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Mr. Timoteus Mufeti Environmental Commissioner Ministry of Environment and Tourism Private Bag x 13306 Windhoek

Dear Mr. Mufeti

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUPPORT LETTER FOR THE !NARA SEED STORAGE AND PROCESSING FACILITY

The above subject matter bears reference,

Erongo Regional Council (ERC) commit to deliver prompt quality and accessible services for the upliftment of the community, through good governance for sustainable socio-economic development. The division rural services is mandated to implement rural development programmes in the region. Amongst the regional program, is the One Region One Initiative (OROI). The OROI program is aimed at improving the livelihood of rural people through innovation (value addition) and employment creation. The !Nara Seed Storage and Processing project has been supported through this programme.

ERC is the proponent of this project in supporting the Topnaar Community within the Kuiseb Delta to run the !Nara Seed Storage and Processing facility. Furthermore, this social project aims to ensure sustainable utilization of the !Nara plants, employment creation, combating desertification and improving the livelihood of the Topnaar community.

Red Dunes Consulting cc is appointed to undertake the requisite environmental assessment and develop an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for !Nara Seed Storage and Processing facility as well as for 4 km water pipeline from the borehole site to the !Nara Seed Processing facility. The !Nara Seed Storage and Processing project is located at Rooibank in Walvis Bay Rural Constituency, Erongo Region.

With the above insight, it is our wish that this project would be granted an Environmental Clearance Certificate.

Please accept assurance of my highest considerations.

Yours Sincerely

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