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**EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL)
AREA 9975 IN THE OMAHEKE REGION**



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DRC gets new police station

■ **Eveline de Klerk**

SWAKOPMUND - The Democratic Resettlement Community (DRC), a township in Swakopmund, which is home to over 40 000 residents, has long faced challenges with criminal activities, leaving residents in constant fear for years.

However, thanks to a generous donation from Rössing Uranium, the community now has access to police services, after the mining company constructed a police station.

Rössing constructed a state-of-the-art police station to the tune of N\$23 million. The station, which was inaugurated on Thursday, was constructed within five months. A total of 22 officers have been assigned to the new station.

The facility boasts four holding cells, each with an exercise courtyard, an interrogation room, a doctor's consultation room, a visitors' room, an armoury room, a records and archives room, an evidence room, four offices, a boardroom, ablution facilities, a secure passage for inmate drop-offs, dining area, a pantry, a laundry room, staff kitchen and a server/radio room. Safety and security minister Albert Kawana applauded the mine for

their generous donation while acknowledging the ongoing challenges faced by residents due to the lack of a local police station.

Kawana said the station would significantly improve police response times, bringing law-enforcement services closer to the community and enhancing public safety. Police supremo Joseph Shikongo on the day also expressed gratitude towards Rössing Uranium, saying the station is more than just bricks and mortar.

"It is a testament to the commitment of the Namibian government, the ministry of home affairs and key stakeholders, including Rössing Uranium whose financial contribution made the facility possible," he said.

Rössing Uranium's board chairperson, Steve Galloway, pointed out that they opted to construct the police station to keep the community as well as their employees safe.

"Many people in the community lived in constant fear, not knowing whether they would wake up to a safe tomorrow.

Many of our employees had been victims while on their way to work or returning home," he said.

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Service... The new police station in Swakopmund's DRC settlement.

Photo: Contributed

Shangula commissions medical boat for Zambezi

Universal healthcare... Health minister Dr Kalumbi Shangula (left) on Friday officially commissioned a purpose-built medical boat aimed at bridging the gap in healthcare access for communities in flood-prone areas. Photo: Albertina Nakale



■ **Albertina Nakale**

KATIMA MULILO - Health Minister Dr Kalumbi Shangula on Friday commissioned a purpose-built medical boat aimed at bridging the gap in healthcare access for communities in flood-prone areas in Zambezi region.

"We gathered here today for a very special occasion to witness the commissioning of a purpose-built boat, designed to facilitate the transportation of health workers and patients on the water course," said Shangula. The boat, donated by the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) at a cost of over N\$600 000, is set to serve as a crucial healthcare lifeline for remote communities.

The minister said that the donation marks a significant milestone in Namibia's ongoing

mission to provide integrated, affordable and quality healthcare services.

"The geography of the Zambezi Region presents unique challenges, particularly during the rainy season when flooding disrupts access to essential health services," Shangula stated.

Shangula added the boat is a targeted solution to ensure that all citizens, irrespective of location, have access to necessary healthcare services.

The introduction of the medical boat aligns with Namibia's recently approved Universal Health Coverage (UHC) policy.

"Namibia's UHC Service Coverage Index currently stands at 63%—one of the highest in the SADC region," Shangula noted.

Recognising the growing impact of climate change on healthcare service delivery,

the minister underscored the need for innovative solutions. "Recurrent floods not only disrupt everyday life but also hinder critical healthcare services. This boat is not just a mode of transport—it is a lifeline. It can make a huge difference in maternal and child health services, as well as in managing disease outbreaks," he said.

Speaking at the event, Kabbe North constituency councillor Bernhard Sisamu echoed Shangula's sentiments, urging local communities to take responsibility for maintaining the donated boat.

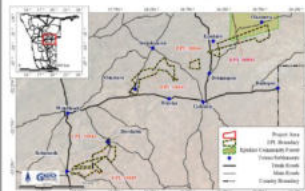
"This boat is an invaluable resource, and it is imperative that we all take ownership of it. Let us work together to safeguard and maintain it so that it can serve us for many years to come," Sisamu stated.

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The assessments will be conducted according to the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and its regulations of 2012. Interested and affected parties are invited to register with GPT for the opportunity to share comments, issues or concerns related to the projects, for consideration in the assessments. Registrations, information requests and comments should be submitted to GPT by 21 March 2025.

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The assessments will be conducted according to the regulations of the Environmental Management Act of 2007. We hereby inform the public of two meetings scheduled to be conducted for the projects:

12 March 2025, Talismanis Community Hall, 10:00 am
13 March 2025, Helena Primary School, 10:00 am

Interested and affected parties are invited to register with GPT by 20 March 2025. The deadline for comments, issues or concerns related to the EPLs, for consideration in the assessments, will be communicated to registered parties.

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MTC Trivia awards three winners

■ Pricilla Mukokobi

MTC Trivia Summer awarded three brand new vehicles to lucky winners of the MTC Trivia Competition, which ran from 2 December 2024 to 2 March 2025.

Eneas Mulike (Windhoek), Edward Gei-Aibeb (Gocheganas) and Bind Penti-Ziipo (Walvis Bay) received keys to their brand-new cars on Thursday at MTC headquarters in Windhoek.

Mulike scooped the first prize of a 2024 Toyota Hilux double-cab bakkie, while Gei-Aibeb walked away with the second prize, a 2024 Toyota Corolla Cross 1.8, and Bind Penti-Ziipo triumphantly took home the third prize, a 2024 Toyota Starlet.

During the prize-giving ceremony, excitement was evident on the winners' faces, when they officially received their grand winnings, describing them as life-changing.

Receiving the car on behalf of her husband Eneas, Letta Mulike expressed gratitude for what she termed as a life-changer for her family.

"My husband has always participated in MTC competitions, but we never expected luck to pay off this big. I am filled with gratitude and excited and would like to encourage MTC to continue giving this life-changing opportunity to their customers," she said.

Gei-Aibeb expressed happiness to win a 2024 Toyota Corolla Cross 1.8 and gratitude to MTC.

"I encourage everyone to participate in the MTC trivia. I know it's not easy but you just need to have faith," he said.

The big three winners were not the only winners as the campaign also had monthly prizes which saw



Trivia winners... Winners in blue shirts, Letta Mulike (Windhoek), Edward Gei-Aibeb (Gocheganas) and Bind Penti-Ziipo (Walvis Bay) received keys to their brand-new vehicles on Thursday at MTC headquarters in Windhoek. Photo: Heather Erdmann

30 participants each walk away with brand new iPad. This is in addition to airtime worth more than N\$200 000 given out during the duration of the campaign.

Shedding light on how the draw was conducted, MTC chief brand, marketing, corporate affairs, and sustainability officer

Tim Ekandjo said all campaign draws were meticulously executed with transparency and fairness.

"We had a panel which consisted of two representatives from the Value-Added Services (VAS) team, one from Corporate Affairs, and one from Internal Auditor,

ensuring the integrity of the selection process. Throughout the campaign, we witnessed a remarkable active engagement and gained valuable insights into customers' behaviour and preferences when it comes to gamification," he said.

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BID INVITATION

NamWater is inviting registered and reputable firms to submit bids for the following procurement.

Reference Number	Description	Non-Compulsory Pre-Bid meeting/ Site visit	Restriction: Code Of Good Practice On Preferences Referred To In Section 71 And 72 Of Public Procurement Act, 2015	Non-refundable Document Levy	Last day for clarification request	Closing Date
NCS/Rfq/ NW – 026/2025	Provision of cleaning services at various NamWater offices for a period of 36 months (Business Unit South and North)	Wednesday, 2 April 2025, Time: 10H00, Location: Various sites as provided in the bidding document	Exclusive preference to local suppliers in terms of the Code Of Good Practice On Preferences	Free	04 April 2025	10 April 2025 at 11h00
NCS/Rfq/ NW – 027/2025	Provision of cleaning services at various NamWater offices for a period of 36 months (Business Unit Central)	Wednesday, 2 April 2025, Time: 10H00, Location: Okahandja – HRDC. (Bidders may attend site visits at the various sites as provided in the bidding document)	Exclusive preference to local suppliers in terms of the Code Of Good Practice On Preferences	Free	04 April 2025	10 April 2025 at 11h00

Bidding documents will be available as of 17 March 2025. Free bidding documents can be downloaded from www.namwater.com.na.

All prospective bidders who wish to do business with NamWater will be subject to the Public Procurement Act No 15 of 2015 as amended, Public Procurement Regulations 2017 and other directives issued under it.

Documents should be delivered to:
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Swakopmund se strandpromenade strek van die Mole-strand tot by die Platz Am Meer-waterfront. FOTO ADAM HARTMAN

Nuwe baadjie

VAN BL. 1

Die ooreenkomst, wat deur die raad op sy laaste raadsvergadering op 27 Februarie goedgekeur is, word as 'wen-wen-vennootskap vir beide partye beskou. Terwyl Swakopmund finansiële bevoordeling word om die gewilde wandelpad te help onderhou, verkry Holland Namibië handelsmerksgis-

baarheid op 'n manier wat die promenade se geskiedkundige en kulturele betekenis respekteer. Die promenade is 'n fokuspunt van die dorp se toerisme en ontspanning en verbind met ander bekende terreine, insluitend die jetty, Schad-promenade en Strand Hotel. "Hierdie vennootskap sal help om te verseker dat die promenade 'n trekpleister vir beide plaaslike

inwoners en internasionale besoekers bly, terwyl die finansiële druk op die munisipaliteit verminder word," het Wilfried Groenewald, voorsitter van die raadsbestuurskomitee op die raadsvergadering gesê. Behalwe vir handelsmerke, maak die vennootskap die deur oop vir bykomende hydra's van Holland Namibië, insluitend die moontlikheid vir vullisdrome langs die wandel-

pad om die gebied skoon te hou. "Die voorstel is ook daarop gemik om Swakopmund se posisie as 'toonaangewende, innoverende toeristebestemming te verhoog," het Holland gesê, wat die bekendstelling van QR-kodes op naamboorde voorstel om besoekers digitale toegang tot geskiedkundige en toeristiese inligting oor die promenade te gee.

