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<p>CALL FOR REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTIES</p> <p>ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MINERAL PROSPECTING ACTIVITIES ON EPL 10177, OTJOZONDJUPA REGION</p> <p>PROJECT SITE AND DESCRIPTION</p> <p>Core Vista Metal Resources (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 and Precious Metals on a combined area approximate area of 6351,66 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. 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It is located in Turmain Street, Vineta (Extension 8). The owners intend to rezone Erf 2279 to accommodate more rental units to provide rental accommodation that is in line with the Swakopmund Municipality's regulations. The proposed rezoning will allow the owner to accommodate additional units on the Erf thus, optimizing the use of the Erf to its full potential and catering to the housing demand in Swakopmund.</p> <p>Sufficient parking for the development will be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Swakopmund Zoning Scheme. The locality plan of the Erf lies for inspection on the town planning notice board at the Swakopmund Municipality and at Harmonic Town Planning Offices, 768 Pasteur Street, Windhoek west.</p> <p>Any person objecting to the proposed use of the land as set out above may lodge such objection together with the grounds thereof, with the Swakopmund Municipality and with the Applicant in writing within 14 days of the last publication of this notice (final date for objections is Thursday, 09 October 2025).</p>	<p>VACANCY</p> <p>ELIKO DIAMONDS PTY LTD</p> <p>We're Hiring</p> <p>We invite candidates who are passionate and experienced for the required positions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> General Manager Triple XXX Diamond polisher in Hearts and Arrows and specialized shapes Specialized Evaluator for high value and big stones Quazer Laser machine operator Galaxy scanner operator Specialised fancy shapes operator Sarine Planner operator 4p Cutting machine operator Auto Diall Machine operator <p>Requirements to apply for the job:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 12 and above Certified hard copy of ID Fluent in English Police Clearance Certificate (not older than 6 months or receipt) Experience letter / Training Certificate Disadvantaged citizens are encouraged to apply <p>How to apply: email your CV and supporting documents to - odms.na@parishgroup.com</p> <p>Due date for application: 09 September 2025 at 10:00 (GMT)</p> <p></p> <p>Need to advertise? Our expert sales staff is here to help!</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Please take note that Kamau Town Planning and Development Specialists and Environmental Consultants has been appointed by the owner of the Remainder of Portion B of the Lüderitz Town and Townlands No. 11, to apply to the Lüderitz Town Council, the Urban and Regional Planning Board, and to the Environmental Commissioner for the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Subdivision of the Remainder of Portion B of the Lüderitz Town and Townlands No. 11 into Portion A, Portion B and Remainder of Portion B of the Lüderitz Town and Townlands No. 11. Re-zoning of the proposed Portion A from "Undetermined" to Residential Z with a density of 1:50. Re-zoning of the proposed Portion B from "Undetermined" to "Street" Alteration of the Boundaries of Lüderitz Proper to include Portion A and B. Request for the waiver of the Suburban and Endowment fees in Lieu of street creation on Portion B. Consent to begin with construction while the subject application is in progress. <p>In accordance with the Lüderitz Zoning Scheme, Part 2, Section 105 of the Urban and Regional Planning Act, 2018 (Act No. 5 of 2018), the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 20 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Government Notice No. 30 of 4 February 2012), Kamau PTDS hereby provides public notification of the above application.</p> <p>The owners of the proposed subdivided Portions A and B intend to rezone Portion A to Residential Z and Portion B to "Street". They also intend to alter the boundaries of Lüderitz Proper to include the proposed subdivided Portions A and B. In addition, the owners wish to commence construction while this application is being processed.</p> <p>The purpose of this application is to enable Rocky Bay Investment CC, who were allocated Portion A, to construct workers' accommodation on the proposed Portion A and to create a street on the proposed Portion B. The remainder of Portion B within Lüderitz Town and Townlands No. 11 will remain unchanged.</p> <p>Please further take note that -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For more enquiries regarding the subdivision, rezoning, consent, waiver of betterment and endowment fees and alteration of boundaries, kindly visit the Lüderitz Town Council's Department of Planning. any person having objections to the proposed development or who wants to comment, may lodge such objections and comments in writing, together with the grounds, with the Chief Executive Officer of the Lüderitz Town Council, and with the applicant within 14 days of the last publication of this notice, i.e. no later than 09 October 2025. <p>REGISTRATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&AP) AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS:</p> <p>Provided that the Lüderitz Town Council provisionally grants consent for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to be conducted by the creation of a street on the proposed Portion B, all interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) are hereby invited to register and submit their comments, concerns or questions in writing on or before 09 October 2025 in line with Namibia's Environmental Management Act, 2007 (No. 7 of 2007) and EIA regulations (Government Notice No. 30 of 6 February 2012).</p> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION AND QUERIES, KINDLY CONTACT</p> <p>Applicant: Kamau Town Planning and Development Specialists and Environmental Consultants PO Box 22296, Windhoek No. 59 Jenner Street, Windhoek West hope@kamautpds.com</p> <p>Local Authority: The Chief Executive Officer Lüderitz Town Council P.O. Box 19 Lüderitz 100@lct.com.na</p> <p>  </p>
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Mashare Agricultural College Set to Open in 2026

