	Impact Fuert					omic Aspect				
	Impact Event					mic aspects	1. 1	:6 11		
	Description		Potential economic gains that may never be realized if the proposed project activities does not go-ahead include: loss in potential alternative income for the							
			town, unemployment and the loss of socio-economic benefits derived from							
							nom	ic benefits	derived from	
			ining develo							
	Nature		•			community is ma				
						listic expectation				
			•			munities to bear	in mi	nd that mos	t exploration	
						evelopment.				
		g which sou	irces of soc	ial (poter	ntial	social and econ	omic	gain) impa	cts apply are	
	highlighted below;									
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		and		cial						
		facilitie	es, as well							
•	Land preparation and	other				cture demoliti		 Retrench 	•	
	construction	interac				ground leveli	ng		nt and job	
	activities	Potent		ine a	activ	ities		losses du	ie to closure	
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						of unemployme				
						mpacts is subjec	t to t	the propose	d operation's	
	Duration		, with a long							
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	Description of						_			
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		with a	ali kev stake	holder i.e.	. Tra	ditional Authorit	y, Pai	rk and other	Operators or	
			with all key stakeholder i.e. Traditional Authority, Park and other Operators or support institutions e.g. NGOs / CSOs)							
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6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 CONCLUSIONS

Namibia is an up-and-coming source country for critical minerals, which are important for renewable energy technologies. The country has the potential to develop new mining projects for cobalt and lithium, and therefore it has in recent years seen great interest towards the exploration and development of mineral commodities by foreign investor.

There are thus, many companies engaged in the exploration and mining activities for various metals / minerals including InterContinental Mining Namibia. This creates opportunities that attracts international investment to support increased exploration activities particularly with an interest in finding lithium. Penetrate Investment cc, was presented an opportunity to undertaking an exploration programme in respect in respect to Base and Rare Metals, Industrial Mineral, Precious Metals and Nuclear Fuels

While increased economic activities can stimulate demographic changes and alter social, economic and environmental practices in many ways. Adverse environmental and socio-economic impacts have become a major area of concern for the business community, their customers, and other key stakeholders. Therefore, to ensure that development activities are undertaken in an economic, social and environmental sound / sustainable manner, the Namibian Constitution and Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 provides for an environmental assessment process.

A key consideration in respect to the proposed project alternatives, is that of EPL location / site particularly considering that it falls within a farming. Primarily, the key objective in respect to land-use here is generation of economic benefits from farming activities i.e. livestock and or game farming.

Hence, the pre-dominant land-use in these environments is usually non-intrusive and includes alternative tourism operations. However, tourism may have not proven to be the sole economically rewarding land-use option given the prolonged effects of natural disasters and pandemics. This has created an uncertainty which resulted in communities looking beyond farming and tourism for alternative income streams and thus increased mining activities are observed in the area.

In case of social impacts, the assessment focused on third parties only (third parties include members of the public and other local and regional institutions) and did not assess health and safety impacts on workers because the assumption was made that these aspects are separately regulated by health and safety legislation, policies and standards.

The No-Action Alternative comparative assessment, suggests that environmental impacts of a future in which the proposed activities do not take place, may be good for the receiving environment because there will be no potential negative or positive environmental impacts associated with the proposed activities (mineral prospecting).

Overall, potential impacts may vary in terms of scale (locality), magnitude and duration e.g. minor negative impacts in the form of visual intrusion, dust and noise pollution especially during the field-based activities i.e. sampling and or trenching.

Below is a summary of the likely positive impacts that have been assessed for the different phases of the proposed Penetrated Investment cc's mineral prospecting activities:

- Socio-economic development and capacity building through partnering with foreign operators / investors, skills transfer and training on the mining development sector shall be achieved (Likely impacts are high).
- Creation of employment opportunities and strengthening /expansion of SME business
- Consequential Infrastructure development e.g. development of a Mine should viable deposit be discovered.

The following is a summary of the likely negative impacts that have been assessed for the different phases of the existing sand mining project:

- Ambient Air Quality and Noise Pollution (Likely impacts are Low).
- Ecological and biodiversity loss (Likely impacts are localized and low).
- Health and safety (Overall likely impacts are low with the adoption and compliance of appropriate mitigation measures).
- Accidental Spill of Hazardous substance (Likely impacts are low with proper implementation of the environmental management plan in place).
- Cultural Heritage, Archaeological and Scenic value (Likely impacts are low with proper implementation of the environmental management plan in place).

