

14 July 2025

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

PROJECT: Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) for the proposed prospecting and exploration activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) No. 9643 located north-west of Otjimbingwe in the Erongo region, Namibia

Date: Monday, 14 July 2025

Time: 12:32 – 14:12

Venue: Tsoaxudaman Traditional Authority Hall

The public consultation meeting was attended by twenty - four (24) people, including two environmental consultants (Milika Dineinge and Mandume Leonard) and one archaeologist (Kelly Kongelie) from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) as well as Dr Zaire (the Proponent); - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

The meeting was conducted by Ms. Milika Dineinge. Ms. Dineinge opened the meeting by introducing the EDS team and then stating the purpose of the consultation meeting regarding the proposed prospecting and exploration activities on EPL No. 9643 to the Interested and affected parties (I & PAs). The meeting attendance register was circulated for the attendees to sign and add their contact details, so that they could be added to the list of 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

Ms. Dineinge explained the EIA process to the attendees, and the reason for their invitation to the meeting (with reference to the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation). Ms. Dineinge further explained the importance of the proposed project of requiring an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) and attendee's role in the EIA process.

2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency towards the public and understanding of proposed works by the attendees, the Environmental Consultant also presented the pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

Ms. Dineinge provided the meeting attendees with the opportunity to raise their concerns/issues and/ or comment on the proposed project activities. The issues and comments recorded are presented in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the public consultation meeting, 14 July 2025

	Questions/ comments	Response and name of responder:
1.	We are happy that the proponent is one of us and hope that the EPL side will be rehabilitated once exploration have ceased.	Ms. Dineinge (MD): Well noted.
2.	Different commodities are applied for exploration ,what exactly is the proponent looking for?	Dr Zaire (The Proponent): The proponent is interested in prospecting and exploring for Gold, Copper, Uranium, Diamonds and Gemstones.

FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 14h12