

**24 November 2025**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

**PROJECT: THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE (EPL) NO. 10500 LOCATED NORTH OF OMATJETTE, IN THE DAURES AND OMARURU CONSTITUENCIES, IN ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA**

**Date:** Monday, 24 November 2025

**Time:** 11:00 – 14:30

**Venue:** Under the tree next to the kindergarten in the Otjihorongo area

The public consultation meeting was attended by 55 (Fifty-five) people, including two environmental consultants and one archaeologist from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) and a representative from Phoenix Mineral Development (Pty) Ltd; - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS**

The meeting was conducted by Ms. Aili Ilpinge (an Environmental Consultant). Initially, the attendees (**Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs)**) of EPL No. 10500, introduced themselves. Ms. Ilpinge thereafter stated the purpose of the consultation meeting, then the attendance register was circulated for the attendees to sign and add their contact details, so that they could be added to the list of 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**

Ms. lipinge explained the EIA process to the attendees, and the reason for their invitation to the meeting (with reference to **the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation**). Ms. lipinge further explained the importance of the proposed project requiring an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC).

### **2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts**

To ensure transparency towards the public and understanding of proposed works by the attendees, the Environmental Consultant also presented the pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

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

Ms. lipinge provided the meeting attendees with the opportunity to raise their concerns/issues and/ or comment on the proposed project activities. The issues and comments recorded are presented in **Table 1** below.

**Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the public consultation meeting, 24 November 2025**

<b>Comment/ issue No.</b>	<b>Commenter name &amp; issue / comment / question</b>	<b>Response and name of responder:</b>
<b>1.</b>	We do not want mining unless the existing previous mining environmental damages are rehabilitated.	<b>Proponent's representative:</b> We do not intend to mine once this ECC is granted, we intend to prospect and explore.
<b>2.</b>	How will the community members benefit from his project?	<b>Proponent's representative:</b> Through employment, land access agreements and camping fees.
<b>3.</b>	Meeting invitation was not adequately carried out. Next time such invitation must be done in the radio.	<b>Ms. Aili lipinge (AI):</b> Well, noted, next time we will do better.
<b>4.</b>	Phoenix Mineral Development (Pty) Ltd was already prospecting for minerals in this area or closer to this EPL area, how did the members of the community benefit from that?	<b>Proponent's representative:</b> We sponsored the Rural woman assembly with a water tank and seeds for their project.
<b>5.</b>	What are the commodities that the proponent is looking for?	<b>Proponent's representative:</b> Precious metals (Gold and Silver), base and rare metals, marbles, Dimension Stone, Industrial Minerals and Nuclear Fuel Minerals.

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6.	What guided in the demarcation of this EPL?	<b>AI:</b> The Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy (MIME) maintains extensive geological data for Namibia. Based on this information, the Proponent applied for an Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) in this area, guided by the target commodity of interest and ensuring that the selected area did not overlap with any existing EPL applications. The proposed EPL boundaries were demarcated and authorized by the MIME in accordance with established procedures.
7.	Where will the investors come from?	<b>Proponent's representative:</b> Phoenix Mineral Development (Pty) Ltd already has investors.
8.	Was this project advertised?	<b>AI:</b> Yes, the project was advertised in the Namibian and the New Era Newspapers.
9.	As community member of the area , we are yet to send our comments and concerns regarding the proposed project	<b>AI:</b> Well noted , we are looking forward to them

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

Ms. lipinge thanked the attendees for their input through comments and by raising their concerns. She indicated to the attendees that all their comments, concerns and inputs had been noted down for consideration, and for addressing in the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Report, as well as incorporating their recommendations into the draft EMP.

Furthermore, Ms. lipinge informed the attendees that the draft meeting minutes, Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be shared with them for their review and further comments. These documents will be made available through emails provided on the attendance register.

Once the review of the reporting is completed, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism for evaluation and consideration for an ECC.

The meeting adjourned at 14h30