6.2 RECOMMENDATONS

Enviro-Leap environmental practitioner confidently recommends that the proposed project can proceed and should be authorized by the DEAF. The proposed operations is considered to have, overall low negative environmental impacts and potential for the enhancement of socio-economic benefits provided all protocols including the proposed mitigation measures are adhered to.

Based on this, it recommended that the proponent must upon obtaining their Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC), implement all appropriate management and mitigation measures and monitoring requirements as stipulated in the Scoping Report and or as condition of the ECC. These measures must be undertaken to promote and uphold good practice environmental principles and adhere to relevant legislations by avoiding unacceptable impacts to the receiving environment.

6.3 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND MONITORING

It is important that channels of communication are maintained over the life-time of the proposed mineral prospecting project, and with all key stakeholders, members of the general public (including I&APs), as well as the local and traditional authorities, **Table 11** shows the stakeholders engagement recommendations.

6.4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS MITIGATION – MANAGEMENT PLAN OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE EMP

The following overall environmental objectives have been set for the Penetrate Investment cc exploration and mining development project:

- To comply with national legislation and standards for the protection of the environment.
- To limit potential impacts on biodiversity through the minimization of the footprint (as far as practically possible) and the conservation of residual habitat within the mine area.
- To keep surrounding communities informed of farming activities through the implementation of forums for communication and constructive dialogue.
- To develop, implement and manage monitoring systems to ensure good environmental performance in respect of the following: ground and surface water, air quality, noise and vibration, biodiversity and rehabilitation.

6.4.1 KEEPING EMPS UP TO DATE

This Environmental Management Plan (EMP) document is designed to meet legal requirements and avoid or minimize the impacts associated with the implementation of Penetrate Investment cc exploration and mining development. It is the intention that this EMP should be seen as a "living document" which will be amended during the operation, as the activities might change or new ones be introduced.

Should a listed activity(s) as defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations: Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Government Gazette No. 4878) be triggered (as a result of future modifications/changes at the mine), this EMP will be updated as a result of another EIA process as stipulated in the regulations.

6.4.2 IMPACTS MANAGEMENT / MITIGATION MEASURES

Table 11. Impact on the Biophysical Environment – EPL site Access and use of vehicles

Issue	Management commitment	Phase
Understanding who the stakeholders are	 Maintain and update the stakeholder register, including stakeholders' needs and expectations. A representative database would include all relevant local government, service providers, indigenous populations, Traditional Authorities (TAs), NGOs or community-based organizations Ensure that marginalized and vulnerable groups are also considered in the stakeholder communication process. Record partnerships as well as their roles, responsibilities, capacity and contribution to development. 	All
Liaising with interested and affected parties at all	Devise and implement a stakeholder communication and engagement strategy.	All
phases in the mine life Responsibility	Penetrate Investment cc and Moring Enviro Consultants (On contract basis))

 Table 12. Impact on the Biophysical Environment – EPL site Access and use of vehicles

Impact Event	Disturbances on Biodiversity in respect to access tracks	
Desired mitigation outcome	The objective of the mitigation in respect to impacts on biodiversity is to ensure that as much as possible, disturbance on biodiversity is avoided and prevented while the proposed prospecting activities is undertaken.	
Proposed Mitigation Measures	 Strict compliance with the Park Management guidelines and EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events; Exploration activity must be limited to the pre-identified pegmatites belts within the EPL area Unless necessary and agreed with the park management, no new access tracks shall be created and no lodging shall be allowed in sensitive zones 	All
Responsibility	Penetrate Investment cc and Moring Enviro Consultants (On contract basis)

 Table 13. Impact on the Biophysical Environment – Bulk sampling and ore extraction

