

Meeting Minutes

17 December 2025

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

PROJECT: Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) for Proposed Exploration Activities on Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 10299 located in Otjosondu, in the Otjozondjupa region, Namibia.

Date: Wednesday, 19 November 2025

Time: 10:00 – 10:30

Venue: Farm Omantumba No.134, Otjosondu

Four 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).

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

These minutes encompass feedback and discussions gathered the meeting 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 (Mr. 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 **EPL 10299**.

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 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, 19 November 2025

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue / comment / question	Response and name of responder:
1.	How does the proponent determine the location and boundaries of the proposed exploration area? Is this based on previously conducted exploration activities.	Mr. Mandume Leonard (ML): The proposed exploration area identified based on data available from the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy. Anyone interested in applying for an Exploration Permit can access this data to assess the geological potential of a particular area, and based on the target commodity, can then map out an area of interest.
2.	When will the proponent commence with the mining activities?	Ms. Vistolina Augustus (VA): It is important to note that the Proponent has not yet been granted any rights to conduct mining activities. They have applied for an Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL), but this permit will not be issued by the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy (MIME) until the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism (MEFT) has issued an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). Only when the ECC has been granted, indicating that the project has been deemed environmentally acceptable, will the MIME consider issuing the EPL.
3.	What are they prospecting for?	ML: Base and Rare Metals, Dimension Stones, Industrial Minerals and Precious Metals.

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4.	Who is the owner of the EPL?	ML: It is Bornfree Business Solutions CC, the director is Mr Regto Ndemufayo David.
5.	With regard to the prospecting phase, in which you've mentioned the employment of approximately 5 to 10 people, we would like to understand the procedures for managing and monitoring the personnel. Could you please elaborate on the mechanisms in place for ensuring that these individuals are properly vetted, supervised, and held accountable for their actions?	ML: If the proponent is granted the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC), strict guidelines will be put in place for the prospecting phase. This will include thorough background checks on all personnel to be employed, as well as continuous monitoring and supervision throughout the duration of the project.
6.	In light of the fact that some people may not always adhere to rules and regulations, how will transparent and open communication be ensured among farmers to prevent potential conflicts or misunderstandings during the course of the project?	ML: After the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) is issued, the proponent will need to obtain a land access agreement from the land owner before conducting any exploration activities on the property. This agreement will outline the terms and conditions for accessing the land, including any restrictions or limitations that may be necessary to protect the land, the environment, and the interests of the land owner. Without such an agreement, the proponent will not be allowed to proceed with any exploration activities on the land.

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7.	What steps will be taken to protect against trespassing and unauthorized access to our farms during the proposed exploration phase?	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.
8.	In case of non-compliance by the Proponent, can we report the issue to the (Ministry of Environment, Environment and Tourism) MEFT?	ML: Yes, that is correct.

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 10h30.



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Public Meeting Attendance Register

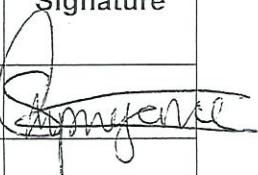
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