

# Namibia Hosts Regional Training on Chemical Weapons Emergency Response

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**N**amibia is hosting the 2025 Integrated Advanced Course and Exercise on Assistance and Protection Against Chemical Weapons for Anglophone States Parties in Africa.

The week-long training opened on Monday at the Seaside Hotel & Spa in Swakopmund and is organised by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in partnership with the Namibian government.

The opening ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy, Gaudentia Kröhne, who delivered the keynote address, alongside OPCW representative Babatunde Olowookere.

Also present were Diina Nashidengo, Chairperson of the Namibia National Authority and Director of Commerce, officials from the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy, and participants from across Africa.

Kröhne noted the 2023 confirmation by the OPCW of the destruction of all declared chemical weapons stockpiles, achieved 26 years after the Chemical Weapons Convention entered into force.

She said this demonstrated the importance of cooperation, vigilance, and preparedness.

"In hosting this course once again, Namibia continues to demonstrate its commitment to regional preparedness and international peace," Kröhne said. She added that Namibia previously hosted the training in Swakopmund in 2022 and in Windhoek in 2024.

Olowookere commended Namibia's role as a partner of the OPCW and thanked the Ministry of Industries, Mines, and Energy for co-organising the programme.

He said that after the destruction of stockpiles in 2023, the OPCW has shifted focus to preventing re-emergence and to strengthening cooperation, with special attention to Africa.

"The OPCW provides Member States with expert guidance, technical support, and essential resources to safeguard their populations against chemical weapons threats," Olowookere said.

He explained that the course is part of the 2024–2025 regional cycle under the Assistance and Protection Programme.

Over the next five days, participants will train in personnel protection, detection and sampling, decontamination, operational readiness, and zone management during emergencies. Instructors from Kenya, Namibia, Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia will conduct the sessions.

Both Kröhne and Olowookere encouraged participants to apply the lessons in their home institutions and to contribute to the implementation of Article X of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

**CALL FOR REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTIES**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MINERAL PROSPECTING ACTIVITIES ON EPL 9722, OTJOZONDJUPA REGION**

**1. PROJECT SITE AND DESCRIPTION**

Century Mining (Pty) Ltd (the Proponent), intends to apply to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate for their proposed prospecting activities in respect to Base and Rare Metals, Nuclear Fuels, Non-Nuclear Fuels and Semi-Preclous Stones on a combined area approximate area of 19710.86 Ha in the Otjozondjupa Region. The key component of the proposed activity entails geological mapping and survey and manual sample collection for laboratory analysis, and small-scale mining operation. Access to the sampling or survey sites will be by existing tracks and on foot where vehicle access is limited.

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

Enviro-Leap Consulting invites all Interested and Affected Party (I & AP) to register and receive Environmental Assessment (EIA), Scoping and EMP documents relating to the proposed project for their comments and input. Interested and Affected Parties are hereby requested to register by writing to us at the address below no later than 26 September 2025.

**3. COMMENTS AND QUERIES**

Please register and direct all comments, queries to:  
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## Stakeholder Engagement - Environmental Scoping for Proposed Mineral Exploration Activities in respect to Exclusive Prospecting Licenses (EPLs 9722, 9835, 9876, 9877, 9882 and 10177 ), in the Otavi / Grootfontein district of the Otjozondjupa Region

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Sun, Apr 19, 2026 at 12:12 PM

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Dear I&AP,

You were pre-identified as a possible Interested and Affected Party in respect to the proposed Listed Activity in terms of the Environmental Management Act. No. 07 of 2007.

We herewith, also attached a Background Information Document (BID) for your interest, and kindly ask that you kindly notify us if you wish to be engaged further and receive the Scoping Report and Management Plan for the proposed activity.

Ps. Dear representatives of the various Farmers Association / Unions, we kindly plea that you share this with your members whose farm may overlap with the proposed EPLs listed below:

EPL 9722 – Commercial / Resettlement Farms	
Farm 1	Farm Hamburg No. 504
Farm 2	Farm Omuhona No. 503
Farm 3	Farm Hohentwiel No. 506/REM and No. 502
Farm 4	Farm Ondjondjo No. 505
Farm 5	Farm Omagonde No. 501
Farm 6	Farm Achalm No. 583
Farm 7	Farm Tirol No. 560
Farm 8	Farm Osib No. 581
Farm 9	Farm Hohental No. 327
Farm 10	Farm Hoder No. 580/REM
Farm 11	Farm Ego No. 579
Farm 12	Farm Egue No. 578
Farm 13	Farm Hohental Nord No. 554
Farm 14	Farm Jord No. 555
Farm 15	Farm Conradi No. 556
Farm 16	Farm Hedwigshof No. 558
Farm 17	Farm Glucksburg No. 559

EPL 9835 – Commercial / Resettlement Farms	
Farm 1	Farm Onora No. 138
Farm 2	Farm Una No. 503
Farm 3	Farm Oslo No. 121
Farm 4	Farm Offer No. 117
Farm 5	Farm Fairview No. 488
Farm 6	Farm Nuchomis No. 335
Farm 7	Farm Luipaardskop No. 487
Farm 8	Farm Irene No. 485
Farm 9	Farm Tafelberg No. 491
Farm 10	Farm Elandsvlei No. 484
Farm 11	Farm Bonnie-Brae No. 483

EPL 9877 – Commercial / Resettlement Farms	
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<b>Farm 2</b>	Farm Block Vi No. 596/02
<b>Farm 3</b>	Farm Bruchbsummen No. 344/02
<b>Farm 4</b>	Farm Bruchbsummen No. 344/REM
<b>Farm 5</b>	Farm Altona No. 791/02
<b>Farm 6</b>	Farm Rietfontein No. 344/03
<b>Farm 7</b>	Farm Rietfontein No. 344/10

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Best Regards

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**5 attachments**

 **BID EPL 9722-CGM\_Print READY.pdf**  
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**NB: the email includes the address of several commercial farmer associations and Union representing the land owners, whose contacts proved difficult to obtain thus limiting direction engagement.**

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