Table 13. Impact on the Biophysical Environment – Bulk sampling and ore extraction		
Impact Event	Disturbances on Biodiversity in respect to sampling and trenching activities	
Impact Event Desired mitigation outcome	 The objective of the mitigation in respect to impacts on biodiversity is to ensure that as much as possible, disturbance particularly on wildlife (poaching) and flora (clearing / damage) species is reduced and or prevented. Strict compliance with the Forestry Act and Regulations in respect to vegetation clearing, Park Management guidelines and EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events; Should the proponent require clearing, removal and transplantation of any protected plant species – services of an appropriately qualified botanist / ecologists must be sought and relevant permissions obtained prior to any such activity being undertaken 	
Proposed Mitigation Measures	 obtained prior to any such activity being undertaken A plant survey must be conducted and all protected species clearly marked and protected prior to setting-up any sampling site and or digging any trench for geological sampling Exploration activity must be limited to the pre-identified pegmatites belts within the EPL area thus Unless necessary and agreed with the park management, no new access tracks shall be created and no lodging shall be allowed in sensitive zones Temporary bins and spill kits must be provided to ensure that all waste material including hydrocarbons are well contained prior to final disposal at approved sites in either Opuwo or applicable town Unless in an emergency, no equipment (vehicles and drill rigs) should be serviced in the field thus preventing unnecessary spillage of hydrocarbons 	
Responsibility	 reducing the spatial impacts to key areas of the EPL Penetrate Investment cc and Moring Enviro Consultants (On contract basis) 	

6.4.3 IMPACTS ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Table 14. Impact on the Biophysical Environment – Waste Management (Effluent, Solid and Hydrocarbons)

Impact Event	Waste generation and disposal	Phase
Desired mitigation outcome	The objective of the mitigation in respect to waste generation is to ensure that the best scenic value and integrity of the affected environment maintained and or enhanced by reducing chances of littering through proper use of waste management facilities.	
Proposed Mitigation Measures	 Environmental awareness is an important aspect of environmental management, therefore all project staff and service providers must be educated of the environmental compliance requirements and urged to comply accordingly on induction with the project site. Given that lodging is recommended to be at existing camp-sites and or lodges, this aspect shall be managed as part of the current property owners compliance requirements In the field, hydrocarbon waste shall be contained (in spill kits) and stored in appropriate heavy-duty plastic cabbage, transported to the nearest waste-oil recycling / solid waste disposal facility in Opuwo or applicable town A sufficient number of spill kits shall be acquired and strategically placed, particularly near every sampling site to ensure that timely response to any potential fuel and lubricant spills is conducted (should the project require any sampling activities to be undertaken). These shall include an on-site used oil disposal bin(s) Equally, effluent waste shall be managed in compliance with the lodging host's requirements, although during any sampling activities – temporary dry-pit toilet facility must be provided at every site. 	•
Responsibility	Penetrate Investment cc and Moring Enviro Consultants (On contract basis)

Table 15. Environmental Impact: Human Health and Safety

Table 15. Environmental impact. Human Health and Safety		
Impact Event	Prevention and mitigation of any health and safety hazards / risks Phase	
Desired mitigation outcome	The objective of the mitigation in respect to health and safety hazards is to ensure that the health, safety and protection of both the project staff and community receive priority in terms of budgetary provision and compliance	
Proposed Mitigation Measures	 Strict compliance with the EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events; Carry sufficient First Aid equipment to ensure that minor injuries reduces need to access local health facility and therefore minimizing potential strain on local services Strict compliance with national health protocols as and when directive are issued in respect to any disease outbreak and or recurring pandemics such as HIV / AIDS and Pandemic Outbreak Strict ban on use of any toxic substances within and during the working environment must be prohibited 	All
Responsibility	Penetrate Investment cc and Moring Enviro Consultants (On contract basis)	

Table 16: Impact on the Social Environment – Air and Noise Pollution

Impact Event	Disturbances to the social environment	Phase
Desired mitigation outcome	The objective of the mitigation in respect to ambient air quality and sense of place / noise and chance is to ensure that all possible receptors are identified and practical measures are put in place to reduce these impacts and or respond with appropriate mitigation to complaints	
Proposed Mitigation Measures	 Strict compliance with the EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events; Noise complaint register must be kept and maintained regularly with mitigation measures adopted accordingly. All excessive noise generating activities must be strictly carried out during the day between o8hoo (am) and 17hoo (pm) week days only. Conditions of the Environmental Clearance Certificate and Surfaceuse Agreement (with the relevant Traditional Authority and Town) must be accordingly adhere to. As much as possible, it is recommended that vehicles with the most minimum footprint are used such as smallest excavator and or portable drill rig (drawn on a trailer). 	
Responsibility	Penetrate Investment cc and Moring Enviro Consultants (On contract basis)	