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Nored

VAN BL. 1

Hy het gesê Nored het 'n bewusmakingsveldtog begin om die gemeenskappe in te lig oor die gevaar van onwettige verbindinge en die koste daaraan verbonde. "Inwoners moet verstaan hoe hierdie kriminele aktiwiteite bedryfskoste verhoog, diegene wat die misdade pleeg in gevaar stel, infrastruktuur in gevaar stel en risiko's inhou vir Nored-personeel lede wat aan elektrisiteitsinstallasies werk," het Lukas gesê.

OPSPORING

Hy het verduidelik dat Nored onwettige elektrisiteitsverbindinge opspoor deur veldtgnici se roetineinspeksies, monitoring van kragverbruik, patrone deur meterlesings, samewerking met die Namibiese polisie en openbare bewusmakingsinisiatiewe, insluitend



Onwettige elektrisiteitsverbindinge neem toe

FOTO VERSKAF



Nored se woordvoerder, Simon Lukas, waarsku teen onwettige elektrisiteitsverbindinge.

FOTO VERSKAFPHOTOS: FILE

radioprogramme en gemeenskapsvergaderings. "Onwettige verbindinge kan ook wanbalanse in die netwerk skep, wat die stabiliteit en doeltreffendheid daarvan beïnvloed. Elektrisiteit is uiters gevaarlik en moet altyd wettig en veilig verskaf word om die verlies van onskuldige lewens en beserings te voorkom," het Lukas beklemtoon.

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Skoolvoedingsprogram

VAN BL. 1

Verder is daar 'n onderwysontwikkelingsfonds wat onder meer vir skooluniforms vir gemarginaliseerde leerders kan betaal wanneer skole daarvoor aansoek doen. "As daar voorvalle is waar leerlinge weggewys word weens onvermoë om te betaal, moet dit onmiddellik aan die streekskantoor aangemeld word wat die situasie sal regstel," sê die uitvoerende direkteur se kantoor. Die onderwysministerie moedig ook ouers aan om die ministerie van geslagsgelykheid, armoede-uitwissing en maatskaplike welsyn te nader vir bystand met finansies, vervoer en toegang tot onderwys vir lede van gemarginaliseerde gemeenskappe. Leerlinge wat nie koshuisfooe kan bekostig nie, word aangemoedig om aansoek vir vrystelling by die betrokke skoolraad te doen. Die onderwysministerie verskaf ook N\$22 per kind per dag vir die huisvesting van leerlinge in gemeenskapskoshuise.



Die uiters belangrike nasionale skoolvoedingsprogram is onder druk weens hoë melleiepryse, aldus die onderwysministerie. FOTO ARGIF

Oor die afgelope jaar het die ministerie twee koshuise gebou, met verdere uitbreidings van koshuiskommodasie vir die komende vyf jaar beplan. Bouwerk aan koshuise by die Pendukeni I Thana Sekondêre Skool gaan voort, soos ook by die Onkumbula Gekombineerde Skool, Schuckmansburg

fase twee en Ndoro. Skole op Driemispis, Otjivanda, Aussenkehr, Bravel, Onamutayi en Nkurenkuru is ook ingesluit in die beplanning vir die uitbreiding van koshuise.

In agt van vroeë kinderontwikkelingsentrums is die betaling van onderwysers steeds

die verantwoordelikheid van die ministerie van geslagsgelykheid, armoede-uitwissing en maatskaplike welsyn, volgens die onderwysministerie. Die ministeries werk eger saam om kinderontwikkeling na die ministerie van onderwys, kuns en kultuur oor te dra. Verder moet skole nie leerlinge sonder identiteitsdokumente wegsny nie, maar kan beëdigde verklarings van hoofmanne of kerkleiers gebruik word om ouderdom vas te stel. Daarna moet die skool help dat leerlinge teen die einde van primêre skool identiteitsdokumente bekom.

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BINNELAND: Gedeeltelik bewolk en matig tot baie warm met wydverspreide donderbuie oor Kunene, Omasati, Oshana, Oshana, Oshana, Otjozondjupa, Omasheke, Erongo, Karas, Hardap en (Karas).

KUS: Gedeeltelik bewolk en matig tot warm met miskolle in die oggend.

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JOHANNESBURG		12°	20°
KAAPSTAD		25°	0°

Ouetehuisse

VAN BL. 1

Vir pensioenarisse wat uit-sluitlik op die regering se pensioentoelaag van N\$1 600 staatmaak, beteken dit N\$64 met 'n bykomende N\$12,45 vir water. Elektriesiteits-rekening wat wissel van N\$400 tot N\$500 per maand, is die huurder se eie verantwoordelijkheid.

Die ministerie dra die oorblywende bedryfskoste, wat maandeliks tussen N\$400 000 en N\$600 000 beloop.

Die verdrag in die plasing van nuwe huurders word toegeskryf aan uitstaande skuld wat deur vorige huurders agtergelaat is wat of verhuis of gesterf het.

In sommige gevalle het die huurders agterstallig met hul huur en munisipale rekeninge geraak, wat volgens die ministerie tot finansiële komplikasies lei.

Volgens die ministerie is skuld in 2023 afgeskryf en is die plasing van nuwe huurders aan die gang. Geen tydlyn hiervoor is egter aan NMH verskaf nie.

Ten spyte van die verduidelikings, groei frustrasie daaglik onder bejaardes wat op behuising wag.

Verskeie het beweer hulle het reeds jare gelede aansoek gedoen en nooit enige terugvoering ontvang nie.



Die vervalte toestand van eenhede wat glo al jare lank by Senior Park in Windhoek leeg staan. FOTO'S PHILIPUS JOSEF



'n Bejaarde bron wat verkies het om anonimiteit te bly, het bevestig inwoners by die ouetehuis word gereeld deur pensioenarisse genader wat desperaat is vir verblyf.

"Hulle kom vra hier of daar plek is, maar al wat ek kan sê is dat hulle met die ministerie moet opvolg," het die bron gesê.

SWAKOPMUND

Dit is egter nie net in die hoofstad waar staatsbeheerde behuising vir bejaardes 'n probleem is nie.

In Swakopmund het 'n

inwoner van Welwitschia Park gesê inwoners is verantwoordelik vir die instandhouding van die huise.

"Tog bly dit toe en word vir ons gesê mense kan nie daarin woon nie," het Rita Bronkhorst gesê.

"My broer is al vir ses jaar op 'n waglys. Ten spyte van die feit dat hy aangebied het om een van die huise self op te knap, is hy nog elke keer afgewys."

"Intussen word huise toegedeel aan diene wat eerste 'n bod insit," het sy gesê.

Brigitte Thaumüller, wat vir meer as 20 jaar tot 2011 huur

by Senior Park en Eastern Court in Windhoek ingevorder het, meen dat wanbestuur 'n kernprobleem is.

"Beide plekke was tot dan in 'n goeie toestand. Ek dink die beaamptes wat verantwoordelik is vir die toekenning van die huise is onbevoeg."

"Daar is aan 'n persoon wat ek ken gesê as sy N\$3 000 betaal, sou sy 'n kans staan om plek te kry."

"Ek het dit self aangemeld, maar dit is moontlik net onder die mat ingevee," het sy beweer.

Namibië het 17 private ouetehuisse wat by die ministerie geregistreer is en onder meer in Windhoek, Swakopmund, Keetmanshoop, Okahandja en Lüderitz geleë is.

Sewe staatsbeheerde geriewe fokus op bejaarde inwoners met 'n lae inkomste, insluitend Senior Park, Eastern Court en ook geriewe op Outjo, Gobabis, Keetmanshoop en Swakopmund.

Dié tehuise vir bejaardes word in samewerking met die ministerie van werke en vervoer bestuur, wat oorhoofds verantwoordelik is vir instandhouding en herstelwerk.

Die gesondheidsministerie het die behoefte aan dringende opknappings- en instandhoudingswerk by Senior Park erken, maar gesê dit val onder kapitaal projekte wat onderhewig is aan begrotings-toekennings.

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In situ-mynbou

VAN BL. 1

Die president van die Namibiese Hidrogeologiese Vereniging, Ester Gustavo, het Miller beskryf as die "oupa van geologie in Namibië".

"Ons vertrou sy navorsing," het sy namens die klein groepie Namibiese kundiges op hierdie gebied van wetenskap gesê.

Miller beskryf die uiters belangrike kom as sandsteen waarin die uraanerts binne 'n spesifieke liggaam opgelos word, binne die hoofbron Auob-formasie wat drinkwater aan gemeenskappe in Suid-Afrika, Botswana en Namibië verskaf.

Rotsbreuke loop deur die lae van die ondergrondse waterdraende gesteentes, na die weste van noord na suid en in die ooste van wes na oos.

Hierdie sones van gebreekte rots is waar water opwaarts kan syel, verduidelik Miller.

Volgens hom is dit 'n groot probleem vir die tipe mynbou wat voorgestel word, en ook die enigste tipe mynbou wat die uraan daar kan ontgin.

"Die proses waarvoor ons so ontvrede is, in situ, behels dat 'n oplossing tot binne die ertsliggaam gepomp word om die uraan vry te stel," sê hy.

Die oplossing word weer opgepompt vir verwerking. Met herhaalde gebruik word dieselfde oplossing meer en meer gekonsentreerd met uraan en ander radioaktiewe radionuklieë.

