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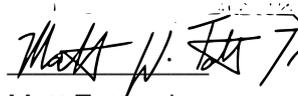
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## ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Description
EAP	environmental assessment practitioner
ECC	Environmental Compliance Consultancy (Pty) Ltd
EMA	Environmental Management Act No.7 of 2007
ESIA	environmental and social impact assessment
ESMP	Environmental and social management plan
I&APs	interested and affected parties

# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 PURPOSE OF THE COMMENTS CONSOLIDATED REPORT

This document, compiled after the designated review period, presents the comments received from the public and registered interested and affected parties (I&APs) regarding the draft scoping report for the proposed Kokoseb Gold Mine Project on EPL 4818, within the, Erongo Region of Namibia.

The draft scoping report was completed for the Project and undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation, 2007 (No. 30 of 2011) gazetted under the Environmental Management Act (EMA), 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007).

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) Pty Ltd, the appointed environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) for the project, prepared the scoping report. The report was available for public and registered I&AP review for a 14- day period from 18 November 2024 to 2 December 2024.

This document consolidates all comments received during the public review period and presents the responses from ECC and the Proponent.

## 2 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM I&APS

### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the Regulations of the EMA 2007, on the 18th of November 2024 the draft scoping report was circulated electronically to all registered interested and affected parties (I&APs), as well as identified key stakeholders. An SMS and phone call has been received from an Okombahe resident which was collated in a separate “Comments and Responses” table that is presented in Table 1 below.

### 2.2 KEY FEEDBACK ON ISSUES OF CONCERN

The scoping report was provided to all I&APs, identified stakeholders and made publicly available on ECC’s website. This public review period is set out to solicit comments, feedback, and allow genuine participation in the ESIA process. Concerns were raised by an Okombahe resident, Mr Gerson Gurirab, relating to concerns regarding corporate-social responsibility by the proposed Project Proponent, and requests for additional local community and stakeholder consultations were made by various I&APs.

The key areas raised from the review of the I&APs’ comments can be summarised as follows:

#### **Job Creation**

Mr Gerson Gurirab, an Okombahe resident, requested that a database of local Okombahe companies be kept by the Project Proponent, and give such local companies preference for providing the Proponent with needed services, such as janitorial, laundry, security, etc. Mr. Gurirab provided a list of Okombahe companies in his comments so such a database could be started.

Mr Gurirab also requested that the Project Proponent open a recruitment office in Okombahe to help prioritize the hiring and employment of locals.

#### **Social-Corporate Responsibility**

Mr Gurirab also requested that the Project Proponent prioritize community upliftment through water provisioning assistance, educational bursary schemes, pensioner support, vocational and understudy training, youth programs, etc.

#### **Requests for Additional Local Community and Stakeholder Consultation**

Mr Gregory Nelwin Huseb, Secretary of the Tsiseb Conservancy Management Committee, requested that public engagements be conducted with the directly affected communities as was previously agreed to during the EAP and Proponent May 2024 stakeholder engagement meeting with the Tsiseb Conservancy. The EAP informed Mr Huseb that this May 2024 Tsiseb Conservancy request had been fulfilled by the EAP and Proponent during September 2024, as reflected in the Draft Scoping Report.

Mr Immanuel Ta Xaden Tunde, Senior Councillor of the Daure Daman Traditional Authority, stated that the Daure Daman Traditional Authority would not respond to the request for comment by the EAP on the Draft Scoping Report, and that a second stakeholder engagement be scheduled with the Daure Daman Traditional Authority instead. ECC responded that stakeholder feedback is a critical part of the ESIA process and encouraged the Daure Daman Traditional Authority to send its comments to the EAP so such comments can inform the Assessment Phase of the ESIA process.

Finally, Mr Mupenzi Ntelamo, Chief Regional Officer of the Erongo Regional Council, requested that the EAP give a presentation to the Erongo Regional Council about the proposed Project during early 2025. ECC replied that it would be happy to do so and requested available dates from Mr Ntelamo to facilitate such a presentation in early 2025.