Table 16: Impact on the Social Environment – Culture, Heritage and Scenic values

rable 16: impact on the Social Environment – Culture, Heritage and Scenic values		
Impact Event	Disturbances to the heritage and scenic value of the environment Phase	
Desired mitigation outcome	The objective of the mitigation in respect to impacts on cultural and archaeological heritage integrity is to ensure that at all times, project staff are vigilant of the potential to intrude, disturb and or damage important artifacts and therefore must avoid wondering onto any protected and or sensitive known or identified site.	
Proposed Mitigation Measures • Strict compliance with the EMP is recommended in respect to managing incidental events • Contractors working on the site should be made aware that under the National Heritage Act, 2004 (Act No. 27 of 2004) any items protected under the definition of heritage found in the course of development should be reported to the National Heritage Council • The chance finds procedure as outlined in the EMP must be implemented at all times, and. • Detailed field survey should be carried out if suspected archaeological resources or major natural cavities / shelters have been unearthed during the proposed exploration and test mining operations.		
Responsibility	Penetrate Investment cc and Moring Enviro Consultants (On contract basis	5)

 Table 17: Impact on the Economic Aspect

Impact Event	Disturbances on social and economic aspects	Phase
Desired mitigation outcome	The objective of the mitigation in respect to economic impacts relating to the proposed activity, is to ensure that potential negative economic impacts on other and existing land-use are prevented, reduced and or mitigated and the positive ones enhanced.	
Proposed Mitigation Measures	 It is critical that timely and continuous communication and dissemination of information with the local community is ensured to alleviate potential sense of social marginalization, drive gender equality and enhance the understanding and perception of the benefits associated with Penetrate Investment cc 's activities To enhance the positive impacts relating to marginal net benefits for the micro-economy (local residence of Opuwo or applicable town Settlement and the region at large) and national economy at larger, legislative provisions to Affirmative Action and Labour Welfare must be observed It is strictly recommended that Penetrate Investment cc negotiates and signs a Surface Use Agreement detailing aspects of conduct and benefit distribution with all key stakeholder i.e. Traditional Authority, Park and other Operators or support institutions e.g. NGOs / CSOs) 	All
Responsibility	Penetrate Investment cc and Moring Enviro Consultants (On contract bas	is)

Table 18: Site Closure and Rehabilitation

Table 10. Site Closure and Netrabilitation		
Impact Event	pact Event Disturbances on social and economic aspects Phase	
Desired mitigation outcome		
Penetrate Investment cc shall submit regular (bi-annual or annual Environmental Reports) to the relevant Ministry stating the exploration activities and environmental performance of the project. Proposed Mitigation Measures Staff of the MET or Ministry of Mines and Energy may at any time inspect the exploration area. Internal and external monitoring		Closure
Responsibility	Penetrate Investment cc and Moring Enviro Consultants (On contract basis)	

Table 19: Actions relating to stakeholder communication

Issue	Management commitment	Phase
	On obtaining the Environmental Clearance Certificate and	
Development and	other relevant authorization it is recommended that the	
maintenance of a	proponent undertakes a stakeholder engagement	
Stakeholder engagement	process to develop a Communication and Monitoring	
plan	Plan for continuous reporting and feedback	All
	Maintain and update the stakeholder register, including	
	stakeholders' needs and expectations. Ensure that all relevant	
	stakeholder groups are included building on pre-identified and	
	registered I&APs.	All
	A representative database would include all relevant local	
Understanding who the	government, service providers and contractors, indigenous	
stakeholders are	populations, local communities, Traditional Authorities (TAs),	
	NGOs, shareholders, the investment sector, community-based	
	organizations, suppliers and the media.	All
	Ensure that marginalized and vulnerable groups are also	
	considered in the stakeholder communication process.	All
	Record partnerships as well as their roles, responsibilities,	
	capacity and contribution to development.	All
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affected parties at all	engagement strategy.	All
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A stakeholder engagement plan is an important tool in ensuring that a good working relationship is maintained between the proponent and the community within which the activities are undertaken. It is crucial that this plan is developed in the same transparent manner and approach as the environmental assessment, and that it remains a living document which allows the stakeholder to engage with throughout the duration of the proposed activity.

