

**03 November 2025**

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED SMALL-SCALE MINING ACTIVITIES ON MINING CLAIMS (MCs) No. 75488-75492 LOCATED NORTHWEST OF OPUWO, KUNENE REGION.**

**Date:** Monday, 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

**Time:** 10:00 – 12:10 & 14H00-16H00

**Venue:** Oritjitombo village and Ekongo village, Kunene region

The public consultation meetings were attended by fifty-three (53) people, including one (2) Environmental Consultant 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 small-scale mining activities on MCs No. 75488 -75492. 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**

Mr. Wilbard Angula 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). Mr. Wilbard further explained what an ESA is and that the proposed small-scale mining 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)**

Mr. Wilbard Angula 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, 03<sup>rd</sup> of November 2025

| 10:00am at Oritijombo village |   |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Comment/<br>issue No.         | Commenter name<br>&<br>issue/comment/question   | Response and name of responder:              |
| 1.                            | <p><b>Commenter 1:</b> We have an issue with water in Orijitombo and I propose the proponent drill two boreholes one for their operation and one to give to the community <b>(Water scarcity)</b>.</p> <p>For this project they should prioritize local employment instead of employing people that do not reside here <b>(Employment)</b>.</p> | <b>Mr. Wilbard Angula (WA):</b> Well, Noted. |
| 2.                            | <p><b>Commenter 2:</b> We need projects that can development with infrastructure such as road, network, clinic, school or community garden <b>(Socio-economic upliftment)</b>.</p>  | <b>Mr. (WA):</b> Well, Noted.                |

Table 2: Comments and issues raised during the public consultation meeting, 03<sup>rd</sup> of November 2025

| 14:00am at Ekongo village |  |   |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Comment/<br>issue No.     | Commenter name &<br>issue/comment/question   | Response and name of responder:   |
| 1.                        | <p><b>Commenter 1:</b> How should we address a proponent who fails to comply with the measures recommended by the environmentalist? (<b>Non-compliance</b>)</p> <p>Ekongo village has a severe water shortage. My proposal is to install a community borehole. The existing boreholes are too far away, so people are often left with no choice but to drink untreated water from the nearby river (<b><u>Input-Adequate water</u></b>).</p> | <p><b>Mr. Wilbard Angula (WA):</b> If the proponent is not in compliance, you can document the issue by either taking photographs and report it to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism.</p> <p><b>Mr. (WA):</b> Well, Noted.</p> |
| 2.                        | <p><b>Commenter 2:</b> The proponent should prioritize hiring local labor instead of bringing in external workers (<b>Employment</b>).</p>   | <p><b>Mr. (WA):</b> For community uplift, we recommend that projects of this scale hire locally, especially for general labor.</p>  |
| 3.                        | <p><b>Commenter 3:</b> Having already been relocated to Ekongo because of floods, residents now face the prospect of being displaced again due to the influx of mining</p>   | <p><b>Mr. (WA):</b> Usually establish buffer zones around housing infrastructure. This practice prevents exploration activities within a set radius unless the proponent and landowner have a prior agreement.</p>                              |

## 14:00am at Ekongo village

| Comment/<br>issue No. | Commenter name &<br>issue/comment/question                               | Response and name of responder: |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
|                       | operations, a situation causing significant alarm ( <b>Relocation</b> ). |                                 |

### FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Mr. Wilbard Angula 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, Mr. Wilbard 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.

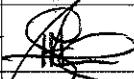
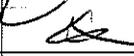
The meetings adjourned at 16h00.

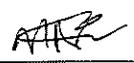
**Proof of consultation  
Attendance Register**

## Public / Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting Attendance Register

PROJECT: Environmental and Scoping Assessment (ESA) for the Small-Scale mining Activities on Mining Claim (MC) No. 75488-75492 Located northwest of Opuwo in the Kunene Region, Namibia.

