

**APPENDIX B
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**EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL)
AREA 10045 IN THE KHOMAS AND HARDAP REGIONS**



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Monday 10 March 2025 **NEW ERA****NEWS****5**

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 Kahumba 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. Kahumba 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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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE Environmental Assessment: Exclusive Prospecting Licences 9972, 9973, 9974 and 9975, Otjombo Constituency, Omaheke Region

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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 Erlamm

30 participants each walk away with brand new iPad. This is in addition to airtime worth more than NS200 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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176 Iscor Street, NamWater Head
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Enquiries:
The Procurement Management Unit
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NB: Please note that all enquiries should be made in writing.

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GOBABIS	19°	33°
MARIENTAL	18°	34°
KEETMANSHOOP	20°	33°
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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 handelsmerksig-

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 bydraes 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 naamborde voorstel om besoekers digitale toegang tot geskiedkundige en toeriste-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 gevare 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 veldtegnici se roetineinspeksies, monitoring van kragverbruik, patrone deur meterlesings, samewerking met die Namibiese polisie en openbare bewusmakingsinisiatiewe, insluitend



Onwettige elektrisiteitsverbindinge neem toe. FOTO VERKAF



Nored se woordvoerder, Simon Lukas, waarsku teen onwettige elektrisiteitsverbindinge. FOTO VERKAF/PHOTOS 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 wetdig 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 koshuisfooi 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 mieliepryse, aldus die onderwysministerie. FOTO ARGIF

Oor die afgelope jaar het die ministerie twee koshuise gebou, met verdere uitbreidings van koshuise-akkommodasie 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 koshuisegeboue.

In agt van vroeë kinderontwikkelingsentrums is die betaling van onderwysers steeds

die verantwoordelike van die ministerie van geslagsgelykheid, armoede-uitwissing en maatskaplike welsyn, volgens die onderwysministerie. Die ministeries werk egter saam om kinderontwikkeling na die ministerie van onderwys, kuns en kultuur oor te dra.

Verder moet skole nie leerlinge sonder identiteitsdokumente wegwys 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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Environmental Assessment and Management Plan for Exclusive Prospecting License
10043/5, Khomas and Hardap Regions

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September 2025

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) Application, EPL 10045, Khomas and Hardap Region

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Project: Environmental Assessment and Management Plan for Exclusive Prospecting Licence 10045, Khomas and Hardap Region

Proponent: Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd

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The Khomas Regional Council is invited to register with the environmental consultant to receive further documentation and communication regarding the project. Please register at:

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Background Information Document

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE 10045, KHOMAS AND HARDAP REGIONS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT



Prepared by:



Prepared for:



March 2025

1 INTRODUCTION

Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd (the Proponent) received an “Intention to Grant” from the Ministry of Mines and Energy in respect of their application for exclusive prospecting licence (EPL 10045), in the Khomas and Hardap Regions. The EPL will be granted to the Proponent upon successful acquisition of an environmental clearance certificate (ECC) for the EPL area, as indicated in Figure 1. The EPL is for the exploration of base and rare metals, industrial minerals and precious metals and covers an area of 51,885 ha.

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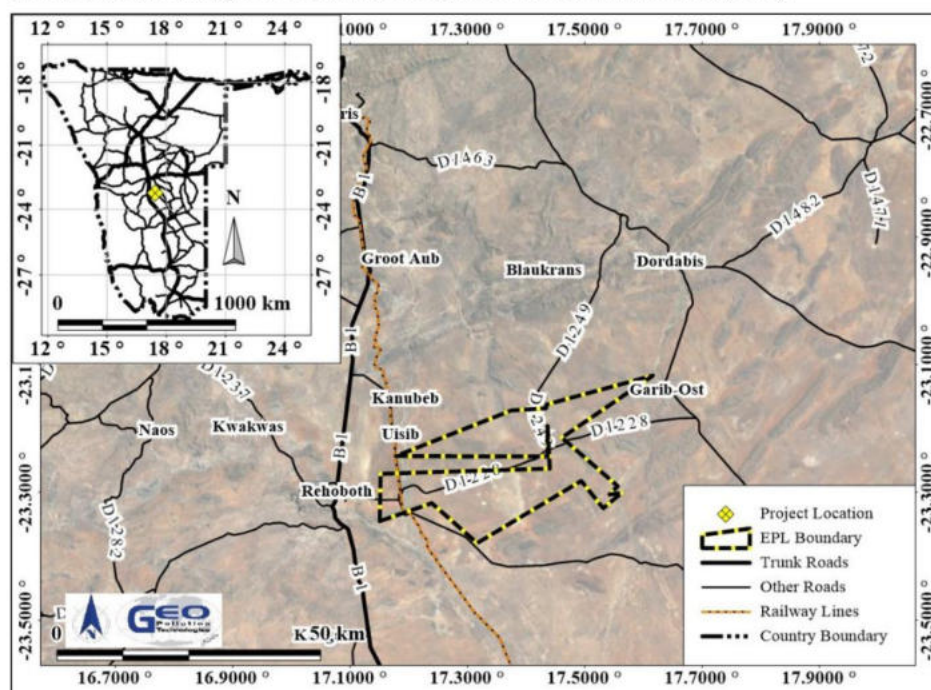


