

**RÖSSING URANIUM LIMITED
MEETING WITH THE ARANDIS TOWN COUNCIL**

DATE	Tuesday, 23 October 2012
VENUE:	Arandis, Arandis Town Council
PROJECT:	Rössing Uranium: Mining of the Z20 Uranium Deposit – SEIA process
PURPOSE:	<p>The purpose of the meeting was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide information on the proposed project • discuss the proposed SEIA process to be followed • provide information on the public participation process • obtain initial comments on the project and the proposed SEIA process
ATTENDANCE:	See attendance register

1. OPEN

Bea Whittaker (BW) welcomed the members and introduced the project team.

2. PRESENTATION

Carlo Van Heerden (CvH) presented the proposed project to the audience by referring to the prepared power point presentation:

- Technical aspects of the project, including details on the infrastructure corridor (i.e. access road, water and fuel pipelines, power line and reference to the overland conveyor), pit and waste rock design, plant changes and tailing facilities

A detailed presentation was delivered by Hermann Frühstück (HF) from Doppelmayr, the suppliers of the RopeCon conveyor technology:

- Provided details on the technical aspects of the overland conveyor system, which is to be used in the proposed project. (RopeCon system)

Werner Petrick (WP) from SLR Consulting Namibia (SLR) delivered a presentation on the steps that will be conducted for the proposed project SEIA and the social and environmental aspects.

- The SEIA process for the infrastructure corridor will be completed as part of the Scoping phase.
- The rest of the project components will be further assessed during the next phase (assessment phase).
- MET should therefore be in a position to make a decision on the infrastructure corridor after the scoping phase.

WP explained that during the screening phase the SEIA Team studied existing information in quite some detail. (i.e. previous SEIAs in the area, Rössing monitoring results, information provided by supplier of the conveyor, etc.). The SEIA Team in liaison with Rössing Uranium agreed that the infrastructure corridor can be subject to a Scoping phase only, taking the following into consideration:

- The potential social and environmental impacts relating to this type of activity (linear infrastructure) is fairly well understood;

- the receiving socio-economic and biophysical environment have been studied and contextualised in detail; and
- Additional input/assessment requirements from environmental specialists have been identified and will be included in the Scoping Report. These will be supplemented (where required) by input from I&APs during the PPP.
- A stand-alone SEMP will be developed for the infrastructure corridor.

3. DISCUSSION

The following issues/comments were made during the meeting:

Issue Raised	Raised by	Response
Infrastructure		
What is the expected length of the access road?	Patrick Haushona	CvH: Approximately 14km
Where will the water for the proposed project come from?	Florida Husselmann	CvH: NamWater will continue to supply the water. Rössing has committed to using desalinated water for any expansion projects, and to pay NamWater desalinated water rates. NamWater is still in negotiations relating to desalinated water.
Are any challenges foreseen at this stage to the national power demand?	Florida Husselmann	CvH: Rössing currently utilizes 7% of the Nation's electricity which will increase to 9% if the project is implemented. There will be a 50% increase in power supply to Rössing due to the proposed project. It will be necessary to talk to NamPower on details regarding national demand.
What mitigation measures will be in place regarding the access road?	Aunie Gebhard	CvH: Part of the reason for the SEIA process is to determine the social and environmental impacts as well as identifying appropriate mitigation measures.
What about the Welwitschias in the area? Will they be protected?	Aunie Gebhard	WP: A specialist study showing the biodiversity of the area will be conducted, which will provide design impacts, mitigation measures and possible alternatives. Rainer Schneeweiss (RS): The drilling team has seen 4 plants on the hill slopes, thus far. Whereas the Welwitschia Plain has over 50000 plants, and this is located on the other side of the Z20 project area.
Technical		
What are the anticipated changes to the acid plant? And will there be any changes to the rail transfer area?	Florida Husselmann	CvH: An acid plant producing 1200 tonnes per day has been approved (not yet constructed); to accommodate the processing of both ore-bodies an adjustment to 2000 tonnes per day is

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		required. There will be no change to the rail transfer.
Why is the ore-body called Z20?	Magdalena Goliath	RS: Initial exploration of the area was in 1976, where geologists gave the areas names according to anomaly type. Z20 falls within the Z-anomaly, and is number 20 of 27 such areas.
What is the grade of the Z20 ore-body?	Florida Husselmann	RS: The grade, at this stage, seems to be similar or comparable to the current (SJ) pit (approximately 350 PPM), but this number is subject to change as further drilling results become available.
Socio-Economic		
Is there going to be an increase of the number of people employed on the mine?	Florida Husselmann	Alwyn Lubbe (AL): 2500 employees at the peak of construction, but these positions will be temporary. The number of permanent employees still needs to be determined.
As these workers are temporary, where will they be accommodated?	Florida Husselmann	RS: 10 construction camp sites have been identified, 3 or 4 which are in Arandis. However, no final choice has been made and will depend upon the location of the construction activities.
During the public meetings it would be important to manage the expectations of the people expecting jobs. We don't want people flooding into Arandis, looking for jobs that are not available, especially temporary jobs. There is already a housing shortage in Arandis and we do not want to have informal settlements.	Florida Husselmann	WP: The comment has been noted and is important for it to be addressed within SEIA process.
What are the odds that local people (Arandis residents) will be employed during this project?	Magdalena Goliath	BW: Jobs and recruitment is not the purpose of this presentation/meeting. Rössing currently has an employment desk and recruitment process which will handle those aspects.

4. CLOSE

BW closed the meeting and thanked the Arandis Town Council for their interest in the proposed project.