ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND MEETING MINUTES



Excel Dynamic Solutions

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Public Meeting Attendance Register

AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) NO. 10049 LOCATED PROJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED P NORTH-WEST OF GROOTFONTEIN IN THE OTJOZONDJUPA REGION, NAMIBIA

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13 June 2025

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

PROJECT: Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) for Proposed Exploration Activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licenses (EPLs) No. 10023 & 10049 Located North-West of Otavi in the Otjozondjupa region.

Date: Wednesday, 07 May 2025

Time: 11:00 – 11:46

Venue: Otavi Community Hall

Seventeen (17) people attended the public consultation meeting, including one Environmental Consultant (Mr. Mandume Leonard) and one Archaeologist (Ms Victoria Shekuyenge) from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS). Please refer to the attached attendance register for a complete list of attendees.

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

The Environmental Consultant (Mandume) began the meeting by introducing the team and explaining the purpose of the consultation, which was to engage Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about the proposed prospecting and exploration activities within **EPLs 10023 & 10049.**

An attendance register was then circulated among the attendees, enabling them to register their names and contact details, which would be used to maintain communication and provide updates on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.

2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

2.1 Brief Description of the Project

Mr. Mandume Leonard provided the attendees with an overview of the EIA process, citing relevant legislations such as the Environmental Management Act and its 2012 EIA Regulations on Public Consultation. He then explained the significance of obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the proposed project, emphasizing the attendees' crucial role in contributing to the EIA process by offering their insights and feedback regarding the potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of the proposed project.

2.2 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.

2.3 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

Mr. Leonard allowed the meeting attendees 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, 7 May 2025

Comment/	Commenter name & issue / comment /	Response and name of responder:
issue No.	question	
1.	Our farm fall within two of the EPLs for this	Mr. Mandume Leonard (ML): The communication process with the
	project, yet we were not notified of this meeting.	farmers has been challenging due to several factors. Firstly, the
	Could you please explain why this was the case?	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform has
		outdated contact information, which results in many emails returning.
		Secondly, the subdivision of farms and changes in ownership created
		additional difficulties in obtaining accurate information. To address this
		issue, we approached the farmer's association union representative,
		who assisted us in disseminating the Background Information
		Documents via WhatsApp groups and emails. However, this method
		may have missed some farmers who are not members of the
		association.
2.	As we struggle with insufficient grazing and	ML: If water is not sufficient, the proponent might have to take another
	limited water supply for our cattle, I am	route of getting water, either getting water from somewhere else and
	concerned about how this project will impact our	having to transport it on site.
	farm.	
3.	Given that the project will be impacting the farms	ML: Obtaining the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) does
	for an extended period of three years, we would	not automatically give the proponent access to the farms. Instead, the
	like to know what compensation measures	proponent will need to enter into a land access agreement with the
		farmers before any exploration activities can commence. This
		agreement will outline the terms and conditions for access to the farms,

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	Bamba Mining is willing to offer to the affected	including any compensation or mitigation measures for the impacts of
	farmers?	the project on the farms. It is essential that the agreement is signed by
		all affected parties before any work begins, to ensure that everyone's
		rights and interests are protected.
4.	As many of the affected farms are hunting farms,	ML: That is why we are here to get such concerns and we would
	the project's impact on our revenue is a	appreciate it if you could provide us with written feedback on your
	significant concern. We have invested significant	concerns, whether in the form of a letter or an email, so that we can
	resources in our businesses, and any disruption	attach it to the appendix of our reports. This will allow us to properly
	could be detrimental to our livelihoods. In light of	represent your concerns and ensure that the Ministry of Environment,
	this, we want to know if we, as farmers, have any	Forestry and Tourism is aware of them.
	say in the approval process for the project. Can	
	we request a review of the project's potential	
	impacts on our hunting businesses, and are we	
	able to object to the project if we believe it will	
	negatively impact our income?	
5.	While the majority of farmers are not opposed to	ML: It is actually the ECC that is valid for 3 years, in fact, the exploration
	the exploration itself, the duration of the project	might be concluded in as little as six months if the results are not
	is a significant concern. The prospect of having	favorable. The timeline for the project will depend on the nature and
	the project on the farms for three years raises	findings of the exploration,
	several worries.	

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6.	What minerals is the proponent planning to	ML: The commodities of interest in this exploration project are Base
	explorer for?	and Rare metals, as well as Industrial minerals.
7.	We are concerned about the impact of water	ML: The exploration project has two phases, and water will only be
	usage during the different phases of the	required in the second phase. During the first phase, there will be no
	exploration. Can you clarify whether water will be	need for water, so there will be no immediate impact on local water
	required in the first phase of the project, or will	sources. This is because the initial phase will focus on surface surveys
	water usage only be necessary in the second	and prospecting techniques that do not require water. Only when the
	phase?	exploration advances to the second phase, which involves drilling or
		other more invasive methods, will water be necessary.
8.	Is Bamba Mining a Namibian Company?	ML: Yes, It is a Namibian registered Company

FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

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

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

Once the review of the draft ESA 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 meeting adjourned at 11h46.