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Our Reference GCS Ref - 20-0426

Your Reference N/A

Date 22 April 2020

National Heritage Council of Namibia

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Dear Sir

**Re: Renewal of Environmental Clearance Certificate for Okatji Marble's Mining Claims 65425 and 65426 and Existing Mining operations**

Okatji Marble CC obtained their Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) dated 25 April 2017 (**Annexure A**) for the Mining Claims 65425 and 65426 and existing mining operations. The ECC is valid for three years (until 2020) and as such Okatji Marble has appointed GCS Water and Environmental Engineering to apply for the renewal of the ECC.

Okatji Marble cc (Okatji Marble hereafter) currently runs marble mining operations on Mining Claims 65425 and 65426, 12 km east of Karibib in the Erongo Region (see **Annexure B** for locality). The mining claims are located on Okatjimukuju, Farm 55, part of which is located within the Non-Exclusive Prospecting License 3269. The mining claims cover a combined area of approximately 38.2 hectares. The coordinates for the mining claims are indicated in the tables below.

MC-65426	Latitude	Longitude
1	21° 59' 13.00" S	015° 57' 35.00" E
2	21° 59' 26.00" S	S 015° 57' 52.00" E
3	21° 59' 33.00" S	015° 57' 44.00" E
4	21° 59' 21.00" S	S 015° 57' 28.00" E
MC-65425	Latitude	Longitude
1	21° 59' 26.00" S	015° 57' 52.00" E

2	21° 59' 39.00" S	015° 58' 08.00" E
3	21° 59' 46.00" S	015° 58' 00.00" E
4	21° 59' 33.00" S	015° 57' 44.00" E

Following the submission of the application for the ECC renewal, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) has requested the proponent to obtain consent from the National Heritage Council (NHC) in relation to archaeological heritage landscape protection. Thus, we kindly request your office to confirm whether the subject site is an archaeological landscape that requires protection or if there are any archaeological sites of significance located within the subject area.

Kindly provide your response in writing enabling our office to submit the ECC renewal application to MET for review.

Should you require any additional information please feel free to contact our office.

Yours faithfully



Stephanie Strauss

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**ANNEXURE A: ECC PREVIOUSLY ISSUED**



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

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25 April 2017

### OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

The Managing Director  
Okatji Marble cc  
P. O. Box 31  
Karibib

Dear Sir/Madam

**SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE MINING CLAIMS 65425 AND 65426 SITUATED IN OKATJIMUKUJU, FARM 55, KARIBIB DISTRICT, ERONGO REGION**

The Environmental Scoping and Environmental Management Plan submitted are sufficient as it made provisions of the environmental management concerning the proposed activities. From this perspective, regular environmental monitoring and evaluations on environmental performance should be conducted. Targets for improvements should be established and monitored throughout this process.

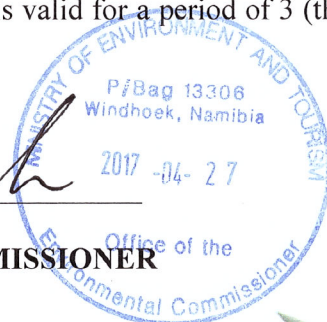
This Ministry reserves the right to attach further legislative and regulatory conditions during the operational phase of the project.

On the basis of the above, this letter serves as an environmental clearance certificate for the project to continue. However, this clearance letter does not in any way hold the Ministry of Environment and Tourism accountable for any misleading information, nor any adverse effects that may arise from this project's activities. Instead, full accountability rests with Okatji Marble cc.

This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, from the date of issue unless withdrawn by this office.

Yours sincerely,

Teofilus Nghitila  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER**



**“Stop the poaching of our rhinos”**

All official correspondence must be addressed to the Permanent Secretary

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**ANNEXURE B: LOCALITY**

# Mining Claims 65425 and 65426

Karibib

**Legend**

- Karibib
- Mining Claim 65425
- Mining Claim 65426

B2  
C33

C32

Trans-Kalahari Hwy

D1953



D1992

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5 km