Equally, it must be at all time readily available on request to all interested and affected parties for review and must provide clear procedures for how and where it can be accessed.

7 KEY ASSUMPTIONS, UNCERTAINTIES AND LIMITATIONS

Assumptions, uncertainties and limitations have been discussed throughout the EIA report and in the various specialist studies. The more significant of these included

The EIA focused on third parties only and did not assess health and safety impacts on workers because the assumption was made that these aspects are separately regulated by health and safety legislation, policies and standards, and that Mendi-RRS Joint Venture will adhere to these.

8 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT & CONCLUSION

While the proposed exploration activities stimulate economic development and diversification in order to further create employment opportunities and thus trickling benefits to the larger Namibian population, it also create opportunity for unprecedented negative impacts.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A - PROJECT TEAM CURRICULUM VITAE

CURRICULUM VITAE

VIRIMUJE KAHUURE

Mobile: +264 81 3050003 E-mail: vkahuure@gmail.com Location: Windhoek – Namibia

CARERR OBJECTIVE: To utilize my educational knowledge in Natural Resource Management, with specific interest in flora and fauna and their conservation status. As a professional, my desire is to invest my energy into practical ways possible to combat harmful practices to the environment and ensure sustainable usage of our natural resources. I'm fully committed to render assistance were efforts of conservation and preservation of our natural resources is considered a highest priority. I give myself to learning and acquiring new skill to enhance my ambition.

KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCY

- ♣ Code B Driver's License
- Attention to details
- Creative direction and Accountability
- Team work and Good Communication skills
- Administration
- Data Monitoring

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

ACADEMIC QULIFICATIONS

YEAR	INSTITUTION	QUALIFICATION
2020	Namibia University of Science and Technology	Bachelor Degree in Natural Resource Management
2008 - 2010 Windhoek Vocational Training Centre Level 2 Office Adminis		Level 2 Office Administration
2010	Windhoek Vocational Training Centre	International Computer Driving License
2012	South African Institute for Objects Conservation	Certificate
2010	Nangof	Civil Society Management Programme & Assessmen

Pursuing a Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Studies with International University of Management (IUM)

WORK EXPERIENCES

Organization: Windhoek Vocational Training Centre

Position: Administrative Assistant

Year: 2009 - 2010

Organization: Ministry of Youth, National Services, Sport & Culture

Position: Data Capturing
Year: 2010 – 2011

Organization: Ministry of Youth, National Services, Sport & Culture

Position: Conservation Assistant

Year: 2011 - 2014

Organization: Ministry of Education, Arts & Culture

Position: Museum Technical Assistant

Year: 2014 to date

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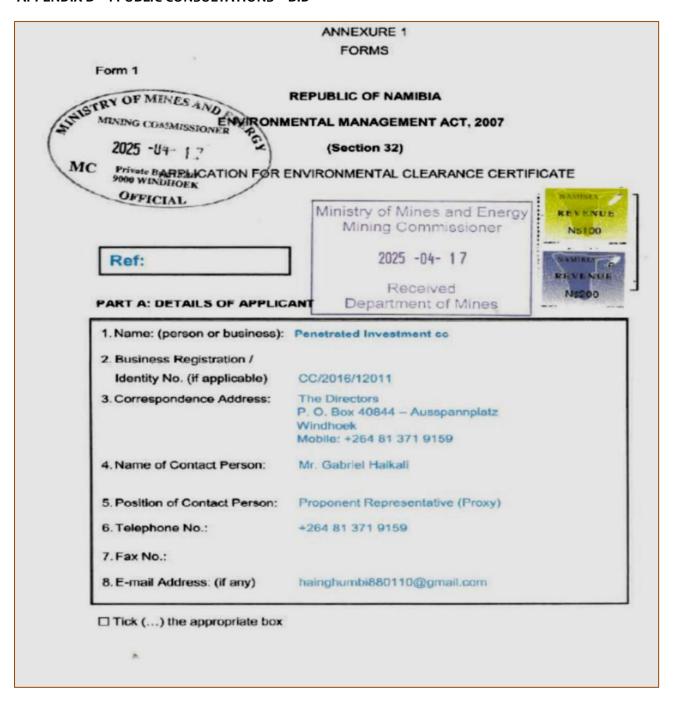
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Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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PART B: SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

