

PROJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MINERAL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL9983 IN USAKOS AREA, ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA.

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON EPL9983

VENUE: ONSITE – EPL9983
Date: 20 JUNE 2025
Time: 10HRS00 TO 13HRS30
Facilitator: MR. JOSIAH T. MUKUTIRI

NO.	RECORDIAL	ACTION / PERSON
1.	1.1. Welcoming. Ms. Maria Garoes welcomed everyone present at the meeting	Note
	1.2. Minutes will serve as Agendas for all subsequent meetings, and points resolved will appear as resolved and be omitted in subsequent meetings.	All
2.	Presenters: 2.1. Present <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Josiah T. Mukutiri (JT) – EIA Practitioner -Outrun Consultants cc Prince Hlabangana (PH) – Archaeologist – Outrun Consultants cc 	Note
	2.2. Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Note
Issues / Concerns Raised by Stakeholders		Responses

The Headman of the area was unhappy that the meeting with the Community Members should have been held first without the presence or in the absence of the Conservancy Committee members.	The EIA Consultation process provides for consultation of all Interested and Affected Parties irrespective of their interests and holding individual consultation groups not only increases costs but lengthen the process.
Community members unhappy because the meeting started late and that the notices of the meeting was only announced on the radio station the previous day. Announcements for meetings should be done continuously for a week.	The radio announcement made the previous day before the meeting was a second announcement as a reminder following the first announcement made by the Headman 2 weeks before the meeting.
Attendees complained that they are hungry and will not talk if food is not provided.	Food was ordered from OK Supermarket in Usakos and served during the meeting.
Community requested to have a meeting with the Proponent involved to understand their benefits.	The project is only at the exploration phase which is a costly exercise, and it is too early to engage on discussions of benefits.
In what ways will the project benefit the community?	Employment creation.
Community wants locals to be employed and not outsiders.	Employment opportunities are for all Namibians, but locals will be given first preference.
If minerals are not found, what is next? In the past people have closed the holes they dug, will it be the same in this regard?	Affirmative if, no minerals are found that are economically viable to develop and mine, then the area will be rehabilitated and closed off.
Community members do not want people to just come and start drilling, what are the benefits of the community?	At exploration stage we can only talk of the obvious benefit of employment creation.
Community wants assurance that their heritage will not be damaged in the process.	The Archaeologist will document both the tangible and intangible heritage of the area.
Once the report is compiled, we would like to see the final version.	The final version of the report was submitted to MEFT and will be accessible to all stakeholders for comments on the MEFT Web Portal.

<p>Concern about the grazing land how the process and how the exploration will affect the farmers in the area?</p>	<p>The Consultant explained the whole exploration process and possible mitigation measure that will be implemented during the exploration phases.</p>
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