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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED 8KM ACCESS GRAVEL ROAD OFF MR 124 (C34) ROAD OKATUMBA TO OTUANI VILLAGE, KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA.

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**Environmental Assessment Practitioner:** EnviroPlan Consulting cc

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| Point 7 – Primary school   | -18, 56309 | -13 67851   |
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**Public participation process:** Interested and Affected Parties are hereby notified that public consultations are ongoing and a meeting will be held on the 29th March 2025 at the Rural constituency offices in Otuari village

| DATE AND TIME                | ACTIVITY             | VENUE - VILLAGE                   |
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| 29.03.25, 10:00 AM– 12:00 PM | CONSULTATIVE MEETING | OTUANI RURAL CONSTITUENCY OFFICES |

**The participation and commenting period are effective until 30 MARCH 2025.**

To register or request for documents submit your details in writing to the Environmental Consultant and contact details given;

EnviroPlan Consulting  
Environmental Consultant  
Contact person: Talent Nyungu  
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### SCOPING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MINERAL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON MINING CLAIMS 75143-46 AND 75120-23, OMUSATI REGION

**THE PROPONENT** proposes to undertake exploration activities for Base and Rare Metals on Mining Claims (75554, 75553, 75552, 75551 and 75550) in Kunene region.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:** Before undertaking these activities, there is a need for compliance to requirements under the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and its EIA Regulations (GN. 4878 of 06 February 2012). For this reason, Consultants were appointed to support application for the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC).

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**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:** Interested & Affected Parties (IAPs) are notified to register in order to receive information about this proposed project by contacting the below.

**Lead Environmental Assessment Practitioner**  
**Envirodu Consulting & Training Solutions cc**  
**P. O. Box 4120, Swakopmund**  
**Email:** [ecutsc@gmail.com](mailto:ecutsc@gmail.com) or [leadeap@ecutsnamibia.com](mailto:leadeap@ecutsnamibia.com)  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE NOTICE

Public Participation Notice in terms of Regulation No. 29, Section 21 under the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007)

**Project Activity / Project Name:**  
• Subdivision – Dividing Portion X from Farm Hentiesbaai Townlands No. 133, which is currently zoned "Undetermined".  
• Rezoning – Changing the zoning of Portion X (1.47 hectares) from "Undetermined" to "Public & Private Parking Space".  
• Consolidation – Merging Portion X (1.47 hectares) with an 8,000 square meter plot that has already been approved for the development of a boutique hotel.

**REPORT TITLE:**  
EIA for Subdivision of Farm Hentiesbaai Townlands No. 133 Into Portion 144 And Remainder, Rezoning of Portion 144 (1.47 Hectares) From "Undetermined" To "Parking," And Consolidation of Portion 144 With Portion 132 Of Farm Hentiesbaai Townlands No. 133, Erongo Region

**Project Location:**  
• Portion 144 of Farm Hentiesbaai Townlands No. 133, Erongo Region, Namibia.

**Proponent:** Continuum HB Property Investments (Pty) Ltd

**EAP:** Erongo Consulting Group (Pty) Ltd

**Reviewer:** Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism (MEFT)

The EIA) for the boutique hotel development in Henties Bay will evaluate the environmental effects of the subdivision, rezoning, and consolidation of land. It will assess impacts on local ecosystems, water management, traffic, and the community. The EIA will also propose mitigation measures to minimize negative effects, ensuring sustainable development while protecting the environment.

We invite Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to join the public consultation process. Comments are welcome until 14th March, 2025. A public meeting will be held based on stakeholder interest.

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• Tel / WhatsApp: +264 (0) 81 878 66 76  
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We value your input and look forward to your contributions to ensure high environmental standards and sustainability.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE: EIA FOR THE PRPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL NO: 10141 OKAHANDJA, OTJOZONDJUPA REGION.

In accordance with the Environmental Management Act no. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 EIA regulations, the proposed exploration activities on EPL no 10141 require an Environmental Clearance Certificate before commencement.

The proponent, **Ludi Namibia Mining and Investment (PTY) LTD.** is proposing to conduct exploration activities on EPL no: 10141 in Okahandja district, Otjozondjupa region.

