

Meeting Minutes

04 November 2025

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

PROJECT: Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) for Proposed Exploration Activities on Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 10298 located North of Grootfontein in the Otjozondjupa region, Namibia.

Date: Thursday, 23 October 2025

Time: 11:00 – 11:57

Venue: Abenab Lodge, Grootfontein

Seven people attended the public consultation meeting, including two Environmental Consultants (Mr Mandume Leonard and Ms Vistolina Augustus) and one Archaeologist (Ms Loide Shipingana) from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS).

Supplementary farm-to-farm visits were also made to engage with absent farmers.

Additionally, telephone communications were used to further interact with stakeholders who were unable to attend in person.

These minutes encompass feedback and discussions gathered from both the meeting at Abenab Lodge and subsequent farm visits, as well as insights shared through phone conversations.

Please refer to the attached attendance register for a complete list of attendees.

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

The Environmental Consultant (Mandume) began the meeting by introducing the team and explaining the purpose of the consultation, which was to engage Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about the proposed prospecting and exploration activities within **EPLs 10298**.

An attendance register was then circulated among the attendees, enabling them to register their names and contact details, which would be used to maintain communication and provide updates on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.

2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

2.1 Brief Description of the Project

Mr. Mandume Leonard provided the attendees with an overview of the EIA process, citing relevant legislations such as the Environmental Management Act and its 2012 EIA Regulations on Public Consultation. He then explained the significance of obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the proposed project, emphasizing the attendees crucial role in contributing to the EIA process by offering their insights and feedback regarding the potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of the proposed project.

2.2 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, the Environmental Consultant also presented the potential pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

2.3 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

Mr. Mandume 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, 04 November 2025

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue / comment / question	Response and name of responder:
1.	Is this application only for prospecting and exploration activities? If the proponent later intends to proceed with mining operations, would that require a separate application and approval process?	Mr. Mandume Leonard (ML): Yes, that is correct. At this stage, the environmental scoping assessment is the primary requirement. Should the exploration phase yield positive findings, a more comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be necessary for the application of a mining license. The EIA will involve various specialists to thoroughly evaluate potential environmental effects.
2.	During which phase would they require excavators?	ML: During the second phase
3.	What happens during the first phase?	ML: In the first phase, the team conducts geological mapping to identify potential mineral deposits. They may utilize advanced technologies like drones to gather data. By analyzing this data, they pinpoint target areas with higher mineralization prospects, guiding further exploration efforts.
4.	If we, as farmers, are unable to reach an agreement with the Proponent?	ML: You can seek assistance from the Office of Ancillary Rights within the Ministry of Mines and Energy. This office acts as a mediator, facilitating discussions between the Proponent and the affected landowners to ensure that an agreement is reached that is mutually beneficial and respects the interests of all parties.

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5.	Water is already insufficient for grazing.	ML: If water is not sufficient, the proponent might have to take another route of getting water, its either getting water from somewhere else and having to transport it on site.
6.	Since the project will be impacting the farms for an extended period of three years, what compensation measures is the proponent willing to offer to the affected farmers?	ML: Obtaining the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) does not automatically give the proponent access to the farms. Instead, the proponent will need to enter into a land access agreement with the farmers before any exploration activities can commence. This agreement will outline the terms and conditions for access to the farms, including any compensation or mitigation measures for the impacts of the project on the farms. It is essential that the agreement is signed by all affected parties before any work begins, to ensure that everyone's rights and interests are protected.
7.	So, what will be the next step?	ML: The next step after the assessment is completed, the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) and the Environment Management Plan (EMP) report will be shared with the stakeholders for feedback before the final versions of the ESA and EMP reports are submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.

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8.	Does Phase 1 and Phase 2 each have their own separate contract agreement?	ML: Yes, Phase 1 and Phase 2 are having separate contract agreements.
9.	What steps will be taken to protect against trespassing and unauthorized access to our farms during the proposed exploration phase?	<p>ML: Prior to the commencement of any exploration activities on your farms, it is crucial that a mutually agreed upon the land access agreement is reached between the Proponent and the landowners. This agreement will include regulations regarding the timing of the exploration activities, ensuring that they are conducted in a manner that minimizes disruptions to farming and other land uses.</p> <p>Security protocols, including the use of designated entry points, personnel identification, and a signed access register, will be implemented to prevent unauthorized access. No activities will commence without consultation, agreement, and notice to landowners.</p>
10.	What are they prospecting for?	ML: They are prospecting for Base and Rare Metals, Dimension Stones, Industrial Minerals and Precious Metals.

FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Mr. Mandume 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. Mandume 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 meeting adjourned at 11h57.



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Public Meeting Attendance Register

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Venue: Abenab Lodge

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