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Meeting Minutes

26 Aug 2025

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING & EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE (EPL) No. 9310 LOCATED NORTH OF OPUWO, KUNENE REGION.

Date: Tuesday, 26 Aug 2025

Time: 10:00 – 13:00

Venue: Ehomba, Kunene River conservancy office under tree, Kunene region

The public consultation meeting was attended by (33) thirty-three people, including three (3) Environmental Consultants and one (1) 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 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 9308. 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

Ms. Iyaloo Nakale 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). Ms. Iyaloo Nakale 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)

Ms. Iyaloo Nakale 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, 26th of Aug 2025

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue/comment/question	Response and name of responder:
1.	Commenter 1: Do you have permission to mine on our grazing areas or to remove grazing	Ms. Iyaloo Nakale (IN): At this stage, the client has only submitted an application for prospecting and exploration rights. It is important to clarify that this does not grant permission to carry out mining activities. Prospecting and exploration are preliminary phases aimed at collecting geological information to determine whether there are any viable mineral resources present.
2.	Commenter 2: We have many conservancies why is it only Kunene River member present? Are the benefits of the project only going to be for the conservancy people not all of us?	Ms. IN: The reason the Kunene River is the only conservancy present can be attributed to the fact that the EPL falls within the Kunene River conservancy, however other conservancies were welcome to attend the meeting as Interested and affected parties. The benefits outlined are preliminary, and additional benefits may be identified as the project progresses. These will not be limited to conservancy members alone.
3.	Commenter 3: People from Okawapehuri, Ombazu aren't here but they are affected?	Ms. IN: The EPL is located between the villages, and the communities were invited to this meeting. However, we acknowledge that the distance posed a challenge for some participants, with a few even camping overnight in order to attend today's meeting.

FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Ms. Iyaloo Nakale 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, Ms. Iyaloo Nakale 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 13:00.