Thursday 9 June 2022 | NEW ERA

### Nghipondoka: Ose kapi tatuvhuru kuruganena pwanyamwetu

Paheja Siririka

'inistera Anna Nghipondoka katente asi gerongo kapi tavavhuru kurugana pwavelike vanapumbwa makwatesoko kovahameni navenye ngesi kuna kutwima mokuwapukurura mukaro ogu.

Age katente asi awo ngesi kuna kugwanekera novagendesi pamberewa ntani nombunga dovarongwa posiruwo sokuwapukurura erongo omu vana kukaturapo epongo kosure zaEros zontateko nkera.

Nghipondoka katente asi sitambo sepongo eli kuna hara vawizepo noyitiundwamo yina kwata moyitji sirongo nasinye omu tuna hara asi nombunga nadinye dihamenemo.

"Mokugusapo ndi kusikisamo sitambo nasinye, omu yina kupumbwa elihamenomo navenye, kuna kara asi navenye vahepa kuhamenamo unene vanonandivadinkantu, varongwa ntani vamiti", yimo ngoso ana

Nghipondoka katente asi; sitambo setu kuna kara asi kugwanekera kumwe novampitisili womonomukunda horowero, omu navakazogera nokukaliyonga momunene epongo eli ngalikarako mwa



Ministera Anna Nghipondoka

Kudumogona.

Eyi kuna kara asi yahepa kugwana siruwo nye sokureta erongo momaliyongo nampili paupolitika.

Elikwamo eli kuna kulitumbura asi kuwapukurura erongo kuna kara noyiturapo yitano eyi natutarurura, posiruwo esi tuna kugwanekera kumwe nonomukunda ngendeseso, kwagwana navenye, etekuro lyewa ntani kugwana erongo eli lina waperere ntani mukaro gokuparuka, yirugana ntani ekuliko, varongwa, kuronga ntani kuronga kokuslkiliramo ntani yimaliwa nye yokuruganesa kerongo.

Mukuronagona gerongo pamberewa Edda Bohn katente asi, Namibia kuna kuliwapayikira morwa nawo vamwe vahameni wombunga zaUN omu vagava asi erongo vahepa kuliwapukurura pantambo uzuni ntani yahepa kuhoroka ponomukundahorowero.

Nositambo asi twahepa kukara nerongo lyomawokowoko yiyo yina kutanta nyue eyi, kumwe na Bohn katente asi twahena kuturapo elikwamo lina wapere omu natuwapukurura eronbgo nomunatuvhura kulipa yimaliwa yinagwanene.
'' Ose tuna yimono eyi

melikwamo lyetu, asi ngapi apa twatanda asi eronbgo lyomawokowoko omu nye twatulisapo pakare simaliwa somawokowoko konosure omu twayitura asi yikare kapisi mfuto zosure.

Ose hena twamona asi yiruganeso yosirongo mudima kapi yagwanena. Bohn kagwedereko hena asi; mvhura mwankenye mvhura, ose kugwana yimaliwa vana horako eyi avagava konosure.

Twahepa kuwapukurura nokugwedako kweyi aligava epangero omu alifutu vamitili, mavango gokuruganena ntani nayimwe yokuvhura kurongesa -yinzi yina hemenemo yina kupura yimaliwa melikwamo

#### Siruwo sokudingura vanasigusako mosipangero saKatutura

Egendeso lyosipangero sepangero saKatutura ngesi vana vanagusapo etarerio vaveli mosiruwo sosisupi. Awo kavatente asi kapi vana kukapulisira vantu vaze vakatare ekoro lyawo mosipangero morwa kambumburu aka koCovid-19 kuna kuligwederera unene.

Mbudi ezi kavatumine konosayitunga ezi kavatumine moutatu kazitundire kosipangero saKatutura sepangero mukurona gendesi gwaso ndokotora Mwadina Shiweda, katente asi morwa sivaro nye esi siona kukanduka so Covid-19 monkarapamwe, ngesi kapi vana kukapulisira vadinguli mosipangero sepangero sina.

Dogoro vegemdeso ngavatante asi ngesi yinalitjindji ntani ngava vhura kukatarerapo unene nsene mukaro ogu goCovid-19 guna litura.

Ose kuna kuyimona asi ukanguki nekeverero kuna kara sokuhova kovantu vetu vakare asi vaveli ndi vava vana kupira kuvera. Yipo nye asi ose ngesi tuna rundurura elikwamo lyetu lyokutarerapo.

Elikwamolyokurundururanoveta kwatameka mo 7 December 2021, dogoro ngatu gave ko mbudi peke." Yimo ana kutanta DR. Shiweda.

Mukunda horowero gwaKhomas momandaha pita kagukere nosivaro sina siki ko 121 ava vana kara nokambumburu koCovid-19 ntani mouvali sivaro kasikere 62 ava vana kara asi kuna kusuntungana nokambumburu aga, ano ngesi sivaro nye sovantu vana kara nokambumburu aka kuna kara 1034 sirongo nasinye.

