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Subject: Response to the Application EPL 10453 Consent Letter of Only Prospecting License

In response to your request refer to the 28/08/2025 meeting at Fransfontein on review of the above-mentioned follow-up and Environmental Management Plan Presentation.

Huab Conservancy Management has no objection to conducting of prospect on the specific minerals stipulated in the Environmental Management Plan presented to the CMC during the meeting as mentioned above.

This letter serves to confirm that the Environment Clearance Certificate is to be issued based on Prospecting purposes only.

Please make use of the attendance list for this meeting as a references for Consent letter during submission of the application.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT



PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 10453 IN KHORIXAS DISTRICT, KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA

PROPONENT: DESERT SPRING MINING CC

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT-AUG 2025

INTRODUCTION

Desert Spring Mining cc intends to conduct mineral exploration activities on EPL 10453 in Khorixas district, Kunene region., hence the need to conduct an Environmental Assessment on the area covered by EPL 10453 and the intended proposed exploration activities as per notice applicant of preparedness to grant application for EPL 10453 and to ascertain the viability of the mineral deposit.

In this respect Junior Baiano Industrial Consultants (JBIC) cc have been appointed to carry out an Environmental Assessment study to obtain an environmental clearance certificate as per the requirements of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism in terms of Mining and Quarrying activities.

The study will incorporate biophysical, ecological and socio-economic baseline investigations relating to the proposed project.

In terms of the Namibian environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2012, an Environmental Clearance Certificate is to be obtained before the project can proceed.

This is because under the Government Notice 29 of 2008, Section:

3. Mining and Quarrying Activities

3.1. The construction of facilities for any process or activities which requires a license, right or other form of authorization, and the renewal of a license, right or other form of authorization, in terms of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining Act), 1992.

3.2 Other forms of mining or extraction of any natural resources whether regulated by law or not.

3.3 Resource extraction, manipulation, conservation

AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THIS EIA PROCESS

The aims of this EIA:

- To comply with Namibia's Environmental Assessment Policy, Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) with its 2012 EIA Regulations and;
- Consult all interested and affected parties such as local residents, town council and regional council to ensure that their inputs are taken into account;
- To assess the significance of issues and concerns raised;
- Review the legal and policy framework and its relevance to this project;
- Describe general and socio-economic environment of the project to determine impacts and suitability to the project site.
- Identify and assess impacts related to the continued operations.
- Compile an Assessment Report and Management Plan (EMP), which includes recommendations and methods to minimize the identified negative environmental impacts of the proposed project.
- To identify existing environmental conditions and associated environmental sensitivities within and adjacent to the project area that may potentially be affected, i.e. Environmental sensitivity and monitoring procedures.

THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The Public Participation Process (PPP) is an integral part of the EIA process whereby it allows the public to obtain information about the proposed project, to view documentation, to provide input and voice any concerns concerning the project. The Public Participation Processes that will be undertaken will include consultation with the local authority, line ministries, government extension offices, owners of neighboring properties and other I&AP is living around the proposed area. During the meeting participants will be availed an opportunity to comment, ask questions and raise any concerns be it environmental or social regarding the proposed project. Comments will be recorded and considered in the Environmental Assessment report that will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment for review

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

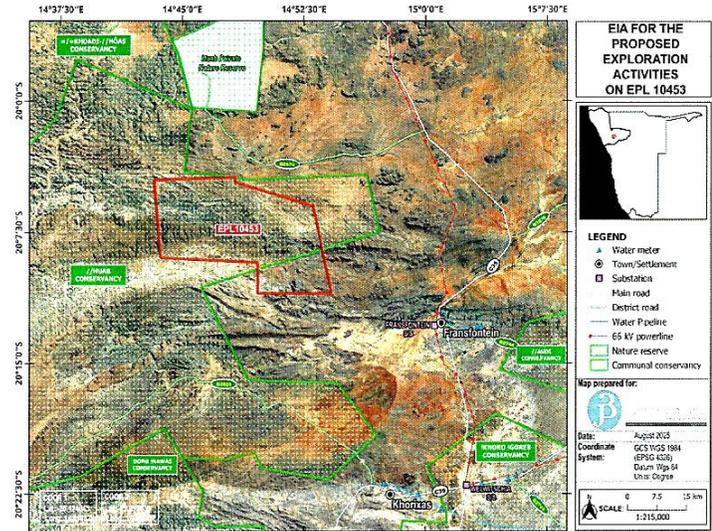
The proposed activities entail prospecting and detailed exploration activities to delineate the mineral deposits. This is to determine whether the deposit for the target commodities is economically feasible (to advance to the resources development and mining phase).

Prospecting and exploration of minerals are the first components of any potential mining project. This is done to acquire the necessary data required for further decision-making and investment options.

Exploration activities are anticipated to last for about three years or sometimes longer (depending on the various factors such as turnaround between exploration data analysis and availability of funds between project phases, etc.).

PROJECT LOCATION

Figure1: Site Locality table



ANTICIPATED PROJECT IMPACTS

Potential Impacts	Assessment to be Undertaken
Negative Impacts	
Land use Change (Aesthetic value)	baseline assessment
Impacts on fauna and Flora	JBIC EIA Team If there is need for specialist Assessment, the consultation process will Inform.
Impacts on surface and groundwater resources	JBIC EIA Team baseline assessment
Health and Safety hazards	JBIC EIA Team baseline assessment
Cumulative impacts of the project Operation	JBIC EIA Team baseline assessment
Positive Impacts	
Revenue generation	JBIC EIA Team baseline assessment
Mine development	JBIC EIA Team baseline assessment
Employment creation	JBIC EIA Team baseline assessment

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

This Public Consultation process forms an important component of the Environmental Assessment process. It is defined in the EIA Regulations (2012), as a “process in which potential interested and affected parties are given an opportunity to comment on, or raise issues relevant to, specific matters” (S1).

You can participate through the following:

- Responding to the newspaper adverts for public meeting, availability of scoping report and decision made by MET.
- **A door to door consultative engagement with the nearby farms will be held on the 27th of August 2025, and public meeting will be held at Fransfontein, Khorixas district at the Swartbooi Traditional Authority Hall on the 28th of August**

OUR CONTACT DETAILS.....

You can send all your comments and enquiries to the following:

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Registration and Comments Form

PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 10453, KHORIXAS DISTRICT,
KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA

KINDLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IN DETAIL AND RETURN TO:

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What is your main area of interest regarding the proposed development?

- Job Creation
- Revenue Generation on agreed upon basis.

Do you have any points of concern or support regarding the proposed project? If "yes", please briefly list these in point format:

YES / NO

- Health and Safety hazards.
- Support on the Conservancy operations.
- Infrastructure development support.
- Any relevant Social Responsibility support.

Should this project go ahead? If no please specify reasons below:

YES / NO

- Yes, possible Community Development Activities encouraged.
- Not operating within the restricted Zoned area.