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The Namibia Green Hydrogen Programme (NGH2P), on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Namibia (GRN) and in partnership with the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF), hereby invites all interested stakeholders to participate in the Sectoral Transformation Investment Plan (s-TIP) Validation Workshop, which will formally launch the national public consultation process.

The s-TIP forms the backbone of Namibia's proposal under the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) Industry Decarbonisation Programme, a global initiative designed to help countries shape the emissions profile of new industrial investments before carbon-intensive pathways become locked in.

For Namibia, the s-TIP showcases a practical, financeable roadmap to unlock concessional capital—potentially up to USD 250 million in CIF resources and over USD 1 billion in blended MDB finance—to accelerate green industrialisation, shared infrastructure development, MSME growth, and inclusive community benefits. It reflects the outcomes of the June 2026 Joint Mission, where government, SOEs, MDBs, private developers, financiers, academia, and civil society refined the plan into a coherent system-level intervention which took into account findings from stakeholder consultations held in April and May in the Erongo and //Kharas Regions as well as the illustrative pipeline's bankability needs.

Public Consultation Period

Following the Validation Workshop, the draft Investment Plan (s-TIP) will be made publicly available on the Namibia Green Hydrogen Programme website (www.gh2namibia.com) for public review and comments.

The consultation will remain open for two weeks from the 03rd August 2026, during which stakeholders are invited to submit written feedback and recommendations on the almost-final s-TIP focused on the country's Industrial Decarbonisation Programme.

Who May Participate

The consultation is open to:

- Government representatives
- Private sector representatives
- Civil society organisations
- Academia and research institutions
- Community groups and traditional authorities
- Development partners
- State-Owned Enterprises
- The general public

Purpose of the Validation Workshop

The workshop will:

- Present the almost-final s-TIP for public review
- Summarise the key takeaways from the CIF Joint Mission
- Provide an overview of Namibia's proposed decarbonisation and industrialisation pathways
- Invite stakeholder perspectives before finalisation of the CIF Investment Plan
- Launch the formal two-week public consultation window

Submission of Comments

Stakeholders will be invited to submit written feedback, recommendations and comments through the Namibia Green Hydrogen Programme to a link that will be shared immediately after this launch.

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US$60m deal puts Ongombo on fast track to production

The development of the Ongombo copper-gold project has moved a significant step closer after Hong Kong-based Xinhai Mining Services signed an agreement to finance and develop the estimated US$60 million mine, providing African Pioneer Plc with the capital and technical expertise needed to take the project from exploration to commercial production.

If the transaction is completed, Xinhai will become the third Chinese mining group to lead the development of a major Namibian mine, following China General Nuclear Power Corporation's development of the Husab uranium mine and Shanjin International Gold's acquisition and planned development of the Twin Hills gold project. Unlike those transactions, which were driven by corporate acquisitions, Xinhai is entering the projects through a financing, engineering, and mine development partnership that ultimately gives it the option to acquire a controlling interest in the project holding company.

According to African Pioneer chairman Colin Bird, the staged development programme is expected to cost about US$60 million, with Xinhai agreeing to finance the project through four development milestones covering resource drilling, engineering design, construction and commissioning.

Bird said the agreement is intended to fast-track the development of the Ongombo copper-gold project while copper and gold prices remain favourable.

"We are pleased to announce the definitive agreement for the financing and development of the Ongombo mine," Bird said. "The agreement is intended to facilitate the development of a mine on a fast-track basis and is constructed in clearly defined stages which it is estimated will cost approximately US$60 million."