Dit bestaan uit 'n swak swaelsuur en 'n sterk oksidant wat gewoonlik deur twee boogte ingespuut word en deur 'n ander herwin word, met omliggende boogte om binne en aan die rand van die myngebied vir enige ontsnapping van die oplossing te monitor.

So 'n in situ-myngebied kan tot 26 000 boogte oor 'n tydperk van tot 50 jaar hê. Die praktyk is wêreldwyd gewild en word streng in Amerika geregleer, waar 750 lisensie-oortredings sedert 2003 aangeteken is, brei hy uit.

"Byna die helfte van die wêreld se ontginde uraan kom tans van in situ-mynbou," sê Miller.

"By Stampriet is die risiko van kruisbesmetting onaanvaarbaar weens die belangrikheid van die ondergrondse drinkwater wat landbou moontlik maak deur grootskaalse besproeiing, en sonder

enige oppervlakwaterbron, as die enigste bron van water vir honderde kilometers dien.

"Kruisbesmetting is moontlik omdat die sandsteenlae aan mekaar en deur die rotsbreuke raak, sê Miller.

"Daar is baie plekke vir natuurlike kruisbesmetting," voer hy aan.

In die geval dat die oplossing uit die myngebied sou ontsnap, word die inspuiting daarvan onmiddellik gestaak en kan alle boogte gebruik word om dit te probeer omtrek.

Daar is egter geen sekereheid oor waarheen die besmette water sal vloei nie, en hoewel die ondergrondse water baie stadig ongestoord vloei, sal in situ-mynbedrywighede die vloei beïnvloed en versterk, volgens Miller.

"'n Mens weet eenvoudig nie waarheen die water gaan nie," sê hy.

Miller se navorsing dui daarop dat meer as ses miljoen kubieke meter vars water jaarliks uit die Stamprietkom gebruik word, met tot 100 000 mense wat van die water-bron afhanklik is.

"Ons kos kom daarvan daan," sê hy.

Miller se pogings deur 'n Russiese maatskappy om uraanmynbou op Stampriet tot die toetsfase te bevorder, is gestaak weens 'n onvoldoende omgewingsimpakstudie wat by die ministerie van die omgewing, bosbou en toerisme ingedien is, en dat die minister van landbou, water en grondhervorming, Calle Schlettwein, ook nie in situ-loging-mynbou op Stampriet toelaat nie.

"Ons weet nie wat met die volgende minister gaan gebeur nie," sê Miller.

"Ons organisasie (die Vereniging vir Uraanmynbou in die Stampriet-akwifer, Sauma) het herhaaldelik probeer om met die omgewingsminister en die mynminister te praat, sonder sukses."

"Ministeriële amptenare, veral van mynbou, het wel van my toesprake gebly, maar ek het geen benul wat hulle dink of wat hulle vir mekaar sê nie," sê hy.

Miller hou vol: "Dit is baie belangrik om te verstaan om ons water te beskerm. Ons redes is wetenskaplik. Ons werk is om die besluitnemers te oortuig," voer hy aan.

Gustavo het gesê: "Kom ons bid dat ons regering na ons sal luister."

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Een van die grootste aan-tygings betrek die Nawa Nawa-konstruksiemat-

skappy wat glo kontrakte vir beide Fase 1 en Fase 2 vir die Lüderitz Waterfront-ontwikkeling ontvang het sonder 'n oop tenderproses.

Nadat die Nexus-groep se kontrak beëindig is,

het Nawa Nawa met die projek voortgegaan sonder duidelike motivering of 'n nuwe tender wat geadverteer is, wat kommer oor deursigtigheid laat ontstaan het.

Nawa Nawa bou na bewering ook Samuël se private woning wat vroe laat ontstaan het oor 'n potensieel konflik van belange.

LWDC het na bewering gimnasium-toerusting teen die hoogste gekwoteerde prys aangekoop eerder as die mees kostedoeltreffende opsie.

Die gimnasium se eienaar is glo ook van Samuël se tuisdorp, wat tot die bespiegeling van begunstiging gelei het.

Nog 'n bewering sluit in onreëlmatige aanstellingspraktyke binne LWDC, met verskeie werknemers, insluitend skoonmakers, wat na bewering vir die poste geworf is sonder 'n formele proses of openbare advertensies.

Die hoof van die skoonmaakdepartement is glo Samuël se suster en daar is geen rekord oor hoe sy die pos gekry het nie.

Dit het vroe laat ont-



Die ACC se adjunkdirekteur, Erna van der Merwe. FOTO NIKANOR NANGULO

Angel Tordesillas het sedert 2009 as LWDC se raadsvoorsitter gedien, ten spyte van raadslede wat oor die jare getoet het.

Bewerings dui daarop dat hierdie verlengde ampstermyn gekoppel kan word aan pogings om beheer oor LWDC se bedrywighede te behou sonder eksterne toetsing.

Kommer is ook geopper oor die finansiering van Samuël se boek *Lüderitz: A Journey Through Time*, met Tordesillas as mede-outeur.

Die boek is na bewering deur LWDC se lopende rekening gefinansier, ondanks aanspraak dat Novanam dit geborg het.

Dit het vroe laat ont-

staan oor of die maatskappy se geld vir 'n persoonlike projek misbruik is.

Bewerings dui daarop dat personeel wat kommer oor korrupsie by LWDC geopper het, intimidasie, viktimisering en afdanking in die gesig gestaar het.

Samuël is vir kommentaar genader en het alle vrae na Tordesillas verwys, wat nie kommentaar op die bewerings wou lewer nie.

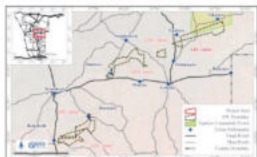
NMH het vroeër berig Samuël word oorweeg om George Simataa op te volg as sekretaris van die kabinet, wat aftreeouderdom bereik het. Samuël het egter verlede week ontken dat hy enige amptelike aanbod ontvang het.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCES 10042 TO 10045

Geo Pollution Technologies (GPT) was appointed by Votocum Metals Namibia (VMN), to undertake environmental assessments for proposed exploration activities in exclusive prospecting licence (EPL) areas 10042 to 10045, Omasheke, Karas and Hardap Regions. Upon the successful acquisition of environmental clearance certificates, will the EPLs be granted to VMN. The EPLs are for base, rare and precious metals and industrial minerals. Additional information for each EPL can be obtained at: <http://www.thenamib.com/projects/projects.html>



The assessments will be according to the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and its regulations of 2012. Interested and affected parties are invited to register with GPT and to share comments and concerns related to the projects, for consideration in the assessments. Registrations should be submitted to GPT by 21 March 2025.

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24 July 2025



Dear Ms Nghituwamata

Re: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE 10042, OMAHEKE REGION

Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd to apply for an environmental clearance certificate (ECC) for the proposed exploration activities related to exclusive prospecting licence (EPL) 10042 in the Okurukambe Constituency of the Omaheke Region. The ECC is required as per the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 (EMA). In support of the ECC application, an environmental scoping impact assessment (EIA) and environmental management plan (EMP) will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism's Directorate of Environmental Affairs (DEA).

Project: Environmental Assessment and Management Plan for Exclusive Prospecting Licence 10042, Omaheke Region

Proponent: Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd

The Proponent received an "Intention to Grant" from the Ministry of Mines and Energy in respect of their application for EPL 10042 in the Omaheke Region. The EPL will be granted to the Proponent upon successful acquisition of an environmental clearance certificate (ECC) for the EPL area, as indicated on Page 2. The EPL is for base and rare metals, industrial minerals and precious metals. Exploration may entail desktop studies, remote sensing, field surveys, soil and geochemical studies, geophysical surveys and exploration drilling.

Public participation for the project is ongoing. Should your office have any interest in the EIA process, you are herewith invited to register with the environmental consultant to receive further documentation and communication regarding the project. Please register at:

Fax: 088-62-6368 or **E-Mail:** epl_10042@thenamib.com.

Should you require any additional information please contact Geo Pollution Technologies at telephone 061-257411.

Sincerely,

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Notified and Registered Interested and Affected Parties

Name	Farm / Organisation
H Steinbrück	Hetaku FML/01035/00001
HL Lamprecht	Rooikraal Game Ranch FML/01020
Joachim	Riviersdal FML/00134
MAFWLR	Boomlager FML/00328
Von Schumann	Marigold FML/00136
Chris and Carina Alberts	Delville FML/00146 - Northern Portion
Christiaan Cilliers	Rooigrond FML/00144
Earnie Held	Otjivero FML/00202/00REM
Ernst Ludwig Cramer	Rogers FML/00196
GE Hakenjos	Hetaku FML/01035/00REM
Georgg Friederich	Gottesgabe FML/00159
Harald Horsthemke	Stoetzer FML/00195
Harald Jacobsz	Osombahe Nord 1019
Hartmuth Held	Geiersberg FMK/00201/00001; Omitara-West FMK/00203/00REM; Omitara-West FMK/00203/0000A; FML/00109/0000A; De Hoop FML/00110; De Hoop North FML/00129
Herald Grabowski	Fulma 204; Omitara 109
Jannie Delpont	Toekoms 125
Nico Pretorius	Nuwe Orde FML/00826; Mundsfarm FML/00826; The Mark FML/00132
Nicolene Coetzee	Kanonschoot 131;
Pieter Guttermeyer	Okapaue West FML/00194
Pieter Hough	Nuwe Orde FML/00826
Rene Kronsbein	Apex FML/00327
Robert Pack	Okasandu FML/00158
Ryno Kapuuo	Heatherbelle FML/00197
Schalk Grobbelaar	Riviera FML/00139/0000A; Riviera FML/00139/0000B; Mundsfarm FML/00192; Mex FML/00145; Hetaku FML/01035/00051
Sigi Wilkens	Omatewa North FML/00126/00002; Omatewa North FML/00126/00001; Protea FML/00135
Gunar Wilkens	Omatewa North FML/00126/00002; Omatewa North FML/00126/00001; Protea FML/00135
Stirling Salt	Ongava-onuea FML/00147
Thomas Goldbech	Astra FMK/00205; Buchow FML/00108/00002
Tony Steenkamp	Delville FML/00146 - Southern Portion
Uetunjengua Moses Hengari	Iowa FML/00133
Ute and Werner Kessler	Idaho FML/00137/00001 (Magoras); Spinosa FML/00138
Vanessa Glowania	Riviersdal B FML/00134/00001
W vd Berg	Schoch FML/00193
Willem Haoseb	Gross Osombahe FML/01042
Jolanda Kamburona	NamWater
Fillemon Aupokolo	NamWater
Hafeni Hiveluah	Hiveluah Consult
	Omaheke Regional Council

Name	Farm / Organisation
Executive Director	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Land Reform
Executive Director	Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy

Communication received from IAPs. Communication and contact details have been redacted in order to protect the privacy of IAP or for security reasons. Correspondence is presented as received with no correction of grammar and spelling.

