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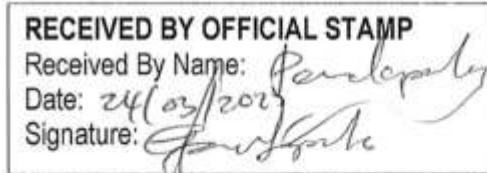
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**FOR ATTENTION:**

**MR. SIMEON NEGUMBO (MME - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)**

**COPY TO:**

Mr. Erasmus Shivolo (MME – Mining Commissioner)  
Mr. Timoteus Mufeti (MEFT – Environmental Commissioner)

Dear Mr. Simeon Niilenge Negumbo,

**RE: SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT AND ESMP FOR THE APPLICATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 8127 FOR BASE AND RARE METALS, INDUSTRIAL MINERALS AND PRECIOUS METALS IN THE OTJOZONDJUPA REGION, NAMIBIA.**

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) is the appointed environmental assessment practitioner for the proposed exploration activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) 8127 held by Votorantim Metals Namibia, hereinafter referred to as the Proponent, for base and rare metals, industrial minerals, and precious metals in the Otjozondjupa Region, Namibia.

Votorantim Metals provides metal and mineral mining services worldwide. The proponent undertakes mineral exploration in Namibia and proposes to undertake low impact exploration activities on EPL 8127 in an area near Kombat.

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) and Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) are the competent authorities for the proposed exploration project.

Due to the nature of the proposed Project, the potential effects on the environment and society are limited. Additionally, industry best practice mitigation measures shall be implemented during exploration activities, ECC has undertaken a high-level environmental assessment, in order to produce an environmental scoping plus assessment report (ESIA) and environmental management plan (EMP) for review and record of decision, as per the attached application.

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

- **COMPLETED FORM 1 (ATTACHED)** – Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007, section 32 application form for an environmental clearance certificate.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT**
- **PROJECT SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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, in order to fulfill the requirements as per the 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 understands that the MME is the competent authority for mining-related projects. Therefore, we recognize that once MME completes the review of the attached application, MME will forward the application to the MEFT for their attention, action, and record of decision.

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.



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Yours sincerely,  
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