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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

Abbreviation	Description
CSI	community sustainable investment
EAP	environmental assessment practitioner
ECC	Environmental Compliance Consultancy
e.g.	example
EIA	environmental impact assessment
EMP	environmental management plan
EPL	exclusive prospecting licence
ESIA	environmental and social impact assessment
GPS	Global Positioning System
I&APs	interested and affected parties
L	Litre
Ltd.	Limited
m	metre
m/day	metres per day
MEFT	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
MME	Ministry of Mines and Energy
NBRI	National Botanical Research Institute
ORKCA	Orange River-Karoo Conservation Area
Pty	proprietary
RoD	record of decision



## 1 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND COMMENTS FROM I&APS

## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) has been engaged by Karas Lithium Resources (Pty) Ltd, the Proponent, to conduct an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) in accordance with the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 and its regulations of 2012, for which an application for an environmental clearance certificate will be submitted for the exploration activities on EPL 7574 for the Karas Lithium Project, //Kharas Region, Namibia.

The proposed project (referred to as "the Project" herein) involves the exploration lithium oxide on EPL 7574. The EPL overlaps farms Pelladrift, Oranjevalle, Kambreek and Pelgrimrust and can be accessed via the B3 to Karasburg and then the C10.

The community directly affected and/ or interested parties, were identified and invited to attend the focus group meeting. A summary of the feedback received from the public will be issued to registered I&APs and competent authorities being the Ministry of Mine and Energy (MME), and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) to accompany the application for an environmental clearance certificate, for a record of decision (RoD).

## 1.2 PUBLIC MEETINGS SUMMARY

The stakeholder meeting was facilitated by Monique Jarrett, Environmental Assessment Practitioner – Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) with technical support from Carlene Baufeldt (ECC) and Mr William Morrell – Director of Karas Lithium Resources.

The welcoming and agenda of the meeting included an introduction to ECC as an independent environmental consulting company commissioned by Karas Lithium Resources (Pty) Ltd as the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to conduct the ESIA.

Mr Morrell gave the technical presentation for Karas Lithium Resources and provided an overview of the proposed operations on EPL 7574 on the Project's location, baseline and ESIA process, and procedures were presented and an explanation of the Project's current status. The objective of the public meeting was to engage stakeholders and to identify and address any concerns they had with the proposed Project.

Mr Morrell provided insight into the company's background and their goals and strategies for the Karas Lithium project in Namibia. Mr Morrell highlighted the importance and value of the Project relating to the environment and the economy.



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To conclude the presentation the main components of the environmental assessment were further discussed. This included aspects and concerns about the impacts of exploration activity on biophysical, how mitigation and monitoring measures could potentially be enforced and how the attendees as registered I&APs could contribute to the process and development of the EMP. The floor was then opened for questions, comments, and further discussion.

## 1.3 KEY FEEDBACK ON ISSUES OF CONCERN – PUBLIC MEETINGS

The summary of comments received from the public meetings held presented useful and valuable input in setting out the scope for the environmental and social impact assessment through questions asked and points raised. From an overall review of the recorded statements, the key common themes of concern that were raised can be summarised in the following categories:

## - Water usage

Questions were raised on where water would be obtained from during the exploration activities. There were concerns of how much water would be required and if water will be used during the drilling phase as water is already scarce in the area and distance to water that is safe for human consumption is quite far. The proponent assured the I&APs that they would bring water to site in tanks. The Proponent specified that they would use water for lubrication during the drilling process and use approximately 1500-1800 L of water per day.

## – Endemic/sensitive flora assessment

A concern was raised on succulent plant species and possible sensitive and/or endemic species, as the area has a high flora biodiversity. There was a request for a full plant assessment as the area's biodiversity is not well researched and a desktop study may not be sufficient. Cross-border smuggling of these plant species was also mentioned as the EPL is close to the border. The proponent assured the I&APs that there will be an onsite plant assessment by a specialist prior to Prospecting activities and added information supplemented by a botanist, Antje Burke, if available. Cross-border smuggling will be added to the risk register and there will be supervision onsite to minimise the potential for cross-border smuggling.

## - Heritage and archaeological assessments

The I&APs agreed that a heritage assessment is necessary as there are some heritage sites in the area and wanted more information on what the heritage and archaeological assessment entails and the area that will be covered. The environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) explained that there would be a desktop study to check the national heritage database for recorded sites and plan the archaeological assessment according to their findings, the aim however, is to cover as much of the EPL as possible with evidence provided (GPS tracking). The heritage assessment would be carried out by a heritage specialist followed by a verification study from the Heritage Council.