Communication Received	Response
From: Siegfried Wilckens Dated: 19/05/2025	
<p>RE: Exploration as per Annexure A – EPL No:10042</p> <p>For Attention: Quzette Bosman</p> <p>With Reference to the proposed exploration efforts communicated by yourself to certain members of the Affected and Adjacent properties - I am formally requesting to be added to the communication - as an Interested and/ or Affected party with immediate effect.</p> <p>Please confirm receipt of this request and notification within 3 days of receipt and duly supply any/ all related information regarding the above – to the email address or number from which this notification was received.</p> <p>Clarification can/ may then be provided as to in which regard myself as Owner/ Occupier of land adjacent to the site would need clarity on.</p>	<p>Noted and added as IAP</p>
From: Gunnar Wilckens Dated: 19/05/2025	
<p>RE: <u>Exploration as per Annexure A</u> – Undisclosed EPL No:10042</p> <p>For Attention: Quzette Bosman</p> <p>With Reference to the proposed exploration efforts communicated by yourself to certain members of the Affected and Adjacent properties - I am formally requesting to be added to the communication - as an Interested and/ or Affected party with immediate effect.</p> <p>Please confirm receipt of this request and notification within 3 days of receipt and duly supply any/ all related information regarding the above – to the email address or number from which this notification was received.</p> <p>Clarification can/ may then be provided as to in which regard myself as Owner/ Occupier of land adjacent to the site would need clarity on.</p>	<p>Noted and added as IAP</p>
From: Nicolene Coetzee (Kanonschoot 131) Dated: 20/05/2025	
<p>RE: Exploration as per Annexure A – EPL10042</p> <p>For Attention: Quzette Bosman</p> <p>With Reference to the proposed exploration efforts communicated by yourself to certain members of the affected and adjacent properties, I am herewith formally requesting to be added to the communication as an interested and/or affected party with immediate effect.</p> <p>Please confirm receipt of this request and notification within 3(three) days of receipt and duly supply any/all related information regarding the above to the email address and/or number from which this notification was received.</p> <p>Clarification can/may then be provided as to in which regard myself as owner/occupier of land adjacent to the site would need clarity on.</p>	<p>Noted and added as IAP</p>

From: Nico Pretorius (Nuwe Orde 826)

Dated: 21/05/2025

RE: Exploration as per Annexure A – EPL10042 – Farm Nuwe Orde no.826

For Attention: Quzette Bosman |

With Reference to the proposed exploration efforts communicated by yourself to certain members of the affected and adjacent properties, I am herewith formally requesting to be added to the communication as an interested and/or affected party with immediate effect.

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From: Nico Pretorius (The Mark 132)

Dated: 21/05/2025

RE: Exploration as per Annexure A – EPL10042 – Farm The Mark no.132

For Attention: Quzette Bosman

With Reference to the proposed exploration efforts communicated by yourself to certain members of the affected and adjacent properties, I am herewith formally requesting to be added to the communication as an interested and/or affected party with immediate effect.

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Clarification can/may then be provided as to in which regard myself as owner/occupier of land adjacent to the site would need clarity on.

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From: H Grabowsky (Fulma 204; Omitara 109)

Dated: 21/05/2025

Registreer my tog asb as „interested and affected party“ vir EPL 10042.

Noted and
added as
IAP

From: H Held (Geiersberg FMK/00201/00001; Omitara-West FMK/00203/00REM; Omitara-West FMK/00203/0000A; FML/00109/0000A; De Hoop FML/00110; De Hoop North FML/00129)

Dated: 21/05/2025

Re: Exploration as per Annexure A No:10042

For Attention: Quzette Bosman

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From: Pieter Hough (Nuwe Orde 826)

Dated: 19/05/2025

RE: Exploration as per Annexure A – EPL10042

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Dated: 21/05/2025

From: Vanessa Glowania (Riviersdal 134)

RE; Exploration as per Annexure A - Undisclosed EPL No. 10042

Attention: Quzette Bosman

With reference to the proposed exploration efforts communicated by you to certain members of the Affected and Adjacent farms, I am formally requesting from you that I am to be added to the communication as an Interested and Affected party with immediate effect.

Please confirm receipt of this request and also supply me with all the related information regarding the above mentioned and notify me within 3 (three) days of receiving this to the email address from which this notification was sent.

Clarification can or may then be provided as to which regard myself as Owner/Occupant of land adjacent to the site would need clarity on.

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From: Werner and Ute Kessler (Idaho FML/00137/00001 (Magoras); Spinosa FML/00138)

Dated: 16/05/2025

Dear Andre,

We would like to register for the above project and to receive all info.

Noted and
added as
IAP

From: Hafeni Hiveluah Dated: 16/05/2025	
<p>Good day Andre,</p> <p>Pls register me as an IP as per the notice published in New Era on the 10th March 2025.</p>	<p>Noted and added as IAP</p>

Summary of Meetings with Land Owners Requesting to Meet in Person (Geo Pollution Technologies representative: André Faul)

Thomas Goldbech
A general discussion regarding the EPL and proposed exploration activities occurred. No major concerns were raised by Mr Goldbech.
HL Lamprecht
The ECC and EPL application processes were explained and questions were answered. Mr Lamprecht noted that the farm is pristine with very limited human impact. The major concern raised by Mr Lamprecht was related to the farm's main source of income which is from trophy hunting operations. Any interference by exploration activities on the farm may negatively affect trophy hunting operations and thus their core business. Specifically, aerial surveys making use of low flying helicopters or aeroplanes may result in frightened game injuring themselves, for example when running into fences. The physical presence of exploration teams on the farm will also interfere with hunting operations as hunting with people present on the farms presents serious risks of injury. Mr Lamprecht also stated that no camping by exploration teams can be allowed on the farm. Dr Faul noted that it is a policy of the Proponent not to allow employees to camp unless there is absolutely no other option available.
H Grabowsky
The ECC and EPL application processes were explained and questions were answered. Mr Grabowsky mentioned that when the exploration team requires additional labourers, they should consult with him and he will either provide or approve the proposed labourers. He's concerns further relate to increased risks of fire, poaching, theft and other types of crime, damage to infrastructure and impacts on groundwater which is already a scarce resource.
S Grobbelaar
The ECC and EPL application processes were explained and questions were answered. Mr Grobbelaar noted that Riviera and Hetaku are game farms and part of their business activities is hunting operations. Livestock farming. One of his main concerns relates to the scarcity of groundwater and he indicated that any information arising from geophysical surveys or drilling, that may increase the success rate in drilling for groundwater, would be welcomed. Mr Grobbelaar also indicated the presence of an old grave on farm Hetaku.
W Kessler
The ECC and EPL application processes were explained and questions were answered. Mr Kessler mentioned that the valley formed by the Black Nossob River has abundant wildlife and his main concern is the potential impact of aerial surveys on such wildlife. He's concerns further relate to increased risks of fire, poaching, theft and other types of crime, damage to infrastructure and impacts on groundwater.
C Alberts
The ECC and EPL application processes were explained and questions were answered. A general discussion regarding exploration and mining ensued which included mining activities of other companies in the area. General concerns were raised, which is shared by most farmers, relating to increased risks of fire, poaching, theft and other types of crime, damage to infrastructure, impacts on groundwater and the unlikely possibility of co-existence of farming and mining.