Figure 1 Project location

2 PURPOSE OF THE BID

With this background information document (BID), GPT aims to provide information to, and interact with, interested and affected parties (IAPs) regarding the project and the environmental assessment process. IAPs are therefore invited to register with GPT to:

- Provide information which should be taken into account in the assessment of impacts.
- Share any comments, issues or concerns related to the project.
- Review and comment on the EIA and EMP.

3 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Activities considered for the environmental assessment have been divided into the following phases: planning, construction, operational and decommissioning phases. A brief outline of expected activities for each phase is detailed below.

3.1 PLANNING PHASE

Planning is ongoing and include planning for the various phases involved with the exploration activities. As part of the planning phase, it is the responsibility of Proponent to ensure they are and remain compliant with all legal requirements. The Proponent must also ensure that all required management measures are in place, prior to and during all phases, to ensure potential impacts and risk are minimised. Typical planning activities include:

- ◆ Obtain or renew permits, licences and approvals from all relevant local and national authorities. This includes the ECC and drilling authorisation from the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform.
- ◆ Planning to meet the various conditions that may be prescribed by the MEFT as issued as part of the ECC.
- ◆ Liaison and reaching surface access agreements with all land owners regarding access to their property.
- ◆ Make provisions to have a health, safety and environmental coordinator to implement the EMP.
- ◆ Ensure provisions for a fund to cater for restoration or rehabilitation in areas where exploration activities occurred, and for the eventuality of environmental incidents or pollution resulting from exploration activities.
- ◆ Ensure all appointed contractors and employees enter into an agreement with the Proponent which includes the EMP.
- ◆ In accordance with the ECC conditions, maintain a reporting system to report on the various management parameters as outlined in the EMP. This is a standard requirement of ECC conditions.

3.2 CONSTRUCTION PHASE

Construction related activities pertain mainly to the establishment of access roads to specific areas targeted mainly for exploratory drilling, setting up temporary worker camps (if required), clearing and possibly levelling of drilling pads and associated laydown areas, and construction of temporary ablution facilities. The Proponent however prefers to make use of existing accommodation facilities in close vicinity of the EPL and will only have temporary worker camps where no other option is available.

To minimise impacts, existing roads or fire breaks will be used to gain access to the exploration sites or drill locations, where possible. Such access routes will be determined in consultation with the land-owner and an agreed post exploration use of the area will also be confirmed. Alternative routes will be considered to avoid slopes, animal burrows, nests and sensitive vegetation such as large or mature trees. These measures will form part of the surface access agreement. Roads, camps and laydown areas will be created by bulldozer and/or manual labour, depending on the terrain and vegetation type and density.

3.3 OPERATIONAL PHASE

The operational phase encompass all operational activities performed within the EPL for purposes of exploring for the relevant commodities (base and rare metals, industrial minerals and precious metals). These include:

- ◆ Desktop studies: Review of existing geological literature and data for the area of interest.

- ◆ Remote sensing: Imagery and spectral data obtained from aerial surveys or satellites. Such data will be used to map geological characteristics and structures, with the aim of determining focus areas for more detailed exploration activities.
- ◆ Field surveys: Geological mapping of focus areas by visual confirmation of surface geology.
- ◆ Soil and geochemical sampling: Rock and soil collection and analysis to determine mineral content and thereby further refining the focus areas for exploration.
- ◆ Geophysical surveys: Surveys used to determine and map subsurface features without drilling. Various geophysical survey methods exist and include seismic, magnetic, electrical, electromagnetic and gravity methods. The Proponent will mainly use electrical (induced polarization and electrical resistivity tomography) and electromagnetic (audio-magneto telluric or electromagnetic sounding surveys) methods. These measure the electrical and electromagnetic properties of the subsurface to identify different materials and subsurface geology to refine focus areas. For both, survey lines need to be cleared to ensure unrestricted access for the equipment and cables. The survey lines are usually about 1 m wide, but may be of varying length. Limited vegetation is cleared for such lines.
- ◆ Exploratory drilling: Once sufficient information is gathered from the above methods, and focus areas for exploration have been determined, a drilling plan can be determined and executed. This constitutes the most invasive part of exploration. Drilling typically involves a diamond core drilling rig used to cut and extract cylindrical rock cores from the subsurface. Drilling logs will be kept and drill chips or cores will be collected for analysis in order to determine ore reserves and resource feasibility.

