

18 July 2025

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for the proposed prospective and exploration activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) No. 9380 located near Grunau, //Karas Region, Namibia

Date: Friday, 18 July 2025

Time: 14:30 – 15:30

Venue: Farm to Farm Consultation and Grunau Settlement Office (Hall)

The public consultation meeting was conducted on a farm to farm consultation basis, and also at the Grunau Settlement Office (Hall), including three (3) Consultants from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

The farm to farm and Grunau Settlement Office (Hall) meeting was opened by the Environmental consultant with an introduction of the project, and the reason why the affected parties are being consulted.

The meeting attendance register was circulated for the attendee 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 ESIA 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 and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and the reason that the Proponent appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS), an independent Environmental Consultant to carry out the ESIA and apply for the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC).

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

Mr. Simeon Namweya explained to the attendee 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. Namweya further explained that the proposed 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 Consultant also presented the potential pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

Mr. Namweya allowed the meeting attendee 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, 18th July 2025

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue/comment/question	Response and name of responder:
1.	Commenter 1: Despite the positive impacts outlined in the Background Information Document (BID), it is important to note that the negative impacts may have long term impact if not mitigated.	Mr. Simeon Namweya (SN): The mitigation measures will be outlined in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP), and will be shared with the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs)
2.	Commenter 2: How many people will be employed, and what is the duration of the project?	Mr. SN: It is anticipated that around 5-10 people will be employed and the duration of the project, once an ECC is obtained for this project is 3 years. However, the Proponent can employ more people or less people depending on the funds available and the scale at which prospecting and exploration activities will be conducted.
3.	Commenter 3: We have no objection regarding this project, the proposed project will bring developmental projects within the area. We have graves on our farm (Us 162), and also on farm (Genadendal 264).	Mr. SN: Noted, we have an archaeologist, if you have graves, rock painting on your farm, it is important that we record such. Such archaeological significance area regarding as no-exploration/prospecting zone. Mr. SN: Noted.

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4.	Commenter 4: Groundwater is an issue in the area, the boreholes are almost dry. If the exploration activities commence, they will negatively affect the groundwater level. No extraction of water from our boreholes will be allowed.	Mr. SN: Noted.

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 attendee that all their comments, concerns, and inputs had been noted down for consideration and addressing in the Environmental Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Report as well as incorporating their recommendations into the draft EMP.

Furthermore, Mr. Namweya informed the attendee that the draft meeting minutes, ESIA Report, and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be shared with the parties for review and further comments. These documents will be made available through emails provided on the attendance register.

Once the review of the draft ESIA 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 farm to farm public consultation meeting adjourned at 15h30.