### 3 DRAFT SCOPING REPORT – COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Table 1 – Comments and feedback from scoping report public review period received

Stakeholder name and method through which feedback was received	Comments/Questions Received	Response/Clarification
<p><b>Mr Gerson Gurirab</b> Okombahe resident</p> <p>– Received via email on 30 Nov 2024</p>	<p><b>I&amp;AP 30 Nov 2024 Email:</b> “GOOD DAY PLEASE CALL ME URGENT IF YOU HAVE TIME NEXT WEEK”</p>	<p><b>EAP Initial Email Response on 2 Dec 2024:</b> “Hi Mr Gurirab,</p> <p>Are you available for a call today? Can you instruct me what time you would like me to contact you?</p> <p>Kind regards, -- Matt Totten Jr Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)”</p>
<p><b>Mr Gerson Gurirab</b> Okombahe resident</p> <p>– Received via telephone call on 2 Dec 2024</p>	<p><b>I&amp;AP 2 Dec 2024 Telephone Call Comment Summary by EAP:</b> Mr Gurirab stated that wanted to submit comments to the effect that whenever the project Proponent requires services to support the construction and operation of the Kokoseb mine, local Okombahe businesses should be given the opportunity to fulfill those service needs first, before sourcing services from businesses elsewhere in Namibia, or more broadly.</p>	<p><b>EAP Initial Email Response to Mr Gurirab’s Phone Call on 2 Dec 2024:</b> “Hi Mr Gurirab,</p> <p>This email serves to summarise our telephonic conversation held today (Monday 2 December 2024) at 13h33 regarding your comments for the proposed Kokoseb Gold Mine Project Draft Scoping Report now available for public review.</p> <p>In our conversation, I provided you with a status update for the current Kokoseb ESIA project, where ECC is currently</p>

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	<p>The EAP then requested that Mr Gurirab submit written comments if possible, and Mr Gurirab agreed that he would do so by SMS messages soon after.</p>	<p>requesting comments from the public and I&amp;APs for the Draft Scoping Report. The comments we receive will then be incorporated into the Final Scoping Report to inform the Assessment Phase of the project.</p> <p>You stated you wanted to submit comments to the effect that whenever the project Proponent requires services to support the construction and operation of the Kokoseb mine, local Okombahe businesses should be given the opportunity to fulfill those service needs first, before sourcing services from businesses elsewhere in Namibia, or more broadly. Essentially, local businesses and entrepreneurs should be preferred product and service vendors for the proposed Project over non-local businesses.</p> <p>Upon my request to you to submit a written version of your comments, you then agreed that you will send ECC an SMS to provide your comments to the above effect in writing, so that they can be accurately captured in the Public Consultation Document appendix to the Final Scoping Report that will be submitted to the competent authorities.</p> <p>As always, we appreciate your continued engagement and feedback with regard to the proposed Kokoseb Gold Mine ESIA project, and we look forward to receiving your SMS comments shortly.</p>

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		<p>Thank you again and kind regards, -- Matt Totten Jr Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)"</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>EAP Follow-Up Email Response to Mr Gurirab’s Phone Call on 2 Dec 2024:</b> "Hi Mr Gurirab,</p> <p>As discussed over the phone, kindly find the link to the Draft Scoping Report and its associated appendices available for download on the ECC website here: <a href="https://eccenvironmental.com/download/the-proposed-wia-gold-mine-project-erongo-region-namibia/">https://eccenvironmental.com/download/the-proposed-wia-gold-mine-project-erongo-region-namibia/</a></p> <p>Kind regards, -- Matt Totten Jr Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)"</p>
<p><b>Mr Gerson Gurirab</b> Okombahe resident</p>	<p><b>I&amp;AP SMS Comments Submitted on 2 &amp; 3 Dec 2024:</b> "I am Gerson Gurirab, community activist, researcher, human resources and training consultant in Okombahe, !oe#gan Traditional Authority, Daures</p>	<p><b>EAP SMS Response on 3 Dec 2024:</b> "Well received and added to the Final Scoping Report Addendum Report that will be submitted to government this month.</p>