**Consultant:** Kalahari Geological and Environmental Solutions

Members of the public are invited to register as I&AP's for comments/inputs in order to receive further information on the EIA process on, and before the 28TH of March 2025 at kalaharigeoen-viro@gmail.com

For more information please contact:

**Mr Joseph Kawina**  
**Mobile: +264 813597277**



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**Proponent:** Napunikwa Investment CC

**Project Location:** Ohameva, Okongo Constituency

**Public meeting venue:** Ohameva village Headman's house

**Date:** 22nd March 2025

**Time:** 12H00 pm – 14H00 pm

**Deadline for Comments:** 9th April 2025  
Register as I&Aps @:  
**Email:** [info@tec.com.na](mailto:info@tec.com.na),  
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Report Title: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Prospecting Activities under Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) 10173, Opuwo Magisterial District, Kunene Region, Namibia

**Project Location:** EPL 10173, Kunene Region, Opuwo Magisterial District, near the southwestern border of Angola, Coordinates: 17°07'32.28" S, 13°15'44.55" E  
**Proponent:** Frampton Investment CC  
**EAP:** Erongo Consulting Group (Pty) Ltd  
**Competent Authority:** Ministry of Mines & Energy (MME)  
**Reviewer:** Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism (MEFT)  
**Local Authority:** Opuwo Town Council, Kunene Region, Namibia

The EIA for EPL 10173 in the Opuwo Magisterial District will assess environmental and social impacts, including land disturbance, water resources, biodiversity, air quality, noise, and socio-economic factors. Mitigation measures will ensure sustainable exploration while protecting the environment and communities. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to participate. Submit comments by 25 March 2025. A public meeting will be held if there is interest.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF CONDITION AND CHANGE OF BUSINESS NAME UNDER THE LIQUOR ACT, 1998 (REGULATIONS 14, 26,27, 33&35)

Notice is hereby given that an application in terms of the Liquor Act, 1998, particulars of which appear below, will be made to the Regional Liquor Licensing Committee, Omusati Region.

1. Name and Postal Address of Applicant: Philip Ajueshi, Private Bag 2024, Ondangwa.
2. Current Business Name and Proposed Amendment: The current name Go Big Investment, under which two Special Liquor Licenses are registered, is being amended to Go Big Entertainment, with differentiation maintained between the Bar and the Night Club sections.
3. Address / Location of Premises: Erf 2646, Onhimbu East, Outapi, Omusati Region, Republic of Namibia.
4. Nature and Details of Application: - Day Bar Lounge (Current Operating Hours: 10h00 – 02h00) → Name Change to Go Big Entertainment Bar (Operating Hours to remain the same: 10h00 – 02h00). - Night Club (Current Operating Hours: 22h00 – 05h00) → Name Change to Go Big Entertainment Night Club (Requesting amendment of condition to new operating hours: 18h00 – 06h00 daily).
5. Clerk of the Court with Whom Application Will Be Lodged: Outapi Magistrate's Court.
- 6.Date on Which Application Will Be Lodged: \*Between 20 March– 01 April 2025.\*
7. \*Date of Meeting of Committee at Which Application Will Be Heard:\* \*07 June -14 July 2025(subject to change)\*

Any objection or written submission in terms of \*Section 28 of the Act\* in relation to this application must be sent or delivered to the \*Secretary of the Committee\* to reach the Secretary not less than \*21 days before\* the date of the Committee meeting at which the application will be heard.

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Okanguati, Kunene Region, P. O. Box 147, Opuwo, Namibia, +264 81 318 9724

Enquiries: Tjindunda Mathews

Date: 21.../06.../2025

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: CONSENT FOR MINING PROSPECTIVE LICENCE (EPL) NO: ...10173...  
DISTRICT ..E.P.O.P.A..... AREA REGISTRATION NO:..... IN THE  
JURISDICTION OF THE KAPIKA TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY KUNENE REGION.

I Tjindunda Mathews..... Chief/Senior Cancellor/Secretary under the Kapika Traditional Authority hereby acknowledge and give consent with no objection on EPL NO: ...10173... belonging to Exampeton Investment CC (Pty) Ltd, Registration number: 147241/10173....., to carry out exploration activities in the area, as per the requirements of the Ministry of Mines and energy (MME).