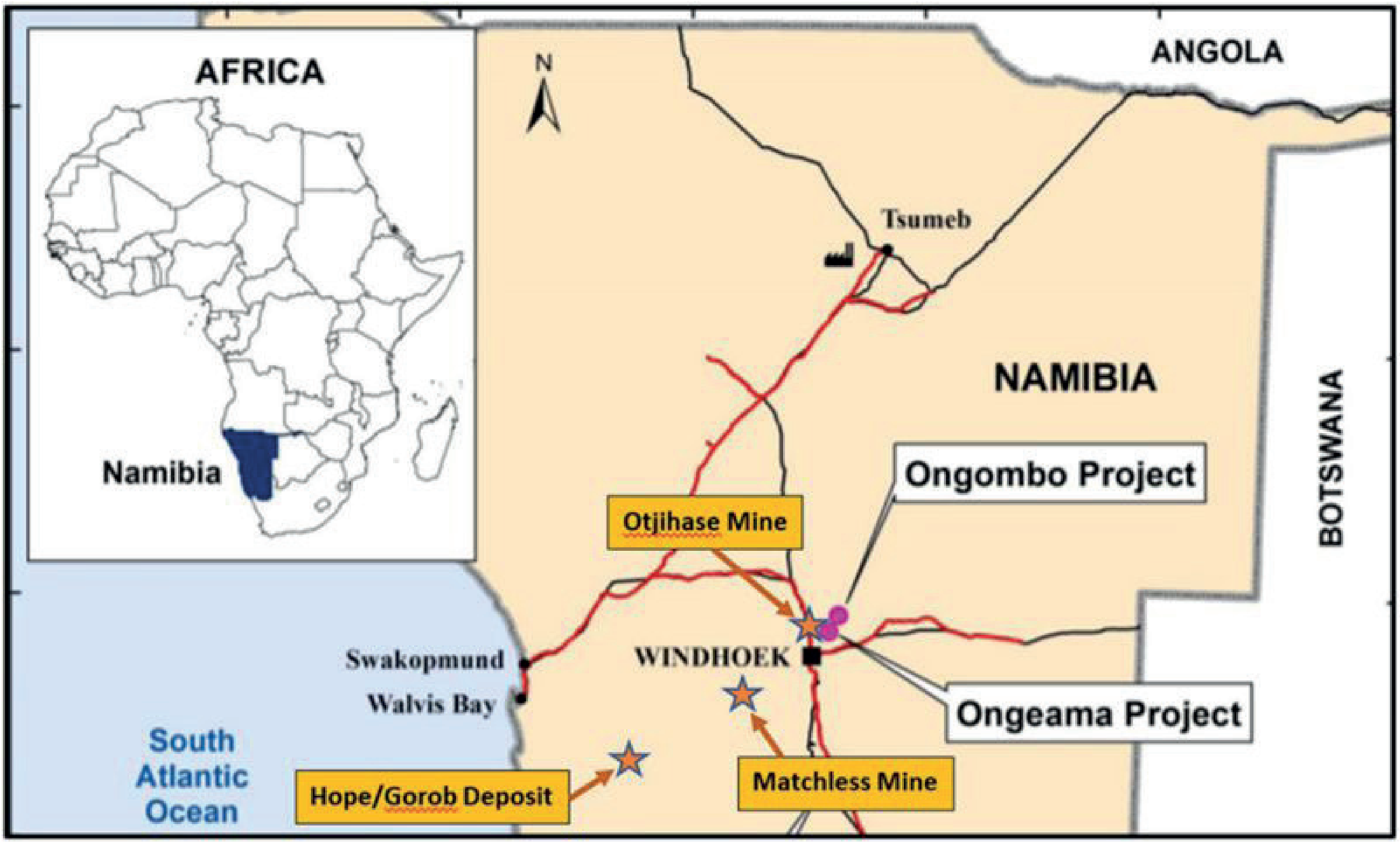
The agreement removes one of the biggest hurdles facing junior mining companies – securing the funding required to build a mine.

Instead of returning to shareholders and investors to raise capital at each stage of development, African Pioneer has secured a partner that will finance exploration, complete engineering studies, procure construction equipment, build the mine and processing plant, and oversee commissioning until commercial production is achieved.

The financing package covers four development milestones. The first provides funding for 7,000 metres of drilling across the Ongombo and Ongeama projects to expand and upgrade mineral resources.

The second milestone involves the completion of detailed engineering designs for the Ongombo mine, while the third includes the delivery of construction equipment via the Port of Walvis Bay, together with an additional 3,000 metres of drilling at the nearby Ongeama project, if the initial exploration programme produces positive results.

The fourth and final milestone takes the project into production. Under the agreement, commercial operations will commence once a processing plant capable of treating 720,000 tonnes of ore per year operates at more than 75% of its design capacity for 30 consecutive days, and the first phase of underground



mine development is completed.

Unlike a conventional financing arrangement, Xinhai will not only provide funding but also serve as the engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contractor responsible for designing, constructing and commissioning the operation.

The company has completed more than 500 engineering, procurement and construction projects worldwide and brings extensive mine development experience to Namibia by combining financing with engineering and construction expertise.

The agreement establishes a holding company that will own a 95% interest in the Ongombo and Ongeama projects. Xinhai's funding will initially be provided as 10% secured loans, although the company may elect to convert those loans into equity in the holding company. Should it exercise that option, Xinhai's interest could rise to 53.68% after the third development milestone and 73.68% after the fourth milestone is completed.

African Pioneer would then have the option of converting its remaining interest into a 4% net smelter return royalty on future production.

The transaction also includes a £712,786 equity investment in African Pioneer, with Xinhai subscribing for new shares at 1.15 pence per share, representing approximately 10% of the company's enlarged issued share capital following completion of the subscription.

Located about 25 kilometres east of Windhoek on Mining Licence ML 240, Ongombo is one of Namibia's most advanced undeveloped copper projects within the Matchless Amphibolite Belt.

African Pioneer estimates the project contains about 300,000 tonnes of contained copper, together with gold by-products.