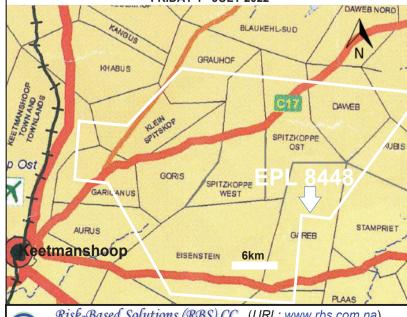
Eyi kayininkisire nye ministera goukanguki ndokotora Kalumbi Shangula ahundire vantu asi vahepa kutjindjankeresozawozokupatrukisa omu navasesupika kuhanesa mukisi ogu gokambumburu koCorona, unene posiruwo nye esi tuna kuza ngesisokukapwizumukanokukadana Krismisa ntani mumvho gomupe.

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APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) BY BLUESTATE (Pty) Ltd FOR PROPOSED MINERALS PROSPECTING ACTIVITIES IN THE EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) 8448, KEETMANSHOOP DISTRICT, //KARAS REGION

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#### Rutjeno rwahana asi paveta komarukanda vatunga vahepwe

Varugani Venduka

Masere govantu vatunga korukanda simpe kuna kutwikira kutura rutjeno pwahana asi paveta ntani kuruganesa marutjeno gokutjilisa awo kugaruganesa konoramba, kukangura ntani konoeiskas dawo.

Mutungimo gumwe morukanda rwaHavana ogu kahundilire asi twahamutumbura kedina katente asi eyi kuna kuyiretesapo morwa sinzi sovantu kuna hara vagwane rutjeno.

Apa nye katukere tatugendi momarukanda ngwendi Havana, Ombili ntani Okahandja Park moutano, mugavimbudikamwene vantu omu vanakutura rutjeno runa gumu mvhura kazirokere mutatu nomuune.

Rutjeno oru kwarusimina mevhu ano rumwe kwakara tupu pevhu lyangoso yina kara asi udona una karapo opo unene siruwo nye esi zina kuroka mvhura nevhu alyo lina woro.

Ogu ana kara asi gayidiva udona wokutura marutjeno ogo, gonomvhura 21 mutungimo morukanda rwaHavana age kuna kuhundira asi ava ava kava rutjeno vahepa kurureta korukanda oru.

Mumati gona ogu nage kanyokere kutumbura Edina lvendi kasikeme monzira vana kutumbura asi Zambia ogu ana kuwapayika rutjeno oru karugwire kumwe nokudimisa ramba moune ngurova.

Mokumupurako nye asi kapi yina kara siponga mokutura rutjeno, age kalimbwilire asi kuvhura rukuvete.

Amen are rwagusa kuvetange nye yinke nani vhura kurugana? Eparu kuna kutusininika turugane yininke yangoso tugwane rutjeno.

Age katente asi aw okapi vavaturamo melikwamo lyokugwana rutjeno vatulisapo wondango zositata makura yiyo yina kuvaninkisa vavakenye rutjeno nsene asi ono kara namukwenii mosinano sokusika ko 500 m ure nembo lyoge.

Simpe age katente asi kufuta yimaliva yina siki ko N\$1000 mokwedi morwa kuwiza kumwe nosiruwo, morwa aw okapi tavaruganesa esuga ntani kukangura.

Osekuruganesakomokugwana noramba membo, ntani noeiskas ntani TV. Ose kutereka korutjeno rogasie, yimo ana kuhuyunga mudinkantu ogu. Ose kuna hara mema gomawa ntani yikasayise monoplots detu.

Kapisi ure nendi, gonomvhura 48 mugara kurona kuna kukonakona asi tayirugana ndi ngapi. Udigu unene nye nsene asi wayidiva kuyiruganesa, kuvhura nye yipire kukuhorokera nkenye

Ogun age ana kuliza novakwawo, Fredirick Gamibeb. Asi rutjeno oru kwarugwanekedesa popanzi nye nsene kapi yina wapa kukoka marutjeno nagenye.

Gamibeb kuna kundindira asi vagwane nonzira ntani rutjeno morwa vantu ngesi vana horowora. Mukurona govaporosi wositata saVenduka Abraham Kanime katente asi etengeko lyakarapo nsene muntu vana kugwana asi kwagusa rutjeno pwahana asi paveta, yimaliva yokusika ko N\$2000.

Kanime katente asi nsene rutjeno vanarutura neyi ava dingipo, kapisi hepero odingununepo morwa nsene pana zimema kuvhura nye rukuvete.