The EPL should be subjected to adherence of all national regulations including the Traditional Authority Act. Furthermore to give 70% job employment to surroundings community members as well some assistance to the Kapika Traditional Authority, village traditional leader and thirdly Conservancy to return back to the community for development, great honors of social corporate responsibility towards the community should be practiced once mining operations commence, after finding then you must go back to area stakeholders meetings with headman/woman surrounding Communities, Conservancy and the Kapika Traditional Authority how to operate with them as well equally agreed percentages % (.....) distribution into the stakeholders bank accounts, Kapika Traditional Authority (CTF), Acc: 62244028933, Opuwo FNB, Chk, B/C 281473. The primary communal land power vested in the Royal Houses of Traditional Authority by the state as the custodian.

Thank you very much

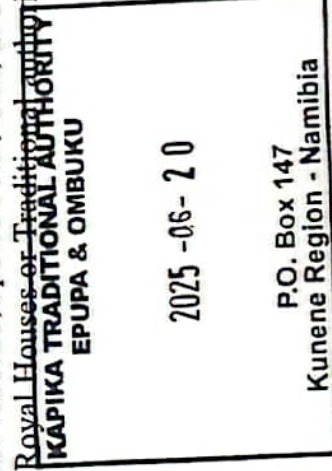
Yours Sincerely

Signature: .....

Mr/Mrs/Ms. Tjindund Mathews..... (Secretary) Senior Cancellor

Cell No: 061 356 0433.....

Email Address: tjindundam@gmail.com



## 6 Public Participation Process

### 6.1 Introduction to Public Participation

Public participation is a fundamental component of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, ensuring that the voices of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are heard and integrated into project planning and decision-making. The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) defines public participation as “any process that involves the public in problem-solving or decision-making and uses public input to make better decisions” (IAP2, 2018). In the context of EIAs, public participation refers to the structured engagement of stakeholders - including local communities, government authorities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other relevant parties - to inform them about a proposed project, gather their concerns, and incorporate their feedback into the assessment and mitigation strategies (Glasson et al., 2013).

The purpose of public participation in EIAs is multifaceted: it promotes transparency, enhances the quality of decision-making, ensures social acceptability, and fosters trust between project proponents and stakeholders (O’Faircheallaigh, 2010). It also aligns with principles of environmental justice, ensuring that marginalized groups, such as indigenous communities, have a say in projects that may affect their livelihoods and cultural heritage (United Nations, 1992). In Namibia, public participation is a legal requirement under the Environmental Management Act (EMA) of 2007 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2012), which mandate that I&APs be given adequate opportunities to comment on proposed activities that may impact the environment (Government of Namibia, 2007; Government of Namibia, 2012). Specifically, Section 21 of the EIA Regulations (2012) requires a public consultation period of at least 7 days, during which stakeholders must be notified and provided with access to project information.

Internationally, public participation in EIAs is guided by frameworks such as the Aarhus Convention, which emphasizes the right of the public to access environmental information, participate in decision-making, and seek justice in environmental matters (UNECE, 1998). The International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standard 7 on Indigenous Peoples further underscores the need for free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC) when projects affect indigenous communities, such as the Himba in the EPL 10173 project area (IFC, 2012). These standards highlight the importance of culturally sensitive engagement, particularly in regions like the Kunene Region, where the Himba community has a low literacy rate (40%) and relies on traditional practices like pastoralism and resin harvesting.

This chapter outlines the public participation process (PPP) conducted for the EIA Scoping phase of the proposed exploration activities under Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) 10173. The PPP was designed to be inclusive, transparent, and culturally appropriate, addressing the unique challenges of engaging the Himba community, who are semi-nomadic, have limited access to telecommunications (60% of rural Kunene with poor mobile coverage), and face literacy barriers. The process involved identifying stakeholders, conducting consultation activities, and documenting issues raised, ensuring compliance with Namibian legislation and international best practices.

## 6.2 Stakeholder Identification

The first step in the PPP was to identify stakeholders who may be affected by or have an interest in the proposed exploration activities. Stakeholders were categorized into Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), including local communities, government authorities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other relevant groups. The identification process considered the project's location, the socio-economic context (e.g., Himba pastoralism, limited infrastructure), and legal requirements under the EMA.

