

# MEETING MINUTES

**17 April 2026**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

**PROJECT: Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) for Proposed Exploration Activities on Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 9845 located west of Rehoboth in the Hardap and Khomas regions, Namibia.**

**Date:** 19/02/2026 / 15/04/2026 / 18/04/2026

**Time:** 10:00 / 15:00

**Venue:** Separate one-on-one stakeholder engagements

Separate one-on-one stakeholder engagements were conducted by an Environmental Consultant (Mr. Mandume Leonard) and an Archaeologist (Ms. Jophine Job) from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS).

These minutes encompass feedback and discussions gathered from both the separate one-on-one stakeholder engagements, as well as insights shared through phone conversations.

Please refer to the attached attendance register for a complete list of attendees.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS**

The Environmental Consultant (Mr Mandume Leonard) commenced each separate one-on-one stakeholder engagement by introducing the team and outlining the purpose of the consultation, which was to engage Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) on the proposed prospecting and exploration activities within EPL 9845. During each engagement, stakeholder names and contact details were recorded for purposes of maintaining communication and providing updates on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.

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

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

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

Mr. Mandume Leonard provided each stakeholder with an overview of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, citing the relevant legislation, including the Environmental Management Act and the 2012 EIA Regulations governing public consultation. He further explained the significance of obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the proposed project and emphasized the stakeholder's important role in contributing to the EIA process through their comments and feedback on the potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of the proposed development.

### **2.2 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts**

To ensure transparency and that each stakeholder had a clear understanding of both the benefits and potential risks associated with the proposed project activities, the Environmental Consultant also presented the pre-identified positive and negative environmental and social impacts of the proposed development.

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

Mr. Mr Mandume Leonard afforded each stakeholder the opportunity to raise any concerns, issues, and/or comments relating to the proposed project activities.

The concerns/issues and comments recorded are presented in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Comments and issues raised**

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue / comment / question	Response and name of responder:
1.	Given the recent drought and its potential impact on the availability of water resources in the area, we are concerned about the effect that the mining operations may have on the water supply.	<b>Mr. Mandume Leonard (ML):</b> If water is not sufficient, the proponent might have to take another route of getting water, its either getting water from somewhere else and having to transport it on site.
2.	If exploratory drilling accidentally results in a borehole, are we permitted to retain and potentially utilize it?	<b>ML:</b> The decision to keep or seal the borehole would depend on an agreement reached between the farm owner and the proponent.
3.	In case of disputes or disagreements with prospecting companies, which government office or regulatory body should we contact for assistance and resolution?	<b>ML:</b> The Ancillary Rights office within the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy. This office exists to resolve any disputes or disagreements regarding access to land for exploration activities.
4.	At what stage of the process do we start dealing with the owner of the EPL?	<b>ML:</b> Once they receive the Environmental Clearance Certificate and prior to the prospectors entering your farms, whereby you need to establish clear communication with the EPL owner to discuss access arrangements, terms, and any necessary precautions.

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5.	How can we determine the standard terms and conditions in an EPL agreement, and what provisions might be considered unusual or unacceptable?	<p><b>ML:</b> The Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy provides a standard EPL agreement template that outlines common provisions or alternatively you can seek assistance from the Office of Ancillary Rights within the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy. This office acts as a mediator, facilitating discussions between the Proponent and the affected landowners to ensure that an agreement is reached that is mutually beneficial and respects the interests of all parties. Land owners are also entitled to seek legal representation during the access agreement negotiations. It is within your rights to have a lawyer present to ensure that your interests are represented and to provide guidance and support throughout the process. The Minerals Act and general legal principles support the use of legal representation in negotiation and dispute resolution. Farmers are also entitled to involve a trusted representative or third party to assist in discussions or mediation.</p>

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

Mr. Mandume Leonard thanked each stakeholder for their valuable input, comments, and concerns raised during the one-on-one engagements.

He further advised that all comments, concerns, and recommendations had been duly noted for consideration and would be addressed in the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Report, with relevant recommendations incorporated into the draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

## Public / Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting Attendance Register

PROJECT: ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (AHIA) FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) 9845, LOCATED NORTH OF REHOBOTH WITHIN THE KHOMAS AND HARDAP REGION.

Venue: Farm to Farm engagement  
 Date: 19 February 2026  
 Time: 11:00

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