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## OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

Mr W. H. Smith P. O Box 8189 Swakopmund Namibia

Dear Sir

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS OF A FUEL RETAIL FACILITY AT OMAKANGE, KUNENE REGION.

The Environmental Scoping Report and Environmental Management Plan submitted is sufficient as it made adequate provisions of the environmental management concerning the project's activities. From this perspective regular environmental monitoring and evaluations on environmental performance should be conducted. Targets for improvements should be established and monitored throughout this process.

This Ministry reserves the right to attach further legislative and regulatory conditions during the construction and operational phase of the project. From this perspective, I issue this clearance with the following conditions: a) all relevant permitting authorities must be properly consulted and (b) any key biodiversity habitats must be protected.

On the basis of the above, this letter serves as an environmental clearance for the project to proceed. 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 Mr W. H. Smith and his consultants.

This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, from the date of issue unless withdrawn by this office.

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Yours sincerely,

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

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