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ABBREVIATIONS

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EAP	environmental assessment practitioner
ECC	Environmental Compliance Consultancy
EIA	environmental impact assessment
EMA	Environmental Management Act, No.7 of 2007
EMP	environmental management plan
ESIA	environmental and social impact assessment
I&APs	interested and affected parties
km	kilometre
m	metre
MEFT	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
ML	mining licence
MLA	mining licence area
MME	Ministry of Mines and Energy

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE OF THE COMMENTS CONSOLIDATION REPORT

This document has been compiled following the required period of review to be provided for public and registered interested and affected parties (I&APs) to have access to and opportunity to comment in writing on the draft scoping report for the proposed Gergarub Mine, //Kharas Region, Namibia (the Project) before submission to the Environmental Commissioner.

The draft scoping report was completed for the Project and undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation, 2007 (No. 30 of 2011) gazetted under the Environmental Management Act (EMA), 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007).

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) prepared the scoping report, which was provided to the public and registered I&APs for review for 14 days from 19th July 2023 -7th August 2023.

This document compiles all comments received during the public review period; presents the responses from ECC as the appointed environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) for the project, the Proponent and specialists engaged in the assessment.

2 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM I&APS

2.1 INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the Regulations of the EMA 2007, on the 19th of July 2023, the scoping report was circulated electronically to all registered interested and affected parties (I&APs) and identified key stakeholders. Submissions received from 1 individual was collated in a separate “Comments and Responses” table that is presented in Table 1. Responses have been provided to all comments received.

2.2 KEY FEEDBACK ON ISSUES OF CONCERN

The scoping report was provided to all I&APs, identified stakeholders and made publicly available on ECC’s website. This public review period is set out to solicit comments, and feedback, and allow genuine participation in the final phase of the ESIA process. Only one comment was received during the public review period. This I&AP requested that additional and continued community engagement occurs between the Proponent and the community of Rosh Pinah. Additionally, the I&AP requested the support of the Proponent to improve the livelihoods of the residents of the town of Rosh Pinah.

3 DRAFT SCOPING REPORT - COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Table 1 – Comments and feedback from the scoping report public review period received from Thomas Johannes representing Rosh Pinah Community Youth Members:

Comment	EAP/Proponent Response
<p>On behalf of rosh pinah community youth members we do appreciate to hear from you and due to the climate change things mite be changed and we demand feather communication/ public meeting.</p> <p>we have hope on you and don't forget to make Rosh pinah great again and home of all people.</p>	<p>Comment noted, the impact of this Project on the socioeconomic environment of Rosh Pinah will be assessed in further detail in the impact assessment.</p> <p>Community engagement during the assessment will be ongoing through various forms of communication and you are welcome to continue engagements with the proponent post the impact assessment process.</p>

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Through the ESIA process, the Proponent and ECC have endeavoured to provide a platform to hear and address all relevant comments put forward by I&APs. ECC would like to thank the I&APs and stakeholders for providing feedback during the scoping phase of the ESIA process. We acknowledge and appreciate the time required to review these documents and ECC genuinely appreciate the input provided by I&APs. The valuable feedback received during the scoping report phase of the ESIA process will ensure a robust impact assessment is submitted to the relevant authorities for a record of decision to be made. ECC acknowledges that constructive feedback results in an improved ESIA and a project that is understood by the community and I&APs.