

**16 October 2025**

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

**Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for the proposed prospective and exploration activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) No. 10067 located near Mariental, Hardap Region, Namibia**

**Date:** Thursday, 16 October 2025

**Time:** 09:30 – 10:30

**Venue:** Mariental Municipality Boardroom, and Farm to Farm Consultation

The public consultation meeting was conducted at the Mariental Municipality Boardroom 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 Mariental Municipality Boardroom 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, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue/comment/question	Response and name of responder:
1.	<b>Commenter:</b> We will need to seat down with the management of the municipality of Mariental, and we will submit our comments, issues or concerns to you for your attention.	<b>Consultant (EDS):</b> Noted.
2.	<b>Commenter1:</b> Employment is an issue in the area, this project will be a good investment for the youth, to tackle the high un-employment for the youth.	<b>EDS:</b> Noted.
3.	<b>Commenter 2:</b> We cannot comment on this project; the directorate of the education must be consulted first.	<b>EDS:</b> Thank you, you are a principle with roles and responsibility to be able to comment on this project and report as such to the directorate. We are here to consult, get the concerns, issues, or any comments for the proposed project.
4.	<b>Commenter 3:</b> How long will the public consultation be?	<b>EDS:</b> The public consultation process is till 31 October 2025, however, if more time needs to be afforded to the public such will be communicated.

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5.	<b>Commenter 4:</b> This is a great project for the community, what will be school benefit from this project.	<b>EDS:</b> The Proponent will need to take into account the corporate social responsibility to maybe support the school in a manner they will be able to.

#### 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.

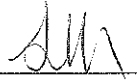
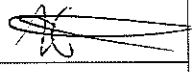
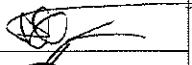

Once the review of the draft ESIA Report and EMP is done, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) for evaluation and consideration of an ECC.

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. 10067 Located near Mariental, Hardap Region

Venue: house-house/Mariental Munizipal  
 Date: 16-10-2015  
 Time: 09:30 - 11:30

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