## - Poaching



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The issue of poaching was discussed and possible prevention methods during the exploration phase as the EPL is within a conservation area. The EAP explained that poaching is included in the environmental management plan (EMP), and the proponent will be held liable should any of the team members be involved in poaching activities.

## – Transportation of Equipment & road construction

There were questions regarding the transportation of equipment that will be used during the exploration activities and concerns over road destruction or the construction of new roads that would have a visual impact and/or negatively impact the surrounding environment. The proponent explained that multiple alternatives would be considered including aerial ropeways in order to reduce the footprint impacts.

## - Compensation during the exploration phase and possible mining activities

The I&APs had concerns that they may be faced with more negative impacts during the first phases of the exploration activities and requested more information regarding fair compensation. It was discussed in the land access agreement between the client and farm owners, there will be compensation discussions and negotiations including possible payment for services and any damage caused. The aim of Karas Lithium is to work collaboratively with farmers and stakeholders.

## - Timeline of processes and update of current/upcoming events

Questions were raised regarding the timeline of explorations and how long I&APs can review the environmental assessment documents. The proponent gave a summary of the project and what it entails along with the duration of certain activities during the exploration phase. There was an agreement to allow I&APs a 14–day period to review the relevant documents.

## – Supervision of operations

Concerns were expressed over the exploration team, supervision during activities and who would be in charge should issues come up. It was explained that Dr. Johan Hattingh, the exploration manager, would have a team of no more than 10 people for initial stages and 10 people per drill rig at later stages. All questions and concerns will be directed to him during the exploration phase.



## 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In closing of the meeting, ECC thanked all I&APs for their attendance and for providing valuable feedback during the stakeholder meeting. Through the stakeholder meeting process, the Proponent and ECC have endeavoured to provide a platform to hear and address all relevant comments put forward by I&APs.

ECC further endorsed the fact that constructive feedback from I&APs results in a more robust and improved ESIA. This process results in a project that is understood by the community and I&APs. The I&APs feedback will contribute to identifying the potential impacts to be assessed and concerns to be considered and addressed as the project progresses.

## 2.1 DETAILED COMMENTS AND RESPONSES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETINGS

The official public consultation period began on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 and remained open until the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 for initial comments. Additional comments were received during the stakeholder meeting, via email and telephone which are included in the draft scoping report and this document in Table 1 below.

Further comments were welcome after the initial registration period and public review period and the public consultation period will remain open for I&APs until the final assessment report for the project is ready for submission to the competent authorities.



#### Table 1 - Comments and feedback from the virtual meeting with the landowners over which the EPL falls.

Wednesday, 31 May 2023				
	Virtual (Zoom) Meeting			
Name	Stakeholder Details	Comment/Question Received	Response/Clarification	
Jannie van de Merwe & Ed Barthorp	ORKCA	Boreholes available on Pelladrift are not safe for human consumption and therefore provision should be made for water for assessment specialists and during the exploration activities, e.g groundwater studies, yet the groundwater may be poor.	Comment Noted.	
		Specialist studies will be needed for flora biodiversity. as there are highly sensitive and/ or endemic plant species in the area that are not well researched. Cross-border smuggling has been an issue.	A copy of a study from a botanist, Antje Burke was received, who has identified sensitive succulent species in the area, which will be taken into consideration. Cross-border smuggling will be added to the risk register to manage contactors and there will be supervision onsite to prevent cross-border smuggling.	
		There are heritage sites in the area, so we are in agreement with a heritage assessment. What would the archaeological studies entail in terms of the large, mountainous area.	A desktop study to check the national heritage database for recorded sites will be done and the archaeological assessment will be planned according to their findings, but the aim is to cover as much of the EPL as possible with evidence provided. The heritage assessment would be carried out by a heritage specialist followed by a verification study from the Heritage Council.	
		How can you ensure that poaching will not occur? We are in a conservation area, how will that be prevented?	Poaching is included in the EMP, and the proponent will be held liable should any of the team members or contractors be involved in poaching activities.	