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<p>– Received via SMS on 2 and 3 December 2024</p>	<p>Constituency, Erongo Region. And want to contribute towards the scoping report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Job creation to prioritize the local companies and employees to handle janitorial, laundry, security, etc services jobs and tenders as priority.</li> <li>2. WIA Gold to prioritize the corporate social responsibility on community upliftment, on water provision, bursary schemes, pensioners, vocational and community training, crop farming, employment creation, etc.</li> <li>3. Support youth awareness programs on community base programs and understudy.</li> <li>4. Opening of local administration and recruitment office in Okombahe.</li> <li>5. Keep database of local companies in the scoping report with possible local partnership amongst themselves.</li> </ol>	<p>Many thanks for your comments and engagement in the ESIA process.”</p>

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	<p>6. Keep database of local companies in the scoping report with possible local partnership amongst themselves as followed by a meeting held in Okombahe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Midman Investments</li> <li>b. Namib Living Logistics</li> <li>c. Unicorn Allen Investments</li> <li>d. Geoava Trading Enterprises</li> <li>e. Sida Daureb Investments</li> <li>f. LTE/Gimcor Ghra Trading and Research CC</li> <li>g. Dzire's Trading Enterprises</li> <li>h. The Lotus Foundation</li> <li>i. Okatio Number 1 Investment</li> <li>j. Nanahe Trading</li> <li>k. Golden City Trading Enterprise Investment</li> <li>l. Ngutawane Erongo Trading</li> <li>m. Tihona Trading Enterprise</li> <li>n. New Cyberworld Investment</li> <li>o. Enchos Investment</li> <li>p. Marubi Trading Enterprises,u</li> <li>q. Uiserongoseb Trading Enterprises</li> <li>r. Blue Chip It</li> <li>s. Wellance Lifestyle Investment</li> </ul>	

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	<p>t. Blesslottie Investments u. Nowaseb Namibia Trading Services v. Grato Investments w. Manne Michael Investments</p> <p>These were my last comments.”</p>	
<p><b>Mr Gregory Nelwin Huseb</b> Secretary of Tsiseb Conservancy Management Committee</p> <p>– Received via email on 19 Nov 2024</p>	<p><b>I&amp;AP 19 Nov 2024 Email:</b></p> <p>“Hope this message finds you well.</p> <p>Dear: Matt Totten</p> <p>The last consultation meeting that we have at Tsiseb Conservancy the two parties agree to have the meeting with the affected parties while the proponent is present at the meeting.</p> <p>The farmers around are direct affected there will be some who will be relocated if it is possible. Kokoseb mining suppose to give us the date so we arrange meeting with the members of the farm.</p> <p>Yours in sincerely,</p>	<p><b>EAP Email Response on 19 Nov 2024:</b></p> <p>“Dear Mr Huseb,</p> <p>Thank you for your email.</p> <p>As you'll see in the Appendix B - Public Consultation Document of the Draft Scoping Report shared with I&amp;APs, we did incorporate that feedback and conducted a public meeting with the directly affected community members on September 18<sup>th</sup> [2024].</p> <p>Should you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.</p> <p>Kind regards, -- Matt Totten Jr</p>

