

**19 July 2025**

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

**Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for the proposed prospective and exploration activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) No. 9237 located near Warmbad, //Karas Region, Namibia**

**Date:** Saturday, 19 July 2025

**Time:** 10:30 – 11:00

**Venue:** Velloordrift Border Post

The public consultation meeting was conducted at the Velloordrift Border Post, including three (3) Consultants from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

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

The Velloordrift border post meeting was opened by the Environmental consultant with an introduction of the project, and the reason why the affected parties are being consulted.

The meeting attendance register was circulated for the attendee to write down their names and contact details so that they could be added to the list of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and receive further information on the ESIA process.

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

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

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

The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and the reason that the Proponent appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS), an independent Environmental Consultant to carry out the ESIA and apply for the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC).

## **2.2 Explanation of what an ESIA is, its Process, and the Public Role in the Process**

Mr. Simeon Namweya explained to the attendee the purpose of the meeting and why they were invited (with reference to the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation). Mr. Namweya further explained that the proposed activities are one of the listed activities in the 2012 EIA Regulations of the EMA that cannot be undertaken without an ECC from the Environmental Commissioner.

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

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, the Environmental Consultant also presented the potential pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

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

Mr. Namweya allowed the meeting attendee to raise their concerns, issues, and/or comments on the proposed project activities. The concerns/issues and comments recorded are presented in **Table 1** below.

**Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the public consultation meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

<b>Comment/ issue No.</b>	<b>Commenter name &amp; issue/comment/question</b>	<b>Response and name of responder:</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Mr. Simasiku Lucky N:</b> We have no issues or comments regarding the proposed project. Unless it have to do with poaching or illegal mining activities.	<b>Mr. Simeon Namweya (SN):</b> Noted. However, the proposed project can pose poaching or illegal mining activities. Therefore, your statement is a contribution to what the proposed project can negatively contribute in the area. These negative impacts will be have mitigation measures that will be outlined in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which will be shared with I&APs for review.

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

Mr. Namweya thanked the attendees for their crucial input through comments and raising their concerns. He indicated to the attendee that all their comments, concerns, and inputs had been noted down for consideration and addressing in the Environmental Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Report as well as incorporating their recommendations into the draft EMP.

Furthermore, Mr. Namweya informed the attendee that the draft meeting minutes, ESIA Report, and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be shared with the parties for review and further comments. These documents will be made available through emails provided on the attendance register.

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

The farm to farm public consultation meeting adjourned at 11h00.