Venue: omibambo & Ekanga  
 Date: 3rd November 2015  
 Time: 10:00 & 14:00

| No | Name   | Organization | E-mail Address  | Telephone No.            | Signature   |
|----|--|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1. | Nzosana Hlabangana                           | EDS NAMIBIA  | nhlabangana@eds | 0814650075               |  |
| 2. | Wilberd Angula                               | EDS Wambya   | —               | —                        |  |
| 3. | Amos R ngumbel                               | chiel        | —               | 0812132588               |   |
| 4. | vetera <del>simulina</del> <sup>Mbinge</sup> | Chairman     | —               | 081                      |   |
| 5. | Abia muhete                                  | omibambo     | —               | —                        |   |
| 6. | Tjipingana                                   | mbahono      | —               | 0813363142               |   |
| 7. | Toivo  | Kepi         | —               | 0818610792               |   |
| 8. | Ndorowa                                      | muhenje      | —               | 081346634 <sup>597</sup> |   |

| No  | Name           | Organization  | E-mail Address | Telephone No. | Signature   |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---|
| 9.  | Tuahangana     | Mbunguha      | -              | 0818667657    |   |
| 10. | Uakererua      | Mbunguha      | -              | 0817710948    |   |
| 11. | Maripanguruavi | Nderua        | -              | 0815511580    |  |
| 12. | Mumbimbi       | A Kavari      | -              | 0812446562    |   |
| 13. | Rinis          | Kaviyambo     | -              | 0812652215    |   |
| 14. | Uezeniko       | Ndoyai        | -              | 0817259771    |   |
| 15. | Tupukalika     | Kariba        | -              | -             |   |
| 16. | Nelumbi        | hiryombanele  | -              | 0817113428    |   |
| 17. | Kajimbambua    | Tjumbua       | -              | 0813462639    |   |
| 18. | Mayeteputi     | Mbahono       | -              | 0814910429    |   |
| 19. | Kavikorere     | Tjaendombinda | -              | 0817422921    |   |
| 20. | Mbingasana     | Mutemba       | -              | 0815356553    |   |
| 21. | Kaurumetua     | maendo        | -              | 08            |   |
| 22. | Minda          | Tjikoto       | -              | 081           |   |
| 23. | Kokombandja    | Mbahono       | -              | -             |   |
| 24. | Ugeripame      | Mbunguha      | -              | -             |   |

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| 25. | Ilaandjaluani       | Mbahono      | -              | -             |           |
| 26. | Uripava             | kumengu      | -              | 0814013121    |           |
| 27. | Muhivene            | Mbahono      | -              | -             |           |
| 28. | Mbumbuna            | udovai       | -              | -             |           |
| 29. | Veenduari           | Ruhozu       | -              | 081           |           |
| 30. | Nelunge             | Mbunguha     | -              | 0816112371    |           |
| 31. | Mathew              | Mbendura     | -              | 0814324699    |           |
| 32. | Uaumbanga Ngwamba   |              |                |               |           |
| 33. | Rincheva Tjavara    |              |                |               |           |
| 34. | Uaansi Tjimbura     |              |                |               |           |
| 35. | Venjiuri mutamba    |              |                |               |           |
| 36. | Tjiramenda Tjichave |              |                |               |           |
| 37. | Uapupugwana         |              |                |               |           |
| 38. | Kabure Tjijura      |              |                |               |           |
| 39. | Tjakuo kulukulu     |              |                |               |           |
| 40. | Ko munganda Ruhozu  |              |                |               |           |

Utati Tjichave

Kovek Tjichave

| No  | Name                | Organization | E-mail Address | Telephone No. | Signature |
|-----|---------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| 41. | Karhuwa Tjihar      |              |                |               |           |
| 42. | Wairthokazane Epoke |              |                |               |           |
| 43. | Mazekwapi Tjisema   |              |                | 0516 925      |           |
| 44. | Mbakwama Nazo       |              |                |               |           |
| 45. | Kawuzawa Tjrawbi    |              |                |               |           |
| 46. | Twethawapi mbuge    |              |                |               |           |
| 47. | Hengwa Tjwbaru      |              |                |               |           |
| 48. | Muhuzwaka Tjirumbi  |              |                |               |           |
| 49. | Moenuwapi mbandura  |              |                | 0516663993    |           |
| 50. | Tjipngano mbahan    |              |                |               |           |

Tsivo kepi  
Ndorewa mbhanyi