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The Executive Director  
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Dear Colleague,

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR A CONSENT LETTER - ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR THE PROPOSED OFFSHORE EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES OF PRECIOUS STONES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) NO. 6929 WEST OF THE SKELETON COAST NATIONAL PARK IN THE KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA - APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC).**

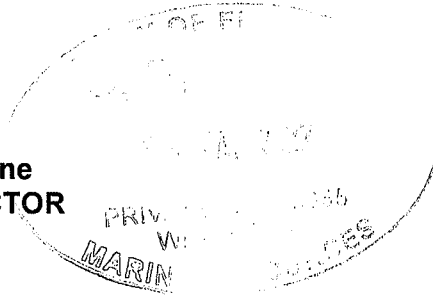
The MFMR examined the Environmental Assessment Scoping (EAS) report for the Proposed Offshore Exploration Activities for Precious Stones on EPL No. 6929 west of the Skeleton Coast National Park in the Kunene Region, submitted by Environmental Consultants, Excel Dynamic Solutions (PTY) Ltd on behalf of Linco Investment CC.

The MFMR recommends that MEFT grants environmental clearance for the proposed project, as we do not foresee detrimental impacts from these activities. It is further recommended that the proponent updates the EMP to include 'soft start' procedures to reduce noise exposure and risk of injury of marine mammals. Furthermore, compliance, marine fauna and benthic survey reports should be submitted to MFMR on a six-monthly basis.

I thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

  
**Ms. Annely Haiphene**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



CC: Timotheus Mufeti: Environmental Commissioner

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