

**20 November 2025**

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING & EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE (EPL) No. 10279 LOCATED NEAR FRANSPONTEIN, KUNENE REGION.**

**Date:** Thursday, 20 November 2025

**Time:** 13:00 – 14:00

**Venue:** Swartbooi Traditional Authority Office, Kunene region

The public consultation meeting was attended by about twenty people, including one (3) Environmental Consultant and one (1) Archaeologist from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

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

The meeting was opened by the environmental consultant with an introduction of the team, who they are, and why they are consulting affected parties of the proposed prospecting and exploration activities on EPL 10279. The meeting attendance register was then circulated for the attendees to write down their names and contact details so that they could be added to the list of interested and affected parties (I&APs) and receive further information on the ESA process.

#### **2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION**

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

##### **2.1 Brief Description of the Project**

The Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) and the reason that the Proponent appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS), an independent Environmental Consultant to carry out the ESA and apply for the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC).

## **2.2 Explanation of what an ESA is, its Process, and the Public Role in the Process**

Mr. Angula explained to the attendees the purpose of the meeting and why they were invited (with reference to the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation). Mr. Angula further explained what an ESA is and that the proposed exploration activities are one of the listed activities in the 2012 EIA Regulations of the EMA that cannot be undertaken without an ECC from the Environmental Commissioner.

## **2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts**

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

## **2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)**

Mr. Angula 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, 20th of November 2025**

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue/comment/question	Response and name of responder:
1.	<p><b>Commenter 1</b></p> <p>You touched on employment, what type of agreements can be put in place to ensure the community receives these benefits?</p>	<p><b>Mr. Wilbard Angula (WA):</b> The EIA does not provide for formal employment agreements; however, it recommends that priority be given to local employment. Employment opportunities and other community benefits can be negotiated between the Proponent, the Traditional Authority, and the community, either through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) or an Access Agreement.</p>
2.	<p><b>Commenter 2:</b></p> <p>Is it possible to get training on these different kinds of licenses because we have small scale miners here?</p> <p>There are small-scale miners already operating in the areas that this EPL overlies. We request that the proponent consider these miners and possibly give them consent to apply for claims.</p>	<p><b>Mr. (WA):</b> Our company was offering free training earlier this year. I will inquire about the possibility of arranging similar training sessions next year and communicate the outcome.</p> <p><b>Mr. Wilbard Angula (WA):</b> The presence of existing small-scale miners is noted.</p>
3.	<p><b>Commenter 3:</b> Our grazing areas are already not up to standard; we barely get rain late here.</p>	<p><b>Mr. Wilbard Angula (WA):</b> This concern is noted. As part of the ESA process, we will assess the hydrology of the area using relevant maps and data. All environmental factors will be considered and addressed in our reports.</p>

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4.	<b>Commenter 4:</b> The //Huab conservancy has areas mobile with rhinos, Does the EPL fall within those zones.	<b>Mr. Wilbard Angula (WA):</b> The conservancy game management & Utilization plan (GMUP) will indicate if the EPL falls within those areas.
5.	<b>Commenter 6:</b> Are you also going to consult the farmers whose farms are within the EPL but aren't here today?	<b>Mr. Wilbard Angula (WA):</b> Yes, we have been informed by some local residents that certain farmers experience transport challenges, and that the meeting venue is relatively far. However, following the meeting, our team will conduct farm-to-farm visits to ensure that all affected parties are adequately informed and given the opportunity to provide input.
6.	<b>Commenter 7:</b> The Concerns shared for EPL 10031 should also be used for the EPL 10279.	<b>Mr. Wilbard Angula (WA):</b> Well, noted.

#### FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Mr. Wilbard Angula 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. Wilbard Angula 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.







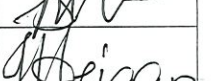
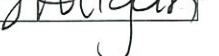
Once the review of the draft ESA Report and EMP is done, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) for evaluation and consideration of an ECC.






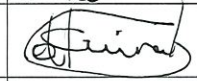

The meeting adjourned at 14:00.

## Public / Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting Attendance Register

PROJECT: Environmental and Scoping Assessment (ESA) for the Prospecting and Exploration Activities on Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 10279 located near Fransfontein, in the Kunene Region, Namibia.

Venue: Swartbooi Traditional Authority Offices  
Date: 20 November 2025  
Time: 10:00

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