Annakleta Haikera

The restructuring of the Mashare Agricultural Development Institute (MADI) into a full-fledged agricultural college is at an advanced stage, with the first student intake expected in January 2026.

Kavango East Region Governor, Julius Hambyuka, revealed this during his State of the Region Address (SORA) delivered earlier today.

According to Governor Hambyuka, once operational, the college will serve as a hub for agricultural training and food production in the region.

He stressed that bringing this vision to life requires sizeable investment to address key challenges, including dilapidated infrastructure, staff shortages, and a lack of essential equipment; all of which are crucial for the effective functioning of the institution.

He further noted that efforts are underway to register the college with the Namibia Training Authority (NTA) and seek accreditation from the Namibia Qualifications Authority (NQA) as a technical and vocational education and training (TVET) centre.

Hambyuka highlighted that the institution is expected to offer training in modern agriculture, food production, and related fields, serving students not only from the two Kavango regions, but from across the country.

Local activist, Frans Moyo, has expressed strong support for the revival of MADI, but insists the institution must prioritise the needs

of the local population. He pointed out the importance of equitable access for learners from Kavango East.

"While it's a national institution, we must not overlook the needs of the people who live right here," Moyo said. "For years, our young people have had to travel far to access agricultural training," he added.

"Now that this opportunity is finally coming to our doorstep, it's only fair that learners from Kavango East be prioritised during the first intake," he said.

Moyo also urged that inclusion go beyond student enrollment and extend to employment opportunities for local professionals.

"We have qualified agriculturalists, engineers, and educators from this region who can contribute meaningfully. Let's use the reopening of this college to empower our own people economically and academically," he continued.

He further called for transparency and community involvement throughout the implementation process.

"We hope there will be ongoing consultation with local stakeholders. Communities around Mashare need to be part of the planning and decision-making, not just spectators," he added.

In summary, Moyo called on regional leadership to ensure that once the college opens, it is well-equipped, inclusive, and reflective of the agricultural potential and developmental needs of the Kavango regions.

Kavango East is widely recognised as an agricultural hub, as it is home to five green schemes playing a pivotal role in Namibia's food production.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING IN RESPECT TO BASE & RARE METALS AND PRECIOUS METAL ON EPL 10076, KHOMAS AND HARDAP REGIONS

1. PROJECT SITE AND DESCRIPTION

Craftmine Mineral Resources (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, Industrial Minerals and Precious Metals on a combined area approximate area of 9606 Ha in the Khomas and Hardap Regions. 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

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OTJOZONDJUPA REGION

PROJECT SITE AND DESCRIPTION

Cross Vista Metals Resources (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 and Precious Metals on a combined area approximate area of 6331.05 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.

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OTJOZONDJUPA REGION

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MINERAL PROSPECTING ACTIVITIES ON EPL 9835.

OTJOZONDJUPA REGION

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OTJOZONDJUPA REGION

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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-Precious Stones on a combined area approximate area of 19703.86 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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MINERAL PROSPECTING ACTIVITIES ON EPL 9882.

OSHKOTO REGION

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, Industrial Minerals, Nuclear Fuels, Non-Nuclear Fuels, Precious Metals and Semi-Precious Stones on a combined area approximate area of 4921.82 Ha in the Oshkoto 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.

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OPUNDO RURA CONSTITUENCY, KUNENE REGION

PROJECT SITE AND DESCRIPTION

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"We're not asking for handouts. We want fair access to local markets," said Albert Mutesi, another farmer.

"If hostels, schools, and hospitals buy our produce, we can grow more, employ more people, and feed the nation," added Mutesi.

Mutesi also called for input subsidies, improved market access, and better infrastructure to support farming activities. He lamented the rising costs of production, saying he expects to spend N\$468,000 this planting season on seeds, fertilisers, and chemicals alone.