Table 31: Stakeholder Engagement Framework: Key Groups, Rationales, and Outreach Methods

| Stakeholder Category           | Specific Stakeholders   | Rationale for Inclusion  | Contact Method   |
|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>Local Communities</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Himba community (seasonal graziers in EPL 10173 area).</li> <li>Opuwo residents (50–70 km southeast).</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Himba use the area for grazing; potential disruption to routes.</li> <li>Opuwo residents may benefit from jobs and procurement.</li> </ul>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community meetings, OtjiHimba translators, visual aids.</li> <li>Newspaper notices in Opuwo.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Traditional Authorities</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vita Royal House (Himba traditional leadership in Kunene Region).</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Represents Himba community interests; key for cultural and land use concerns.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Direct meetings with leadership.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Government Authorities</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT).</li> <li>Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME).</li> <li>Kunene Regional Council.</li> <li>Opuwo Town Council.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MEFT oversees EIA approval.</li> <li>MME oversees mining licences.</li> <li>Regional and local councils manage land use and development.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formal letters, emails, and meetings.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>NGOs and Civil Society</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal Assistance Centre (LAC).</li> <li>Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF).</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LAC advocates for indigenous rights (e.g., Himba land rights).</li> <li>NNF focuses on environmental conservation in Kunene.</li> </ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emails, project notifications, and invitations to meetings.</li> </ul>                                  |
| <b>Other I&amp;APs</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local businesses in Opuwo (e.g., suppliers).</li> <li>Tourism operators in Kunene Region.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Businesses may benefit from procurement.</li> <li>Tourism operators may be affected by access or environmental changes.</li> </ul>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newspaper notices, direct outreach.</li> </ul>  |

### Stakeholder Inclusion Analysis: Prioritizing Community Needs & Regulatory Requirements:

The stakeholder identification process ensured that all relevant parties were included, with a focus on the Himba community due to their direct use of the EPL 10173 area for grazing and cultural practices (e.g., resin harvesting from *Commiphora wildii*). The low literacy rate among the Himba (40%, with 30% among women) necessitated the use of OtjiHimba translators and visual aids to ensure effective communication. Government authorities were engaged to meet legal

requirements, while NGOs like the Legal Assistance Centre were included to address potential concerns about indigenous rights, given historical land use disputes in the Kunene Region (Legal Assistance Centre, 2023). The stakeholder list was compiled in January 2025 and updated throughout the scoping phase based on feedback and new registrations.

### 6.3 Public Consultation Activities

The public consultation activities were conducted over a 15-day period from 28 February to 14 March 2025, exceeding the minimum 7-day requirement under the EIA Regulations (2012). The activities were designed to inform I&APs about the project, provide opportunities for input, and address the cultural and logistical challenges of the remote Kunene Region (e.g., limited mobile coverage, poor road access). Multiple methods were used to ensure accessibility, including public meetings, newspaper notices, site notices, and direct engagement with traditional authorities.

Table 32: Public Participation Summary: Outreach Activities and Community Engagement

| Activity                                    | Date                      | Location   | Details   | Attendance                                |
|---|---------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>Newspaper Notices</b>                    | 28 February 2025          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confidante (English).</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announced project details, public comment period, and meeting dates.</li> <li>Included contact details for Erongo Consulting Group.</li> </ul>               | N/A (circulation: ~500,000 readers)       |
| <b>Site Notices</b>                         | 28 February 2025          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPL 10173 boundary (4 locations).</li> <li>Opuwo Town Council noticeboard.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A3-sized notices in English and OtjiHerero, with project overview and comment instructions.</li> <li>Included maps and visuals for accessibility.</li> </ul> | N/A (visible to passersby)                |
| <b>Community Meeting (Himba)</b>            | 7 March 2025              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Near EPL 10173 (central coordinates: -17°04'49.55"S, 13°15'57.82"E)</li> </ul>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focused on Himba community.</li> </ul>   | No attendees                              |
| <b>Meeting with Traditional Authorities</b> | 10 March 2025             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vita Royal House, Opuwo</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed cultural impacts and mitigation (e.g., avoiding ancestral sites).</li> </ul>   | 2 attendees (Himba leaders, project team) |
| <b>Feedback Collection</b>                  | 28 February–14 March 2025 | Via email, phone, and in-person  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment forms distributed at meetings (English/OtjiHerero).</li> <li>Verbal feedback recorded by translators for non-literate participants.</li> </ul>       | No written comments, 5 verbal comments    |

### 6.4 Public Engagement Approach and Outcomes:

- Newspaper Notices:** Notices were placed in widely circulated newspapers (Confidante) to reach a broad audience, including Opuwo residents and regional stakeholders. The use of



OtjiHerero alongside English ensured accessibility for the Himba and other local communities (Namibia Statistics Agency, 2025).

