



**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**

**Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd**  
**P O Box 97957, Windhoek**

**TO UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING LISTED ACTIVITY**

**Proposed Minerals exploration activities on Exclusive Prospecting  
License (EPL) 7688 for base and rare metals, industrial minerals,  
and precious metals in the Otjozondjupa and Oshikoto Regions.**



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### OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

#### NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

**REF NUMBER: ECC 01587**

**DATE OF ISSUE: 23 AUGUST 2021**

#### **DETAILS OF PROPONENT:**

**Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd**  
P O Box 97957  
Windhoek  
Namibia

Dear Sir/ Madam

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION ON APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE TO UNDERTAKE THE PROPOSED LISTED ACTIVITY: EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 7688 FOR BASE AND RARE METALS, INDUSTRIAL MINERALS, AND PRECIOUS METALS IN THE OTJOZONDJUPA AND OSHIKOTO REGIONS**

**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 1905** for environmental clearance 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 November 2020, is granted (**ECC 01587**). 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**

Exploration activities on EPL 7688 for base and rare metals, industrial minerals, and precious metals in the Otjozondjupa and Oshikoto regions

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**“Stop the poaching of our rhinos”**

All official correspondence must be addressed to the Executive Director



## **A2: DETAILS OF ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER**

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Klein Windhoek, Namibia  
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## **A3: LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

(Annexure A – proposed site map)

## **B. RELEVANT LISTED ACTIVITIES**

<b>Legislation</b>	<b>Description of Listed Activity</b>	<b>Relevance to Proposed Activity</b>
Regulation 29(sub-regulation 5) of Government Notice No. 29 of 2012	<b>MINING AND QUARRYING ACTIVITIES</b> 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.	Exploration activities on EPL 7688 for base and rare metals, industrial minerals, and precious metals in the Otjozondjupa and Oshikoto Regions

## **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.

#### **C2: Clearance Certificate Validity**

4. This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, from the date of issue unless withdrawn by this office.
1. 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.
2. Failure to renew an expired environmental clearance certificate shall result in permanent termination of the environmental clearance certificate.
3. 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**

4. 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**

5. 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.
6. 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
7. 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.
8. The proponent agrees to fully indemnify the Government of the Republic of Namibia in the event that the Government is held liable in respect of any loss, damage or injury sustained to an employee, contractor and/or visitor whilst such employee, contractor and/or visitor is in the auspices, direction or invitation of the holder.
9. All tracks or roads must be established, constructed and rehabilitated under the supervision of officials designated by the Ministry for this purpose.
10. 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.
11. 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.

12. 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.
13. 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)
14. 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.
15. 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(14) present their staff identification card in order to gain entry to the premises
16. 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
17. 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 01587**) are subject to an amendment application and approval by the Environmental Commissioner prior to adopting / implementing any such changes / deviations.
18. 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
19. Non-compliance with a condition of this Environmental Clearance Certificate or EMP may render the Proponent liable to criminal prosecution.



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**D. DISCLAIMER**

1. The decision taken by the Office of Environmental Commission is based mainly on information provided to it 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.
2. Furthermore, the environmental clearance 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 Proponent
3. Consequently, the Office of Environmental Commissioner reserve the rights to annex (as necessary) further regulatory conditions during the operational phase of the activity / project

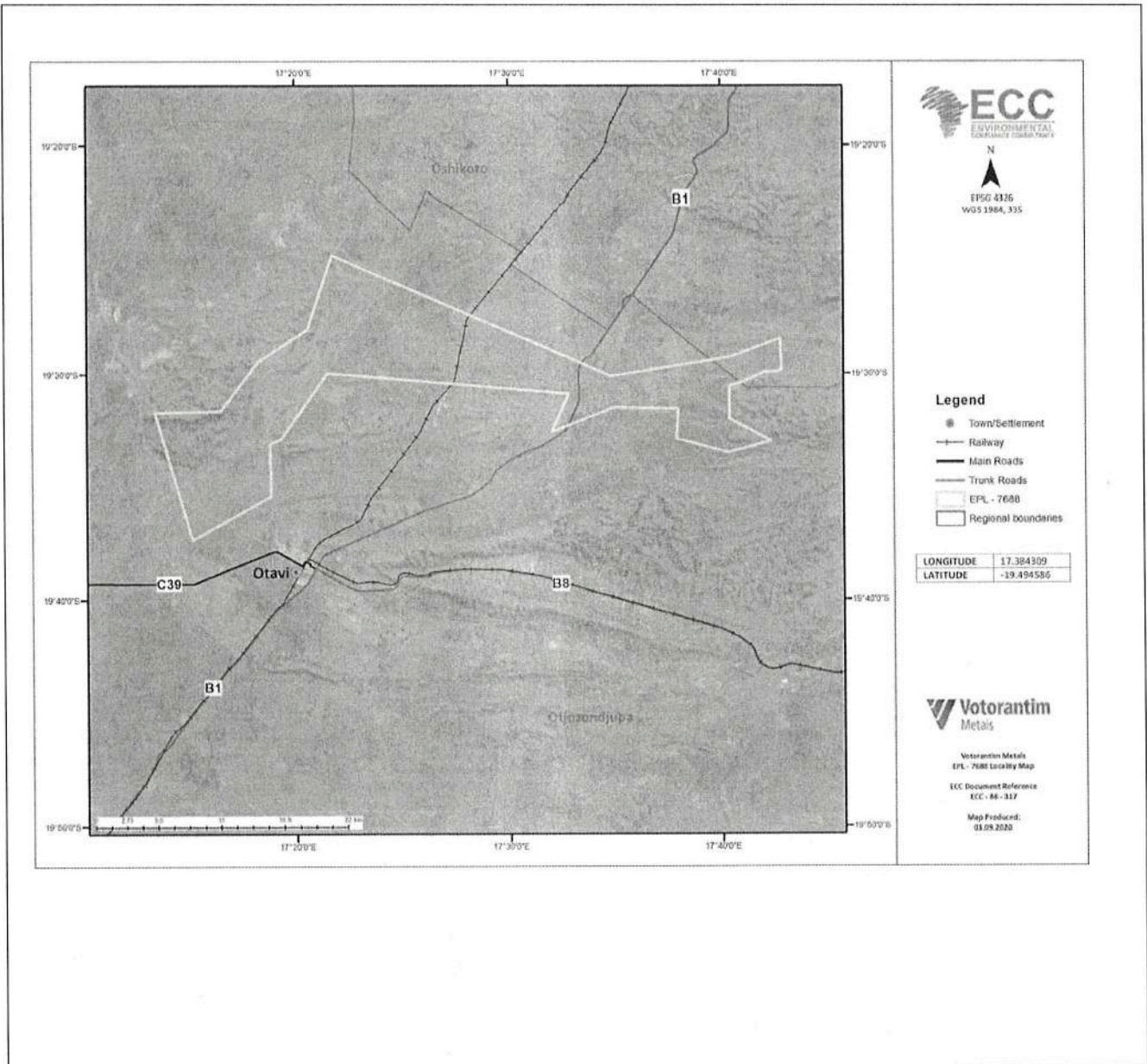
Your interest in the future of our environment is appreciated

Yours sincerely,



Timoteus Mufeti  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER**

ANNEXURE A: SITEMAP / SITE LAYOUT



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