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Pete Morkel	Farm Pelgrimrust	Elaborate on the drilling phase during the	The impact or disturbance will be minimal during the	
		exploration activities.	channel sampling. The drilling technique would be	
			determined. Ore samples will be collected, processed and	
			taken to the lab for chemical and metallurgical studies.	
			Given the terrain, a light-weight diamond drill rig may be	
			used.	
		What transportation will be used for equipment;	The drill rig can be carried to the site, as we have done	
		how will it impact road?	before. Building a road is extremely expensive and may be	
			destructive to the environment. Another route is pieces of	
			the drill being carried by donkeys.	
		Who oversees putting the finer details of the	These details are normally listed in the EMP. The	
		exploration activities in a document? Will we have an	methodologies in the EMP can specify the preferred and	
		input before operations? We want to be sure that if	appropriate activities. Impacts will be listed and the ECC	
		we are not happy with what is proposed we can put	team will identify mitigations as well as rehabilitation	
		a stop to the activities.	strategies. The EMP is a public document, and all	
			reasonable input would be appreciated.	
		We are living with the day-to-day negative impacts	In the land access agreement between the client and farm	
		from the explorations along with time and effort in	owners, there will be compensation discussions and	
		assisting assessment studies. Who covers the	negotiations. Rehabilitation will be included in the EMP and	
		negativity that comes with activities? Is there fair	is legally binding. There is payment for hardship or	
		compensation? How early can positive	inconvenience and Karas Lithium would like to work	
		compensation occur?	collaboratively with farmers and stakeholders.	



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			In the case where farmers can provide Karas Lithium with
			necessary resources, such as farm help and access to camp
			sites fair compensation will be provided. Karas Lithium
			want to be collaborative.
		What is the timeline of processes after approval and	Pending is the Heritage assessment: This depends on when
		when will the actual activities occur? The number of	ECC can get the specialist onsite and how long the
		people? When is the EIA going to happen? What is	assessment and report may take. It takes a month to
		expected from us?	complete an impact report which will be submitted for your
			review for a week and after your comments and changes
			are incorporated, it will be submitted to the government for
			their review. It takes 3 - 6 months for approval.
		For the plant assessment will you only use the	ECC would use the information from our desktop data, the
		information given by Antje or will there be a more	study by Antje Burke and use additional information from
		detailed study?	the National Botanical and research institute (NBRI).
		After approval from MEFT, elaborate on activities.	The first phase will be exploration of the riverbed which
			would take up to a week. The second phase will be channel
			sampling when pegmatite of interest has been identified.
		How much water do you need? Are you going to	Circumstances will dictate, however Karas Lithium will most
		bring it in by tanker? Do you need water for the	probably bring a trailer and tractor to import water. We
		drilling process? How long is the drilling rate?	(Karas Lithium) will use 1500-1800 L of water per day. We
			do circulate most of the water. We (Karas Lithium) do use
			water in drilling for lubrication. The drilling rate is 10 m/day.



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			6 months may be a good guess. After these technical
			studies will be done within 6 months followed by an ESIA
			process that could also take a few months
		Is the EAP paid by the proponent?	ECC is hired by Karas Lithium to undertake an ESIA,
			however it is an independent assessment. ECC has no
			specific interest in the success or failure of the project. As
			per the regulations of the environmental management act,
			any proponent is required to appoint an independent EAP
			to conduct the necessary studies.
		Can you possibly hire someone to do a full plant	Karas Lithium will commission a botanist to conduct a full
		assessment as the succulents are of great concern.	biodiversity study should the Project progress to that stage.
Ed Barthorp	ORKCA	Why are mining activities not taken into account	We (Karas Lithium) don't know if there is potential mining
		now? The whole point of exploration now is to do	after exploration activities. If mining is possible, proper
		mining later.	steps will be taken regarding the EMP. It is our
			responsibility to ensure that impacts are mitigated and
			rehabilitated. We currently have an EPL allowing us to do
			exploration activities and we want to pursue that right in a
			responsible manner. We do not want a reputation of being
			a destructive mining company. There are international
			standards that define how to manage and mitigate impacts.
			We must act accordingly. We compensate any discomfort.



