

Proposed desalination plant for Rössing Uranium

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Rössing Uranium did a Social Environmental Impact Assessment (SEIA) study in 2014 to determine the feasibility for a proposed desalination plant for the mine. This was considered as an effort to reduce the cost of water for the mine's operations and in this way enhance its commercial sustainability.

The SEIA scoping report was submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Tourism in October 2014 and the final report submitted in January 2015. Rössing was informed in August this year that our application for an environmental clearance certificate in respect of the proposed desalination plant was rejected. As a result of the rejection, Rössing lodged an appeal to the Minister of Environment and Tourism against the decision, requesting that the Environmental Commissioner reconsider our application for an environmental clearance certificate. The appeal is based on the grounds that the professional studies conducted and described in the SEIA report, indicating that no major social and environmental impacts were identified, were not fully considered.

We are awaiting the outcome of the appeal.

The SEIA report is available on our website www.rossing.com/reports-research2.htm

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