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Communication Received
From: Nicolene Coetzee, Farm Kanonschoot Date: 04/08/2025
Comment Thank you for you email and WhatsApp. Kindly provide me with the proposed 'land access agreement' for review?
Response Thank you for your mail. The surface access agreements are site and/or landowner specific and are only developed by the exploration company once they are granted the EPL, and if they determine that they actually want access to a specific farm. At this stage, the Ministry of Mines and Energy only expressed their intention to award the EPL to Votorantim, on condition that they complete the environmental assessment process and obtain an environmental clearance certificate. They are thus not the "owners" of the EPL yet. Therefore, no surface access agreements would have been drafted by Votorantim for EPL 10042. Do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information or clarifications.
From: Nicolene Coetzee, Farm Kanonschoot Date: 05/08/2025
Comment Thank you for your reply. Till date, no appointment has been requested from Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd to actually visit/inspect the farm. Kindly advise?
Response My colleague, Quzette Bosman, made numerous attempts to engage with you and your dad regarding the EIA process. Unfortunately you/your dad did not answer/speak to her and the whatsapps she sent went largely unanswered. In April we understood that your father needed an operation and hence he requested that we make contact with yourself. Which we did. All parties were then again notified about the proposed site visit and a further opportunity to engage with the project team, which took place in May 2025. We made an effort to be available for all the farmers and I had very good meetings with those farmers who indicated that they would like to meet me. Some of them originally did not want to meet, but eventually changed their minds. Once we met, they told me that they were very glad that they decided to meet, as they now understood the whole process much better. After the site visits, Quzette also offered to meet your father in Windhoek, but this again went unanswered. We were also informed that you were arranging a meeting among yourselves with Mr Wilkens and Mrs Glowani. As another attempt to reach out we also explained to Mr Wilkens that we will be in the area for the site visit and wish to meet. In other words, a week before the site visit as well as the day before the site visit, we reached out to parties who did not respond. Quzette also emailed and stated that you will be missing out on information / an overall understanding of the process due to not wanting to engage in a telephonic or in person meeting. The same personal call which was afforded to every farmer in the area. Understandably, one can only spend so much time trying to engage with interested and affected parties, and if it becomes clear that such parties show no interest in reciprocating effort, one stops—because persistence without reciprocity is not only unproductive, but also unsustainable. As to your current interest in us visiting your farm, we no longer have time or scope to conduct another site visit. Having said that, due to the size of the EPL, and the fact that the nature of the proposed exploration activities are largely non-invasive, there is no explicit need to visit all farms and, it is also quite frankly impossible to visit all areas of all farms. That is also why we engage with farm owners prior to the site visit, so that they can point out any specific sensitivities that need to be considered, and possibly visited, as part of the assessment. During my site visit I did get a good understanding of the environment within which the EPL is located, and also of the concerns shared by most farm owners I have met. I trust that these have been adequately addressed in the report. You remain welcome to send me information on any specific sensitivities on your farms for inclusion in the report. You can also substantiate these with photographs if you have any. But please send such information by 18 August 2025 to ensure it is included in the final report to be submitted to the Ministry.

From: Pieter Hough, Farm Nuwe Orde and Farm The Mark

Date: 04/08/2025

Comment

Thank you for the communication provided and the update it brings.

Our interest would be in the affect on farm Nuwe Orde (826) and our neighbor - The Mark (132). The first property is dissected by a section of the gravel road C26, a road which one would assume would be the main access road to be used by parties during exploration.

Response

Your area of interest is noted. Depending on which areas of the EPL the Proponent want to focus on, they may use other roads, but it is likely that they will use the C26 as well.

Comment

I would assume that the required Public Consultation Process would be the next step you are entering into? From the mail below it would appear that us, contacting your offices / and or representative, in order to be included in communication - has been deemed as the extend of your public consultation process? Please clarify?

Response

The public consultation process has been initiated in March 2025 and is still ongoing. Your registration for the EIA process via email on 19 May 2025 has already established you as IAP. Public participation remains ongoing up to and beyond the time of submission of the ECC application, which is planned for the latter part of August. Any comments, input, etc., yet to be received will be included and addressed in the final EIA to be submitted to the Ministry.

Comment

The following more pertinent points will need to clarified -

Due to the high traffic, risk and exposure of specifically - Nuwe Orde - which as mentioned above is adjacent to the road, most of the property is locked. You will thus only be allowed onto this farm section when we are on the farm in question. Thus by appointment, as we have business's in Windhoek, we would need a schedule set up in advance and this would mostly be over weekends.

Response

Whenever the Proponent requires access to privately owned land, they must make prior arrangements with the land owner, and reach a surface access agreement with the land owner, which will stipulate the requirements for arranging and gaining access. At no time may they go onto privately owned land to conduct any form of exploration without prior arrangement. Please see section 9.1.1.4 on page 38 of 68 of the EIA shared via the download link in our previous mail.

Comment

We will not allow any smoking on the property, nor will any drilling be allowed without firefighting equipment and third party insurance to cover the risk to property and livestock - be that due to process or negligence.

Response

Such stipulations will form part of the surface access agreement to be reached between the land owner and the exploration team. Also refer to section 9.1.11 on page 53 of 68 of the EIA. Additional requirements from the land owner is to be discussed with the exploration team and included in the surface access agreement.

Comment

I am keen to understand how aerial exploration will be done without risking damage to the animals within enclosed game camps? What processes will be in place to mitigate and compensate the owners of these animals - be that due to process or negligence. I am sure more questions/ clarification will be forthcoming.

Response

Should aerial surveys be contemplated for this EPL, it has to be included in the surface access agreement. Sensitive areas to be avoided can then be highlighted in the agreement. Areas with high density of game, and especially where such game is in game camps increasing risk of injury, aerial surveys are mostly avoided. Flying at higher altitudes or flying with fixed wing drones, which are much less noisy, are also ways of limiting impacts. See section 9.1.10 on page 51 of 68 of the EIA.

From: Nicolene Coetzee, Farm Kanonschoot

Date: 18/08/2025

Re: EPL10042: Proposed Exploration and Prospecting: Farm Kanonschoot no.131

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your (Ms. Bosman) WhatsApp message on Friday, 1 August 2025 and your (Mr. Faul) email on Tue 05 August 2025.

Comment 1

1. No correspondence/communication prior IAP registration

Reference: Environmental Assessment Scoping Report: 8. PUBLIC CONSULTATION (pg.35 of 68)

1.1 Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd experienced difficulty identifying the land owners affected by EPL10042 and struggled to get the contact details of those successfully identified.

I find this hard to believe, as there are many different sources from which the above-mentioned could have been obtained. Furthermore, I have not received any correspondence from Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd prior the email sent upon registration of myself as an IAP (interested and affected party). This email was sent on Tuesday, 20 May 2025.

I also sense that, for those who have been contacted post IAP registration, Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd prefers private/individual/telephonic consultations, rather than community-based meetings. Some IAPs have till date not received site visits.

With this said, I am not sure which part of farm Kanonschoot no.131 is included in the EPL10042, as the map is very small and not very clear. Kindly advise?

Response 1

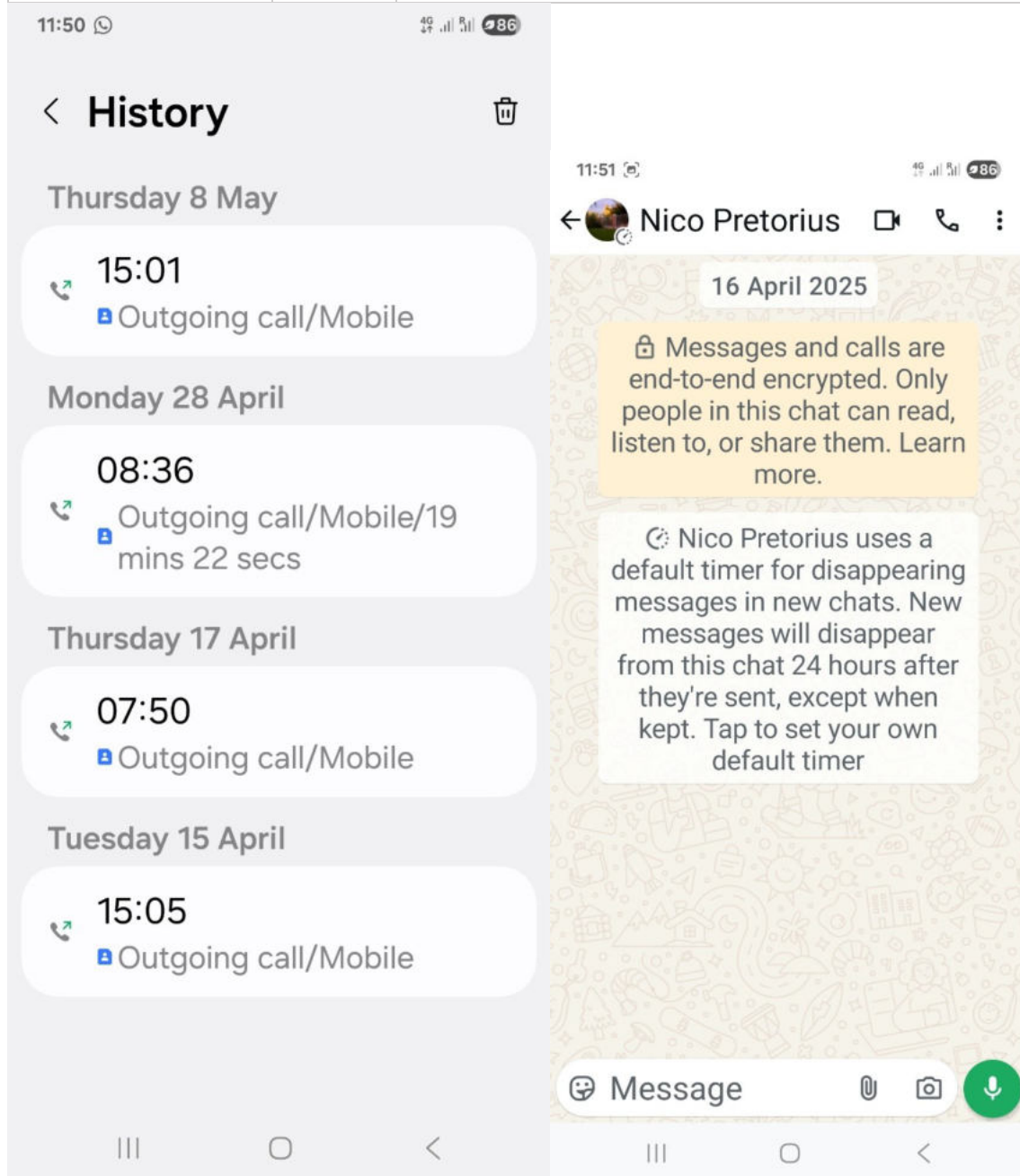
We note your reservation with regard to our expression of the difficulty in getting contact details of farm owners. We have however worked on numerous EIAs within, or surrounded by farms, many for farmers themselves. In general, people are understandably reluctant to give contact details of neighbours or acquaintances to people/companies they do not know. We have seen that many environmental assessment practitioners (EAPs) simply obtain postal addresses from the deeds office and send once off notifications by registered mail to land owners. A method of public consultation that is not used by us as it is ineffective and not in the spirit of proper public consultation. That is why we prefer to personally contact each land owner, so that we can have a frank and open discussion with each to ensure an understanding of what it is we do and your right as an interested and affected party. This way we can also get more specific details about each farm, directly from the farm owner, which may not have been shared at a public meeting.

