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11 August 2020

Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
Directorate of Environmental Affairs
Private Bag 13306
Windhoek
Namibia

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FOR ATTENTION: THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER (MR. TIMOTEUS MUFETI)

Dear Mr. Timoteus Mufeti,

RE: CONSENT REQUEST TO THE NHC – PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRIEFONTEIN SAFARI LODGE, ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION.

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) was appointed to conduct an environmental assessment, as part of an environmental clearance certificate application for the development of the Driefontein Safari Lodge and supporting infrastructure near Bergsig in the Torra Conservancy, south of the Kunene Region.

The scoping report concluded, through a screening process, that no archaeological sites existed in the proposed project area, nor does any record of any such sites exist according to the findings of Dr. J. Kinahan. Our EMP however advocates for the "Chance-Find" procedure to be adopted by the client when new site works are undertaken in case a possible site is suspected. However, MEFT requested for *"consent from the National Heritage Council (NHC) in relation to its archaeological heritage landscape protection"*.

For this purpose, copies of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) were submitted to NHC on the 02 July 2020 for their review and consent. We have followed up with them again on the 03rd August 2020 and no response was received. Due to the delay caused by the NHC we assume that this entity has in material fact no objection to the proposed development insofar as archaeological heritage landscape protection for the project site is concerned and that the mitigative measure (Chance-find procedure) contained in the EMP is sufficient to address any likely suspected site during the course of construction.

We will update the Ministry once a response (if any) is received from the NHC after the submission of this letter to your office.

Should you require more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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01 July 2020

National Heritage Council of Namibia
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Received by Name: *E. Ntshikulu*

Date: *2.07.2020*

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: CONSENT REQUEST - PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRIEFONTEIN SAFARI LODGE, ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION.

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) was appointed to conduct an environmental assessment, as part of an environmental clearance certificate application for the development of the Driefontein Safari Lodge and supporting infrastructure near Bergsig in the Torra Conservancy, south of the Kunene Region.

For the purpose of this application, copies of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) were physically submitted to the competent authority, the Ministry of Environment Forestry & Tourism (MEFT), as well as on the online MEFT portal.

The scoping report concluded, through a screening process, that no archaeological sites existed in the proposed project area, nor does any record of any such sites exist according to the findings of Dr. J. Kinahan. Our EMP however advocates for the "Chance-Find" procedure to be adopted by the client when new site works are undertaken in case a possible site is suspected. However, MEFT requested for "*consent from the National Heritage Council (NHC) in relation to its archaeological heritage landscape protection*".

With this background, please find the attached EIA & EMP reports, as well as, the request from MEFT for your advice and assistance. Please note that an official letter of consent from your organization will be sufficient to proceed with the clearance application submitted.

Should you require more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Yours sincerely,

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From: **Lester Harker** <lester@eccenvironmental.com>
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Subject: Driefontein Lodge Consent: Heritage Landscape Protection
To: Erica Ndalikokule <erica@nhc-nam.org>
Cc: Stephan Bezuidenhout <stephan@eccenvironmental.com>, Jessica Mooney <jessica@eccenvironmental.com>

Dear Mrs. Ndalikokule

I am following up on NHC's progress reviewing the submission made to your office (02/07/2020) for the Driefontein Lodge.

The MEFT has requested "*consent from the National Heritage Council (NHC) in relation to archaeological heritage landscape protection*" on this project.

Would a decision in this regard be forthcoming soon?

Kind regards and keep safe,

Lester Harker

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