



## REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

# ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINING CLAIMS IN NAMIBIA

### BEING APPENDIX A TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACT

#### 1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1.1 Companies/Natural persons applying for **MINING CLAIM** must complete this questionnaire. (Please fill in ALL questions).
- 1.2 The answers provided in this questionnaire shall be regarded as commitments which will become part of the **Environmental Contract** between the Holder and the Government of the Republic of Namibia, duly represented by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) and the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME).
- 1.3 Once the Holder has completed this questionnaire MET and MME will either accept/reject/request further information regarding the environmental commitments made therein. MET and MME reserve the right to add further conditions.
- 1.4 Once agreed to by all parties concerned, the completed questionnaire shall form part of the **Environmental Contract**.
- 1.5 **Please attach a map of the mining claim area and a copy of the application to register mining claims.**

#### 2. Holder details

2.1 Name of Holder	Virna Esmé Lehl
2.2 Name of Mining Claim Holder (if different from 2.1)	
2.3 Telephone, Fax, Cell Phone and/or E-Mail	Tel: Email: Cell phone: + 264 81 277 8799
2.4 Postal Address	PO Box 570, Omaruru
Residential/Registered Address	Erf 17, Helmut Angula St., Omaruru
2.5 Reference Number	NEPL No: 2514 Expiry: 18 September 2026
2.6 Registered Number(s)	66953
2.7 Location (Farm, District, Region) of mining claim(s)	Farm Okombahe139, Omaruru, Erongo
2.8 Group(s) of Mineral(s) to be mined	Semi- Precious stones

Number of people	Where will they live?
4	Temporarily housing tents

### 3. Environmental commitments

#### 3.1 Pollution and Waste

- 3.1.1 What will you do with **normal litter** (e.g. Kitchen spoils, cans, bottles, paper, etc.)?  
 Combustibles will be burnt in safe controlled designated area  
 No combustibles dumped in designated pit, and covered with waste, or place in refuse bags to be disposed of unregular basis to recognized designated refuse area.
- 3.1.2 What **industrial waste** will be generated and what will you do with it (e.g. old machinery, vehicles, building rubble, batteries, paint, thinners, vehicle oil, etc.)?  
 None
- 3.1.3 Describe what type of **toilet facilities** will be provided.  
 Pit toilets dose with non-pathogenic bacteria.

#### 3.2 Vehicle, earthmoving equipment, drilling and blasting

- 3.2.1 List the type and quantity of vehicles, earthmoving equipment, drilling equipment, and other machinery likely to be used on your mining claim (e.g. 2 x bakkies; 1 x bulldozer, etc.)

Vehicles:

1x bakkie

Earthmoving equipment:

1x fell on ad hoc basis possible for 1 week 3 times/year

Drilling equipment:

Hand drilling if possible

Other equipment and /or machinery:

Picks, shovels, gwala, wheelbarrow, TLB, etc.

- 3.2.2 Describe the environmental damage that is likely to result from the use of vehicles and machinery within the mining claim area (e.g. on the landscape in general, soil, vegetation, noise, dust, etc.).  
 Minor aesthetic changes only
- 3.2.3 How will you control the movement of **vehicles and machinery** in order to minimise environmental damage?  
 Minimize movement to work area only, no large vehicles etc. used
- 3.2.4 Which routes will be used by vehicles to get to your mining claim and state whether you intend making new roads or tracks (both to your mining claim and within your mining claim)?  
 Other routes within claim area kept to minimum
- 3.2.5 Will you do any blasting on your mining claim?  
 Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: **X** Unsure: \_\_\_\_\_

3.2.6 If “yes” above, explain how you intend minimising environmental impacts, including the safety of humans, livestock and wildlife?

N/A

### 3.3 Water

3.3.1 How much water do you intend using for various activities (e.g. human use, washing of equipment, washing sand/stones, dust control, gardens, etc.) and state how you intend saving water within each category of use.

Activity or category of use	Quantity of water needed per month (litres)	Water saving methods
Human consumption only	500 liters per day	Rat ironing as there is no local source

3.3.2 Where will you get your water (e.g. river, own borehole, Water Affairs connection, etc.)?  
Farm borehole

3.3.3 Explain how you will minimise or completely avoid polluting any water source, including underground water.

No water source in area – stone desert. No dangerous compounds in use on claim area

### 3.4 Relations with neighbouring communities and/or the general public

3.4.1 Are there any people living in or near your mining claim?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No:   X   Unsure: \_\_\_\_\_

3.4.2 If “yes”, explain where these people live and describe their economic activities.

N/A

3.4.3 If “yes” in 3.4.1, explain what you will do to maintain a good relationship with such people.

N/A

3.4.4 Will the activities on your mining claim restrict the movement of other people in the area (e.g. the general public, tourists, farmers, local people, etc.)?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No:   X

3.4.5 If "yes" for 3.4.4, please explain why their movements or access will be restricted.

N/A

### 3.5 Protection of plants and wildlife

3.5.1 How will you ensure that your activities will not cause unnecessary damage to **plants and wildlife** in or near your mining claim) e.g. hunting, plant collecting, fishing, etc.)?

