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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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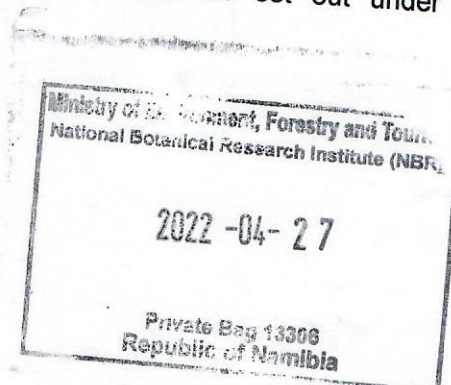
From: Dr Sonja Loots 
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**RE.: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE WIND AND SOLAR POWER PLANT NEAR
ROSH PINAH, KHARAS REGION**

In reference to the above mentioned application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate the National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) commends the proponent for reducing the project operational area in order to accommodate and aid the MEFT mandate to protect this biodiversity hotspot.

After review of the Vegetation Impact Assessment, we agree with the recommendations for mitigation as presented in the report. The area in question is very sensitive to disturbance and adherence to a carefully drawn up Environmental Management Plan (EMP) should be ensured at every level of construction. Regular inspections by an Environmental Auditor as the project progresses, is therefore essential. As part of the EMP, a plant rescue plan should be formulated and executed well before the start of the project to mitigate irreversible damage to this highly diverse and sensitive area identified in the Assessment Report.

With these measures in place we recommend the approval for issuance of an Environmental Clearance Certificate provided the project meets all requirements as set out under the Environmental Management Act and Regulations.



PART B: SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

1. THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE IS FOR:

The listed activities applied for are (according to Section 1 of the Schedule of Listed Activities:

- “ 1. The construction of facilities for -
- (a) the generation of electricity;
- (b) the transmission and supply of electricity; ”

The listed activities therefore applied for are:

- The proposed 100 MW Wind Power Park (40MW First Phase, but the application includes the entire 100MW for future phases)
- The proposed 100 MW Solar PV Park; and
- The proposed transmission line with a newly built site substation.

These proposed activities are collectively referred to as the NamPower Wind Project in the ESIA report. They are described in detail in Section 2 of the report.

2. DETAILS OF THE ACTIVITY COVERED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE:

TITLE OF ACTIVITY:	Proposed 100MW Wind and 100MW Solar Power Plant near Rosh Pinah
NATURE OF THE ACTIVITY:	Wind and Solar Power Generation with associated infrastructure, including a transmission line.
LOCATION OF THE ACTIVITY:	34km North of Rosh Pinah, Namibia, Karas Region.
SCALE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITY:	<p>The proposed 100 MW NamPower Wind Project is an alternative energy development based primarily on wind electricity generation with an option to add a 100MW solar electricity generation in future.</p> <p>The proposed project will be developed in different phases, with an initial phase being a 40 MW Wind Park to be owned and operated by NamPower.</p> <p>The Site is approximately 2420Ha in size.</p>

PART C: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the particulars given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand the environmental clearance certificate may be suspended, amended or cancelled if any information given above is false, misleading, wrong or incomplete.



Stephanie van Zyl

Full Name in Block Letters

EAP

Position

Signature of Applicant

On behalf of:

NamPower

Date: 13/05/2022