

**To: Mr. Timotheus Mufeti  
Environmental Commissioner  
Directorate of Environmental affairs and Forestry  
Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism  
Private bag 13306  
Windhoek  
Namibia**

Date: 03 June 2021

Dear Mr Mufeti

**REF: REQUESTING FOR AN AMENDMENT OR RENEWAL OF AN EXPIRED ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE**

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this letter is to request for the renewal of an expired Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) issued to Ms. Brenda Van der Merwe in 2016 for the proposed **QUARRY ACTIVITIES FOR MARBLE ON MINING CLAIMS NO: 68069 & 68070, KARIBIB DISTRICT, ERONGO REGION.**

**2. Background**

In 2016, the proponent Ms. Brenda Van der Merwe appointed **HJ GeoEnviro Consulting and Trading cc** to carry out an Environmental Scoping Assessment and Environmental Management Plan for the application of an Environmental Clearance Certificate for the mining claims 68069 and 68070 as per the Environmental Management Act of 2007. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2016, an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) was issued to Brenda Van der Merwe for the above mentioned project. Since the ECC is only valid for three (3) years, the certificate expired in 2019. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the quarry was closed and the situation made it difficult to apply for the renewal on time.


**3. Project progress update**

As it stands, the proposed project commenced in 2016 upon receipt of the Environmental Clearance Certificate from the Ministry of Environment Forestry and Tourism. To date the quarrying activities are currently on hold waiting for the Environmental Clearance

Certificate renewal. During the quarrying process targeted blocks of marble were extracted and overburden materials were stockpiled on site for rehabilitation of the pit during the mining closure period. More than, 10 people were employed at the quarry site and now these people are unemployed waiting for the approval of the application for the renewal of the expired Environmental Clearance Certificate.

#### **4. Request**

In view of the above, **HJ GeoEnviro Consulting and Trading cc**, would like to request for the renewal of the expired ECC on behalf of Brenda Van der Merwe. To this letter please find attached the **updated Environmental Management Plan (EMP)**.

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