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Dear Sir or Madam

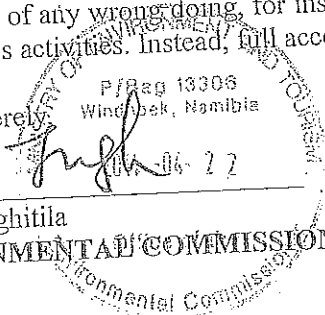
**SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF ERF 2392 AS PUBLIC OPEN SPACE SITUATED IN KEETMANSHOP MUNICIPALITY, KARAS REGION**

The Environmental Scoping Report submitted is sufficient as it made an adequate provision of the environmental management during your proposed project's 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.

In view of the fact that your project is located in an environmentally sensitive area, this Ministry reserves the right to attach further legislative and regulatory conditions during the operational phase of the project. From this perspective, we issue this clearance with the following condition: all key stakeholders, particularly the regional authority, must be properly consulted and written consent obtained from relevant permitting authority involved, prior to solar energy activities.

On the basis of the above, this letter serves as an environmental clearance for the project to proceed. However, this clearance letter does not in anyway hold the Ministry of Environment and Tourism accountable of any wrong-doing, for insufficient information, nor any adverse effects that may arise from this project's activities. Instead, full accountability rests with the proponent and his/ her consultants.

Yours sincerely,



Teofilus Nghitila  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

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