1. The environmental clearance certificate is for:

Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate for Proposed Mineral Exploration Activities on Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) 9415 in respect to Precious Metals, Base and Rare Metals, Industrial Minerals, Nuclear Fuel minerals and Dimension Stones, ||Karas Region, Namibia

2. Details of the activity(s) covered by the environmental clearance certificate:

[Note: Please attach plans to show the location and scope of the designated activity(s), and use additional sheets if necessary:

Title of Activity: Proposed Mineral Exploration Activities in respect to Precious Metals, Base and Rare Metals, Industrial Minerals, Nuclear Fuel minerals and Dimension Stones

Nature of Activity: Principally, the proponent intends to explore (desktop geological study, collection of bulk samples (either by core-drilling and or trenches) and identification of previous activity in the area where the mineral of interest were conducted).

Location of Activity: On Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) 9415, ||Karas Region

Scale and Scope of Activity: Feasibility Prospecting Programme

PART C: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

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Signature of Applicant	Mr. Gabriel Haikali Full Name in Block Letters	Director Position
on behalf of Penetrated Investm		er 2024 ate

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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September 2025

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Notice is hereby given that Nightvelva Planning Consultains (Town and Re-gional Planners) on behalf of the own-ers of Erf 775, Eluliu Extension 2 has applied to the Oshakali Town Council and intends applying to the Urban and Regional Planning Board for the:

The intention for the owners to rezone the property is to allow for the con-struction of a Manufacturing Plant on

The locality plans of the Erf Se for in-spection on the town planning notice board of the Dahakati Town Councit Chie Centre, First Floor, Town Planning Office, Sam Nujoma Road, Oshaka-tia and the Applicant Office no. 3, 64, Jenner Street, Windhoek West.

Any person objecting to the proposed use of the land as set out above may lodge such objection together with the grounds thereof, with the Oshakati Town Council and with the applicant (Ngtivetwe Planning Consultants) in writing within 14 days of the last publi-cation of this notice.

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Notice is hereby given that highlenes Plan-ning Consultants (Town and Regional Plan-nes) on behalf of the owners of Even 1982, and 1643, Ostestati Extension 10 hes applied to the Carlastati Town Council and Intends applying to the Urban and Regional Planning Board for the

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The last date for any objections is: 127H September 2025 Applicant: Ng hivel ne Planning Consultants

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Location: Eluku Extension 1, Oshai Oshana Region. Proponent: Jan Trading CC Environmental Consultants: Nghivelwa Planning Consultants

All IBAPs are encouraged to register and raise concerns or provide comments and opinions with the consultant. All IBAPs will be provid-ed with a Background Information Document (BIII) comparising of detailed information for the intended activity.

The due date for submission of comments is 12th September 2025.

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Mineral License/Rights Hoarding Will Not Be Allowed- Ithete



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The government has informed foreign and local investors interested in the exploration and mining or speculators that it will no longer tolerate the hoarding of licences for purposes unrelated to national development.

The country's Deputy Prime Minister, who also doubles as Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy, Natangue Ithete, stated this during the opening session of the 2025 Mining Expo. He also indicated that his Ministry has already issued notices to non-compliant mineral rights holders and will soon engage them.

The Deputy Prime Minister indicated that there are several licences issued where no activity has commenced.

"This must change, because the mineral rights are granted with the intention of production," he stated.

Ithete indicated that Namibia's minerals are a national asset.

"They are our hope for social progression and improved livelihood. It is therefore our collective responsibility to ensure that the exploitation of these resources results in tangible benefits for all Namibians," he said.

Ithete also promised that under his leadership at the Mining Ministry, they will prioritise policy frameworks that strengthen local ownership, build capacity, and promote value addition.

While updating that the Ministry is currently reviewing the Minerals Bill and will soon commence stakeholder consultations, especially in key regions where exploration and mining are taking place.

