

Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy
Mining Directorate
The Mining Commissioner
Ms. Isabella Chirchir
Directorate of Mines
Private Bag 13297, Windhoek, Namibia

Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy 9th of January 2025



SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETE SUBMISSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT STUDY FOR EPLs (9823, 9824 & 9825)

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter serves to formally notify your office that the Environmental Scoping Assessment Study for Exclusive Prospecting License (EPLs) (9823, 9824 & 9825), held by Ms. Namasiku Bainga (the Proponent), has been fully prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) under application reference APP-005311, APP-005312 and APP- 005742.

The Proponent is required to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) through the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process within 12 months of the notice. Due to challenges in accessing farms to conduct the mandatory Archaeological Heritage Assessment under the National Heritage Act (27 of 2004), the Proponent requested and was granted a six (6) month extension by your office.

We happy to announce that the Environmental Scoping Assessment has now been completed and submitted to MEFT, the competent authority under the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007). The following key components form part of the submission:

- Scoping Report: outlining the proposed project, identified environmental sensitivities, and the scope of further studies required for the full EIA.
- Environmental Management Plan (EMP): preliminary measures to mitigate potential impacts.
- Proof of Consultation: including minutes and public notification adverts.
- Preliminary Site Map: with geographic coordinates and legend.
- Confirmation of Screening Notice receipt in compliance with Section 35(1)(a)(b) of the Environmental Management Act.

– CV of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP).

–Consent from the National Heritage Council – pending.

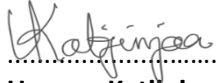
–Declaration for Submission of Assessment Reports : duly completed as per MEFT's requirements.

The submitted documents are now simultaneously under review by MEFT. We will keep your office informed of all material developments and will comply with any further requirements from MEFT.

We kindly request your office to note this submission and to provide any necessary coordination or support as the EIA process moves forward, particularly in relation to the extended timeline previously approved.

Should you require any further information or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact us at email: UKatjinjaa@ssconsultant.co.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Uaanao Katjinjaa', followed by a dotted line.

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