The area is hostile rock desert, very dry, sparse to no fauna and flora. Environment will not be damaged to any noticeable extent as workings very small.

### 3.6 Historical, archaeological and cultural heritage (e.g. rock art, graves, monuments, fossils, sacred sites, historical buildings, etc.)

3.6.1 Are there any historical, archaeological or culturally important sites within your mining claim area?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No:  X  Unsure: \_\_\_\_\_

3.6.2 If "yes", please describe briefly.

Obey by the rules and regulations by the authorities

3.6.3 If such sites are known, how will you avoid damaging them?

Distancing from the area to create some sort of protecting as well as obtaining guidance from correct GRN or academic instance.

3.6.4 If such sites are discovered after you have started working your mining claim, would you accept new conditions to this contract so that they can be properly protected?

Yes:  X  No: \_\_\_\_\_ Unsure: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3.7 Rehabilitation

3.7.1 When will you rehabilitate the environmental damage done during prospecting? (Tick the appropriate box)

I have no intention of rehabilitating any damage

**On a continuous basis (i.e. simultaneous with prospecting)  X**

Only after all prospecting has finally been completed

I don't know \_\_\_\_\_

3.7.2 Describe the programme of mining from the start and the methods to rehabilitate damage.

Open cast artesian mining to shallow dept (+-3m) with safe grade side -walls waste to back lashed into trench as it advances.

## 4. Existing Damage

Describe what environmental damage exists in your mining claim area now, in other words, damage caused by someone else before you began working on the mining claim. Where possible, provide evidence such as photos, statements, etc.

Tailings from previous jobs, minimal environmental damage.

I hereby declare that the information provided in this questionnaire, is to the best of my knowledge, accurate and correct, and that I'm prepared to keep to the commitments stated therein.

Virna Esme Lehr

Windhoek

16 February 16, 2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mining Claim Holder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND TOURISM**

OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE**

**ISSUED**

In accordance with Section 37(2) of the Environmental  
Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007)

**TO**

**Virna Esme Lehl.  
P. O. Box 570, Omaruru.**

**TO UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING LISTED ACTIVITY**

**Mining Activities on Mining Claim No. 66953 at Farm Okombahe 139,  
Erongo Region.**



Issued on the date: **2022-01-12**

Expires on this date: **2025-01-12**

**(See conditions printed over leaf)**

This certificate is printed without erasures or alterations

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### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, from the date of issue unless withdrawn by this office
2. This certificate does not in any way hold the Ministry of Environment and Tourism accountable for misleading information, nor any adverse effects that may arise from these activities. Instead, full accountability rests with the proponent and its consultants
3. This Ministry reserves the right to attach further legislative and regulatory conditions during the operational phase of the project
4. All applicable and required permits are obtained and mitigation measures stipulated in the EMP are applied particularly with respect to management of ecological impacts.
5. Strict compliance with national heritage guidelines and regulations is expected throughout the life-span of the proposed activity, therefore any new archaeological finds must be reported to the National Heritage Council for appropriate handling of such.



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OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

REF NUMBER: ECC 01874

DATE OF ISSUE: 12 JANUARY 2022

DETAILS OF PROPONENT:

Virna Esmé Lehl.  
P. O. Box 570  
Omaruru  
Namibia

Dear Sir/ Madam

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION ON APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE TO UNDERTAKE THE PROPOSED LISTED ACTIVITY:** Mining Activities on Mining Claim No. 66953 at Farm Okombahe 139, Erongo Region.

**Notice is herewith given** in accordance with section 37(2) of the Environmental Management Act, Act 7 of 2007 and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2012 (GG 4878): that a decision in respect to your application No. **APP 3164** for Environmental Clearance Certificate to undertake a listed activity has been reached.

**DECISION**

An Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) to undertake the listed activities specified in the environmental assessment report and draft management plan dated October 2021, is granted (**ECC 01874**). The applicant / proponent is therefore advised to comply with conditions of approval set out in **Section C** of this notification.