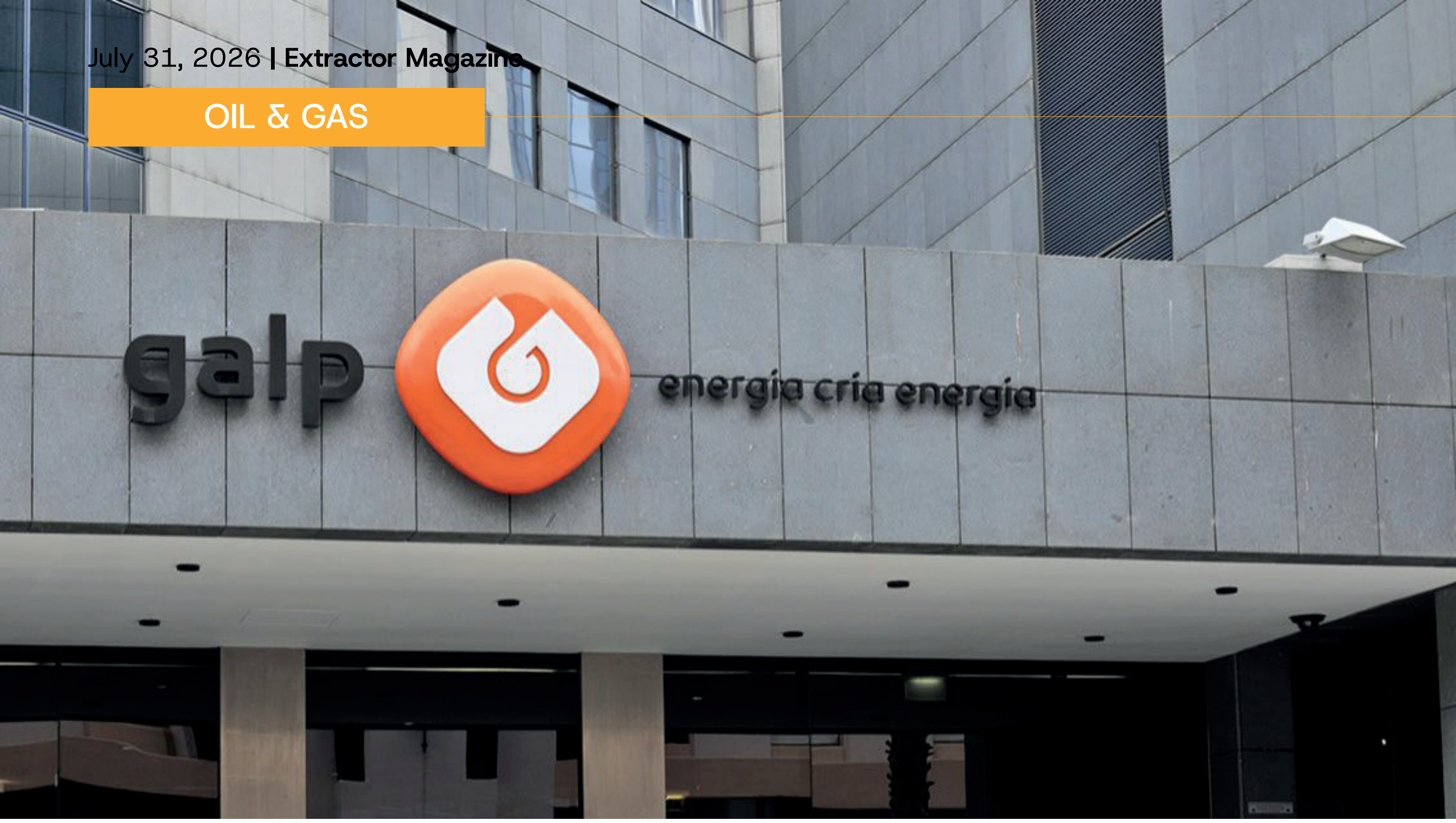
A 2023 independent JORC-compliant Mineral Resource Estimate reported 5.7 million tonnes in the Indicated category grading 1.1% copper equivalent, with additional underground and inferred resources offering scope for future expansion through further drilling.

Bird said the agreement extends beyond Ongombo and is intended to establish African Pioneer as a long-term copper producer in Namibia.

"As we proceed with our new financing partner it is our intention to develop African Pioneer into a Namibian copper play, with the objective of increasing the copper inventory and mining activities," he said.

The agreement remains subject to several conditions, including regulatory approvals in China where required, any necessary approvals from African Pioneer's shareholders, the London Stock Exchange and the UK's Financial Conduct Authority, confirmation that no material adverse changes have occurred at the projects, and the waiver of pre-emptive rights by the local shareholder.

The parties expect these conditions to be satisfied within 20 business days, after which the staged development programme can begin.



Galp confirms Mopane drilling to resume in Q4 as TotalEnergies agrees to fund half its costs

Drilling at Namibia's giant Mopane oil discovery is set to resume during the fourth quarter of 2026 after Galp confirmed that the next exploration and appraisal campaign remains on schedule under its new partnership with TotalEnergies, which will fund half of the Portuguese energy company's share of the project's exploration, appraisal and initial development costs.

The confirmation, contained in Galp's interim management report for the first half of 2026 released on 27 July, marks the first update from the company since agreeing to transfer operatorship of Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) 83 to TotalEnergies, indicating there has been no slippage in the timetable for one of Namibia's largest offshore oil discoveries.

"Looking ahead, Bacalhau ramp-up is ongoing and the partnership with TotalEnergies in Namibia is advancing, on track to commence our next exploration and appraisal campaign in Mopane during Q4," Galp co-chief executive officers Maria João Carioca and João Marques da Silva said.

Under the transaction, TotalEnergies will assume operatorship of PEL 83 with a 40% interest, while Galp will retain 40%, with Namcor and Custos Energy each holding 10%. As part of the agreement, TotalEnergies will carry 50% of Galp's expenditure during the exploration and appraisal programme and the first phase of development, substantially reducing Galp's upfront capital commitments while accelerating work towards commercialisation. The carry will later be repaid from a portion of Galp's future cash flows once production begins.