Access to privately owned land will only be gained as per agreed schedule and in conformance with the requirements as determined and agreed upon in the surface access agreement. This will typically include all members of the exploration team wearing clearly identifiable clothing (uniforms) with identification tags. All vehicles will also be clearly branded as belonging to the Proponent. These measures aim to address security concerns related to unauthorised persons gaining access to land, by posing as members of the exploration team.

Should exploration advance to the exploratory drilling stage, the drill rig and its associated equipment such as compressors, drill rods, etc., will be mobilised to site. Water and fuel for drilling operations will be carted to the drill sites. Adequate temporary ablution and mess facilities will be provided to workers who will be present on site for extended periods (e.g. during drilling). All waste, including any polluted soil or water, will be collected for disposal at recognised waste disposal facilities. Where possible, sewage will also be collected and disposed of at a registered wastewater treatment facility. Sewage may also be disposed of in existing or newly constructed pit latrines, septic tanks or french drain systems on the farm, in agreement with the land owner. Daily operations further include administrative tasks, security services and procedures, site maintenance and related activities. Maintenance of access roads will continually be conducted and includes dust management if and when required.

3.4 DECOMMISSIONING PHASE

Decommissioning during the exploration phase entails vacating exploration areas and removal of all equipment and infrastructure used by the Proponent or their contractors. All areas and roads will at such time be rehabilitated, or handed over to the land owner, in accordance with the surface access agreements reached prior to initiation of exploration activities. Rehabilitation may include shaping and/or ripping of roads, campsites, laydown and drilling areas to prevent erosion, allow rapid establishment of vegetation, and reduce the visual impact by contouring such areas to fit in with the natural topography of the land. Any pollution (e.g. fuel, oil, hydraulic fluid) as well as all drilling cores and cuttings present on and around exploration sites must be removed at such time. Drill cuttings can also be used for beneficial purposes (e.g. road surfacing, backfilling erosion ditches, etc.) in agreement with the land owner. Any potential hazardous cuttings should however be identified and removed accordingly.

3.5 PRELIMINARY IDENTIFIED IMPACTS

During the preparation of the environmental assessment, all components of the environment will be considered. However, only those components which are, or may be, significantly impacted, or are deemed to be sensitive, will be assessed. These may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Social (demographic profile, employment, social ills, etc.)
- ◆ Security (theft, unauthorised access, etc.)
- ◆ Economic (wages, procurement, taxes, etc.)
- ◆ Waste (general, sewage, hazardous, etc.)
- ◆ Soil and water (groundwater, surface water and soil pollution, erosion, compaction)
- ◆ Ecology (habitat loss, poaching, protected species, disturbances)
- ◆ Health and safety (injuries, exposure, noise, etc.)
- ◆ Visual (erosion, scarring, pollution)
- ◆ Heritage and archaeology (historic artefacts, paleontological finds, etc.)

4 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

GPT invites all IAPs to provide in writing, any issues and suggestions regarding the project. This correspondence must include:

- ◆ Name and surname
- ◆ Organisation represented or private interest
- ◆ Position in the organization
- ◆ Contact details
- ◆ Any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the application.

All contributions become public knowledge and will be circulated along with the reports as per the EMA requirements. The comments, inputs and suggestions will also be submitted to the DEA, along with how any issues have been addressed in the EIA. The public participation process will remain ongoing during the environmental assessment. However, all comments and concerns should timeously be provided to GPT to ensure incorporation into the final report. For any additional information the project team may be contacted at:



Your Rights as an IAP according to the Environmental Management Act, No7 of 2007, Government Notice No 30 (Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations)

Section 23.

- (1) A registered interested or affected party is entitled to comment in writing, on all written submissions made to the Environmental Commissioner by the applicant responsible for the application, and to bring to the attention of the Environmental Commissioner any issues which that party, believes may be of significance to the consideration of the application, as long as -*
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- (3) Reports referred to in sub regulation (2) include*
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 - (c) assessment reports; and*
 - (d) assessment reports amended and resubmitted.*
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- (5) A registered interested or affected party may comment on any final report that is submitted by a specialist reviewer for the purposes of these regulations where the report contains substantive information which has not previously been made available to a registered interested or affected party.*

Section 24:

The applicant responsible for an application must ensure that the comments of interested and affected parties are recorded in reports submitted to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of these regulations, and comments by interested and affected parties on a report which is to be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner may be attached to the report without recording those comments in the report itself.

Comments and Responses

Apart from general clarification questions, no concerns, objections were raised by any of the IAPs.