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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTIVE LICENSES (EPL) NO. 10505 LOCATED NEAR KHORIXAS, KUNENE REGION; NAMIBIA

Date: 23 September 2025

Time: 10:20 – 12:00

Venue: Swartboi Traditional Authority

An engagement meeting was scheduled and held with stakeholders and all interested and affected parties regarding Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) No. 10505, located near Khorixas. The meeting was attended by various stakeholders, including representatives from the local community, the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Practitioner and Archaeologist from Savannah Environmental Consulting Services CC, as well as the project proponent. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the proposed prospecting activities, facilitate open dialogue, and ensure that all concerns and inputs were documented for consideration in the Environmental Assessment process.



Figure 1 consultation meeting in progress in Fransfontein

The meeting was opened with welcoming remarks, after which Mr. Mandume Leonard, the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) from Savannah Environmental Consulting Services CC, thanked all attendees for making time to participate. He introduced himself, the consulting team, and the project proponent before presenting the meeting agenda, which followed the requirements of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007, and its 2012 EIA Regulations (Sections 21–24) on public consultation. Copies of the Background Information Document (BID) were distributed to all

participants for reference throughout the meeting proceedings, followed by the circulation of the attendance register.

Mr. Leonard explained the purpose of the meeting and provided a brief overview of the proposed project activities as outlined in the BID. He emphasised that the ongoing Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) study and subsequent Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) application are specifically for prospecting and exploration activities only, and not for mining. To promote transparency and ensure stakeholder understanding, Mr. Leonard presented the potential positive and negative environmental impacts anticipated from the proposed activities.

Attendees were then given the opportunity to ask questions, express concerns, and provide input regarding the proposed project. All comments, questions, and suggestions raised during the meeting were documented and will be incorporated into the meeting minutes, to inform the preparation of the ESA Report and Draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP). A summary of the key issues and responses is presented in Table 1.

Feedback and Issues raised by the Stakeholders (I&APs)

A summary of main issues and concerns raised during consultation meeting are provided in **Table 1** below.

Concern No.	Comment / concern	Response
1	There are small scale miners within the EPL, how are they going to benefit from the exploration activities	Mr. Mandume Leonard: The proponent acknowledged the presence of small-scale miners within the EPL area. Small scale miners are mining within the area that was allocated / granted to them and the epl holder will be exploring at their target area, thus Opportunities for collaboration, local employment, training, and information sharing will be explored to ensure small-scale miners also benefit from the project.
2	What will happen if the commodity of interest the good deposit is found within someone's homestead	Mr. ML : If a viable deposit is discovered within someone's homestead, the proponent will follow the legal procedures outlined in the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act, 1992 (Act No. 33 of 1992). No activity will occur without the landowner's consent, and fair consultation and compensation will be ensured in line with Namibian law.
3	There are existing graves within the EPL	Mr. ML: The presence of existing graves within the EPL area is acknowledged. All graves and culturally significant sites will be respected and protected in accordance with the National Heritage Act, 2004 (Act No. 27 of 2004). No exploration activities will take place near these sites, and appropriate buffer zones will be established.

There were no further questions or comments/concerns.

Mr. Leonard thanked everyone for making time to attend the meeting and raising concerns and comment regarding the proposed project .He informed the attendees that the scoping report as well as the environmental management plan will be shared with stakeholders for their review before submission to the competent authority. The meeting was closed and was adjourned at 12h30.