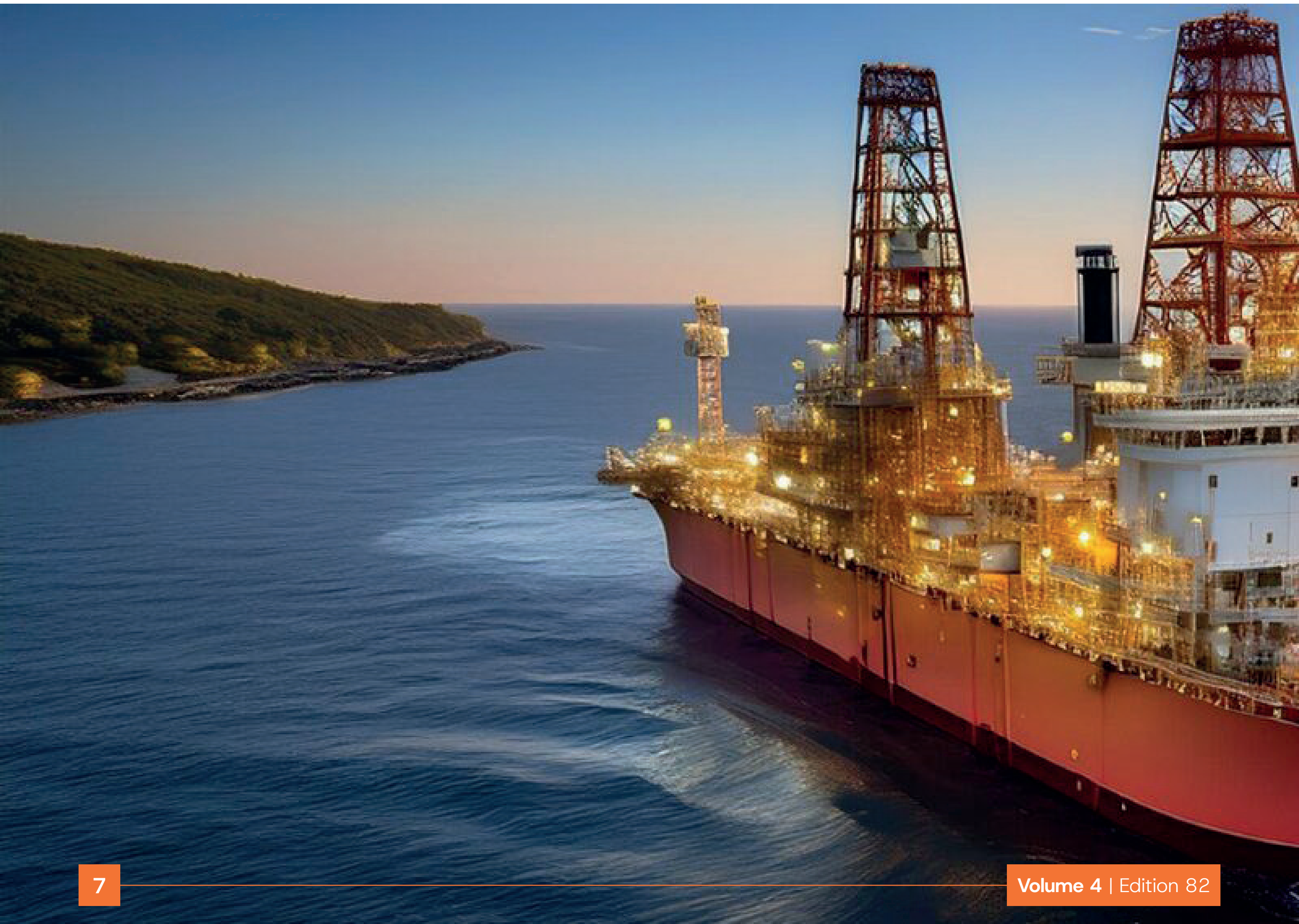
The funding arrangement comes as Galp enters the next phase of the project from a position of considerable financial strength. During the first half of 2026, the company generated replacement-cost-adjusted earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) of €2.216 billion, reported €812 million in adjusted net income, generated €1.789 billion in operating cash flow, and €591 million in free cash flow. Net debt stood at €1.379 billion, equivalent to 0.4 times EBITDA, prompting Galp to upgrade its financial guidance for the remainder of the year.

Although Galp did not disclose a Namibia-specific budget, the company invested €696 million across its global portfolio during the first half of 2026, including €196 million in upstream activities. Most of that expenditure was directed towards the Bacalhau development and the Tupi infill drilling programme in Brazil, leaving the more capital-intensive Mopane programme to gather momentum as TotalEnergies assumes operatorship. The combination of Galp's strengthened balance sheet and TotalEnergies' agreement to carry half of its project costs means financing is unlikely to constrain the next phase of drilling.

The renewed campaign builds on one of the world's most significant recent offshore oil discoveries. Galp's exploration programme in PEL 83 has already delivered the Mopane-1X and Mopane-2X discoveries before the Mopane-3X exploration well encountered additional columns of light oil and gas condensate in separate reservoir targets, confirming that hydrocarbons extend beyond the original discoveries and reinforcing the licence's development potential.

