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To
The Environmental Commissioner
Directorate of Environmental Affairs
Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
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DIRECTORATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
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Signature: <i>Mufeti</i>

Dear Commissioner Timoteus Mufeti,

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESMENT (HIA) FOR MCs No. 73353 - 73362.

Excel Dynamic Solutions Pty Ltd confirms herewith our appointment by Papa Smurf Investment CC as an accredited agent to assist with the Environmental Clearance Permitting application process and acquire Environmental Clearance Certificate for the Mining Claims (MCs) No.73353 – 73362. The study was performed from August 2022 to November 2022 in accordance with section 27 of the Environmental Management Act (EMA), No.7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations.

Our consultants finalized the report for MCs No. 73353 – 73362 in November 2022 and submitted to your office on the online portal under the ECC Application No. 001573. Ever since, the project has been on the portal being reviewed, waiting for the final decision to grant or refuse the ECC. Our consultants have been doing follow-ups on the status of the project, until in March 2023 we were informed that we need to resubmit the report.

Unfortunately, when we re-registered the project and got the verification email, this time around suggested that we provide a Heritage councils consent letter before the evaluation can be done. Heritage council consent was not one of the requirements in 2022 when we carried out the assessment, thus we were able to submit online.

The client is now concerned that asking for a heritage concern for a project that was carried out in 2022 is unfair and costly .As professional , we have acknowledged the need of a heritage survey, however the main concern is that the timing in which the request was made.

I am kindly requesting the good office of the commissioner to look into this matter and consider granting the ECC to our client.

Yours faithfully



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