

# Meeting Minutes

**27 November 2025**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

**PROJECT: Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) for Proposed Exploration Activities on Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 10073 located Northeast of Otjiwarongo in the Otjozondjupa region, Namibia.**

**Date:** Tuesday, 04 October 2025

**Time:** 14:00 – 14:48

**Venue:** Khoi-Khoi Guesthouse, Otavi

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

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 and subsequent farm visits, as well as insights shared through phone conversations.

## **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS**

The Environmental Consultant (Mandume Leonard) 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 10073**.

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 attendee's 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.	At what stage should we expect to receive and sign the access agreement with the Proponent?	<p><b>Mr. Mandume Leonard (ML):</b> The access agreement will be shared before any on-site exploration activities begin. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to review the agreement, seek clarification, and, if necessary, obtain legal advice before signing. Once the Proponent has received the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC), they will begin drafting the access agreement, which will then be sent to you for review. You will have the opportunity to review and provide any necessary feedback or additional conditions to ensure that the agreement reflects your interests and concerns. After these discussions, the agreement will be finalized and executed prior to the commencement of any exploration activities on your farms.</p>
2.	If we, as farmers, are unable to reach an agreement with the Proponent?	<p><b>ML:</b> You can seek assistance from the Office of Ancillary Rights within the Ministry of Industries, 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.</p>
3.	If exploratory drilling accidentally results in a borehole, are we permitted to retain and potentially utilize it?	<p><b>ML:</b> The decision to keep or seal the borehole would depend on an agreement reached between the farm owner and the proponent.</p>

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4.	Is the purpose of the proposed activities limited to exploration, or is it intended that mining activities will also be conducted?	<b>ML:</b> Currently, the activities being proposed are strictly for exploration purposes. If the Proponent identifies a viable mineral resource, they would be required to submit a separate application for mining activities, which would trigger a new public consultation process.
5.	What is the expected timeline for the proposed exploration activities?	<b>ML:</b> The process of obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) typically takes approximately six months or more. Once the ECC is issued, the Proponent can begin exploration activities for a period of up to three years.
6.	What happens during the first phase?	<b>ML:</b> 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.
7.	Does Phase 1 and Phase 2 each have their own separate contract agreement?	<b>ML:</b> Yes, Phase 1 and Phase 2 are having separate contract agreements.
8.	At what stage of the process do we start dealing with the owner of the EPL?	<b>ML:</b> Once they receive the Environmental Clearance Certificate and prior to the prospectors entering your farms, whereby you need to establish clear communication with the EPL owner to discuss access arrangements, terms, and any necessary precautions.

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9.	At what stage is the heritage assessment conducted?	ML: Our team performs the heritage assessment following the public consultation. This involves a site visit to the farms to evaluate potential cultural or historical impacts.
10.	How can we determine the standard terms and conditions in an EPL agreement, and what provisions might be considered unusual or unacceptable?	<p>ML: The Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy provides a standard EPL agreement template that outlines common provisions or alternatively you can seek assistance from the Office of Ancillary Rights within the Ministry of Industries, 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.</p> <p>Land owners are also entitled to seek legal representation during the access agreement negotiations. It is within your rights to have a lawyer present to ensure that your interests are represented and to provide guidance and support throughout the process. The Minerals Act and general legal principles support the use of legal representation in negotiation and dispute resolution. Farmers are also entitled to involve a trusted representative or third party to assist in discussions or mediation.</p>

## **FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

Mr. Mandume thanked the attendees for their crucial input through comments and raising their concerns. They 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 14h48.



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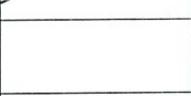
## Public Meeting Attendance Register

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Venue: Khoi-Khoi Guesthouse

Date: 04 November 2025

Time: 14H00

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