

**19 February 2026**

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING & EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE (EPL) No. 10871 LOCATED SOUTH OF OKANGWATI, KUNENE REGION.**

**Date:** Wednesday, 18 February 2026

**Time:** 11:00 – 12:00

**Venue:** Oomiore village, Kunene region

The public consultation meeting was attended by twenty-five people, including two (2) Environmental Consultant (Wilbard Angula and Simeon Namweya) and one (1) Archaeologist (Nkosana Hlabangana) 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 (Wilbard Angula) 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 10871. 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, 18th of February 2026**

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue/comment/question	Response and name of responder:
1.	<p><b>Mr. Wakariya Ngombe:</b> We survive on trees and animals that are on the land the proponent wants to mine, how will we now be will we survive if we allow these activities.</p> <p>Do you know any areas with minerals in the village?</p> <p>Some villages are not here are you going to inform the them</p>	<p><b>Mr. Wilbard Angula (WA):</b> Exploration activities are generally considered medium-risk and do not require communities to cease farming activities; however, some indirect impacts on livelihoods may occur. Therefore, the purpose of the assessment is to ensure that, should the project proceed and an ECC be granted, appropriate mitigation measures are implemented to minimise impacts on community livelihoods.</p> <p><b>Mr. WA:</b> Exploration activities are intended to identify target areas within the EPL where minerals may occur, and will only commence once an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) is granted. At this stage it is not confirmed whether minerals are present in the village ; this will only be determined through the exploration process.</p> <p><b>Mr. WA:</b> All villages will be visited as part of the process, as a heritage assessment must still be conducted.</p>

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2.	<b>Muuza Ngombe:</b> There are areas we have pegged and need consent from the proponent to register at MIME.	<b>Mr. WA:</b> I would advise that the proponent and the community engage in meaningful consultation to reach a mutually beneficial agreement hence both parties require consent from each other.
3.	<b>Commenter 3:</b> Does this mean we signed of the area for mining activities on the document that we wrote our names.	<b>Mr. WA:</b> No, signing the attendance register does not mean that the community has approved or signed off the area for proposed activities. Attendance documents are only to confirm participation and attendance during consultation. Formal approval or consent for mining or exploration is a separate process.

**FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

Mr. 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. 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 13:00.


## Public / Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting Attendance Register

PROJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) No. 10871 LOCATED SOUTH OF OKANGWATI, IN KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA.

Venue: Oomiore Settlement, Kunene Region.  
Date: 18 February 2026  
Time: 11:00

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18.	Unekenge Hembinda				Unekenge
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