GPT has been trying to contact the owners of Nuwe Orde and Kononschoot since April. The land line numbers listed does not work or is the wrong number. It was gleaned from the community that Mr Pretorius is managing the farm. The mobile number was obtained for Mr Pretorius. Numerous attempts were made to contact him. In April a conversation was held with him during which time he mentioned that he was very ill and could not tend to the matter, but that he will send the information to his daughter who will then contact us. Since no contact was made by the time of the site visit Mr Pretorius was again contacted to no avail. All landowners were invited to meet with GPT and GPT offered to travel to their homes for such meetings. During this time, another neighbour of Mr Pretorius confirmed that three farmers are considering having a meeting with us together and that the daughter of Mr Pretorius will contact GPT in this regard. No contact was received and we had no details for this person to follow-up with. When following up with the neighbour it was confirmed that they will contact us when they have arranged among themselves. This was communicated to GPT on 08 May 2025. First contact from Mr Pretorius's representatives was in late May.

The following is a summary of the contact and action dates for reaching Mr Pretorius (Nuwe Orde: and Kanonschoot) which typically are for GPTs internal use only.

Contact	Date	Time called	Call ended	Notes
N Pretorius - Nuwe Orde - 18 -	15/04/2025	3:07 pm	3:07 pm	Not reachable
N Pretorius - Nuwe Orde - 18 -	16/04/2025	12:05 pm	12:05 pm	Wrong number
N Pretorius - Kanonschoot - 17 -	16/04/2025	12:06 pm	12:07 pm	Wrong number
N Pretorius - Nuwe Orde - 18 - 0811297060	16/04/2025	2:22 pm	2:23 pm	WhatsApp call - Ringing no answer (First Contact was made 16 April as per Call log and WhatsApp screen.)
N Pretorius - Nuwe Orde - 18 - 0811297060	17/04/2025	7:51 am	7:52 am	WhatsApp call - Ringing no answer - WhatsApp sent

N Pretorius - Nuwe Orde - 18 - 0811297060	28/04/2025	8:38 am	8:58 am	Called and messaged - in Windhoek currently and ill - speak to daughter. Daughter will do all. See Screenshot as per call length etc.).
N Pretorius - Nuwe Orde - 18 - 0811297060	08/05/2025	3:03 pm	3:04 pm	No Answer WhatsApp sent
N Pretorius - Nuwe Orde - 18 -	08/05/2025	Wilkens - Nicolene will arrange to meet with you as part of a meeting		

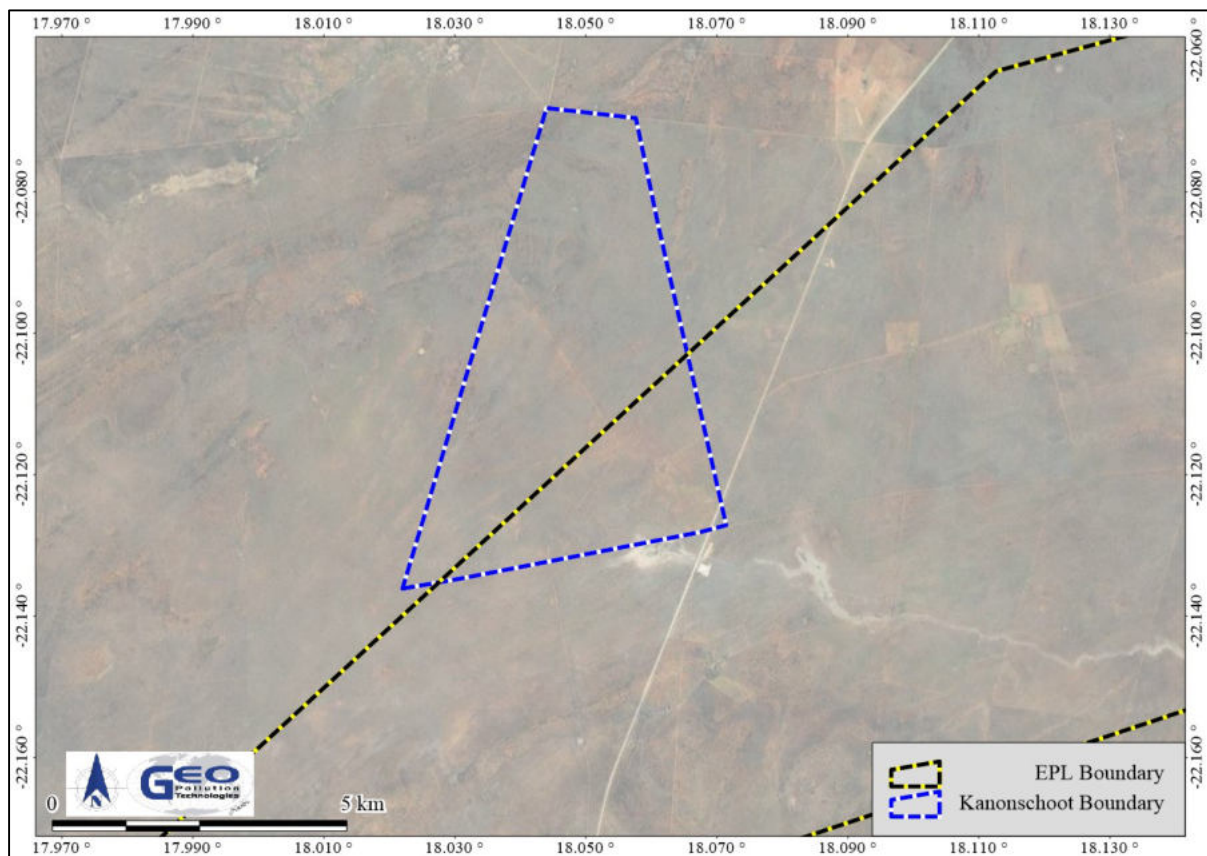


You are correct in inferring that we prefer “private/individual/telephonic consultations, rather than community-based meetings”. Geo Pollution Technologies has been conducting environmental assessments for almost 25 years, starting well before the Environmental Management Act (EMA) was enforced in 2012. From experience we have learnt that public meetings are usually not a very useful tool for public consultation for such a farming community. Especially considering schedules and distances to be travelled. In addition, farming community members have different interests and while one neighbour may be opposing activities, the other neighbour would like to engage in providing accommodating etc. Such different views and subtle community dis-cohesion result in questions not being asked. Hence our strategy to rather focus on one on one meetings or conversations wherein

clarification questions may be asked and a good understanding of the project and process can be obtained. However, if there is merit for, or sufficient interest in, a public meeting, we usually do consider it. Also note that public meetings are in fact not a requirement of the Environmental Management Act it is a tool which can be used.

In response to your comment “Some IAPs have till date not received site visits”, the following. Public consultation was conducted, just not a public meeting – which is not a legal requirement. We have tailored stakeholder engagement so as to speak to every farmer, each of whom was provided with the same information. In this way every farmer has the opportunity to ask questions and be provided with answers specific to their farm. This process takes almost 10 times as long as one public meeting. It is extensive and thorough. In addition all farmers were told about the site visit and were given the opportunity, if they wanted to, to further meet with us in person. Hence those parties who wanted to have a face to face meeting were given the opportunity. And neighbouring parties used that opportunity. IAPs were notified about this opportunity on the 7th of May 2025 about the site visit which was planned for the 13th and onwards. In addition, site notices were erected, newspaper notices ran for two consecutive weeks in two newspapers. The team has done much more in giving every land owner an opportunity to be informed about, and comment on, the project, than most other EPLs in the area. We can unfortunately not force any land owner to meet with us or provide access to their land. We will also not go onto private land without prior arrangement, unless access is to some extent “public” as is the case with for example lodges, tourism establishments or communal land. Thus, those IAPs we did not visit, are those who expressed no desire to meet with us during the site visit period.

The portion of Kanonschoot overlapped by the EPL is indicated in Figure 7.2 in the EIA as being the south-eastern corner, constituting about a third of the farm area. Herewith a map of only Kanonschoot and the EPL area.



Comment 2

2. Exploration process and Environmental Assessment Scoping Report to be explained in detail

2.1 Although the Exploration and Environmental Assessment Scoping Report has been received, I prefer having this report discussed and explained in detail, in person. A meeting can be scheduled. Kindly confirm a suitable date and time?

Response 2

The report was provided with a non-technical summary. There is no legislation that obligates an EAP to explain and discuss the report with each IAP in person. Some EPLs overlap in excess of a hundred parcels of land. To explain everything in the EIA to each landowner in person would take months. That said, we are willing to meet with you at our offices in Windhoek. You can arrange a date and time with us. Take note however that the ECC

application will be submitted and will not be delayed by the proposed meeting, as all regulatory requirements were met in terms of the consultation process.