The resumed drilling campaign will begin with the Mopane Extension exploration well during the fourth quarter of 2026. Its objective is to determine the extent of the discovery and establish the recoverable resource base capable of supporting the first phase of development. The well will be followed by two appraisal wells in 2027 designed to confirm reservoir continuity, pressure behaviour and fluid characteristics, while providing the engineering data required to finalise the field development concept ahead of a targeted final investment decision in 2028.

Current development planning envisages an initial offshore project capable of producing more than 200,000 barrels of oil per day from discovered resources estimated at between 800 million and 1.1 billion barrels of oil equivalent. Those volumes remain contingent resources that



will be further appraised before they can be converted into reserves supporting commercial development.

Beyond the initial project, TotalEnergies has identified more than 1.5 billion barrels of oil equivalent in additional exploration potential across the Mopane Extension, Quiver and Sobreiro prospects, suggesting the licence could support multiple phases of development over the coming decades.

The operator also expects to accelerate development by leveraging its experience from the neighbouring Venus discovery, using common deep-water engineering expertise, contractor networks, procurement systems and logistics to advance Namibia's two largest offshore oil discoveries in parallel while retaining separate ownership structures and development plans.

With the operator transition progressing, funding arrangements in place and the next well due to spud within months, attention is now shifting to the Mopane Extension well, whose results are expected to determine the size, configuration and timing of Namibia's second major offshore oil development.

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Noronex to reinvest Namibia asset sale proceeds into new exploration

Noronex says it will reinvest proceeds from the sale of non-core Namibian assets into exploration across its remaining portfolio as the company reshapes its strategy around higher-priority copper and uranium projects.

The company expects to receive further payments from the disposal of the Dordabis and Witvlei projects during the second half of 2026, with the funds earmarked for exploration rather than retained as cash. According to its June quarterly report, about A$100,000 was received after the quarter ended as part of the previously

announced Dordabis transaction, with a further A$100,000 still outstanding. In addition, Noronex expects to receive approximately A$1.25 million, of which 80% is payable to Noronex, from the sale of the Witvlei project once the associated mining licences have been granted.

The asset disposals form part of a broader strategy to concentrate capital on the company's most prospective projects. Over the past two years, Noronex has streamlined its Namibian portfolio by exiting non-core assets while increasing its focus on copper exploration in the Kalahari Copper Belt and uranium exploration at Etango North. The approach allows the company to recycle capital from mature or lower-priority projects into exploration programmes with greater discovery potential rather than relying solely on new equity raisings to fund growth.

Despite the disposals, Noronex remains one of the larger exploration licence holders in the Namibian section of the Kalahari Copper Belt. The company controls approximately 8,931 km² of exploration ground across Namibia, including the Powerline, Humpback, Damara Duplex, Epukiro River and Etango North projects, together with applications over the Rosy Copper area. It also holds a 51% interest in the Etango North uranium joint venture, with the right to increase its stake to 80% under the existing earn-in agreement.

The company said the proceeds will be redeployed across its remaining exploration assets in Namibia and Botswana, where it is focusing on copper-silver projects in the Kalahari

Copper Belt while also maintaining exposure to uranium through the Etango North project.

The asset recycling strategy comes as Noronex and its earn-in partner, South32, confirmed new exploration budgets for the 2026/27 financial year and agreed to continue their joint venture programmes in Namibia and Botswana. Under the revised arrangements, the partners have retained the overall earn-in structure while reducing minimum annual expenditure to A$2 million, allowing exploration spending to be directed more selectively towards drill-ready targets rather than broad regional programmes. The total earn-in commitment remains unchanged at A$15 million for a 60% interest in the Namibian projects and A$5 million for a 60% interest in Botswana.

The next phase of exploration is scheduled to begin in the December 2026 quarter and will include a proposed 2,500-metre drilling programme across the Fortuna, Rosy Copper and Humpback South prospects in Namibia,

together with a 500-metre programme at the Cgae Cgae project in Botswana.

Noronex ended the June quarter with A$1.409 million in cash after spending A$945,000 on exploration and evaluation, primarily at the Powerline copper project in Namibia and the Cgae Cgae project in Botswana, where much of the work is funded under the South32 earn-in agreement. Although the company estimates that its cash on hand represents just over one quarter of funding at the current expenditure rate, it expects additional funding from South32 under the earn-in arrangements, together with the outstanding Dordabis and Witvlei sale proceeds, to support planned exploration activities.

By combining asset sale proceeds with partner funding, Noronex is seeking to finance the next phase of exploration through portfolio optimisation rather than depending exclusively on capital markets, enabling it to direct more resources towards priority drill targets across its Namibian project.

NamPower plans 325 MW renewable energy expansion by 2028

NamPower plans to add approximately 325 megawatts of new renewable electricity generation between 2025 and 2028, expanding its generation capacity by almost two-thirds as the national utility intensifies efforts to reduce Namibia's dependence on imported electricity and move the country towards energy self-sufficiency.

The expansion programme, disclosed in an independent Second Party Opinion by S&P Global Ratings on NamPower's Sustainable Fundraising Framework, will be driven primarily by new solar and wind projects and forms part of the utility's objective of achieving about 80% electricity self-sufficiency by 2028 while supporting Namibia's broader target of generating 70% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2030.

