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Ministry of Mines and Energy  
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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 7529 FOR BASE AND RARE METALS, PRECIOUS METALS IN THE OMAHEKE REGION, NAMIBIA.

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) has been engaged by Kuseib 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 Omaheke Region, Namibia.

Kuseib 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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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 2007 (Section 32)

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

PROJECT REGISTRATION



PART A: DETAILS OF APPLICANT

**1. Name: (person or business):**

Kuiseb Copper company (Pty) Ltd

**2. Business Registration / Identity No.:**

Kuiseb Copper company (Pty) Ltd 2011/0017  
Environmental Compliance Consultancy: CC/2013/11404

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**4. Name of Contact Person:**

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**5. Position of Contact Person:**

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## PART B: SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

### 1. The environmental clearance certificate is for

Exploration activities on EPL 7529 for base and rare metals, precious metals in the Omaheke Region.

Listed activities triggered by the project include:

LISTED ACTIVITY	EIA SCREENING FINDING
<b>FORESTRY ACTIVITIES</b> (4) 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited vegetation clearing may be required for tracks and survey access creation, and possibly for the setup of the survey teams' field camps.</li> </ul>
<b>WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT</b> (8.1) The abstraction of ground or surface water for industrial or commercial purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the drilling of exploration boreholes, ground and surface water will need to be abstracted, or sourced.</li> </ul>
<b>MINING AND QUARRYING ACTIVITIES</b> (3.1) The construction of facilities for any process or activities which requires a licence, right or other form of authorisation, and the renewal of a licence, right or other form of authorisation, in terms of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining Act), 1992.  (3.2) Other forms of mining or extraction of any natural resources whether regulated by law or not.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This listed activity, infers the provisions of the Minerals Act (Prospecting and Mining) Act 33 of 1992, under different licenses as basis upon which certain activities qualify for an EIA. Part X of the Minerals Act (1992) defines prospecting/exploration activities under the lawful ownership of an exploration license (EPL). An exploration license excludes any mining activities, but includes activities strictly relating to exploration work. Hence the current project strictly focuses on exploration and not mining</li> </ul>

### 2. Details of the activity(s) covered by the environmental clearance certificate:

**Title of activity:** Exploration activities on EPL 7529 for base and rare metals, precious metals in the Omaheke Region.

#### **Nature of activity:**

The proposed project is for the exploration of base and rare metals, and precious metals. As part of the proposed exploration project, the following activities are envisaged, which shall be further defined as the exploration program is refined:

- Investment in exploring the mineral potential of the Omaheke Region; and
- Exploration activities.

#### **Scale and scope of activity:**

Exploration activities shall take place within the boundaries of EPL 7529, illustrated in Figure 1. The following activities are likely to take place:

- Airborne geophysical surveys (non-invasive, coarse line spacing);
- Potential creation of access tracks, where existing tracks cannot be utilised;
- Limited vegetation clearing for the creation of tracks, and survey access; and
- Ground exploration activities may include soil and rock-chip sampling, geological mapping, geophysical surveys, temporary trenching, drilling and drill-core sampling

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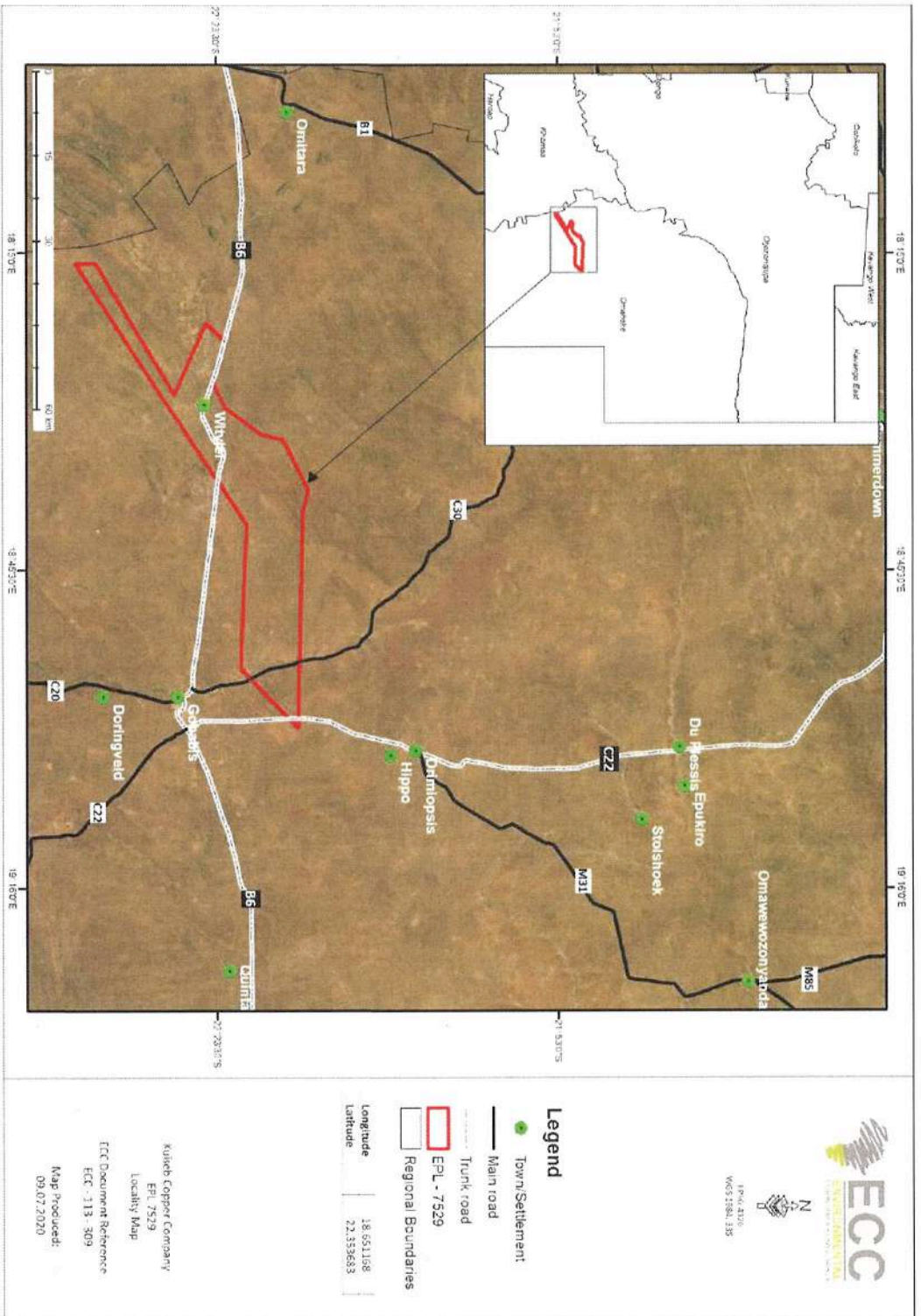


Figure 1 – Location of EPL 7529

**PART C: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT**

I hereby certify that the particulars given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand the environmental clearance certificate may be suspended, amended or cancelled if any information given above is false, misleading, wrong or incomplete.

  
Signature of Applicant

STEPHAN BEZUIDENHOUT  
Full name in Block Letters

PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT  
Position

On behalf of: \_ Kuiseb Copper company (Pty) Ltd

Date: 26/11/2020