

27 March 2026

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

PROJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA)
FOR THE
FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE
PROSPECTING LICENCE (EPL) NO. 8702 LOCATED EAST OF KARIBIB, IN THE ERONGO
REGION, NAMIBIA

Date: Friday, 27 March 2026

Time: 08:00 – 18:00

Venue: Farm to Farm in EPL no. 8702

The farm-to-farm public consultation was conducted by two environmental consultants and an Archeologist from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS), all the farms affected by the EPL were visited and 06 stakeholders were consulted; - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

The meetings were conducted by Ms. Aili lipinge and Ms. Milika Dineinge (Environmental Consultants). They began by introducing the EDS team and explaining the purpose of the consultation meeting. The farmers, residents of the EPL, signed the attendance register and provided their contact details to be included in the list of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and to 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

Ms. lipinge explained the EIA process to the stakeholders, and the reason for their invitation to the meeting (with reference to **the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation**). Ms. lipinge further emphasized that the proposed project may not take place without obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC).

Ms. lipinge also informed the stakeholders that about their rights in cases of non-compliances by the proponent and regarding land access agreements.

2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency towards the public and understanding of proposed works by the stakeholders, the Environmental Consultant also presented the pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

Ms. lipinge provided the stakeholders with the opportunity to raise their concerns/issues and/ or comment on the proposed project activities. The issues and comments recorded are presented in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the public consultation meetings, 27 March 2026

Issue	Concern	Response
Poaching	Some farmers are reluctant to allow new individuals onto their farms due to past poaching incidents in their areas.	Ms. lipinge (AI) and Ms. Dineinge (MD): Well noted
Water Scarcity in the area	The farmer's boreholes have dried up as a result of water abstraction by the neighbouring existing mine. Therefore, the proponent should obtain water from areas where it is more abundant or cart water to site instead of abstracting .	AI & MD: Well noted.
Wildlife	Farmers reported the presence of migratory springboks, as abstracting.rds, jackals, foxes, honeyguides, anteaters, and dik-diks.	AI & MD: Well noted.
Livestock	Farmers reported the presence of livestock in the proposed project site.	AI & MD: Well, noted. The proponent will meet with the farm owner and sign an agreement prior to the commencement of prospecting or commencing activities. The plan will be shared with the farmers, and they will agree on precautionary measures to protect grazing livestock from noise disturbance.
Rehabilitation	Concerns were raised on rehabilitation .The stakeholders advices that the drill / borehole must be capped and trenches must be backfilled	AI & MD: Well noted. We will strongly emphasise it in the EMP that will be shared with stakeholders for review and always available onsite during the prospecting and exploration activity
Exclusion from EPL	A portion of Farm Neubrunn, farm No. requested to be excluded from the EPL, or alternatively, that the proponent should purchase the farm.	AI & MD: Well noted

Drilling	Drilling should be conducted vertically into the ground rather than at an angle.	AI & MD: Well noted. However, the proponent will need to conduct vertical drilling to obtain an accurate representation of the subsurface conditions and to cover a larger portion of the land.
Tourism activities	Otjimbojo West is home to a lodge and provides nature drives.	AI & MD: Well noted
Oil Spillage	The proponent should avoid oil spillage at all cost.	AI & MD: Well noted, we will develop an Environmental Management Plan , and provide the mitigation measures that the proponent will need to complies to during prospecting and exploration activity.
Land degradation	The proponent should take measures to prevent land degradation.	AI& MD: Well noted

FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Ms. lipinge thanked the stakeholders for their input through comments and by raising their concerns. She indicated to the stakeholders that all their comments, concerns and inputs had been noted down for consideration, and for addressing in the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Report, as well as incorporating their recommendations into the draft EMP.

Furthermore, Ms. lipinge informed the stakeholders that the draft meeting minutes, Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be shared with them for their review and further comments. These documents will be made available through emails provided on the attendance register.

Once the review of the reporting is completed, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism for evaluation and consideration for an ECC.

The farm-to-farm visits ended around 18:00.