

**05 May 2025**

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING & EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE (EPL) No. 10222 LOCATED NEAR ONGANGO, KUNENE REGION.**

**Date:** Wednesday, 05 May 2025

**Time:** 12:00 – 13:00

**Venue:** Ongango Village, Kunene region.

The public consultation meeting was attended by thirty-two (32) persons, excluding two (2) Environmental Consultants and one (1) Archaeologist from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

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

The meeting was opened by the environmental consultant with an introduction of the team, who they are, and why they are consulting affected parties of the proposed prospecting and exploration activities on EPL 10222. The meeting attendance register was then circulated for the attendees 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 ESA 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 Scoping Assessment (ESA) and the reason that the Proponent appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS), an independent Environmental Consultant to carry out the ESA and apply for the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC).

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

Mr. Nerson Tjerlos explained to the attendees 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. Nerson Tjerlos further explained what an ESA is and that the proposed exploration 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 Consultants also presented the potential pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

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

Mr. Nerson Tjerlos allowed the meeting attendees to raise their concerns, issues and/or comments on the proposed project activities, the community then requested a private discussion, after which they submitted their concerns and comments in writing. The table below summarizes the meeting sequence.

Table 1: Meeting on the 05<sup>th</sup> of May 2025.

Comment/ issue No.	Meeting sequence
1	The Excel Dynamic Solution (Pty) Ltd (EDS) consultants gave their presentation without receiving any verbal comments from the community. Instead, community leaders submitted written comments on the proposed activities, which concluded the meeting.



Figure 1: Written submissions to the consultants.

<b>Comment/ issue No.</b>	<b>Commenter Received in writing</b>	<b>concern</b>
<b>1</b>	Wild animals	<b>Exploration activities to displace wild animals that roam freely in the area which the community benefits.</b>
<b>2</b>	Water consumption	<b>Over abstraction or use of local water source could negatively affect the community as well as potential contamination of water sources.</b>
<b>3</b>	Archaeological sensitive	<b>Sensitiveness of graves and monuments to cultural heritage.</b>
<b>4</b>	Disturbance of Grazing land	<b>Disturbance of traditional farming practice by prospecting and exploration, hence community relies on farming.</b>

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

Mr. Nerson Tjerlos thanked the attendees for their crucial input through the documents. However no further verbal comments were allowed by the community leaders and the meeting was concluded.

The meeting adjourned at 13h00.