

**19 August 2025**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON THE EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE (EPL) NO. 10110 LOCATED SOUTH EAST OF SWAKOPMUND, IN THE ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA**

**Date:** 19 August 2025

**Time:** 14H30 –15H00

**Venue:** MEFT, Swakopmund Office

The public consultation meeting was attended 4 people, *Please refer to the attached attendance register.*

**INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS**

Mr. Mandume Leonard (Environmental Consultant) opened the meeting and made a short introduction of the team, who they are, and the purpose as to why they are consulting affected parties of the proposed small-scale mining activities on the Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 10110. The meeting attendance register was then circulated for the attendees to write down their names, and contact details and sign so that they could be added to the list of interested and affected parties (I&APs) and receive further information on the ESA process.

**MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION**

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

**2.1 Brief Description of the Project**

Mr. Leonard explained the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) and the reason why 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. Leonard explained to the attendees what the meeting was all about and why they were invited (regarding the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation). Mr. Leonard 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, Mr. Leonard also presented the potential pre-identified positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

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

Mr. Leonard provided the meeting attendees the opportunity to raise their concerns/issues and or comment on the proposed project activities. No issues and comments were raised

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

Mr. Leonard thanked the attendees for their crucial input through comments and raising their concerns. She indicated to the attendees that all their comments, concerns, and inputs have 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. Leonard 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 the 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 around 15:00.