

COPIES OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD WITH INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&APs) AND OTHER ROLE PLAYERS

In Terms of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2012

This document presents the record of consultation meetings conducted as part of the Environmental Assessment and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) process for the proposed small-scale gold (Au) mining operation within the Kunene Region, Namibia.

The meetings formed part of the Public Participation Process undertaken in accordance with:

- The Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007); and
- The Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2012.

The purpose of the meetings was to:

- Inform Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and relevant stakeholders about the proposed project;
- Present the proposed mining activities and environmental assessment process;
- Obtain stakeholder comments, concerns and recommendations;
- Identify environmental and socio-economic issues requiring consideration during the assessment process.

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting 1: Initial Stakeholder Consultation Meeting

Project

Proposed Small-Scale Gold (Au) Mining Operation, Kunene Region, Namibia

Date

Venue

Time

Attendance

The meeting was attended by representatives of:

- The Project Proponent;
- Adjacent landowners and occupiers;
- Local community members;

- Local communal farmers;
- Relevant Traditional Authority representatives where applicable;
- Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs);
- Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP).

An attendance register was circulated and signed by attendees.

Opening and Introduction

The meeting was opened by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), who welcomed attendees and introduced:

- The Project Proponent;
- The environmental assessment team;
- The purpose of the consultation meeting.

The EAP explained that the consultation meeting formed part of the Environmental Assessment and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) process required for the proposed mining operation.

Presentation of the Proposed Project

The proposed project was presented to attendees and included discussion relating to:

- The location of the proposed mining claims;
- Nature of the proposed gold mining activities;
- Proposed mining and processing methods;
- Infrastructure requirements;
- Water usage considerations;
- Waste and residue management;
- Environmental-management measures;
- Rehabilitation and closure considerations.

The EAP further explained the environmental assessment process and opportunities for stakeholder participation.

Key Issues Raised During the Meeting

The following key issues and concerns were raised by participants during the consultation process:

Stakeholder Concern / Comment	Response / Discussion
Potential groundwater contamination	The EAP explained that groundwater protection forms a primary environmental-management priority and that monitoring systems and spill-prevention measures would be implemented.
Dust generation from mining and transport activities	Dust-control measures including controlled vehicle movement and operational dust suppression would be implemented where necessary.
Waste and hazardous-material management	The proposed operation would utilize controlled waste-management and hazardous-material storage systems.
Rehabilitation of disturbed areas	Progressive rehabilitation and closure planning would be implemented throughout operational phases.
Employment and local economic opportunities	The Project Proponent indicated that local employment opportunities would be considered where feasible.
Surface disturbance and grazing impacts	Operational disturbance would be minimized to approved operational areas only.

Stakeholder Participation and Comments

Stakeholders were afforded opportunity to:

- Ask questions regarding the proposed project;
- Raise environmental and socio-economic concerns;
- Register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs);
- Submit additional written comments where necessary.

Participants acknowledged the importance of:

- Groundwater protection;
- Environmental monitoring;
- Responsible hazardous-material management;
- Rehabilitation of disturbed operational areas.

Conclusion of the Meeting

The Environmental Assessment Practitioner thanked all attendees for their participation and explained that:

- Stakeholder comments would be considered during the environmental assessment process;
- Additional comments could still be submitted during the public consultation period;

- The Environmental Assessment and EMP documentation would incorporate relevant stakeholder concerns and mitigation measures.

The meeting was concluded at:

Supporting Documentation

Supporting records associated with the meeting may include:

- Attendance registers;
- Photographic records;
- Stakeholder registration forms;
- Written comments received;
- Copies of presentations where applicable.

These supporting records shall remain attached within the annexures of the Environmental Assessment documentation where applicable.





Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)

Prepared By:

Augite Environmental Consultants cc

Environmental Assessment Practitioner:

Dr. Ismael Kanguечи

Project:

Proposed Small-Scale Gold Mining Operation, Kunene Region, Namibia

Purpose:

Copies of Minutes of Meetings Held with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and Other Role Players.