

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 10453, FRANSPONTEIN SETTLEMENT AREA, KHORIXAS DISTRICT, KUNENE REGION - NAMIBIA

UNDERTAKING OF PUBLIC MEETING – PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

PROJECT: PROPOSED EXPLORATION AND MINERAL PROSPECTING ACTIVITIES ON EPL 10453 IN FRANSPONTEIN SETTLEMENT AREA, KHORIXAS DISTRICT

VENUE: SWAARTBOOI TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY

DATE: 28 AUGUST 2025

TIME: 12H00

Presenter:

Fredrich Nghiyolwa-JBIC

Attendees:

Attendance register attached at the end of this document.

Proceedings:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PERSON
1	Welcome	
	All present were welcomed on behalf of the proponent and the agenda confirmed. Apologies: Some members of the community were not present for the meeting because of different commitments, but there enough was representation of community members and nearby farm owners	Chief Charles Uirab
2	Introduction	
	All present were given a chance to introduce themselves by Chief Uirab and gave the proponent an opportunity to introduce the Environmental Consultant to the meeting attendants. Representatives from the Fransfontein Settlement Office were also introduced and given the responsibility to take the minutes	Chief Charles Uirab Reginald Roman
2	Purpose of Meeting	
	-The meeting is to allow the public an opportunity to learn about the project. To allow the public an opportunity to provide their comments, questions and concerns directly to the project team and open dialogue for questions and answers. -The consultant is undertaking this process because he is responsible for environmental clearance for the project with the Ministry of environment, forestry and tourism and there is need for full participation of all the attendees to the meeting. -The Environmental Impact Assessment process in Namibia was explained to the members in attendance.	Mr. Fredrich Nghiyolwa
3	Background and overview of the project	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desert Spring Mining is in a bid to prospect for minerals and eventually conduct exploration activities on EPL 10453 The Proponent has thus appointed Junior Baiano Industrial Consultants to undertake the Environmental Assessment in order to 	Mr. Fredrich Nghiyolwa



	<p>obtain the Environmental Clearance certificate for the proposed project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project rationale was explained to the meeting attendees, as the project aims to provide insight on the envisaged exploration activities on EPL 10453 and give the community members an opportunity to register their concerns and inputs • Project site was shown on map document distributed around and the proposed project. • The project is in accordance to the Harambee Prosperity Plan and the Namibia Development Goals, and thus the need to address all crucial issues surrounding the project. • All anticipated changes to the environment because of the project were thoroughly discussed by the consultant so that the community members would understand the implications of the project in both positive and negative angles. • The period of implementation for the project was explained, in relation to what has been done, what is being done and what is remaining for the future. • There was emphasis that the environmental consultant will be part of monitoring during the initial exploration of the proposed development • The preliminary findings by the EIA consultant indicated that the project's positive impacts will outweigh the anticipated negative impacts because for all anticipated negative impacts a management plan will be crafted to give remediation and action measures. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultant concluded by urging the proponent to ensure that the EMP should be adhered to as a condition of contractual works and the proponent should make sure of that during construction and operation of the project. Proponents have a tendency of dumping consultants once the ECC is granted but the monitoring process should continue even during exploration 	<p>Mr. Fredrich Nghiyolwa</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Q & A Session</p>	
	<p>-Meeting attendees were given the floor to pose questions.</p>	<p>Mr. Fredrich Nghiyolwa</p>

ISSUE CATEGORY	COMMENTATOR /I & A P:	COMMENT, QUESTION, QUERY, CONCERN RAISED:	RESPONSE
Conservancy Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rina Gaingos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the proposed project not affect the Hoab Conservancy? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FN: The proposed project will provide a structured framework to balance economic development with long-term ecological preservation. These assessments are mandatory to ensure that activities such as soil sampling, trenching and drilling do not irreversibly damage the sensitive habitats
Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herman Huseb 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploration is generally associated with noise, dust pollution, waste generation and oil leakages and spills. Do we envisage mitigation? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FN: We do have a mitigation plan in place and the EMP will be drafted. The EMP should be adhered to as condition of contractual works. it will for part of the EIA which
Land degradation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ebson Tjombanda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the proposed project not have negative impacts to the farmers who are using the land for grazing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FN: Mitigation and management aspects to minimise these risks will be tailored around rehabilitation, where the EMP will dictate on the rehabilitation of the site. Minimal footprint, vegetation clearing must be restricted to only essential area, and exploration will not take place without proper communication will the local farmers
Water Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Albertus Kooper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there a possibility of ground water contamination as a result of this project, this can adversely affect our livestock and human health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FN: Yes there is a possibility, depending on the method of exploration to be deployed. Use lined pit systems or closed circuit drilling system to manage fluids, ensure a proper rehabilitation of boreholes and pits after exploration. Implement strict hazardous waste management and storage protocols. The proponent will be advised to obtain a water abstraction license in order to manage water use during exploration And if needs be, a specialist hydro study will be conducted

Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Attendants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community noted a cause of concern for security during the exploration activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FN: All employees will have nametags and access restriction will be emphasized.
Local Economic Development and job creation for the local community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reginald Roman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can the local community benefit from this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FN: The local community will be considered for employment during exploration and operation of the project and the proponent has reemphasized on that point repeatedly.
Overall support of the project to go ahead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting attendants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All present in the meeting have registered their support for the project to go ahead and they were uniform in their approach to indicate that the anticipated project will fill a gap of high unemployment in the area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FN: please no note that the meeting attendants are in support of the proposed project, of course taking into account that the significance of negative impacts can be reduced with effective and appropriate mitigation measures to be provided for in the EMP report



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5	Where to from here and how to stay Involved in the EIA process?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comments are still welcome on the project• 14 day commenting period will be given and I&AP will be notified when this period commences• Emphasis on giving comments in writing	
11	Conclusions and thanks	
	JBIC team gives thanks on following the rules of the meeting and for attending.	Fredrich Nghiyolwa

The meeting adjourned at 14:15 PM

Scribe Name: Fredrich Nghiyolwa

Signature: 

Date: 24-09-25

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Public Meeting Attendance Register
- Completed Registration Form