"This process is essential to ensure that our laws are fit-for-purpose and reflect the ambitions of an equitable and modern mining industry," the DP stated.

Furthermore, the government is also consulting with industry stakeholders on mechanisms that will promote 51% Namibian ownership in new mining ventures.

"We believe that local empowerment is not only a matter of social justice, but also a cornerstone for long-term stability and sustainability in the sector," Ithete stated.

He warned that mining must not become an elite-driven activity disconnected from ordinary Namibians.

"Let us mine not only for profit, but for our people," he urged. "Our minerals must uplift lives, not just in boardrooms, but in the most remote areas of our country."

Namibia's 12th Mining Expo and Conference opened on 5 August at the Windhoek Showgrounds with strong calls for a mining sector that not only drives economic growth, but also delivers real benefits to all Namibians.

The event has also been extended to three full days for the first time, reflecting its growing role in shaping national mining policy and investment direction.

In a keynote speech delivered on behalf of President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Carlo Lord Muhamed McLeod, Special Advisor in the Presidency, commended the mining sector's evolving role as a partner in inclusive development.

He revealed that in 2024, the industry contributed N\$52.3 billion in revenue, created over 9,400 permanent jobs, 97% of them held by Namibians, and spent N\$23.94 billion on local procurement.

"Namibia's mining sector is not only thriving, it is evolving into a more inclusive, innovative, and forward-looking industry," McLeod said.

"Let us work together to unlock the full potential of our mineral wealth, not just for today, but for generations to come."

George Botshiwe, President of the Chamber of Mines of Namibia, opened the Expo by highlighting the sector's resilience despite global challenges such as falling diamond prices and rising competition from lab-grown alternatives.

Although the industry recorded a 1.2% contraction in 2024, it maintained a strong 13.3% contribution to GDP.

"The achievements of this sector reflect its alignment with national goals, particularly under NDP6, which prioritises industrialisation, inclusivity, and sustainable growth," Botshiwe said

He also stressed that while direct employment numbers in mining may be modest, the sector supports thousands more jobs indirectly through its local procurement.

In 2024, mining companies spent nearly half of their total revenue, 46.2% on Namibian goods and services.

"Beyond ownership in mining operations, the greatest opportunity for Namibians lies in entrepreneurship within the supply chain," he added, pointing to tools like the Database of Mining Inputs and Services, launched at the 2024 Expo, as enablers of local participation.

The Chamber also reaffirmed its commitment to inclusivity by providing free public access to the Expo and allocating complimentary booths to institutions such as UNAM, NUST, and various industry associations, including Women in Mining Namibia.

Investor interest remains high. Namibia was ranked the fourth most attractive African destination for mining investment in the latest Fraser Institute Survey.

Major uranium and gold projects such as Bannerman Energy's Etango-8, Deep Yellow's Tumas, and Osino Resources' Twin Hills are moving toward development, further strengthening Namibia's role in global resource markets.

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3. COMMENTS AND QUERIES

Please register and direct all comments, queries to: Mr. Lawrence Tjatindi, Environmental Assessment Practitioner Email: eap.trigen@gmail.com



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The locality plans of the Erf lie for in-spection on the town planning notice board of the Dahakati Town Council: Clivic Centre, First Floor, Town Planning Office, Sam Nujoma Road, Oshaka-ti and the Applicant Office no. 3, 64, Jenner Street, Windhoek West.

Applicant: Nghivel we Planning Consultants

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Further take notice that any person objecting to the proposed use of the land as set out above may bodge such objection together with the gourst the end, with the Kestmanshoop Municipality and with the Applicant in writing within 14 days of the last publication of this notice (final date for objections is Federy, 05 September 2025).

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice is hereby given to all interested and Affected Parties (ii & AFs) that an application will be made to the Environmental Commissioner for the Environmental Commissioner for the Environmental Management. Act (via 7 of 2007) and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (ISIN Na. 2006 February 2012) for the following intended activity:

Permanent closure of Portion B of Erf 572. Ekuku extension 1 as a "Public Open Space", Rezoning to "Undetermined" and subsequent Consolidation.