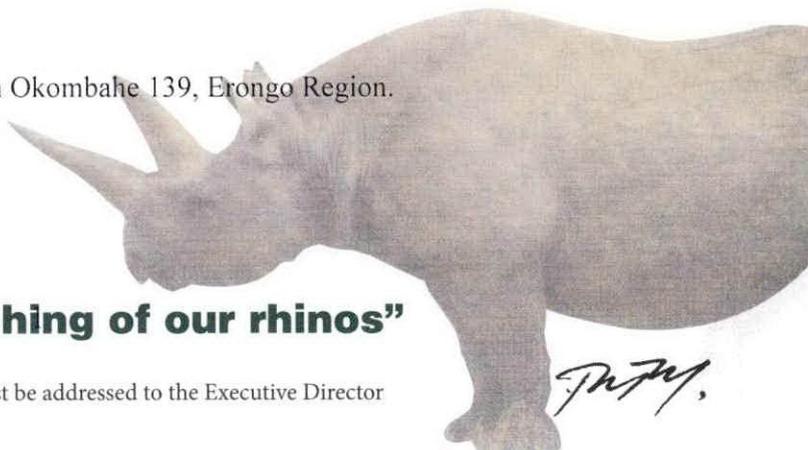
**A. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

**A1: TITLE OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

Mining Activities on Mining Claim No. 66953 at Farm Okombahe 139, Erongo Region.

**“Stop the poaching of our rhinos”**

All official correspondence must be addressed to the Executive Director



**A2: DETAILS OF ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER**

Virna Esme Lehl (Owner )

Cell: 0812778799

**A3: LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

(Annexure A – proposed site map)

**B. RELEVANT LISTED ACTIVITIES**

Legislation	Description of Listed Activity	Relevance to Proposed Activity
Regulation 29(sub-regulation 5) of Government Notice No. 29 of 2012	MINING AND QUARRYING ACTIVITIES 3.1 The construction of facilities for any process or activities which requires a licence, right or other form of authorisation, and the renewal of a licence, right or other form of authorisation, in terms of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining Act), 1992. 3.2 Other forms of mining or extraction of any natural resources whether regulated by law or not. 3.3 Resource extraction, manipulation, conservation and related activities. 3.4 The extraction or processing of gas from natural and non-natural resources, including gas from landfill sites. 3.5 The extraction of peat.	Mining Activities on Mining Claim No. 66953 at Farm Okombahe 139, Erongo Region.



9. Should any heritage remains be exposed during excavations or any other actions on the site, these must immediately be reported to the National Heritage Council of Namibia. Heritage remains uncovered or disturbed during earthworks must not be further disturbed until the necessary approval has been obtained from National Heritage Council.
10. Using the best and affordable methodology, the Proponent must ensure that all listed activity's operations footprints are thoroughly rehabilitated prior to closure of the operation. Wherever possible, the Proponent must proceed with the rehabilitation process concurrently with the progression of the project rather than wait until the damage is far beyond the available means of management.
11. The general standard for all rehabilitation processes must at all costs aim at restoring the natural character of the environment to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism. Such rehabilitation processes shall be inspected and certified satisfactory or unsatisfactory by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism. Where a certificate of unsatisfactory is issued, the Proponent shall be advised to carry-out certain tasks to meet the requirements. Failure to meet the basic rehabilitation requirements shall be regarded by this Ministry as a breach of this contract and of which serious consequences shall follow.
12. Officials of the environmental commissioner's office may from time-to-time conduct spot-inspection (non-auditing) without prior notice and or Auditing Inspection (dates to be agreed prior to arrival to the site), hence access to the site and the aforementioned documentation must be granted to any authorized official representing the Office of the Environmental Commissioner and Registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs)
13. Any changes to, or deviations from the scope of the alternative described in section B above must be accepted or approved, in writing, by the Office of the Environmental Commissioner before such changes or deviations may be implemented. In assessing whether to grant such acceptance/ approval or not, the Competent Authority may request information in order to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviations, and it may be necessary for the holder to apply for further authorisation in terms of the applicable legislation.
14. Officials representing the Office of the Environmental Commissioner must be, in possession and or by request and for the purpose of inspection referred to in C4(13) present their staff identification card in order to gain entry to the premises
15. The proponent is required, from the date of commencing implementation of project activities, to compile and submit environmental monitoring reports (on project progress and the environmental management profile) on a bi-annual basis to Office of Environmental Commissioner
16. Any changes to, or deviations from the scope of project activities approved in respect to the assessment received and reviewed for the purpose or granting this ECC Number (**ECC 01874**) are subject to an amendment application and approval by the Environmental Commissioner prior to adopting / implementing any such changes / deviations.
17. For the purpose of amending and or transferring the ECC, the proponent submit in the prescribed form and manner an application to the Office of the Environmental Commissioner, clearly indicating the need for amendment and or transfer of the ECC

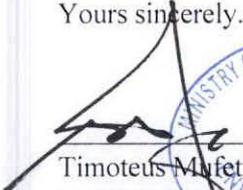


18. Non-compliance with a condition of this Environmental Clearance Certificate or EMP may render the Proponent liable to criminal prosecution.

**D. DISCLAIMER**

1. The decision taken by the Office of Environmental Commission is based mainly on information provided by the proponent or their representative, therefore, it must be noted here that the proponent is accountable for any wrong and misleading information that may have been presented in the environmental assessment documents.

Yours sincerely,



Timoteus Mufeti  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER**



**ANNEXURE A: SITEMAP / SITE LAYOUT**