Comment 3

3. Who are the most affected/impacted parties/farms?

3.1 Please provide a list of the most affected/impacted parties as well as the scope of the exploration in these areas.

Response 3

This is not information that is currently available. As explained in my previous communication on 5 August 2025 as presented above, the EPL has not been awarded to the Proponent yet. As such, they have not conducted detailed studies on the EPL area to enable them to provide such a list at this stage. The steps of exploration as provided in the EIA report, is in the following order:



In some instances field surveys, geotechnical surveys and soil sampling may be in a different order or overlap. The main consideration however is that with each step, the area of interest becomes smaller. Therefore, the least intrusive steps are conducted first, and by the time they want to conduct drilling, their focus area will, in most cases, be much smaller than the EPL area. Some farms may even be excluded from prospecting after the literature review or remote sensing phases, or after the initial field and geophysical surveys and soil sampling. All three being low impact forms of exploration.

Comment 4.1 and 4.2

4. With regards to employment, the following:

4.1 Where do employees originate from?

4.2 Are employees vetted?

Response 4.1 and 4.2

Exploration does not typically require a large team. Votorantim has an existing, permanent employee base, with the team that will access farms for exploration, consisting of qualified geologists and field technicians (usually no more than about eight persons per team). New employees or contractors are interviewed, testimonials obtained and background screening conducted (e.g., police code of conducts).

They will only require unskilled labour if, for example, small-scale bush clearing is required to enable geophysical surveys. The people used for this purpose will be determined when the surface access agreement is negotiated. Some farmers prefer their own workers to be used while others prefer labourers from elsewhere to be used. Only if exploration reach the drilling stage, will drilling contractors are used who will have their own drilling teams. Such drilling, will require a new surface access agreement to be negotiated where the new requirements from the land owner are included. All staff receive training and induction of the company code of conduct, and therefore know the implications when there is a breach of the conduct (e.g., Disciplinary action for non-compliance). In the case of contractors on site, the same level of screening will take place. Inspections and supervision will be conducted by the Proponent's staff.

Comment 4.3

4.3 What is their period of employment with Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd?

Response 4.3

Note that we are an independent environmental consulting firm and will not be involved with any exploration activities. The exploration team will all be employees of the exploration company, Votorantim Metals Namibia.

Comment 4.4

4.4 Do they have valid identification available, viz. ID and passport?

Response 4.4

All staff wear easily distinguishable uniforms with name tags that can be checked against the list of employees who will be present on the land provided to the land owner. Identification is a management measure included in the EMP and the individual farm owners' own requirements for identification can also be negotiated with the establishment of the surface access agreement.

Comment 4.5 4.5 Do they have clearance certificate(s) available?
Response 4.5 These are required before appointing any new employees and will be on file with the Proponent.
Comment 4.6 4.6 Are there payslips and contracts in place?
Response 4.6 Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd is a company registered with BIPA and in accordance with the laws of Namibia. All Labour Act requirements are strictly met inclusive of, for example, registration of employees with the Social Security Commission.
Comment 4.7 4.7 Will the same team work on the same land or are they distributed on a rotational basis?
Response 4.7 4.7 It is mostly the same team that will do all the work in a specific area. Although minor replacements of team members may be made due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances. Such changes will be communicated to the landowner in advance.
Comment 4.8 and 4.9 4.8 How familiar are you with the habits of these employees, viz. Smoking, alcohol, general hygiene 4.9 Have they been vaccinated/dewormed?
Response 4.8 and 4.9 As mentioned, the exploration team consists of geologists and field technicians of good social standing and not of an unknown, unskilled workforce. Furthermore, Votorantim Metals Namibia has very strict policies regarding unacceptable actions and behaviour with disciplinary procedures for non-compliance. For instances where unskilled labour is required, we suggest that land owners request that their own labourers are employed for short-term jobs to be performed.
Comment 4.10 4.10 Will an attendance register be kept up to date?
Response 4.10 This can be made a requirement of the surface access agreement if not already included when negotiations start.
Comment 4.11 4.11 How are the following issues addressed and dealt with, in the case of disobedience: 4.11.1 land roaming outside specified area 4.11.2 poaching 4.11.3 veld fires due to smoking, despite smokers not being permitted
Response 4.11 4.11.1 All staff obtain training and induction of the company code of conduct, and therefore know the implications when there is a breach of the conduct (e.g., disciplinary action for non-compliance, formal warnings and ultimately termination of employment within the legal parameters of Namibia). Furthermore, the employees strictly remain in their working area as indicated by a provided work schedule plan to the land owner. Employees are trained to conduct prospecting activities in specific areas at a given time, and are given instructions to respect the requests of the land owners. Prospecting will take place during day time as per time pre - arranged with the land owner (e.g., 6 am to 6 pm). Camping of Votorantim staff is discouraged on the farms. If a land owner does not want Votorantim staff to access an area during a certain time (e.g., due to hunting), this is respected. All staff wear easily distinguishable uniforms with name tags that can be checked against the provided list of employees who will be present on the land. To prevent unauthorised entry, temporary camp and drill sites must be fenced off. 4.11.2 If any evidence suggest staff members have engaged in poaching, the land owners can be compensated and the staff will receive disciplinary action. The company usually informs the land owner that we are committed in identifying any suspicious activities, like poaching.

4.11.3 All staff receive training and induction of the company code of conduct, and therefore know the implications when there is a breach of the conduct (e.g., disciplinary action for non-compliance). Furthermore, the company has a holistic fire protection and prevention plan. Refer to section 9.1.11 of the management plan.

Note: The EIA and EMP stipulates preventative and mitigating measures regarding security risks for the area (section 9.1.8). This is a legal document which binds the company with the government - the company is obligated to follow the guidelines within the document. When an agreement is signed with the land owner, the prospecting company is also obligated to adhere to protecting the interests and infrastructure and preventing loss of income of the land owner.

Comment 4.12 and 4.13

4.12 How are employees supplied with food and especially meat?

4.13 What mode of cooking is permitted?

Response 4.12 and 4.13

Votorantim Metals Namibia does not allow their employees to camp unless there is absolutely no other option available. They have a company policy that all employees, when away from home, stay in proper accommodation establishments providing meals. Therefore, they will only need lunch, water, cold drinks and maybe snacks, which will typically be provided by the company, or by the accommodation establishment in the morning before departing to the exploration site, or brought along from home. Given the availability of accommodation establishments not too far from the EPL, employees should be able to stay in the required lodgings. There will thus be no need for preparation of meals/cooking while in the field.

Comment 4.14

4.14 Water supply?

Response 4.14

All employees are provided with drinking water for the duration of their field work. If additional water is required for activities such as drilling, water is either sourced from, and in agreement with, the land owner or carted to the site in a mobile tank.

Comment 5

5. Employee accommodation:

5.1 Location of the base station?

5.2 Ablution and toilet facilities

5.3 Disposal of human waste

5.4 Who is responsible for general site cleanliness and maintenance thereof?

5.5 Water supply?

Response 5

See answer 4.12 to 4.14 above. Should drilling be conducted, drill teams will still reside off-site where possible, but temporary portable toilets and trashcans will be placed at the drill site, the contents of which will be removed for disposal at a pre-determined site (off-site at a registered wastewater treatment plant and landfill or in a landowners septic tank or landfill if so agreed upon). The Proponent is at all times responsible for site cleanliness and management of all areas accessed.

Comment 6

6. What are the measures in place for the protection of fauna and flora?

6.1 Is exploration permitted in areas of endangered fauna and flora?

6.2 If so, what measures are taken for the protection thereof?

Response 6

6.1 This is a slightly complex question that cannot simply be answered with yes or no. It will depend on the species in question. This is perhaps better explained with examples. Are they allowed to do exploration on a farm that has brown hyenas? The answer is yes, but with vigilance as not to directly interfere with them. Are they allowed to, for example, create a drill pad on or near a brown hyena den? The answer is a definite no. Are they allowed to remove a protected camel thorn tree to create a drill pad. Yes, with a valid permit from the Directorate of Forestry and only if no other option exists. Are they allowed to remove a tree, protected or not, with for example a vulture nest? A definite no.

6.2 It would firstly be proactive from the landowner's side to indicate all ecologically sensitive areas during the negotiation phase of the surface access agreement or prior to any form of intrusive prospecting such as geophysical surveys that may require some bush clearing, or drilling. Secondly the management plan stipulates various preventative and mitigation measures aimed at the protection of the environment. This management plan becomes a legal document that the Proponent must adhere to.

Comment 7

7. Disturbance to livestock and game in confined areas

7.1 Is exploration permitted in area where livestock and game are in confined spaces?

7.2 If so, what measures are taken for the protection of their well-being?

Response 7

The Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act 33 of 1992 establishes the following compulsory requirements:

Clause 52. (1) The holder of a mineral licence shall not exercise any rights conferred upon such holder by this Act or under any terms and conditions of such mineral licence –

(d) in, on or under any private or State land -

(i) used as a garden, orchard, vineyard, nursery, plantation or which is otherwise under cultivation;

(ii) within a horizontal distance of 100 metres of any spring, well, borehole, reservoir, dam, dipping-tank, waterworks, perennial stream or pan, artificially constructed watercourse, kraal, building or any structure of whatever nature;

(iii) within a horizontal distance of 300 metres from any point on the nearest boundary of any erf, as defined in section 1 of the Townships and Division of Land Ordinance, 1963 (Ordinance 11 of 1963), if such erf has been surveyed for the purpose of inclusion in a township as defined in that section; or

(iv) on which accessory works were erected or constructed under this Act and which existed at the time of the issue of the mineral licence in question, without the prior permission in writing of the owner of such land, and, in the case of land referred to in subparagraph (iv), of the holder of a mineral licence who has erected or constructed such accessory works on which it is proposed to exercise such right;

Apart from the above, save for drilling or aerial surveys, exploration is non-intrusive and unlikely to cause harm to livestock or wildlife.

