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PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE OTJIHEKE COPPER PROCESSING FACILITY LOCATED NEAR OPUWO, IN KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA.

Date: 27 March 2026

Time: 11:00

Venue: Ondole Village Church

The public consultation meeting was attended by community members, (2) consultants, and one (1) from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS). Due to a language barrier, Mr. Kavari Mutarijana assisted in translating Oshiwambo to Otjiherero. **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

The meeting was opened by the environmental consultant with an introduction of the team, who they are, and why they are consulting affected parties of the proposed project. The meeting attendance register was then circulated for the attendees to write down their names and contact details so that they could be added to the list of interested and affected parties (I&APs) and 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

The Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) and the reason that the Proponent appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS), an independent Environmental Consultant to carry out the ESA and apply for the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC).

2.2 Explanation of what an ESA is, its Process, and the Public Role in the Process

Ms. Iyaloo Nakale explained to the attendees the purpose of the meeting and why they were invited (with reference to the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact

Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation). Ms. Nakale further explained what an ESA is and that the proposed exploration activities are one of the listed activities in the 2012 EIA Regulations of the EMA that cannot be undertaken without an ECC from the Environmental Commissioner.

2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, the Environmental Consultants also presented the potential pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

Ms. Nakale 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 of March 2026.

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue/comment/question	Response and name of responder:
1	<p>Commenter 1: Thank you for coming and presenting the project to us, I want to know you if you are the only people coming to talk to us or will the proponent also come?</p>	<p>Iyaloo Nakale (IN): Thank you. We as the consultant are here to carry out the EIA process for the proposed project, and as part of this process public consultation is a must and the reason we are here. After the issuance of the ECC (Environmental Clearance Certificate), the proponent will come to the community to discuss access and beneficiation agreements. The needs of the community can be addressed.</p>
2	<p>Commenter 2: How will the community benefit if the proponent happens to find copper on the site? (repeated multiple times).</p>	<p>IN: The proponent only applied to construct a copper processing facility. They will be receiving copper ore from licensed miners. If they find something and want to mine in the area, they will have to apply to the Ministry of Industries, Mines, and Energy (MIME) and do the EIA, if required.</p>

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3	Comment 3: I have something (rocks) I want to know what do I do? Do I give them to the community or to the proponent?	IN: It is very important to have a license for you to sell what you have to investors/proponents, especially for this type of project. So that is a discussion you should have with them when they come here.
4	Commenter 4: There was a meeting were the Governor came here to talk to us about this project, and many of the people that attended the meeting agreed that they want the project. The Proponents also came here and also met the chief. They were supposed to come again but the Governor was not around. They will come again and meet us and we can have our discussions then.	IN: Well noted.
5	Commenter 5: How many people are supposed to be at the discussions?	IN: That is a good question, that is a discussion between the community and their leaders. If there is already a committee make sure it represents you all and your community needs.

FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Ms. Nakale thanked the attendees for their crucial input through comments and raising their concerns. He 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, Ms. Nakale 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 13h00.