Location: Eluku Extension 1, Oshakati Town, Oshana Region. Proponent: Jan Tading CC Environmental Consultants: Nglivelwa Planning Consultants

All IBAPs are encouraged to register and raise concerns or provide comments and opinions with the consultant. All IBAPs will be provid-ed with a Background information Document (BID) computing of detailed information for the intended activity.

Should you wish to register as an I&AP and receive BID, please contact the applicant on contact information provided at the end of

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The fast date for any objections is:

127H September 2025

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Rundu Tourism Minimally Promoted



Annakleta Haikera

Various entrepreneurs in Kavango East have raised concerns over the lack of facilities to support tourism, saying the situation is limiting opportunities for economic growth and diversification.

This came to light during a visit by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources on Wednesday.

Local farmers said Rundu has no designated facilities to attract tourists.

The tourism sector which comprises local and foreign tourists alike is one of the few sectors which also feeds other industries.

Town such as those in the coastal areas continue to invest in their local attractions to attract visitors. Similarly, Windhoek also prioritises toursism as a key sector to promote.

The entrepreneurs also voiced that there is an absence of an aquaculture office in the region. This, they say, is a big oversight, as fish farmers lack guidance on how to effectively tap into the industry.

The building intended to cater for fish farmers has stood abandoned for about 13 years since construction began.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform, the N\$16 million infrastructure project started in 2012.

It is reported that the initial contractor was replaced for failing to adhere to the original scope, and African Silver Engineering was later appointed to complete the work in 2018.

However, progress stalled due to payment issues, leaving the building deserted ever since.

Rudolph Haingura, one of the farmers, noted that despite the region's proximity to rivers, many farmers have yet to explore fish farming. He said this was a missed opportunity to diversify agricultural activities and

improve household incomes.

"With the right training, resources, and support from authorities, farmers could tap into aquaculture," he suggested.

"This would not only improve food security, but also create jobs, especially during droughts or seasonal drops in crop production," Haingura added.

Another farmer, Johannes Ipinge Murenga, shared his personal experience of building a fish pond at home, which proved highly suc-

He expressed frustration that while authorities are quick to arrest those fishing illegally, they have failed to provide training or support for fish farming.

Furthermore, farmers in conservancy areas revealed there are no structured plans for trophy hunting, another potential revenue stream that could boost tourism and benefit local communities.

The parliamentary standing committee chairperson, Tobie Aupindi, acknowledged the concerns, stressing the urgent need to rehabilitate the abandoned facility, launch fish farming initiatives, and develop strategies to promote both tourism and sustainable fisheries in Rundu.

CALL FOR REGISTARTION AS INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTIES

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING IN RESPECT TO PRECIOUS METALS, BASE AND RARE METALS, INDUSTRIAL MINERALS AND DIMENSION STONES ON EPL 9437, ERONGO REGION

1. PROJECT SITE AND DESCRIPTION

Penetrated Investment of (the Proponent), Intends to apply to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate for their proposed prospecting activities in respect to Precious Metals, Base and Rare Metals, Industrial Minerals, and Dimension Stones on a combined area of approximately 947.86 Ha in the Erongo Region. The key component of the proposed activity entalis geological mapping and survey and manual sample collection for laboratory analysis, and small-scale mining operation. Access to the sampling or survey sites will be by existing tracks and on foot where vehicle access is limited.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Enviro-Leap Consulting invites all Interested and Affected Party (I & AP) to register and receive Environmental Assessment (BID, Scoping and EMP) documents relating to the proposed project for their comments and input. Interested and Affected Parties are herewith request to register by writing to us at the address below no later than 04 September 2025.

3. COMMENTS AND QUERIES

Please register and direct all comments, queries to: Mr. Lawrence Tjatindi, Environmental Assessment Practitioner Email: eap.trigen@gmail.com



APPENDIX B - 2 PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS - COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING PROCESS PROSPECTING ACTIVITIES ON EPL 9415 IN THE KARASBURG CONSTITUENCY – WEST OF KARASBURG TOWN, ||KARAS REGION

September 2025

This Report would reflects the comments and recommendations raised during the public consultation process, whether through expression of interest and virtual communications received on email. However, no specific registration of Interested and Affect Parties, nor comment were received from any.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Comments and Responses

No	Name	Issue / Comment	Response
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