COUNTRY FACT SHEET

NAMIBIA

(last updated December 2014)

- In 2014, Namibia produced 8% of global production of uranium
- The Rossing mine was Namibia’s first commercial uranium mine beginning operations in 1976 – the world’s longest running open-pit uranium mine
- The Husab mine, which will be the world’s second largest uranium mine, began operations in 2014, bringing the number to three uranium mines operating in the country
- In 2007 the government announced its decision to pursue nuclear power

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Regional Legislation

African Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zone Treaty
(The treaty of Pelindaba) : status: party

Domestic Legislation

1992 Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act
2005 Atomic Energy and Radiation Protection Act
Environmental Management Act 2007

Actors

Ministry of Mines and Energy
National Radiation Protection Authority

Operating Mines

Rössing (google map link: https://goo.gl/maps/vYR3D)
Longest running open-pit uranium mine in world. Owner structure: (68.6% Rio Tinto, 15% Iranian Foreign Investment Co., 10% Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa, 3% Namibian government).

Langer Henrich Owned by: Paladin Energy LTD), China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC) holds a 25% stake in Paladin's Langer Heinrich mine, entitling it to a corresponding share of the project's output.

Husab Project, project is majority owned by China General Nuclear Power Corporation (CGN) subsidiary Taurus Minerals following its 2012 purchase of former owner Extract Resources. The project is being developed by Extract subsidiary Swakop Uranium, in which Namibian state-owned mining company Epangelo acquired a 10% stake in November 2012.

Trekkopje, owned by AREVA Resources Namibia was in the process of development until 2013 when AREVA postponed the start-up of mining and mothballed all installations at the site.

Ports:
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