

26 September 2025

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE (EPL) No. 9777 LOCATED NEAR OTJIU, IN KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA.

Date: 02 September 2025

Time: 10:00

Venue: Otjikongo village, Kunene region.

The public consultation meeting was attended by Otjikongo community members, including two (3) Environmental Consultants and one (1) Archaeologist/Heritage specialist from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) - **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 prospecting and exploration activities on EPL 9413. 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

Mr. Nerson Tjelos 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). Mr. Tjelos 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)

Mr. Tjelos 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, 02 of September 2025.

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue/comment/question	Response and name of responder:
1	Commenter 1: Who owns the EPL?	Mr. Simeon Namweya (SN): The proponent is Libra Seventy-One Investment (Pty) Ltd but the awarding of the EPL is subjected to the issuing of the ECC by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET). The ECC has not yet been granted.
2	Commenter 2: How will the community benefit from this EPL?	Iyaloo Nakale (IN): Upon granting of the ECC, the company will be required to engage directly with the local community to negotiate mutually beneficial agreements. The EPL holder is required to subcontract from the affected communities. This means that the first priority to employ people must come from the nearest villages to the EPL. This will contribute to skills transfer. Additionally, the EPL holder should provide assistance to the community were possible, whether it is in terms of monetary, material or infrastructure.
3	Commenter 3: One of our leaders is not here, is it possible for us to continue with this meeting?	Ms. Iyaloo Nakale (IN): We were informed of that and it is our understanding that he is hospitalized and because of that he has informed the Traditional Authority to proceed with the meeting. Mr. Rukumo from the TA present here can confirm that. Feedback will be shared with him.

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4	Commenter 4: There are other EPLs in the area, how do we know you were not here before? And how did the proponent get the EPL? This EPL is not covering our village and there are not village on this EPL. The road to get there is tracks used by herders because near the EPL is a cattle post.	Mr. Simeon Namweya (SN): If you look at the BIDs, the name of our company and that is the proponent is there. If your community was approached by another company, it is not us or the proponent. The proponent went to MIME to apply for the area of interest. Any Namibian or Namibian owned company is welcomed to go and apply for EPLs, mining claims and even Mining Licenses. Well noted. It is fortunately that there are no people on the EPL, this will reduce some of the potential negative impact. A gravel road should be created for easy access if the ECC is granted.

FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Mr. Namweya 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, Mr. Namweya 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 13h30.