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		Is there a budget provided in the EMP and a	No finances are discussed in any of the ESIA documents.	
		guarantee that the budget can be met?	Budget will be involved in the compliance to the EMP. The	
			management plan sets the rules and Karas Lithium must	
			comply with those rules.	
		Can we be provided with a spider diagram with the	A 14-day review period is possible, provided that the	
		different people involved in the activities and their	proponent agrees.	
		responsibilities including the stakeholders?	Just a note, ECC will submit the Heritage assessment on	
		Can a document be provided of all the current	behalf of the specialist and the proponent for heritage	
		activities that are requested, with dates and	consent to the heritage council, but the heritage council will	
		descriptions.	use one of their own specialists to verify the findings of the	
		We require a 14-day period to review the scoping	independent heritage specialist.	
		report.	Possibly what the Proponent can do prior to drilling activity	
		There are many emails which can also be confusing	is to hire a botanist to assist with a site assessment and	
		with short notices to requests. There are many new	possibly relocate sensitive species if possible.	
		threads of emails. From now on, Jannie will be the		
		sole point of contact from ORKCA with Ed and		
		Andreia copied in.		
		We would like to request that the archaeological		
		specialist carry a GPS tracker during the assessment		
		to prove that they covered the entire area.		
		We would like to request an updated plant study as		
		the area has a high biodiversity and is not		



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		researched well. There is a high chance of		
		encountering endemic succulents.		
		In the case of a successful exploration, do you tend	Yes, it is part of the requirement of the community	
		to establish an environmental, social investment	sustainable investment (CSI), to commit a portion of the	
		fund as part of your business model? And what	turnover to CSI. That should cover both environmental and	
		percentage of your annual turnover is it normally?	social impacts.	
		Has the trustees been established?	At this point the Proponent is not sure if it will be a cash rich	
			operation, what often happens is a is set up community	
			trust to address the social aspect, as for the environmental	
			impacts we need to look at offset, nurseries and how the	
			Proponent can identify target specific projects where we	
			can add benefits. This has been discussed with the	
			Proponent.	
			In response to the trustees: There will be a representation	
			from the community and the company and an independent	
			representation.	
		How and where will roads be built to access the	It will be part of the land access agreement. Existing roads	
		mine, should mining activities go forward? We don't	and tracks will be used as much as possible. Any new roads	
		want roads to scar the landscape of the area, is it	maximise post-exploration land use opportunities but will	
		possible for it to be hidden as much as possible?	be kept to a minimum. Stakeholders will be consulted	
			beforehand about the design and location of the roads.	



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Name	Stakeholder	<b>Comment/Question Received</b>	Response/Clarification	
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			Design will minimise footprint impacts as far as practically	
			possible.	
Pete Morkel	Farm Pelgrimrust	Who will supervise the operations? Who do I go to if	The geological consultant's (Dr Hattingh) company will	
		I have issues?	provide supervision of the drilling contractors.	
			Regarding issues, you can report to Johan Hattingh.	
		During mining operations, would you be pumping	The Proponent may have to look at where they can position	
		water from the groundwater from the orange river?	the treatment plant and that will have various factors that	
		We just want to make sure when moving from	impact on its accessibility, the cost of getting water to	
		exploration to mining things won't get lost and	plants, many of these aspects need to be considered. In the	
		everything will be properly addressed.	exploration phase they capture any lessons learned. If	
			Karas Lithium do move forward with mining, a completely	
			new environmental assessment and environmental	
			management plan will be drafted to assess specific	
			impacts.	



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## **APPENDIX A – ADVERTS**





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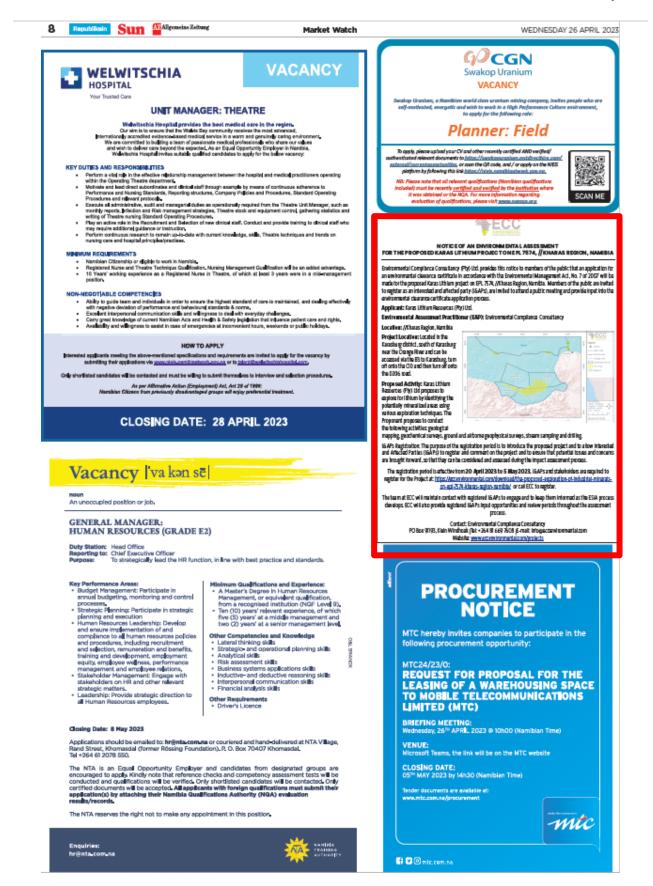
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## **APPENDIX B - STAKEHOLDER LETTERS**

