

Public Consultation Meeting Minutes

Project: Proposed Small-Scale Mining Activities on Mining Claim 68193

Venue: Omao Village, Opuwo District, Kunene Region

Date: 12 April 2026

Time: 09H 00

Facilitator: Mr. Simeon Namweya (Environmental Assessment Practitioner)

1. Opening and Introduction

Mr. Simeon Namweya welcomed all attendees and thanked community members, conservancy representatives, and other Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) for attending the consultation meeting.

The Consultant explained the purpose of the meeting, namely, to present the proposed small-scale mining project and provide stakeholders with an opportunity to raise comments, concerns, and recommendations as part of the Environmental Scoping Assessment process.

An overview of the proposed project, project location, proposed activities, environmental assessment process, and stakeholder participation opportunities was provided.

2. Issues Raised and Responses

Commenter 1: Will local community members be considered for employment opportunities should the project proceed?

Consultant: The proposed project may create temporary employment opportunities during operational activities. Preference may be given to suitably qualified local residents where vacancies arise.

Commenter 2: What measures will be implemented to rehabilitate areas disturbed by mining activities?

Consultant: Rehabilitation measures will form part of the Environmental Management Plan (EMP). Disturbed areas will be rehabilitated upon completion of activities in accordance with environmental management requirements and applicable legislation.

Commenter 3: Will the proposed project affect grazing areas currently used by livestock in the area?

Consultant: Project activities will be restricted to the Mining Claim area and unnecessary disturbance to surrounding grazing areas will be minimised. Existing land uses will be taken into consideration during project implementation.

Commenter 4: How will dust and noise generated by mining activities be controlled?

Consultant: Appropriate mitigation measures will be implemented to minimise dust and noise impacts. These measures include controlling vehicle speeds, maintaining equipment, restricting activities to designated areas, and implementing dust suppression measures where required.

Commenter 5: What measures will be implemented to protect groundwater and water resources in the area?

Consultant: Fuel, oils, and other potentially hazardous substances will be stored and handled appropriately to minimise contamination risks. Environmental management measures contained in the EMP will be implemented to protect groundwater and surrounding water resources.

Commenter 6: How will the proposed project coexist with existing land uses within the conservancy area?

Consultant: The proposed activities were discussed with relevant conservancy representatives during the consultation process. Consent for land access was obtained, and project activities will

be undertaken in accordance with applicable environmental management requirements and approvals.

3. General Discussion

Community members indicated that they understood the purpose of the proposed project and appreciated the opportunity to participate in the consultation process. Attendees were encouraged to submit any additional comments or concerns during the public review period.

No objections to the environmental assessment process were raised during the meeting.

4. Closing

The Consultant thanked all participants for their attendance and valuable contributions. Stakeholders were informed that comments received during the consultation process would be considered during the Environmental Scoping Assessment and incorporated into the final report where relevant.

The meeting was concluded at 13H00