The report illustrates the scale of the challenge the utility is trying to address.

As at 31 December 2024, NamPower had an installed generation capacity of 509.5 MW, comprising 68% hydropower, 24% thermal power, 4% diesel generation and 4% solar photovoltaic generation.

Despite that installed

capacity, Namibia remained heavily reliant on imported electricity. During 2024, 46% of electricity supplied to the country came from NamPower's own generating stations, 46% was imported through power purchase agreements and the Southern African Power Pool, while the remaining 8% came from independent power producers.

S&P said the planned renewable expansion is expected to reduce dependence on imported electricity, decarbonise Namibia's electricity system and improve electricity access, particularly for rural and underserved communities, while supporting the country's long-term energy security objectives.

To finance that expansion, NamPower has established a Sustainable Fundraising Framework that has been assessed as aligning with the International Capital Market Association's Green Bond Principles, Social Bond Principles and Sustainability Bond Guidelines, as well as the equivalent Green and Social Loan Principles.

The framework creates an internationally recognised platform through which the utility can raise green and social finance from sustainability-focused investors.

S&P expects most of the proceeds raised under the framework to be directed towards renewable energy projects, with other eligible investments supporting the broader electricity system.

These include battery energy storage, electricity transmission lines, substations, smart grid technologies, energy efficiency initiatives, climate adaptation projects, sustainable water and wastewater infrastructure, biodiversity conservation programmes linked to biomass developments and, in future, green hydrogen projects aligned with Namibia's national green hydrogen strategy.

Renewable energy projects eligible for funding extend beyond solar and wind and include hydropower developments, biomass power generation using encroacher bush, energy storage systems and transmission infrastructure required to integrate increasing volumes of renewable electricity into the national grid.

Biomass projects are required to use sustainably harvested encroacher bush in line with Namibia's National Strategy on the Sustainable Management of Bush Resources, while hydropower projects must comply with environmental legislation and International Finance Corporation performance standards.

The framework also permits investment in technologies designed to improve the efficiency and resilience of the national electricity system.

Eligible projects include smart meters, load-control systems, synchronous condensers, static VAR compensators, weather forecasting and early warning systems, flood mitigation infrastructure, wildfire mitigation measures and technologies that enable greater integration of renewable electricity into the grid.

In addition, NamPower intends to finance projects to improve water security in areas where renewable energy developments are located, including water pumping, water treatment, wastewater management, flood mitigation systems, and infrastructure that promotes water efficiency, rainwater harvesting, and recycling in drought-prone regions.

Beyond environmental projects, the framework includes a social financing component focused on expanding electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure to improve access to electricity in rural and underserved communities. S&P noted that approximately half of Namibia's population still lacks reliable access to electricity, with rural electrification lagging significantly behind urban areas, making improved access an important social objective of the programme.

According to the report, NamPower will allocate funds raised under the framework within 36 months of each financing transaction.

Up to 50% of the proceeds may be used to refinance eligible existing projects, with the balance used to finance new investments.

The utility has committed to publishing annual allocation and impact reports detailing where funds were spent, the environmental and social outcomes achieved, the split between new financing and refinancing, and any unallocated proceeds. Both allocation and impact reporting will be subject to independent external assurance.

While broadly endorsing the framework, S&P also highlighted areas requiring further development.

It said NamPower's own climate strategy remains at an early stage.

Although the utility has begun measuring Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions internally, those emissions have not yet been published, and the company has not established formal greenhouse gas reduction targets.

The ratings agency also found that NamPower currently has limited consideration of future physical climate risks. Although projects are screened for hazards such as droughts, flooding, water shortages and wildfires during development, the utility does not yet use forward-looking climate scenarios to assess how climate change could affect its infrastructure over time.

S&P noted that NamPower is working with the World Bank Group to develop a climate risk mitigation plan that will incorporate future physical climate risks.

The report further cautioned that some projects eligible for financing, particularly large hydropower developments such as the proposed Baynes Hydropower Project, could pose environmental and social risks, including impacts on biodiversity and community resettlement.

It said projects financed under the framework would be required to comply with Namibian environmental legislation, International Finance Corporation performance standards and the principles of free, prior and informed consent where communities may be displaced.

S&P nevertheless concluded that NamPower's Sustainable Fundraising Framework supports Namibia's renewable energy strategy and provides a credible mechanism for mobilising capital needed to expand renewable electricity generation, strengthen transmission infrastructure, improve rural electrification and reduce the country's long-standing dependence on imported power.

Elevate fully funded as Namibia uranium programme gathers momentum

Elevate Uranium says it has sufficient funding to complete its Namibian drilling campaigns, advance its proprietary U-pgrade beneficiation technology and commence mining studies after ending the June 2026 quarter with A$28.9 million in cash, positioning the company to accelerate development across one of the junior uranium sector's largest resource bases.

The company said the cash balance, down from A$34.0 million at the end of March, reflected planned investment in exploration and project advancement rather than funding constraints. During the quarter, Elevate spent A$4.4 million on exploration and evaluation activities, while a further A$1.1 million cash payment relating to its acquisition of an additional interest in the Marenica project was made in July. According to the company, the remaining cash is more than sufficient to complete the U-pgrade pilot plant programme, continue drilling campaigns and begin scoping studies on its key Namibian projects.

