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## OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

The Managing Director Gecko Mining (Pty) Ltd P.O. Box 8912 Swakopmund Namibia

Dear Sir or Madam,

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF TWO AGGREGATE QUARRIES AROUND NONIDAS INDUSTRIAL, ERONGO REGION

The Environmental Scoping Report and Environmental Management Plan submitted are sufficient as it made provisions of the environmental management concerning the project's activities. From this perspective, regular environmental monitoring and evaluations of environmental performance should be conducted. Targets for improvements should be established and monitored from time to time.

This Ministry reserves the right to attach further legislative and regulatory conditions during the operational phase of the project. In addition, the Environmental clearance certificate is issued with the condition that: (a) all applicable and required permits are obtained and mitigation measures are applied, particularly with respect to ecological impacts management, and (b) see additional conditions in annexure A printed overleaf.

On the basis of the above, this letter serves as an Environmental Clearance Certificate for the project to commence. However, this clearance letter does not in any way hold the Ministry of Environment and Tourism accountable for misleading information, nor any adverse effects that may arise from this project activity. Instead, full accountability rests with Gecko Mining (Pty) Ltd and their consultants.

This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, effective from the date of issue unless withdrawn by this office.

Yours sincerely,

Windhoek, Namibi

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