- **Feedback Collection:** Multiple channels (email, phone, in-person) were provided to accommodate different stakeholder preferences. Verbal feedback was recorded for non-literate participants, ensuring inclusivity.

The consultation activities complied with the EIA Regulations (2012) and followed international best practices, such as the International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standard 7 on Indigenous Peoples, which emphasizes meaningful consultation with indigenous groups like the Himba (IFC, 2012).

## 6.5 Summary of identified issues

The public consultation process identified several key issues and concerns raised by I&APs. These issues were documented, categorized, and will be addressed in the subsequent phases of the EIA, including the impact assessment and the Environmental Management Plan. The table below summarizes the main issues identified by the EAP.

Table 33: Summary of Key Issues Raised During the Public Consultation for the EPL 10173 Exploration Project

| Issue/Concern                       | Details of Concern   | Initial Response   |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Disruption to Grazing Routes</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern that access tracks and drill sites may block seasonal grazing routes (Out).</li> <li>▪ Rainy season (November - April) is critical for grazing.</li> </ul>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exploration activities will be scheduled to avoid the rainy season where possible.</li> <li>▪ 500m buffer zones around grazing routes will be implemented.</li> </ul>                                     |
| <b>Water Use and Contamination</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern about water use (180,000 - 360,000 L) in a water-scarce region.</li> <li>▪ Fear of groundwater contamination from drilling fluids.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Water will be sourced from permitted boreholes or transported from Opuwo.</li> <li>▪ Biodegradable drilling fluids and bunded storage will prevent contamination.</li> </ul>                              |
| <b>Employment Opportunities</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Request for local hiring, especially for Himba youth (40% under 15).</li> <li>▪ Concern about low literacy (40%) limiting job access.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 50 - 70% of 10 - 20 jobs will be reserved for locals.</li> <li>▪ On-the-job training (e.g., 2-day induction) will be provided.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Impact on Cultural Heritage</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Potential disturbance to ancestral sites (e.g., graves) and cultural practices (e.g., resin harvesting).</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A heritage assessment will be conducted, with a chance-find procedure in place</li> <li>▪ Community liaison officer to ensure ongoing communication.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Environmental Impacts</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern about vegetation clearing (5 ha) impacting <i>Commiphora wildii</i> and <i>Welwitschia mirabilis</i>.</li> <li>▪ Dust and noise affecting fauna (e.g., Hartmann's mountain zebra).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pre-clearance surveys for protected species and revegetation with native species.</li> <li>▪ Dust suppression (e.g., water spraying) and noise control (e.g., scheduling) will be implemented.</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Lack of Infrastructure Benefits</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for project to improve local infrastructure (e.g., water access, electricity; 70% without electricity).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CSR initiatives will be explored, such as borehole maintenance and solar lighting for community use.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Communication Barriers</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low literacy (40%) and limited mobile coverage (60% of rural Kunene; hinder effective communication.</li> </ul>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OtjiHimba translators and visual aids were used during consultations.</li> <li>Ongoing engagement will include in-person meetings and a community liaison officer.</li> </ul> |

## 6.6 Stakeholder Concerns and Mitigation Measures

### ▪ Pastoral Livelihood Protection

**Concern:** Potential disruption to Himba seasonal grazing patterns

**Solution:** Implementation of 500m buffer zones and dry-season scheduling for field activities

### ▪ Water Resource Management

**Concern:** Impacts on limited water resources in Kunene Region

**Solution:** Use of biodegradable drilling fluids and strict adherence to Water Resources Management Act (2013) requirements

### ▪ Local Employment

**Commitment:** Priority hiring of 50-70% local workforce from Kunene Region

**Program:** Includes skills training for temporary positions (3-5 year duration)

### ▪ Cultural Heritage Preservation

**Protection:** Identification and safeguarding of ancestral sites and traditional resin harvesting areas

**Protocol:** Implementation of chance-find procedures compliant with National Heritage Act (2004)

### ▪ Biodiversity Conservation

**Measures:** Pre-activity surveys and revegetation plans for protected species

**Compliance:** Alignment with Nature Conservation Ordinance (1975) standards

### ▪ Community Communication

**Approach:** Use of OtjiHimba translators and visual aids for engagement

**Continuity:** Appointment of dedicated community liaison officer

### ▪ Documentation and Next Steps

All stakeholder input has been formally recorded

Concerns will be incorporated into:

- Final environmental impact assessment
- Environmental Management Plan development

Ongoing project planning processes