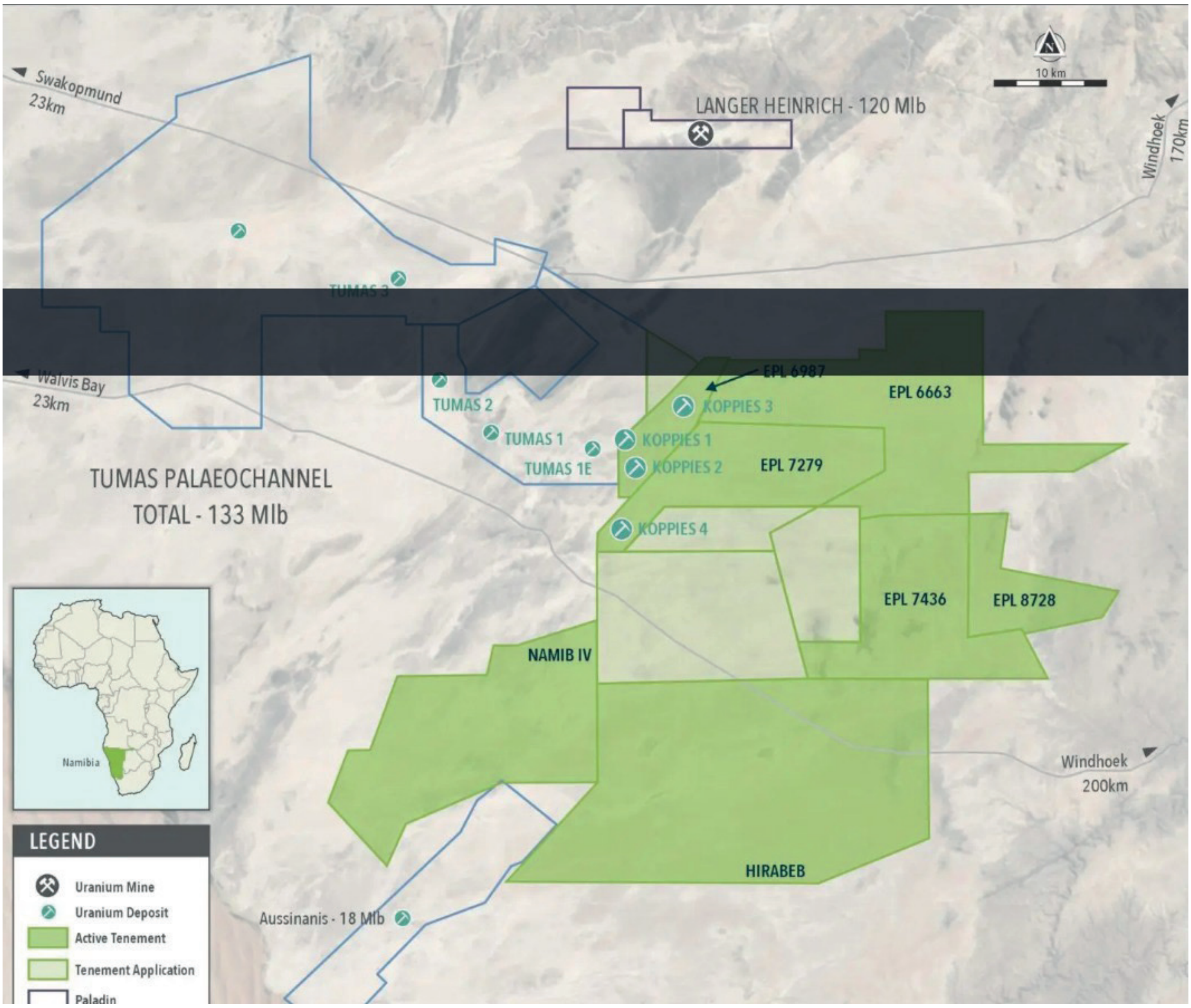
A significant focus

during the quarter was the continued development of the U-pgrade pilot plant in Namibia. The company materially expanded its in-country technical team by recruiting additional metallurgists, reorganising plant personnel and providing direct technical oversight from managing director Murray Hill as work continued to refine and optimise the beneficiation process. Initial pilot plant results remain targeted for August 2026, although Elevate cautioned that procurement delays for imported equipment and consumables, coupled with slower customs processing under Namibia's electronic customs system, could push the release of results later into the year.

The U-pgrade technology remains central to Elevate's development strategy because it is designed to significantly increase uranium grades before conventional processing while reducing the amount of material requiring treatment. The company believes the process has the potential to materially lower both capital and operating costs across its Namibian projects, with successful pilot plant results expected to provide the technical validation needed to advance mining studies and unlock greater value from its resource base.

At the same time, Elevate strengthened its position at the Marenica uranium project by increasing its ownership from 75% to 90% through two separate transactions. The acquisition of an additional 10% interest from Xanthos Mining has already been completed through the issue of 4.7 million shares and a cash payment of A$1.1 million, while the purchase of a further 5% from Millennium Minerals, involving the settlement of A$3.4 million in debt and the issue of another 4.7 million shares, is expected to close in early August.