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ECC-139-449-LET-13-A 22 May 2023

#### Identified Stakeholders and potentially interested or affected parties

Dear Stakeholders,

#### RE – NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED KARAS LITHIUM PROJECT FOR LITHIUM EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES WITHIN EPL 7574, //KARAS REGION, NAMIBIA.

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) has been engaged by Karas Lithium Resources (Pty) Ltd, the Proponent, as their environmental assessment practitioner to conduct the environmental clearance certificate application in terms of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 for the proposed lithium exploration activities within EPL 7574.

The proposed Project is in the Karasburg district, south of Karasburg near the Orange River. The Proponent proposes to explore for lithium by identifying the potentially mineralised areas using various exploration techniques, such as sediment sampling, geophysical surveys, geological mapping and drilling.

This letter is intended to engage potentially interested and affected parties (I&APs) for the Project and to provide a communication channel to ECC while the environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) is in process.

Public participation is an important part of the ESIA process, as it allows the I&APs to obtain information about the proposed project and provide feedback to the assessment practitioners.

For this reason, ECC would like to have a focused meeting with you and the neighbouring farms over which the EPL falls to discuss any concerns and answer questions you may have.

Date: 31 May 2023

Time: 17:00 Venu

Venue: Warmbad Public Library

Should you require further information about the project or wish to register as an I&AP to receive ongoing



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Date: 31 May 2023 Time: 17:00 Venue: Warmbad Public Library Should you require further information about the project or wish to register as an I&AP to receive ongoing updates about the Project please feel free to download the BID and register using the link below: https://eccenvironmental.com/download/the-proposed-exploration-of-industrial-minerals-on-epl-7574kharas-region-namibia/ Or if you are unable to complete the registration form online, please contact us via email for assistance at info@eccenvironmental.com. Additionally, as the exclusive prospecting licence incorporates portions of your farm, our team along with the proponent would kindly like to request access to your farm to conduct a site visit on the 31st of May 2023 - 1st Environmental Compliance Consultancy (Pty) Ltd | Registration Number: 2022/0593

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of June 2023 and would require vehicle access. This visit would consist of simply walking around to evaluate any sensitive areas, flora, fauna, or heritage sites that should be considered during the impact assessment.

ECC values community input and participation in our projects and we look forward to working with you through the assessment process.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact our office, and a team member will assist you.

Yours sincerely,

Stephan Bezuidenhout stephan@eccenvironmental.com

Jessica Bezuidenhout Mooney

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## **APPENDIX C - SITE NOTICES**



**GPS Coordinates: Lat:** -28.74540901 **Long:** 19.1149883



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**APPENDIX D - BID** 



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## **APPENDIX E – VIRTUAL FOCUS MEETING INVITATION**



Monique Jarrett <monique@eccenvironmental.com>

#### 139-449: Request for access to farm from 31st of May to 1st of June

1 message

Monique Jarrett <monique@eccenvironmental.com>

26 May 2023 at 15:18

To: Anke Stegmann <anke stegmann@me.com>, andreia pawel <andreia@orkca.org>, Ed Barthorp <ed@orkca.org>, Johannes Van De Merwe <jannie@orkca.org>, petemorkel@gmail.com, peter.koep@gmail.com Cc: Kelly Ochs <kelly@eccenvironmental.com>, AllRound Namibia <logistics@iway.na>, "William Morrell (OTR)" <william@optiterrae.com>, Jessica Bezuidenhout <jessica@eccenvironmental.com>, Stephan Bezuidenhout <stephan@eccenvironmental.com>, James Lumley <jlumley1967@icloud.com>, hattingh@creo.co.za

Dear Mr Morkel, Ms Stegmann and Mr Koep,

ECC is a team of experienced environmental consultants who value the protection of biodiversity and livelihoods above all else. With that said we are an environmental consulting firm and do not partake in mining or exploration activities, we are only involved in the environmental and social impact assessment and monitoring thereof.