Comment 8.1

8. Traffic

8.1 Aerial traffic:

In the case of injured livestock and/or game, due to low-flying aircrafts and/or drones for aerial surveys, who is responsible for the repair of infrastructure and what compensation is in place for the losses incurred?

Response 8.1

Any damage or loss resulting directly from the actions of the exploration team must be repaired or replaced at the expense of the exploration company. Stipulations to this effect should be included in the surface access agreement. The likelihood of aerial surveys being conducted for this EPL is low. The exploration team also avoids areas with high game densities when conducting aerial surveys.

Comment 8.2

8.2 Road traffic:

8.2.1 A list is to be provided of all vehicles to be used during exploration. It should be clearly identifiable, with valid licence plates and registration documents available.

8.2.2 What traffic is expected to pass through entry gates and who is to monitor these movements?

8.2.3 Will there be a daily report in this regard?

8.2.4 How and where is fuel stored for these vehicles and how is the fuel supplied?

Response 8.2

The requirement for the provision of a list of vehicles can be stipulated as part of the surface access agreement. All the Proponent's vehicles are clearly branded, roadworthy, and tracked by their head-office via satellite tracking to ensure they remain within demarcated areas of work and within set speed limits, etc. For exploration activities, exclusive of drilling, the entire team will be transported in not more than four vehicles. If drilling is performed there will be the obvious drill rig and supply vehicle. The Proponent can be required to, as part of the surface access agreement, provide a schedule of times they will access the farm, number of vehicles, number, names and identity numbers of all staff who will be present, etc. A daily report can also be stipulated as a requirement.

The Proponent's vehicles are fitted with long range fuel tanks and no fuel will be required for field surveys, geophysical surveys and geochemical sampling. Only if drilling is performed, fuel will be required. This will be transported to the site in mobile tanks or a bowser. Drip trays are specified in the management plan as a requirement when any refuelling takes place.

Comment 9**9. Access**

9.1 All entry gates to farm Kanonschoot no.131 are permanently locked. Access is allowed on permission by myself ONLY. No employee and/or other person, is allowed to grant access.

Response 9

Noted. This is standard procedure by the Proponent to arrange all access with the land owner or his/her designated contact person.

Comment 10**10. Land access agreement**

Kindly provide me with a draft of the land access agreement for the mentioned property?

Response 10

As explained previously, surface (land) access agreements are tailored for each specific area or farm. Since the EPL has not officially been awarded to the Proponent yet, they have not prepared surface access agreements for the farms in this EPL. These will only be prepared for a specific farm if they are ultimately awarded the EPL and then only if they intend to visit that specific farm.

These are some issues I would like to address and have discussed in detail.

Kindly confirm receipt and for any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

From: Marina Lamprecht, Farm Rooikraal Game Ranch

Dated: 18/08/2025

Comment**PROPOSED MINING PROSPECTING**

I wish to bring the following to your attention regarding my farm, Rooikraal Game Ranch 1020, Omitara.

This is a dedicated wildlife area. As such I have received international recognition for our successful conservation initiatives, including a joint-award with Her Excellency, Dr Nandi- Ndaitwah, in Nuremberg during her term as Minister of Environment and Tourism.

We have absolute respect for predators as part of the 'circle of life' and therefore have a large population of these endangered animals, and work closely with the Cheetah Conservation Fund. They have released numerous threatened Leopard and Cheetah, from livestock farms onto my land, as we are considered to be a sanctuary for them. The range of hills on your map has numerous caves and is therefore heavily populated with Leopard.

We currently have numerous rare, endangered and/or vulnerable species living wild and free on the farm, as we have no interior fences or camps, but only a perimeter fence on the border of the land - the entire farm is therefore a game camp. I have numerous 'crawl holes' under our fence in order to make it easy for any animals under pressure to enter the farm. Over the years I have noted many new species which have gravitated towards the farm when threatened or under pressure in neighbouring areas.

In addition to the great number and variety of fauna and flora on the farm, we have the following regularly seen species of rare, endangered and vulnerable animals, which we have either introduced over the years or which occur historically, including:

8 x species of Mammals (I prefer not to list, for security purposes)

7 x species of Birds
3 x species of Snakes
2 x species of Reptiles
3 x species of Tortoises.

As well as numerous rare plants.

Over the years we have found a number of relics of the genocide, which leads me to believe that there might well be graves as well. Out of respect for the fallen victims, we have never investigated further.

We also host international safari guests throughout the year, who we guarantee the exclusive access to our lodge facilities as well as the entire farm. We also guarantee an organic environment. Having any form of mining activity on the farm would therefore put us out of business.

Taking the above into consideration, we respectfully request that farm Rooikraal 1020 is removed from all prospective mining activity lists.

Response

The concerns raised and information provided are noted and included for consideration by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism. It was also communicated to the Proponent for their consideration. It should be noted that exploration is not at all as invasive as mining, with access being required only for a short period of time, by a few people, and only when it suits the land owner (i.e. when there are no guests for example). Exploration does not guarantee that a mine will result. In the vast majority of cases, exploration actually confirms that there are no viable mining resources.

From: Harald Grabowsky Farm Fulma

Dated: 18/08/2025

Comment

IAP's EPL10042

* private/individual/telephonic consultations, rather than public/community/in person consultation(s) were done. Some I&APs' sites have till date, still not been inspected/visited.

Response

Please see response 1 to the same query by Ms. Nicolene Coetzee above.

Comment

* exploration process and report to be explained in detail.

Response

Please see response 2 to the same query by Ms. Nicolene Coetzee above.

Comment

* who are the most affected/impacted parties/farms.

Response 3

Please see response 3 to the same query by Ms. Nicolene Coetzee above.

Comment

* what is the scope of the exploration.

Response

Please refer to Section 4 of the report and the previous response explaining the exploration steps.

Comment

* employees: origin, vetted, period of employment, valid identification (ID and/or passport), availability of clearance certificate(s), payslips and contracts, health certificate(s), same team daily or on rotation basis, habits (smoking, alcohol use), attendance, consequences for land roaming, poaching, grnetal security/crime.

Response

Please see response 4.1 to 4.14 to the same query by Ms. Nicolene Coetzee above.

Comment

* accommodation: base location, ablution facilities, disposal of human waste, cooking, food supply.

Response Please see response 4.12, 4.13 and 5 to the same queries by Ms. Nicolene Coetzee above.
Comment * measures for the protection of endangered fauna & flora.
Response Please see response 6 to the same query by Ms. Nicolene Coetzee above.
Comment * water supply.
Response Please see Response 4.14 to the same query by Ms. Nicolene Coetzee above.
Comment * disturbance to game in confined areas/game proof camps
Response Please see Response 7 to the same query by Ms. Nicolene Coetzee above.
Comment * aerial traffic
Response See Response 8 to the same query by Ms. Nicolene Coetzee above.
Comment * land access agreement
Response See Response 10 to the same query by Ms. Nicolene Coetzee above.
From: Private Dated: 18/08/2025
An email was received regarding sensitive information pertaining to the EPL area that, for security reasons, cannot be made public. Since the report is ultimately shared with the public, it was decided not to include the correspondence in the report. The entity providing the information was contacted to inform them of this action and receive their approval not to include it, but only share the information directly with MEFT. No feedback was however received and it was decided to continue with this approach.

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Dated: 19/08/2025

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: Formal Objection to the Planned Development on Farm Rooikraal

This letter serves to formally raise an objection to the proposed mining development on **Farm Rooikraal Game Ranch #1023**. Farm Rooikraal is a conservation area that has been dedicated to the rewildling of cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) trapped in human-wildlife conflict incidents, as well as the rewildling of young trapped leopards by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) in cooperation with the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF). The cheetah is a globally vulnerable species and one of Namibia's most iconic wildlife treasures.

In addition, an environmental education center is in the planning phase on Rooikraal Game Ranch. This center will cater for schoolchildren in the Omaheke Region.

The planned prospecting and potential mining development threatens to undermine years of conservation investment and success. Specifically:

1. Biodiversity and Conservation Value:

Farm Rooikraal is not just a private piece of land but part of a broader ecological network. It provides essential habitat for cheetahs and other wildlife, ensuring their survival outside of captivity. Any mining activities will fragment this habitat, reduce available prey, and increase the risk of human-wildlife conflict.

2. Contradiction of National and International Commitments:

Namibia has gained worldwide recognition for its progressive conservation policies and is a signatory to international conventions such as CITES and the Convention on Biological Diversity. Allowing a development of this nature in a conservation-designated area would contradict both the **National Policy on Human-Wildlife Conflict Management** and Namibia's obligations under international law.

3. Tourism and Economic Value:

Conservation-based tourism is one of Namibia's most valuable industries. Cheetahs are a keystone species that attract visitors globally. Protecting their habitat directly



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contributes to sustainable tourism revenues, community empowerment, and Namibia's reputation as a conservation leader.

4. Public Interest and Precedent:

Approving development on Farm Rooikraal would set a dangerous precedent, where protected or private conservation-dedicated areas can be compromised for short-term economic gain. This would weaken public confidence in Namibia's conservation framework.

The conservation status of Farm Rooikraal should be upheld and strengthened as a sanctuary for cheetahs and other wildlife, ensuring that development does not come at the expense of irreplaceable biodiversity to prevent similar threats in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurie Marker', written over a horizontal line.

Dr Laurie Marker
Founder/Executive Director
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Response

The comments and motivations why mining should not be allowed is well received and communicated to the Proponent and to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism who will ultimately make the decision. From a conservation perspective it is agreed that where proven conservation efforts are ongoing, especially related to vulnerable and threatened species, intrusive mining activities should be avoided and where prospecting is allowed to get a better understanding of the geology of the larger area beyond the farm, it should be with the necessary precautions.