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	<p>Gregory Nelwin Huseb Secretary of Tsiseb Management Committee”</p>	<p>Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)”</p>
<p><b>Mr Edward Paul Ganaseb</b> I&amp;AP</p> <p>– Received via email on 19 Nov 2024</p>	<p><b>Initial I&amp;AP 19 Nov 2024 Email:</b> “Please attach the report.”</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Follow-up I&amp;AP 19 Nov 2024 Email After EAP Response:</b> “Ok thanks”</p>	<p><b>EAP Email Response on 19 Nov 2024:</b> “Hi Edward,</p> <p>Unfortunately, the report is too large to attach to email.</p> <p>Kindly download the Draft Scoping Report and associated Appendices A (Preliminary ESMP), B (Public Consultation Document) and C (EAP CVs) from our website project portal here: <a href="https://eccenvironmental.com/download/the-proposed-wia-gold-mine-project-erongo-region-namibia/">https://eccenvironmental.com/download/the-proposed-wia-gold-mine-project-erongo-region-namibia/</a></p> <p>Kind regards, -- Matt Totten Jr Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)”</p>
<p><b>Mr Immanuel Ta Xaden Tunde</b> Senior Councilor of the Daure Daman Traditional Authority</p>	<p><b>I&amp;AP 22 Nov 2024 Email:</b> “Thanks well received.</p>	<p><b>EAP Email Response on 22 Nov 2024</b> “Dear Immanuel,</p> <p>Many thanks for your email.</p>

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<p>- Received via email on 22 Nov 2024</p>	<p>As a Daure Daman Traditional Authority Senior Councillor I am responding according. We are not respond on public review scoping.</p> <p>I advise you to make appointment to our office for consultation.</p> <p>Make appointment to dauredaman@gmail.com for consultation meeting.”</p>	<p>A notice email has been sent to the Daure Daman Traditional Authority [on 22 November 2024] regarding the notice that the proposed Kokoseb Mining Project Draft Scoping Report is now available for public review.</p> <p>As stakeholder and I&amp;AP feedback is a critical part of the ESIA process, we look forward to the Daure Damen Traditional Authority's feedback on the Draft Scoping Report so it can be incorporated into the Final Scoping Report which will inform the upcoming Study and Assessment phases of the ongoing ESIA process.</p> <p>Thank you again for your email and kind regards, -- Matt Totten Jr Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)”</p>
<p><b>Mr Mupenzi Ntelamo</b> Erongo Regional Council Chief Regional Officer</p>	<p><b>Stakeholder 23 Nov 2024 Email:</b></p> <p>“Dear Mr Torren,</p> <p>Thanks for the note. I was just wondering if you could schedule a date early in 2025 to present to the Erongo Regional Council about this mining project.</p> <p>Best regards,</p>	<p><b>EAP Email Response on 25 Nov 2024:</b></p> <p>“Dear Mr Ntelamo,</p> <p>Thank you for your email.</p> <p>ECC would be happy to schedule a presentation with your office in early 2025 to provide the Erongo Regional Council</p>

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<p>- Received via email on 23 Nov 2024</p>	<p>Mupenzi S. Ntelamo (Mr) Chief Regional Officer ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL</p>	<p>with an overview of the project and answer any questions you may have.</p> <p>Could you kindly provide a list of dates and times that would work for your office to schedule the requested presentation?</p> <p>Thank you again for your engagement regarding the Kokoseb Gold Mine Project and we look forward to hearing from you soon.</p> <p>Kind regards, -- Matt Totten Jr Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)"</p>
<p><b>Mr Levi Puriza</b> I&amp;AP</p> <p>- Received via email on 18 Nov 2024</p>	<p><b>I&amp;AP 18 Nov 2024 Email:</b> "thank you,will keep you posted"</p>	<p><b>EAP Email Response on 19 Nov 2024:</b> "Hi Mr Puriza,</p> <p>Thank you for your email. We look forward to receiving your feedback on the Draft Scoping Report by 2 December 2024.</p> <p>Kind regards, -- Matt Totten Jr Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC)"</p>

## **4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Through the ESIA process, the Proponent and ECC have endeavoured to provide a platform to hear and address all relevant comments put forward by I&APs. ECC would like to thank the I&APs and stakeholders for providing feedback during the scoping phase of the ESIA process. We acknowledge and appreciate the time required to review these documents and ECC genuinely appreciate the input provided by I&APs. The valuable feedback received during the scoping report phase of the ESIA process will ensure a robust impact assessment is submitted to the relevant authorities for a record of decision to be made. ECC acknowledges that constructive feedback results in an improved ESIA and a project that is understood by the community and I&APs.