1. Welcome & Introductions

Colin Christian welcomed all present and thanked them for attending the meeting. He introduced those present from North River Resources and Colin Christian & Associates.

Present from North River Resources

- Dominic Claridge (Project Manager, NLZM)
- Edwin Daweti (Geologist, NRR)
- Frans Handjala
- Johanna Linus.

Present from Colin Christian & Associates cc (Environmental Scientists responsible for EIA)

- Colin Christian (Environmental Scientist)
- Maureen Fidler (Public Participation Assistant)

2. Presentation by Colin Christian & Associates

Purpose of the Meeting

Colin Christian explained the purpose of the meeting as: -

- To present the findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment,
- To explain how public concerns had been considered in the EIA,
- To provide an opportunity for comment, and
- Explain the opportunity for written submissions.

Opportunity was provided for questions and comments during and following the presentation.
Slides were presented under the following headings: -

- Recap on the EIA and Public Participation Process to date. A record of all the Issues & Concerns raised is included in the EIA Report;
- Next steps in the EIA and public participation process;
- Any comments received by 29 November 2013 will be placed in an appendix to the report.

Maps were shown of the location and extent of the EPL, the much smaller Mining Licence area, and the target mining areas even smaller within the ML area.

A layout map was presented showing how the new development would be limited to the previously disturbed area - above ground. The layout in relation to sensitive Lithops plant communities was also shown.

A cross section of the mine was shown indicating the proposed new development underground, and in relation to the surface.

An Overview of the EIA Report was provided, and the assessment criteria were explained, especially the meaning of the ‘significance’ rating. No fatal flaws were found because all the important environmental impacts could be managed / mitigated. The overall conclusion was that an Environmental Clearance could be given subject to strict controls and respect for the sites location in a National Park.

An Environmental Management Plan is being developed, based on the recommendations for mitigation in the EIA, and would be submitted to MET.

Further details of key specialist studies and mitigation measures were then presented regarding: -

- Soils - existing and potential contamination by metals,
- Air quality and dust dispersion,
- Natural vegetation, especially the Lithops communities near but not on the mine site,
- Risks to fauna (invertebrates, reptiles, birds and mammals) – including the risks from soils containing existing and potential contamination by metals,
- Groundwater levels (a minor issue),
- Groundwater quality and potential contamination,
- Surface water runoff (a minor issue in relation to volumes),
- Surface water quality and the need for retention structures to contain contaminated runoff on site,
- Solid & Liquid Waste,
- Electricity demand and supply,
- Water demand and supply,
- Visual impacts,
- Road traffic to Walvis Bay,
- Mine Closure & Rehabilitation
  o tailings are a key issue,
  o rehabilitation of unwanted tracks,
  o need for consultation with Parks in planning,
- Tourism in Dorob Park - important for NRR to make financial provision for closure and rehabilitation to ensure that Parks does not end up having to clean up,
- Benefits in Namibia (employment, foreign investment, foreign exchange and taxes)

Proposed time frames

Exploration till October 2014, Mining and Processing till December 2021, and Rehabilitation in 2022.
3. Questions, Answers & Discussion

1. Q: Mr Georg Erb objected to the word “existing” mine in the presentation because it was an old mine that was to be reopened.
   A: Mr Christian agreed and said it had been dealt with in the EIA in the way in which Mr Erb had stated it.

2. Q: Mr Erb expressed concern about contamination by metals getting into the Swakop River where food crops are grown.
   A: Mr Christian explained that a hydrological study had been conducted by SLR, which found that the drainage is towards the west and the coast, not to the Swakop River.
   Q: Mr Erb said that if dust comes across the railway line, then rainfall runoff would take it to the Swakop River.

3. Q: Mr Jacques van der Merwe: Will the water be supplied from the desalination plant or Namwater?
   A: Mr Dominic Claridge explained that there’s a new pipeline being built to Swakop which will then connect to the pipeline supplying Rossing. Some from the desalination plant and some from Namwater.

4. Q: Is this a very small operation – only 7 years long?
   A: Mr Claridge: we would like to extend the life longer than 7 years, but that requires more exploration and of course metal prices play a role as well.
   Q: Hybre Beukes: Is there a certain price the commodity should be for the mine to be profitable?
   A: Mr Claridge: Yes, but if the price dropped to the extent that it wasn’t profitable all the mines in the world would shut down. However, there are three major zinc and lead mines that are closing in the next three years, simply because they’ve run out of ore, so we don’t foresee the price dropping to uneconomic levels.

4. Way Forward & Closure

The next steps will be:

- Written submissions need to be in by the 29th November 2013
- An attendance register was kept and will be updated from this meeting. Any new Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) can register with Maureen at Cell: 0813462020 or Email: maureen.fidler@gmail.com.
- The EIA will be finalised and submitted to MET with an application for an Environmental Clearance certificate.

All attendees were thanked for their valuable input, and the meeting was closed.
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