



# Drilling Contractor Appointed for Maiden Namibian Drilling Program

## Highlights

- Hammerstein Drilling appointed to commence a 33 hole for ~2,500m reconnaissance drilling programme in Namibia
- Drilling programme to commence in April at Etango North-East Project before mobilising to Swakopmund Project
- Drilling will follow up high grade rock chip samples at Etango North-East which included<sup>1</sup>:
  - Trench 1: 46m @ 506 ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, including:
    - 1m @ 5,413 ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, and
    - 2m @ 2,084 ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, and
    - 1m @ 1,100 ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
  - Trench 3: 10m @ 367 ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, including:
    - 1m @ 624 ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, and
    - 1m @ 562 ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
  - Trench 4: 1m @ 511 ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
  - Trench 6: 1m @ 4,847 ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
- At Swakopmund, drilling follows up recent geophysics results<sup>2</sup> which confirmed potential paleochannels including the widest response of 600m wide x +/-18m depth
- All permitting in place for drilling to commence

Connected Minerals Limited (**ASX: CML**) (**Connected, Connected Minerals or the Company**) is pleased to advise it has appointed well-established Namibian drilling contractor, Hammerstein Drilling, to commence its maiden Reverse Circulation (**RC**) reconnaissance drilling programme at the Company's Etango North-East (**EPL 6933**) and Swakopmund (**EPL 9162**) Projects in Namibia. Drilling is expected to commence in April.

The programme will comprise 33 RC holes for ~2,500m, with ~2,000m at Etango North-East and ~450m at Swakopmund. Drilling will initially focus on the Etango North-East Project where high priority-targets have been identified following high-grade results from a rock-chip sampling programme completed in December 2024.

<sup>1</sup> ASX Announcement 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025, "[Exceptional Results at Etango North-East Extends High Grade Uranium Mineralisation](#)"

<sup>2</sup> ASX Announcement 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025, "[Priority Drill Targets Confirmed at Swakopmund Uranium Project](#)"

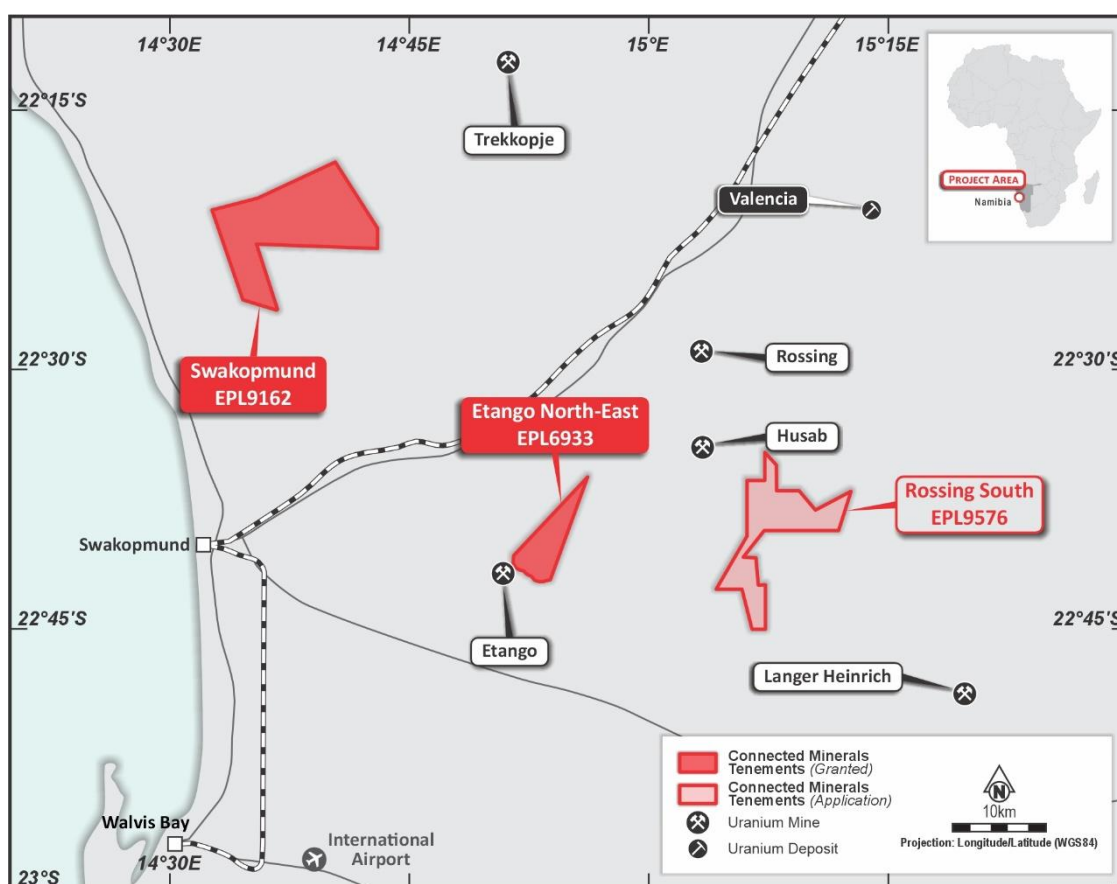


Drilling will then shift to the Swakopmund Project where the focus will be on targets identified by Connected Minerals following a recent horizontal-loop electromagnetic (**HLEM**) survey.

Based in Swakopmund, Hammerstein Drilling is a highly experienced contractor which has led RC drilling programmes for mining exploration companies in Namibia, Angola and internationally.

Connected Minerals has secured all of the permits it requires to commence the drilling programme.

**Connected Managing Director and CEO Mr Warrick Clent said,** “Following the success of our initial field exploration campaigns in Namibia, we have moved quickly towards commencing our maiden drilling programme at the Etango North-East and Swakopmund Projects. The appointment of Hammerstein Drilling, a well-established Namibian contractor in the mining industry, is another key step in this direction and positions Connected Minerals to commence the RC drilling programme at Etango North-East in April. The commencement of drilling will be a major milestone for Connected Minerals and will build on the encouraging targets we have identified at both projects during our field work to date. We look forward to beginning drilling in April, just four months after the relisting of Connected Minerals, and anticipate strong news flow in the months ahead.”



**Figure 1.** Connected Minerals Namibian Portfolio – RC drilling programme to commence at Etango North-East (EPL 6933) and Swakopmund (EPL 9162) Projects



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### **About Connected Minerals Limited**

Connected Minerals Limited (ASX: CML) is an Australian-headquartered company which has commenced a new strategic direction focused on the exploration and potential development of a portfolio of projects in Namibia and Western Australia. The Company is targeting uranium discoveries through two granted exclusive prospecting licences (EPL) and one EPL application in the most prolific uranium producing province in Namibia. Connected Minerals has also acquired 100% of the legal and beneficial ownership in three granted exploration licences in Western Australia which demonstrate multi-commodity potential.