Our site visits that are conducted during scoping and environmental impact assessments are solely to assess any sensitive habitats or protected species which may occur on site, along with the desktop studies we conduct to establish a baseline of the biophysical and social environment. We then continue to base our assessments against that established baseline. These visits do not require us to analyze the entire site and would not require more than a day.

Should we require a more in-depth study to be conducted such as the heritage assessment that needs to be conducted, we commission specialists to conduct these studies. Should accommodation, a guide etc be needed along with that specialist's scope of work, that will be thoroughly discussed and arranged with you in advance.

Nonetheless, we understand your concerns and are more than willing to provide any documentation you may require before any site visits may be arranged.

However, due to the fact that there has been very little response from the I&APs for a focused group meeting, we would like to recommend a virtual meeting instead to discuss the Project with you both and any other interested parties that may be interested to join. I will send out an invite on Monday.

Additionally, we will need to conduct a heritage assessment but I will contact you both individually throughout the course of this week to arrange that.

Should you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Monique Jarrett Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) Position: Environmental Practitioner

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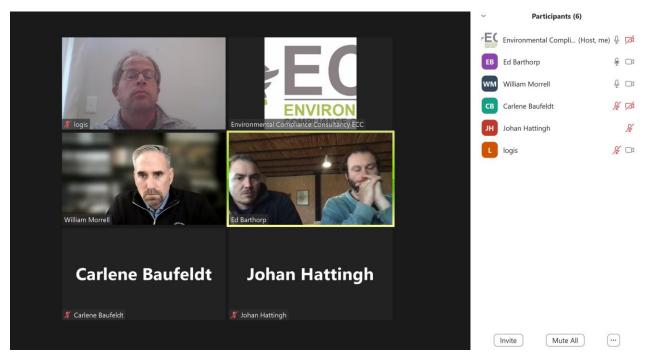
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## **APPENDIX F – ATTENDACE REGISTERS**



Name	Organisation/farm they represent
William Morrell	Director of Karas Lithium Resources (Pty)
Dr Johan Hatting	Senior Geologist for Karas Lithium Resources (Pty)
Jaco van Vuuren	Logistics manager for Karas Lithium Resources (Pty)
Pete Morkel	Owner of Farms Kambreek and Pelgrimrust
Anke Stegmann	Owner of Farm Oranjevalle
Ed Barthop	Representative of ORKCA
Johannes van de Merwe	Representative of ORKCA
Monique Jarrett	ECC
Carlene Baufeldt	ECC
Kelly Ochs	ECC



