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**FOR ATTENTION:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (MR. SIMEON NIILENGE NEGUMBO)

**COPY TO:** Mr. Timoteus Mufeti (Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism – Environmental Commissioner)  
Mr. Erasmus Shivolo (Ministry of Mines and Energy – Mining Commissioner)

Dear Mr. Simeon Niilenge Negumbo,

**RE: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON KUISEB COPPER COMPANY (PTY) LTD EPL 7543 FOR BASE AND RARE METALS, PRECIOUS METALS IN THE KHOMAS AND OMAHEKE REGIONS, NAMIBIA.**

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) has been engaged by Kuiseb Copper Company (PTY) Ltd (the proponent) to act on their behalf for the environmental clearance certificate application for the proposed exploration activities for base and rare metals, and precious metals in the Khomas and Omaheke regions, Namibia.

Kuiseb Copper Company (Pty) Ltd a Namibian registered company, proposes to undertake exploration activities in search of deposits for base and rare metals, and/or precious metals. Should exploration activities lead to the possibility of a new mine or mines, a separate application will be made for specific Mining Licenses, and Environmental norms and obligations will be assessed and implemented.

In terms of Section 32 (1) of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007, ECC has determined that the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) is the competent authority for the proposed exploration project as it triggers the following listed activity that falls within the jurisdiction and mandate of MME:

**FORESTRY ACTIVITIES**

- The clearance of forest areas, deforestation, afforestation, timber harvesting or any other related activity that requires authorisation in term of the Forest Act, 2001 (Act No. 12 of 2001) or any other law.
  - o Limited vegetation clearing may be required for tracks and survey access creation, and possibly for the setup of the survey teams' field camps.

**WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

- The abstraction of ground or surface water for industrial or commercial purposes



- Due to the drilling of exploration boreholes, ground and surface water will need to be abstracted, or sourced.

#### **MINING AND QUARRYING ACTIVITIES**

- The construction of facilities for any process or activities which requires a licence, right or other forms of authorisation, and the renewal of a licence, right or other forms of authorisation, in terms of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining Act), 1992.
  - The proposed project requires a specific Exploration License and Environmental contract for extraction of all metals and industrial minerals.
  - Exploration is an activity inferred to under this Act that requires a license to operate. The project scope and EIA only focus on exploration activities, rather than mining.
- Other forms of mining or extraction of any natural resources whether regulated by law or not
  - All extraction during exploration will be for geochemical and geological sampling purposes only.

Due to the nature of the proposed project, the potential limited effects on the environment and society and the implementation of industry best practice mitigation measures, ECC has undertaken a high-level environmental assessment in order to produce an environmental assessment report and environmental management plan as per attached.

Therefore, ECC hereby submits the attached application for your consideration and review:

- **COMPLETED FORM 1 (ATTACHED)** – Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007, section 32 Application Environmental Clearance Certificate
- **ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT**
- **PROJECT SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN (EMP)**

Both the environmental assessment and environmental management plan hereto attached are submitted to the Office of the Executive Director of MME for your review, input, and feedback. ECC kindly requests confirmation that the above application is acceptable by your office and in order to fulfill the requirements as per Section 17 (b) and Section 33 (1) of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007 and by the Mining Commissioner in terms of section 50 f (i) and (g) of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act, No. 33 of 1992.

ECC aspires to build an open and transparent relationship with your office and ECC understands that the MME are the competent authority for mining-related projects, therefore we understand that once MME completes the review of the attached application, MME will forward the application to the MEFT for their attention and action.

Should you or your office require our assistance with the details contained within this letter or any project specific details, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will gladly assist.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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