



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 **RENEWAL MINING CLAIMS** 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 (MEFT) and the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME).
- 1.3 Once the Holder has completed this questionnaire MEFT and MME will either accept/reject/request further information regarding the environmental commitments made therein. MEFT 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	Mathan Von Francois
2.2 Name of Mining Claim Holder (if different from 2.1)	
2.3 Telephone, Fax, Cell Phone and/or E-Mail	+264 81 254 0824
2.4 Postal Address	P.O Box 100, Usakos, Usakos, Namibia
Residential/Registered Address	Erf 14 Erongo Street, Usakos, Namibia
2.5 Reference Number	NEPL No: 3170 Expiry: 13 March 2026
2.6 Registered Number(s)	73016
2.7 Location (Farm, District, Region) of mining claim(s)	Karibib, Erongo
2.8 Group(s) of Mineral(s) to be mined	Semi- precious stones

Number of people	Where will they live?
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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.)?
It will be stored onsite in suitable containers, plastic bags and dispose off only on a approved waste disposal site.

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.)?
All industrial waste such as used oil will be returned to the supplier in accordance with the provisions of the Petroleum Act.

3.1.3 Describe what type of **toilet facilities** will be provided.
Temporal chemical toilet will be used daily for the mining site.

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 4x4 vehicles

Earthmoving equipment:

Electrical drill and breaker in one, generator.

Drilling equipment:

NO

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)

Rehabilitation of the actual site associated infrastructure and access routes, etc. would however reverse this impact somewhat. Areas not directly affected by the mining although within the immediate area would be affected minimally. This would include dust, noise, and other disturbances in the area.

3.2.3 How will you control the movement of **vehicles and machinery** in order to minimise environmental damage?
Avoiding random driving through the areas but rather stick to permanently placed roads tracks. This would minimize the affection localized potentially sensitive habitats in the area.

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)?

The mining team intends to only use the existing trucks connecting to the site.

3.2.5 Will you do any blasting on your mining claim?

Yes

No: X

Unsure: _____

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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
Only for human consumption	2x50 liters per day	Water will be reuse

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

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3.3.3 Explain how you will minimise or completely avoid polluting any water source, including underground water.
French drains and latrines to built at more than 100m away from the water sources or pans to avoid pollution of primary and secondary aquifers.

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.

Adhere to new rules.

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.

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.)

Provide screening areas to reduce the visual impacts of the mining activities. Avoid placing new access routes (roads and tracks) through sensitive areas. Remove unique flora species and any other local features deemed sensitive and relocated to a less sensitive site.

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.

N/A

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

N/A

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.

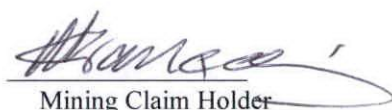
Only open cast mining on outcrops will take place. New methods of mining will be used.

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.

No existing damage on the mining claim area. Middle ridge between the tracks will be rehabilitated by smoothing it.

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.


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

Mathan Von Francois
P. O. Box 100, Usakos

TO UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING LISTED ACTIVITY

Mining Activities on Mining Claim No. 73016 at Karibib, Erongo Region.

Issued on the date: 2022-08-05
Expires on this date: 2025-08-05



(See conditions printed over leaf)





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OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

REF NUMBER: ECC- APP3801

DATE OF ISSUE: 05 AUGUST 2022

DETAILS OF PROPONENT:

Mathan Von Francois
P. O. Box 100
Usakos
Namibia

Dear Sir/ Madam

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION ON APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE TO UNDERTAKE THE PROPOSED LISTED ACTIVITY: Mining Activities on Mining Claim No. 73016 at Karibib, 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 3801** 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 April 2022, is granted (**ECC- APP3801**). 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. 73016 at Karibib, Erongo Region.

“Stop the poaching of our rhinos”

All official correspondence must be addressed to the Executive Director



A2: DETAILS OF ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

Mathan Von Francois
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Cell: 0812540824

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. 73016 at Karibib, Erongo Region.

C. CONDITIONS

C1: Conditions of Approval

1. This certificate does not in any way hold the Ministry of Environment, Forestry 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.
2. This Ministry reserves the right to attach further legislative and regulatory conditions during the operational phase of the project.
3. Regular environmental monitoring and evaluations on environmental performance should be conducted. Targets for improvements should be established and monitored throughout this process.

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C2: Clearance Certificate Validity

1. This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, from the date of issue unless withdrawn by this office.
2. On expiry of the ECC, the proponent is required to submit within a period not exceeding one month, and in the prescribed form and manner an application to the Office of the Environmental Commissioner for the renewal of the ECC.
3. Failure to renew an expired environmental clearance certificate shall result in permanent termination of the environmental clearance certificate.
4. In terms of Section 3 (2)C of the Environmental Impact Assessment, you are instructed to, within 14 days of this notice issuance date, ensure that all registered interested and affected parties (" I&APs") are notified that an environmental clearance certificate has been issued in respect to your application and of their right to appeal

C3: Compliance with authorization under other laws

5. All other applicable and required permits or authorization from relevant competent authorities must be obtained prior to commencing the proposed activities and accordingly adhered to.

C4: Implementation and Monitoring

6. The granting of the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) constitute, an approval for the implementation of mitigation measures proposed in your approved Environmental Management Plan (EMP), hence making the approved EMP legally binding document.
7. The proponent shall appoint a suitably experienced environmental control officer, or site agent where appropriate, before the commencement of any listed activities to ensure compliance with the conditions of approval and mitigation stipulated in the approved EMP
8. A copy of the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC), EMP, Environmental Audit and monitoring reports must be kept at the site of the authorized activity and readily available for inspection by officials of the Ministry and registered Interested and affected Parties (I&APs) on request.
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(12) 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- APP3801**) 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



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