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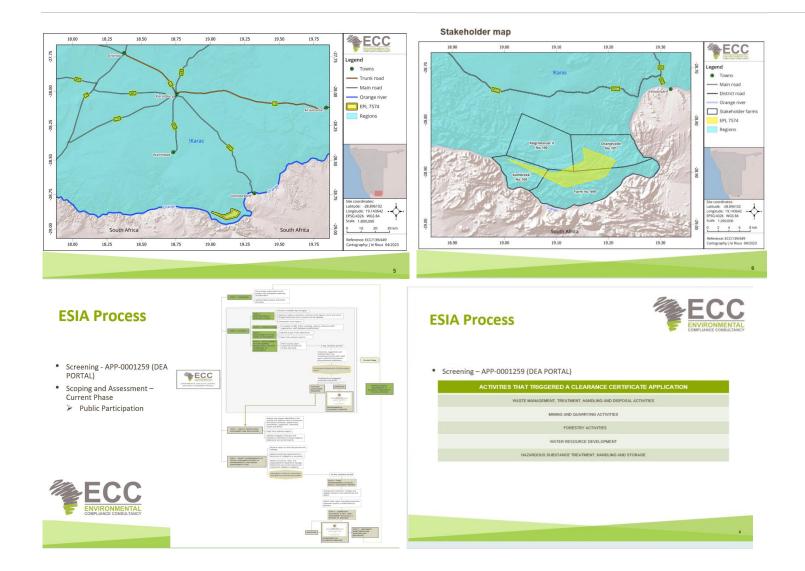
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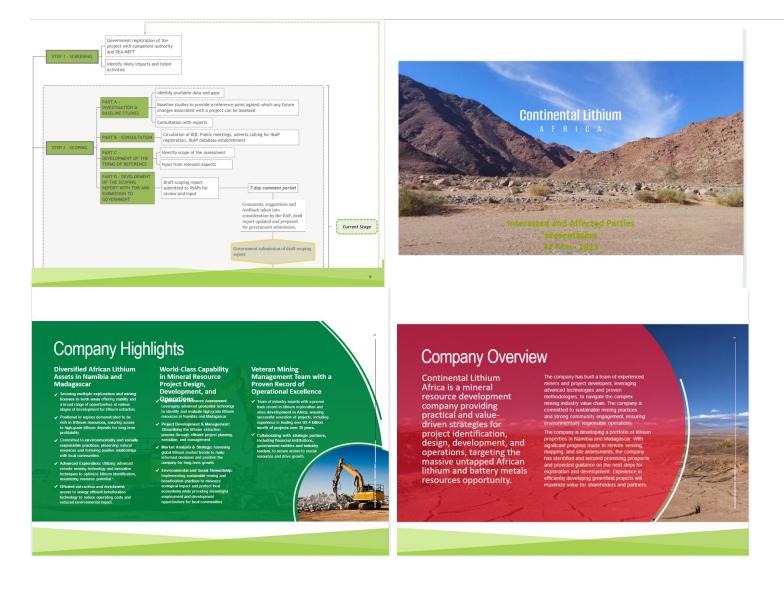
## **APPENDIX G – STAKEHOLDER MEETING PRESENTATION**

















## Our Capabilities Across the Value Chain

Continental Lithium Africa has the international expertise and relationships to overcome challenges of setting up processing plants in Africa, including supply chain management.

#### The EU and increasingly more US states aim to ban petrol/diesel car sales by 2035, prompting car makers like GM, Ford, Tesla, and Volvo to invest in mining companies for lithium, which is in short supply.

Focused Due Diligence Comprehensive assessments including market, technology, geography, resources, environment and stakeholder considerations.

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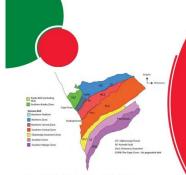
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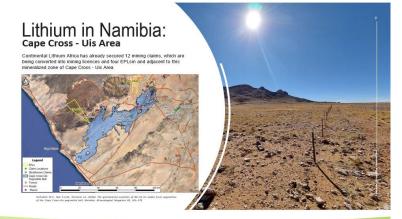




The Dansova Belt showing the different stratigraphic zones including the Cape

#### Lithium in Namibia: Cape Cross - Uis Area

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## Management Team and Advisors Disclaimer Dr. Johan Hattingh Dr. Daniel Zaire **Public Participation** Notification of the project – newspapers & Adverts: 19/04/2023 and 26/04/2023 **Continental Lithium** site notice boards. Site Notice: TBD A F R I C A The Background Information Document Published on the ECC website (BID) provided I&APs with the opportunity to 04/04/2023. take part in the public participation process. Direct mail to I&APs 03/05/2023 Unearthing Africa's Lithium Opportunities for a Greener Tomorrow ✓ Copies have been made available to the interested and affected parties to Contact Us: assist them with providing informed inputs. P: 604-908-1679 A: #2380-1055 W Hastings $\checkmark$ This presentation extracts information from the BID to describe the project Street, Vancouver, BC, V6E 2E9 to those attending the meeting.

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Potential Impacts to be assessed Process Potential impacts that can arise from the proposed . Screening - APP-0001259 (DEA PORTAL) project include but are not limited to: Scoping and assessment phase Air Quality Current Phase Noise impacts Impact prediction and evaluation of alternatives, Visual impacts Assigning mitigation measures · Water resource impacts This phase culminates in the drafting of the Scoping plus · Impact on archaeological and cultural features impact assessment report and draft Environmental Biodiversity impacts Management Plan (EMP) and Socio-economic to the Submission appropriate competent authorities. **Environmental Management** Plan (EMP) • All mitigations will be incorporated into the Environmental & **Questions / Discussion ?** Social Management Plan (ESMP). 32 www.eccenvironmental.com





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