The ownership increase coincided with a substantial expansion of the Marenica Mineral Resource, which grew 31% during the quarter to 52.8 million pounds of uranium oxide (U_3O_8). At its new 90% ownership level, Elevate's attributable resource at Marenica has increased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to 47.5 million pounds, while its attributable Namibian uranium inventory now stands at 123.7 million pounds U_3O_8, contributing to a global attributable resource base of 181 million pounds, one of the largest among junior uranium developers.

Resource growth is expected to continue. Infill drilling programmes at Marenica continued throughout the June quarter and into early August as the company seeks to convert more Inferred Resources into the higher-confidence Indicated category. That work is expected to underpin another Mineral Resource Estimate update during the second half of 2026 and provide the foundation for scoping studies planned for later this year.

Beyond Marenica, Elevate intends to commence scoping studies for both the Marenica and Koppies projects once the pilot plant results are received. The studies are expected to establish initial development parameters for the projects, while further drilling at the greater Koppies area and Hirabeb deposit is aimed at expanding resources and testing deeper mineralisation beneath existing palaeochannel deposits.

Research house MST Access said Elevate remains "very comfortably funded" to continue its Namibian work programmes and maintained that successful demonstration of the U-pgrade technology remains the company's most significant value catalyst. The research note said positive pilot plant results would validate the process, demonstrate material capital and operating cost savings and help narrow the valuation gap between Elevate and its uranium sector peers as the company advances one of the largest undeveloped uranium resource portfolios in the junior mining sector.

Midas moves three Otavi deposits towards resource estimates.

Namibia's mining industry will assess whether investment in the sector is translating into employment and broader economic benefits at the 13th Chamber of Mines Mining Expo and Conference, taking place from 4 to 6 August 2026 at the Windhoek Showgrounds.

The Chamber is convening the event under the theme "From Dialogue to Delivery: Assessing Progress in Creating Mining-Led Economic Growth and Employment since NamPPF," focusing on progress made since the Namibia Public-Private Sector Forum rather than merely presenting another list of mining ambitions. The wording of the theme has been confirmed through the Chamber's official 2026 promotional material.

The conference will examine what the mining industry has delivered and what remains necessary to convert mineral investment into operating mines, jobs, local procurement opportunities, and sustained economic growth. Chamber chief executive Fabian Shaanika has described the gathering as an opportunity for the extractive sector to assess progress in advancing mining-led growth and employment since the NamPPF process.

The 2026 programme extends beyond the main mining conference, with a separate Chamber of Mines Safety Conference scheduled for 4 August at the Windhoek Showgrounds. The safety programme will bring together mine operators, executives and specialists to examine occupational safety, leadership, workforce management and sustainability within mining operations.

Among the speakers confirmed by the Chamber for the safety conference is Liezl Davies, Rössing Uranium's general manager for human capital, safety and sustainability. The Chamber said Davies would draw on her experience in health and safety, workforce transformation, sustainability and organisational improvement.

The main conference on 5 and 6 August will then turn to the wider question of mining-led economic delivery, with presentations and discussions involving operating mines, project developers, financiers, infrastructure providers and other participants in the mining value chain.

The Chamber has been announcing speakers individually through its official LinkedIn platform. Those confirmed include

Steve Galloway, an independent consultant and chairperson of the independent non-executive board of Rössing Uranium, who has more than four decades of experience spanning exploration, mining, government, investment, banking, project finance and corporate strategy.

It has also confirmed Alina Garises, TransNamib's corporate communications manager, as one of the conference speakers.

Her inclusion places transport and logistics within the discussion at a time when the movement of bulk commodities, fuel, equipment and mining inputs remains central to the expansion of Namibia's extractive industries.

The event will also include a Suppliers' Platform, under which participating suppliers will be allocated 15-minute presentation slots to introduce their products and services.

The platform gives smaller service providers and equipment suppliers a direct opportunity to showcase their capabilities to mining companies, rather than relying solely on conventional exhibition stands.

The exhibition has expanded in response to demand. The Chamber said 204 exhibitors had confirmed participation, while exhibition allocations had increased from 329 in 2025 to 372, with the possibility that the final footprint could approach 400 spaces before the event opens.

The increase follows the expansion of the Mining Expo to a three-day event in 2025. The Chamber said last year's conference attracted 994 registered participants and filled all 329 exhibition booths, providing the basis for a larger allocation in 2026.

Participation will extend beyond Namibian mining companies and suppliers. Six Finnish mining companies are expected to attend as part of efforts to connect international mining technology and service providers with Namibia's industry.

Registration for conference delegates and visitors is free and is required for logistical and administrative purposes, while public access to the exhibition is also free.

With a separate safety conference, the main economic-delivery conference, a suppliers' presentation platform and an expanded exhibition, the 2026 event is structured around more than displaying mining machinery and projects.

It will test whether growth in exploration, mine development, and mineral investment is creating the employment, local business participation, and economic value that Namibia expects from the sector.

Important verification note: the conference-programme page currently indexed on the event website still displays 2025 sessions, so session titles such as critical-minerals panels, project-financing discussions, artificial intelligence, ESG, and workforce-development sessions should not be included in the 2026 story unless they appear in the Chamber's current programme or official 2026 announcements.

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