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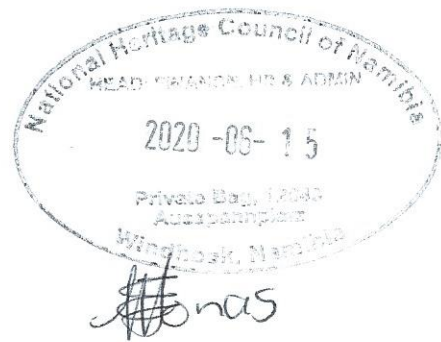
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LETTER OF CONFIRMATION

The National Heritage Council of Namibia
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For attention: Acting Director

Mrs. Erica Ndalekokule



REF: Confirmation to adhere to the protection of Namibia's natural and cultural heritage.

This serves to confirm that I Mr. Otniel Kuojo (ID Number: **75020900087**) commits to adhering to the regulations pertaining the protection of Namibia's natural and cultural heritage as stipulated under the National Heritage Act, No 27 of 2004 to ensure sustainable mining practices for the activities at mining claim 71620, that covers an area of 1 800 square metres (600X300m) at mining claim 71620 at Farm Kompaneno 104, Omaruru Constituency, Erongo Region.

The recently undertaken Environmental Impact Scoping Assessment, it was found that granite mining is a relatively benign industry as it does not include further processing such as smelting on site since the granite will be exported in its raw form. There are no emissions besides those of the diesel powered earthmoving equipment utilised in its extraction and a small amount of blasting gases. Contamination of water resources is only likely in the event of petrochemical spillages from storage facilities and equipment, and these can largely be either prevented or cleaned up effectively. Rehabilitation back to the natural state is a key component and will be undertaken in a phased manner as the mining activities progress. As advised by the EIA scoping report, I will strictly abide to the guidelines outlined within the Environmental Management Plan with regards to the discovery of any archaeological significant matter/artefacts either on site or in the immediate vicinity of mining claim 71620 and to reduce the associated negative environmental impacts.

I will institute independent annual heritage/monument status monitoring if any artefacts are discovered during operations and immediately report to the NHC to follow the chance find procedure as detailed in the Environmental Management Plan. Should a heritage site or archaeological site be uncovered or discovered during the mining phase of the project, a "chance find" procedure should be applied in the order they appear below:

- If operating machinery or equipment stop work;
- Demarcate the site with danger tape;

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- Determine GPS position if possible;
- Report findings to the site foreman;
- Report findings, site location and actions taken to superintendent;
- Cease any works in immediate vicinity;
- Visit find site and determine whether work can proceed without damage to findings;
- Determine and demarcate exclusion boundary;
- Site location and details to be added to a Geographic Information System (GIS) for field confirmation by archaeologist;
- Inspect site and confirm addition to granite mining site GIS;
- Advise the National Heritage Council (NHC) and request written permission to remove findings from work area; and
- Recovery, packaging and labelling of findings for transfer to National Museum.

Should human remains be found, the following actions will be required:

- Apply the chance find procedure as described above;
- Schedule a field inspection with an archaeologist to confirm that remains are human;
- Advise and liaise with the NHC and Police.

Remains will be recovered and removed either to the National Museum or the National Forensic Laboratory. This will ensure stakeholder confidence in the effective management of the mining claim site. I trust that the submission of this letter of confirmation together with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report meets the necessary procedural and statutory requirements, and that the information presented is sufficiently detailed. If the granite mining operations are authorised, the activities will provide employment for the local people and contribute to local & national economic development through attracting more investors to the Omaruru town and surrounding settlements/villages and additionally increasing people's livelihoods through job creation.

We look forward to receiving your response and letter of consent to allow the issuance of an Environmental Clearance Certificate from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT). Should you wish to discuss the matter further, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We remain available and open for further advice and recommendations from your good office to ensure that together we can identify, protect and manage the natural and cultural heritage of Namibia

Yours faithfully


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Mr. Otniel Kuojo

