

PROOF OF WRITTEN NOTICE TO OTHER ORGANS OF STATE HAVING JURISDICTION IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

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

This document serves as confirmation that written notification regarding the proposed small-scale gold (Au) mining operation within the Kunene Region, Namibia, was submitted to relevant organs of state having jurisdiction over specific aspects of the proposed activity, in accordance with the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2012.

The notification process formed part of the Environmental Assessment and Public Participation Process undertaken for the proposed project.

Purpose of the Notification

The purpose of the written notification was to:

- Inform relevant government authorities of the proposed activity;
- Notify authorities of the environmental assessment and EMP process;
- Invite comments, recommendations and regulatory input;
- Ensure inter-governmental consultation and coordination;
- Identify regulatory requirements and sector-specific concerns;
- Support environmental compliance and informed decision-making.

Organs of State Notified

Written notification was submitted to relevant organs of state having jurisdiction over environmental, mining, water-resource, health, infrastructure and safety matters associated with the proposed project.

Authorities notified may include the following:

Organ of State	Jurisdiction / Relevance to Project
Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME)	Mining and mineral-right administration
Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR)	Water-resource management and groundwater protection
Ministry of Health and Social Services	Public health and sanitation considerations
Ministry of Works and Transport	Road access and transport infrastructure
Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT)	Environmental authorization and environmental management
Kunene Regional Council	Regional development and land-use considerations

Organ of State	Jurisdiction / Relevance to Project
Relevant Traditional Authority	Communal land and traditional governance considerations
Namibia Water Corporation (NamWater), where applicable	Water supply and water-resource considerations
Local Emergency and Safety Authorities, where applicable	Emergency preparedness and response considerations

Method of Notification

Notification to the relevant organs of state was undertaken through:

- Formal written correspondence;
- Hand-delivered notices where applicable;
- Electronic mail communication where applicable;
- Consultation meetings and stakeholder engagement.

The written notices included:

- Description of the proposed mining activity;
- Project locality and site information;
- Nature and extent of proposed operations;
- Environmental assessment process details;
- Contact details of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP);
- Invitation to provide comments, concerns and recommendations.

Regulatory Consultation and Participation

The relevant organs of state were afforded opportunity to:

- Review project information;
- Submit comments and recommendations;
- Identify regulatory requirements;
- Participate in the environmental assessment process;
- Provide guidance relating to sector-specific environmental and operational considerations.

Regulatory input received during consultation was considered during the preparation of the:

- Environmental Assessment;
- Environmental Management Plan (EMP);
- Environmental mitigation and monitoring measures.

Proof of Notification

Proof of notification may include:

- Copies of written correspondence;
- Delivery confirmations;
- Email records;
- Consultation meeting records;
- Stakeholder registration records;
- Official responses and comments received.

Copies of supporting correspondence and notification records shall remain attached within the annexures of the Environmental Assessment documentation where applicable.

Confirmation of Compliance

The Project Proponent and Environmental Assessment Practitioner hereby confirm that reasonable efforts were undertaken to notify all relevant organs of state having jurisdiction in respect of aspects of the proposed activity.

The consultation and notification process was undertaken in accordance with:

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

The identified authorities were afforded reasonable opportunity to:

- Participate in the environmental assessment process;
- Submit comments and recommendations;
- Identify regulatory concerns and requirements associated with the proposed project.

Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)

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Project:

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

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