

**20 October 2025**

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

**Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for the proposed prospective and exploration activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) No. 10069 located near Rehoboth, Hardap Region, Namibia**

**Date:** Monday, 20 October 2025

**Time:** 09:30 – 10:30

**Venue:** Rehoboth Farmers Association, Fam to Farm Consultation

The public consultation meeting was conducted at the Rehoboth Farmers Association and also through Farm-to-Farm Consultation, including three (3) Consultants from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

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

The Rehoboth Farmers Association and Farm to Farm public consultation meeting was opened by the Environmental consultant with an introduction of the project, and the reason why the affected parties are being consulted.

The meeting attendance register was circulated for the attendee to write down their names and contact details so that they could be added to the list of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and receive further information on the ESIA process.

### **2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION**

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

#### **2.1 Brief Description of the Project**

The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and the reason that the Proponent appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS), an independent Environmental Consultant to carry out the ESIA and apply for the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC).

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

Mr. Silas David explained to the attendee the purpose of the meeting and why they were invited (with reference to the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation). Mr. David further explained that the proposed activities are one of the listed activities in the 2012 EIA Regulations of the EMA that cannot be undertaken without an ECC from the Environmental Commissioner.

## **2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts**

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, the Environmental Consultant also presented the potential pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

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

Mr. David allowed the meeting attendee to raise their concerns, issues, and/or comments on the proposed project activities. The concerns/issues and comments recorded are presented in **Table 1** below.

**Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the public consultation meeting, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue/comment/question	Response and name of responder:
1.	<p><b>Commenter:</b> It is important that project of such nature is proposed in the area, as this will create job opportunity for youth, and help with skills transfer within the communities.</p> <p>We live in arid area, and groundwater in the area is an issue, the proposed project should ensure that groundwater is not affected.</p> <p>The Proponent should ensure through Corporate social responsibility (CSR), the communities or the affected farmers benefit from the project.</p>	<p><b>Consultant (EDS):</b> Noted.</p> <p>Noted, the proponent will need to apply for an abstraction permit, this permit outlines how much water they can abstract, to avoid over-abstraction.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
2.	<p><b>Commenter (Rehoboth Farmers association):</b> We do not have any comments regarding the proposed project, we will further again communicate with all the affected parties to submit their comments, issues or concern regarding the proposed project.</p>	<p><b>EDS:</b> Noted.</p>

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

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

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

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

The public consultation meeting adjourned at 10h30.



## Public / Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting Attendance Register

PROJECT: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Proposed Prospecting and Exploration activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) No. 10069 Located near Rehoboth, Hardap Region

Venue: Rehoboth Farmer Association

Date: 20 October 2025

Time: 09:30

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