"We're not making any profit at all. There's literally nothing coming in. It's very stressful and unsustainable, considering electricity costs and rising input prices have reduced our yields," Mutesi explained.

"We used to harvest 160 to 170 tonnes from 20 hectares, now it's significantly less," he concluded.

Sikondo Farm Manager Maxwell Nghidinwa also criticised the fragmented approach by State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) in procurement.

"SOEs are operating in silos. They are ignoring green schemes that are producing vegetables," he said.

"Two years ago, the Ministry of Education engaged us to align hostel procurement with our produce, but nothing has materialised," he further stated, stressing that the government must lead by example.

"Government must buy from its own initiatives first. Only then can we talk about broader markets," Nghidinwa highlighted.

Marketing remains a key challenge. Farmers say even after a successful harvest, they often struggle to find buyers. Namibia currently imports about 70% of its food and fertilisers - mainly from South Africa - with high transportation costs inflating prices.

In response, Agriculture Minister Zaamwani-Kamwi acknowledged the farmers' concerns and reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting local producers.

Prime Minister Ngurare underscored the need for a collaborative approach between farmers, traditional authorities, and policymakers to strengthen agricultural development in the region.

This renewed call adds momentum to national conversations around food security, rural development, and economic empowerment through local procurement.

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find themselves stuck in low-productivity, low-paying service jobs, with limited access to formal employment or opportunities for upward mobility.

The findings paint a stark picture of a country rich in resources but struggling to translate that wealth into shared prosperity and sustainable employment.

Between 2012 and 2018, the report shows, Namibia experienced a major labour shift. Employment in agriculture—a traditional backbone of the rural economy—fell significantly, while jobs in the service sector expanded.

However, this shift has not been accompanied by economic transformation. Most of the new service jobs are informal, precarious, and marked by low wages and poor working conditions.

These are the jobs into which many young people are being funnelled, often after completing secondary or even tertiary education, with little hope of escaping the cycle of economic vulnerability.

The IMF argues that the heart of the problem lies in the mismatch between economic growth and inclusive development.

While Namibia's GDP is expected to grow steadily over the coming years—thanks in part to growing investment in oil, gas, and green hydrogen—this growth is not generating enough quality jobs. In fact, real GDP per capita has remained stagnant, and unemployment remains one of the highest in the region.

Youth unemployment alone exceeds 47%, and the situation is particularly acute in rural and peri-urban areas, where economic opportunities are scarce and job networks are weak.

The report also highlights Namibia's growing dependence on resource extraction as a potential long-term risk. Without strong policy frameworks, the IMF warns, the expanding oil and gas sector could worsen the divide between the formal and informal economies.

Resource wealth may drive up national revenues and attract foreign investment, but it will not automatically improve people's lives unless accompanied by deliberate efforts to strengthen the labour market and ensure that Namibians—not just multinational firms—benefit from the boom.

CALL FOR REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTIES

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING IN RESPECT TO BASE & RARE METALS AND PRECIOUS METAL ON EPL 10076, KHOMAS AND HARDAP REGIONS

1. PROJECT SITE AND DESCRIPTION

Craftmine Mineral Resources (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, Industrial Minerals and Precious Metals on a combined area approximate area of 9806 Ha in the Khomas and Hardap Regions. 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 herewith request to register by writing to us at the address below no later than **17 August 2025**.

3. COMMENTS AND QUERIES

Please register and direct all comments, queries to:
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As part of its recommendations, the IMF calls for robust investment in vocational education and skills development, particularly in sectors able to absorb large numbers of workers.

It urges the government to foster stronger linkages between high-growth industries and the domestic labour force through apprenticeships, procurement requirements, and local content strategies.

The report also points to the need for improved data collection, noting that Namibia lacks reliable labour force data, especially in the informal sector, where most young people work.

Equally important, the IMF stresses the need to expand access to credit, technology, and business support services for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), which remain key drivers of job creation.

In addition, the study recommends strengthening Namibia's social protection systems to shield vulnerable workers—particularly young people, women, and rural residents—from labour market shocks.

The IMF's report arrives at a pivotal moment in Namibia's development journey. With vast natural resources and new global interest in its energy potential, the country stands at a crossroads.

Whether it chooses to grow inclusively, or repeat the mistakes of other resource-rich nations that left their people behind, depends on how it responds to these labour market warnings.

The challenge now is not just to grow the economy, but to ensure that every Namibian has a fair chance of participating in it.