

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MINERALPROSPECTING AND EXPLORATON ACTIVITIES ON EPL 10849 IN OKAHANDJA AND OMARURU DISTRICTS, OTJOZONDJUPA AND ERONGO REGION

## UNDERTAKING OF PUBLIC MEETING – PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

**PROJECT:** PROPOSED MINERAL PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 10849 IN OKAHANDJA AND OMARURU DISTRICTS, OTJOZONDJUPA AND ERONGO REGIONS

**VENUE:** OMARURU COMMUNITY HALL

**DATE:** 28 NOVEMBER 2025

**TIME:** 14H00

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### Presenter:

Fredrich Nghiylwa-JBIC

### Attendees:

Attendance register attached at the end of this document.

### Proceedings:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PERSON
1	<b>Welcome</b>  All present were welcomed on behalf of the proponent and the agenda confirmed. Apologies: Some members of the community were not present for the meeting because of different commitments, but there was representation of the key community leaders.	Mr. Tongai Magocha
2	<b>Introduction</b>  The Consultant team was given a chance to introduce themselves	Mr. Fredrich Nghiylwa
2	<b>Purpose of Meeting</b>  -The meeting is to allow the public an opportunity to learn about the project. To allow the public an opportunity to provide their comments, questions and concerns directly to the project team and open dialogue for questions and answers. -The consultant is undertaking this process because he is responsible for environmental clearance for the project with the Ministry of environment, forestry and tourism and there is need for full participation of all the attendees to the meeting. -The Environmental Impact Assessment process in Namibia was explained to the members in attendance.	Mr. Fredrich Nghiylwa
3	<b>Background and overview of the project</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cancun Energy is in a bid to prospect and conduct exploration on EPL 10848 in Okahandja and Omaruru districts</li> <li>The Proponent has thus appointed Junior Baiano Industrial Consultants to undertake the Environmental Assessment in order to</li> </ul>	Mr. Fredrich Nghiylwa

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>obtain the Environmental Clearance certificate for the proposed project.</li> <li>Project rational was explained to the meeting attendants, as the project aims to determine the viability of the mineral deposits under EPL 10848</li> <li>The project is in accordance to the Harambee Prosperity Plan and the Namibia Development Goals, and thus the need to address all crucial issues surrounding the project.</li> <li>All anticipated changes to the environment because of the project were thoroughly discussed by the consultant so that the community members would understand the implications of the project in both positive and negative angles.</li> <li>The period of implementation for the project was explained, in relation to what has been done, what is being done and what is remaining for the future.</li> <li>There was emphasis that the environmental consultant will be part of monitoring during exploration and operation of the proposed development</li> <li>The preliminary findings by the EIA consultant indicated that the project's positive impacts will outweigh the anticipated negative impacts because for all anticipated negative impacts a management plan will be crafted to give remediation and action measures.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The consultant concluded by urging the proponent to ensure that the EMP should be adhered to as a condition of contractual works and the proponent should make sure of that during exploration and operation of the project. Proponents have a tendency of dumping consultants once the ECC is granted but the monitoring process should continue even during operation</li> </ul>	Mr. Fredrich Nghiylwa
<b>4</b>	<b>Q &amp; A Session</b>	
	-Meeting attendants were given the floor to pose questions.	Mr. Fredrich Nghiylwa



ISSUE CATEGORY	COMMENTATOR /I & A P:	COMMENT, QUESTION, QUERY, CONCERN RAISED:	RESPONSE
Job Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aluteni Maria</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will the local community be considered for employment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FN: Yes the local community will be considered both on short and long term basis. Short term during the exploration period, long term during the establishment of the mine, if the deposit is viable</li> </ul>
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Martin Maria</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How long will it be before exploration and establishment of the mine, because in the past we have attended meetings of this nature and never hear from them again.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FN: The EIA process can take up to 5 months before the ECC is granted, then it is up to the proponent to seek for potential investors to venture in the business, exploration is quite an expensive exercise, hopefully it will be conducted soon.</li> <li></li> </ul>
Land degradation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maria David</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will the proposed project not have negative impacts to the farmers who are using the land for grazing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FN: Our commitment is this: the project will be designed to avoid any net loss of productive grazing. We have selected the site carefully to minimize land take and will fence only the immediate facility area.</li> </ul>
Water Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jacobina Leonard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there a possibility of ground water contamination as a result of this project, this can adversely affect our livestock and human health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FN: Protecting the groundwater is the top environmental priority for this project. I can assure you that any possible underground water contamination will be contained, and the EMP will be explicit in that regard</li> <li></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Local Economic Development and job creation for the local community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>August Nuseb</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can the local community benefit from this project during construction and operation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FN: The local community will be considered for employment during exploration and operation of the project as mentioned earlier on.</li> </ul>
Overall support of the project to go ahead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting attendants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All present in the meeting have registered their support for the project to go ahead and they were uniform in their approach to indicate that the project will eradicate unemployment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FN: please note that the meeting attendants are in support of the proposed project, of course taking into account that the significance of negative impacts can be reduced with effective and appropriate</li> </ul>



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			mitigation measures to be provided for in the EMP report
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<b>5</b>	<b>Where to from here and how to stay involved in the EIA process?</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments are still welcome on the project</li> <li>14 day commenting period will be given and I&amp;AP will be notified when this period commences</li> <li>Emphasis on giving comments in writing</li> </ul>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Conclusions and thanks</b>	
	JBIC team gives thanks on following the rules of the meeting and for attending.	Fredrich Nghiylwa

**The meeting adjourned at 15:45 PM**

**Scribe Name: Fredrich Nghiylwa**

**Signature:** 

**Date: 5 December 2025**

**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1 – Public Meeting Attendance Register
- Completed Registration Form