

27 October 2025

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE (EPL) No. 9779 LOCATED EAST OF OTWANI, KUNENE REGION.

Date: Monday, 27th October 2025

Time: 11:00

Venue: Opuwo rural constituency office, Kunene region

The public consultation meetings were attended by thirty (30) people, including one (2) Environmental Consultants (Mr. Wilbard Angula & Mr. Simeon Namweya) and one (1) Archaeologist (Mr. Nkosana Hlabangana) from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

The meeting was opened by the Mr. Wilbard Angula (environmental consultant) with an introduction of the team, who they are, and why they are consulting affected parties of the proposed prospecting and exploration activities on EPL 9779. The meeting attendance register was then circulated for the attendees 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 ESA 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 Scoping Assessment (ESA) and the reason that the Proponent appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS), an independent Environmental Consultant to carry out the ESA and apply for the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC).

2.2 Explanation of what an ESA is, its Process, and the Public Role in the Process

Mr. Wilbard Angula explained to the attendees 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. Wilbard further explained what an ESA is and that the proposed exploration 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 Consultants also presented the potential pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

Mr. Wilbard Angula allowed the meeting attendees 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, 27th of October 2025

| Comment/ issue No. | Commenter name & issue/comment/question | Response and name of responder: |
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| 1. | <p>Community member: A few weeks ago, a company for which your firm conducted an EIA issued a letter stating that it would not grant consent to any party wishing to apply for a mining claim. This highlights the core challenge we face with EPL holders: they frequently refuse to grant consent to community members on land that the communities themselves occupy or traditionally own. We are therefore concerned about falling into the same situation. It raises a serious question as to why such extensive authority is vested in EPL holders, while the rights and interests of landowners are often overlooked.</p> <p>The challenge we face is that we initially apply for permits to mine semi-precious stones, but during excavation we may encounter copper. When we then seek consent from the relevant EPL holders, our requests are often rejected. This occurs instead of a collaborative</p> | <p>Mr. Wilbard Angula (WA): Kindly indicate the relevant EPL number so that we may verify whether our firm has previously been involved in such a project. Furthermore, we would appreciate clarification on whether the small-scale miners are extracting the same minerals that the proponent intends to prospect for.</p> <p>Mr. Simeon Namweya (SN): Unfortunately, we have not previously worked on such a project. Furthermore, based on the Mining Cadastre map currently available to us, only one mining claim is indicated. We are unable to identify the registration of any additional small-scale miners, as our work relies strictly on the Ministry's official database. Nevertheless, the concern regarding the letter denying consent is duly noted and will be incorporated into the scoping report.</p> |

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| | <p>approach, where arrangements could be made for cooperation such as the EPL holders providing the necessary technical capacity while purchasing the minerals extracted by the small-scale miners.</p> | |
| <p>2.</p> | <p>Mr. Western Muharukua (Councilor): What is the purpose of this meeting, given that the proponent should already have obtained a consent letter, which would have been submitted as part of the application to the Ministry?</p> <p>Mr. WM: Does the community have a yes or No regarding Proposed activity?</p> <p>Mr. WM: The community has a solid basis for its position and has already reached a decision. This should therefore be acknowledged as such. The points just raised are not applicable, as the process ought to</p> | <p>Mr. (WA): We are here to conduct public consultation as part of Environmental scoping assessment to get the ECC.</p> <p>Mr. (SN): This is a national project under the mandate of the Government, and the final decision rests with the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy (MIME) as the duly authorised competent authority. However, if the community refuses us access, we have no legal grounds to proceed without their consent.</p> <p>Mr. (WA): If the community is refusing that should be put in writing on why they are refusing.</p> |

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| | <p>begin with the community. In light of this, we can conclude the meeting, as the community's position has already been clearly communicated.</p> <p>Mr. WM: A letter will be provided within 14 days.</p> | <p>Mr. (WA): Noted</p> |

FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Mr. Wilbard Angula thanked the attendees for their input, comments, and for raising their concern. He informed them that he would follow up after 14 days regarding the objection letters, which will be submitted along with the Environmental and Social Assessment (ESA) report to the relevant authorities.

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

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

The meetings adjourned at 13h00.




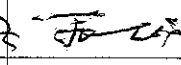
Public / Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting Attendance Register

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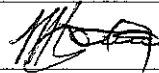
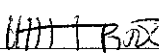

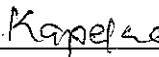
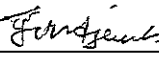
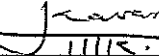
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