

Meeting Minutes

28 October 2025

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

PROJECT: Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) for Proposed Exploration Activities on Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 10103 located North of Kombat in the Otjozondjupa region, Namibia.

Date: Monday, 27 October 2025

Time: 11:00 – 11:38

Venue: De Jagter Nest, Otavi

Six people attended the public consultation meeting, including two Environmental Consultants (Mr. Mandume Leonard and Ms. Vistolina Augustus) and one Archaeologist (Ms. Loide Shipingana) from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS). Please refer to the attached attendance register for a complete list of attendees.

Supplementary farm-to-farm visits were also made to engage with absent farmers. Additionally, telephone communications were used to further interact with stakeholders who were unable to attend in person.

These minutes encompass feedback and discussions gathered from both the meeting and subsequent farm visits, as well as insights shared through phone conversations.

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

The Environmental Consultant (Mandume Leonard) began the meeting by introducing the team and explaining the purpose of the consultation, which was to engage Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about the proposed prospecting and exploration activities within **EPL 10103**.

An attendance register was then circulated among the attendees, enabling them to register their names and contact details, which would be used to maintain communication and provide 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 the attendees with an overview of the EIA process, citing relevant legislations such as the Environmental Management Act and its 2012 EIA Regulations on Public Consultation. He then explained the significance of obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the proposed project, emphasizing the attendee's crucial role in contributing to the EIA process by offering their insights and feedback regarding the potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of the proposed project.

2.2 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.

2.3 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

Mr. Mandume 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, 27 October 2025

Comment/issue No.	Commenter name & issue / comment / question	Response and name of responder:
1.	<p>One of the primary concerns surrounding this project is the potential impact on the safety of farm residents. In particular, we are concerned about the uncontrolled movement of people, machinery, and blasting activities within the farm area. Could you please provide further details on the proposed safety measures that will be implemented to mitigate these risks?</p>	<p>Mr. Mandume Leonard (ML): Any arrangements for establishing a camping site on the farm would require an agreement between the farm owners and the proponent. In order to ensure safety control, it is recommended that once the proponent receives the Environmental Clearance Certificate, they should engage in discussions with the landowners to develop an access agreement. The access agreement will outline the procedures for managing the movement of personnel, machinery, and blasting activities within the farm area, thereby mitigating potential risks to safety.</p>
2.	<p>In the event of a fire, will the EPL holder be held responsible for the damages, including the loss of cattle feed, and be liable for compensation?</p>	<p>ML: Yes, if a fire breaks out due to the EPL holder's prospecting activities, they would generally be responsible for the damages caused, including any loss of cattle feed and should be explicitly stated in the contract agreement.</p>
3.	<p>Are we able to raise questions or discuss our concerns openly during the session?</p>	<p>ML: Yes you can. Written comments are also encouraged which will be attached as an appendix to our reports and shared with the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism. The Ministry will consider these concerns as part of their evaluation of the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) application.</p>

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4.	In the past, we experienced a fire incident that resulted in significant costs for us, yet we received no compensation.	<p>ML: Prior to the commencement of any exploration activities on your farms, it is crucial that a mutually agreed upon access agreement is reached between the Proponent and the landowners. This agreement will include regulations regarding the timing of the exploration activities, ensuring that they are conducted in a manner that minimizes disruptions to farming and other land uses.</p> <p>Security protocols, including the use of designated entry points, personnel identification, and a signed access register, will be implemented to prevent unauthorized access. No activities will commence without consultation, agreement, and notice to landowners.</p> <p>Additionally, to mitigate potential risks, we suggest including a clause in the access agreement that requires the Proponent to secure fire insurance coverage. This would ensure that landowners are protected financially in case of any fire-related damages resulting from exploration activities.</p>
5.	What is the title of the document you mentioned?	<p>ML: It is called a land access agreement document. The Land Access Agreement document outlines the terms and conditions for accessing private land during exploration. It serves as a legally binding contract that protects both the landowner's rights and the Proponent's responsibilities.</p>

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6.	Will the Environmental Assessment team be conducting on-site visits?	ML: Yes, that is correct. Our team will be conducting on-site visits as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment, and Archeological, and Heritage Impact Assessment process. These visits are necessary to gain a thorough understanding of the local environment.
7.	In Namibia, what entity holds the legal ownership of mineral resources?	<p>ML: The ownership of minerals is primarily held by the GRN. A Namibian registered company and also individual Namibian citizens can apply for a mining license in Namibia, provided they meet the necessary requirements and follow the application process.</p> <p>It's important to note that applications for mining licenses are subject to the availability of the area. If an Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) already exists for the desired location, it may not be possible to apply for a mining license there until the EPL expires or is revoked.</p>
8.	How long is the Environmental Clearance Certificate valid?	ML: The Environmental Clearance Certificate is typically valid for 3 years. However, its validity may also depend on the progress of work within the EPL area. To maintain the ECC, the holder must demonstrate active exploration or mining activities and provide evidence of their work.
9.	In case of disputes or disagreements with prospecting companies, which government	ML: 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.

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	office or regulatory body should we contact for assistance and resolution?	

FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Mr. Mandume and Ms. Vistolina thanked the attendees for their crucial input through comments and raising their concerns. They indicated to the attendees that all their comments, concerns, and inputs had been noted down for consideration and addressing in the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Report as well as incorporating their recommendations into the draft EMP.

Furthermore, Mr. Mandume 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 and Forestry (DEAF) for evaluation and consideration of an ECC.

The meeting adjourned at 11h40.



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Public Meeting Attendance Register

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