

## **Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd and Powerhouse Mining CC**

### **RE: EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE (EPL) NO. 10530 LOCATED NEAR OZONDATI IN THE ERONGO REGION**

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for sharing the Background Information Document (BID) regarding the proposed project. After reviewing the information, I would like to raise several concerns that should be carefully considered before exploration activities commence:

- **Limited Grazing Land:** The Ozondati community already faces challenges with insufficient grazing land for livestock. Any further reduction or disturbance of this land could severely impact food security and the sustainability of pastoral livelihoods.
- **Water Resources:** Water availability in the area is scarce and highly valued. Exploration activities may place additional pressure on these limited resources, potentially affecting both human consumption and livestock needs.
- **Conservancy Area of Ohungu:** The proposed project overlaps with or may affect the Ohungu Conservancy. This area is vital for biodiversity conservation and community-based initiatives. Any disruption could undermine conservation efforts and reduce opportunities for local residents.
- **Livelihood Impacts:** Taken together, the potential loss of grazing land, strain on water resources, and disturbance of the conservancy area pose significant risks to the livelihoods and well-being of the Ozondati community.
- **Existing mining activities:** There are already other mining activities close to Ozondati. The cumulative impact of additional exploration and mining activities could further compound the livelihoods and environmental sustainability.

Considering these concerns, we respectfully request:

1. An audience with the Ozondati community to allow for direct engagement, dialogue, and clarification of the community's position.
2. Detailed information on how the project intends to address and mitigate the above concerns, including specific measures related to grazing land, water resource management, and the protection of the Ohungu Conservancy.
3. A written detailed impact assessment report (Environmental and Social Impact Assessment) that outlines the potential effects of the proposed project on land use, water resources, biodiversity, and community livelihoods, together with proposed mitigation strategies.

4. A clear timeline ensuring that the requested audience with the community and the submission of the detailed impact assessment report take place, with written confirmation of this timeline provided to the community.

We believe that transparent communication, meaningful consultation, and a thorough impact assessment are essential to ensuring that the project does not compromise the long-term sustainability and well-being of the community.

Thank you for considering these comments and requests. We look forward to your response and to constructive engagement going forward.

Kind regards,

Edwin Tjiriange

Interested and Affected Party

Ozondati Community