

15 July 2025

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED SMALL-SCALE MINING ACTIVITIES ON MINING CLAIMS (MCs) NO. 73874-73877 and 74217-74222 LOCATED NORTH EAST OF KHORIXAS, KUNENE REGION.**

**Date:** 2 July 2025

**Time:** 14h30

**Venue:** Khorixas Constituency Office

The public consultation meeting was attended by (11) people, including one environmental consultant, GIS expert and one archaeologist 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 by introducing the team and stating the purpose of the consultation meeting with the parties affected by the mining activities on MCs . The meeting attendance register was circulated for the attendees to sign and add their 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 Consultant, Mr. Wilbard Angula explained the EIA process to the attendees, and the reason for their invitation to the meeting (with reference to the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation). Mr. Angula further explained the importance for the proposed project of requiring an ECC and attendee's role in the EIA process.

### **2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts**

To ensure transparency towards the public and understanding of proposed works by the attendees, the Environmental Consultant also presented the pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

### **2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)**

Ms. Nakale provided the meeting attendees with the opportunity to raise their concerns/issues and/ or comment on the proposed project activities. The issues and comments recorded are presented in **Table 1** below.

**Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the public consultation meeting, 2 July 2025**

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue / comment / question	Response and name of responder:
1.	<b>Commenter 1:</b> My concern is on the fauna and flora, do you have any technical ways to mitigate these impacts?	<b>Wilbard Angula (WA):</b> Mitigation measures will be addressed in the reports that will be shared with the registered interested and affected parties.
2.	<b>Commenter 2:</b> How long will it take for the ministry to grant the ECC?	<b>(WA)</b> After the reports are submitted at ministry of environment and tourism, the reports are uploaded on their portal for public review (two weeks). Only after that can the committee start reviewing the reports for ECC consideration which can take up to two to three months.  .

## **FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

Mr. Angula thanked the attendees for their input through comments and by raising their concerns. She indicated to the attendees that all their comments, concerns and inputs had been noted down for consideration, and for addressing in the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Report, as well as incorporating their recommendations into the draft EMP.

Furthermore, Mr. Angula informed the attendees that the draft meeting minutes, Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be shared with them for their review and further comments. These documents will be made available through emails provided on the attendance register.

Once the review of the reporting is completed, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) for evaluation and consideration for an ECC.

The meeting adjourned at 15h10