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The Environmental Commissioner  
Ministry of Environment Forestry and Tourism  
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Dear Mr. T. Mufeti,

**Re: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for Ohangwena II Wellfield Development, Ohangwena Region, Namibia**

Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR), hereto refer to as the Executing Agency, with support from the African Development Bank (AfDB), co-funded the implementation of the Namibia Water Sector Support Program (NWSSP). The program aims to support and facilitate Namibia to have sustainable production and transfer of water resources resulting in:

- a) improved access to safe drinking water for human consumption, agricultural and industrial use and
- b) improved food and nutrition security in Namibia's urban and rural areas; and

The specific objective of the program is to support GRN to increase access, quality, security and sustainability of water supply and sanitation services in Namibia in view of water scarcity continuing to be a serious constraint in achieving the economic, environmental and social development agenda in Namibia.

**Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) - Extension of the Iitapa-Okeeholongo Rural Water Supply Scheme – Phase 2, Okahao, Tsandi and Otamanzi Constituency in the Omusati Region, Namibia**

The Environmental Management Act (No 7 of 2007) and associated Regulations (GN 30 in GG 4878 of 6 February 2012) states that the proposed project resorts under the listed activities that may not be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate. The Integrated Safeguards System (ISS) and its related Climate Safeguards System (CSS) of the AfDB are the strategic tools designed to ensure that borrowers satisfy the requirements;

- protection of the environment,
- local people/communities against exclusion and
- marginalization caused by certain economic development activities during the planning and implementation phases.

In light of the above, certain prior prerequisite activities have to be carried out such as the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIAs) and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMPs) studies for each sub-project prior to the beginning of works.

The Executing Agency is hereby requesting the review and approval of the environmental assessment study reports submitted by the Consultants (Outrun Consultants cc).

Please accept the assurance for my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely



Ndiyakupi Nghituwamata (Ms)  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