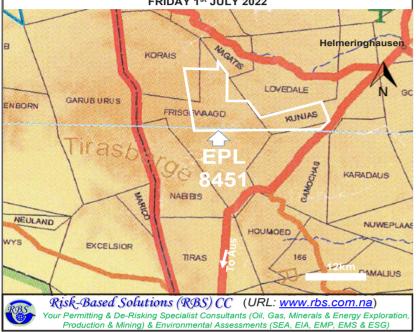
Nsene asi rutjeno runa zi mema hawe waha danenapo siponga unene yimo ana kutanta ngoso Kanime.

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APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) BY FARPOINT INVESTMENTS (Pty) Ltd FOR PROPOSED MINERALS PROSPECTING ACTIVITIES IN THE EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE 8451, BERSEBA DISTRICT, //KARAS REGION

Farpoint Investments (Pty) Ltd (the "PROPONENT") has the preparedness to grant mineral rights under the Exclusive Prospecting Licenses (EPL) 8451 with respect Dimension Stone and Non-Nuclear Fuels. The physical license of the EPL will only be granted by the Mining Commissioner once the Proponent has obtained Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner. The EPL 8451 has a total area of 8631.1588 Ha and falls within commercial farmlands as indicated on the map. Once the ECC is granted, the Proponent intends to conduct exploration / prospecting activities starting with desktop studies including the processing and interpretation of the existing geophysical and other historical data sets, followed by regional field-based reconnaissance activities and if the results are positive, implement detailed site-specific field-based activities using techniques such as geological mapping, geophysical surveys, trenching, drilling, and sampling for laboratory tests. The proposed prospecting activities are listed in the Environmental Management Act, 2007, (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the EIA Regulations 30 of 2012 and cannot be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). In fulfilment of these environmental requirements, the Proponent has appointed Risk-Based Solutions (RBS) CC as the Environmental Consultant, led by Dr Sindila Mwiya as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to prepare the Environmental Reports to support the application for ECC. Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) are hereby invited to register and submit written comments / objections / inputs with respect to the proposed prospecting activities. A Background Information Document (BID) is available on request upon registration.

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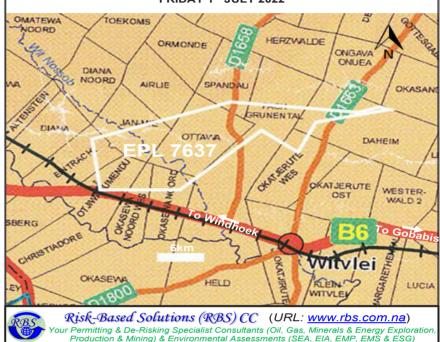


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APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) BY AEED CONSORTIUM (Pty) Ltd FOR PROPOSED MINERALS PROSPECTING ACTIVITIES IN THE EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) No. 7637, GOBABIS DISTRICT, OMAHEKE REGION

AEED Consortium (Pty) Ltd (the "PROPONENT") has applied for the transfer of the EPL No. 7637 from Ayen Tjiteere. The EPL 7637 was granted on the 30/10/2019 and will expire on 29/10/2022. The EPL 7637 has a total area of 18904.7886 Ha and covers commercial farmlands as indicated on the map. The license is granted for base and rare and precious metals. Once the ECC and EPL transfer are granted by the Government, the Proponent intends to conduct exploration / prospecting activities starting with desktop studies including the processing and interpretation of the existing geophysical and other historical data sets, followed by regional field-based reconnaissance activities and if the results are positive, implement detailed site-specific field-based activities using techniques such as geological mapping, geophysical surveys, trenching, drilling, and sampling for laboratory tests. The proposed prospecting activities are listed in the Environmental Management Act, 2007, (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the EIA Regulations 30 of 2012 and cannot be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC). In fulfilment of these environmental requirements, the Proponent has appointed Risk-Based Solutions (RBS) CC as the Environmental Consultant, led by Dr Sindila Mwiya as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to prepare the Environmental Reports to support the application for ECC. Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) are hereby invited to register and submit written comments / objections / inputs with respect to the proposed prospecting activities. A Background Information Document (BID) is available on request upon registration.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) FOR PROPOSED NEW AND REROUTING OF EXISTING 66kV OVERHEAD POWERLINES NETWORKS BY LINKING THE GOREANGAB LOAD CENTRE (L/C) AND DAM WALL L/C TO THE NEW KHOMAS SUBSTATION (SS) AROUND GOREANGAB DAM, WINDHOEK, KHOMAS REGION

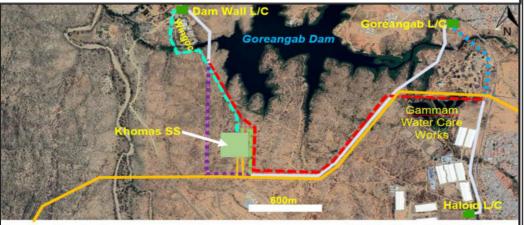
The City of Windhoek (CoW), (the Proponent) is proposing to develop new and reroute existing 66kV overhead powerlines around the southern-eastern, southern, and western edges of the Goreangab Dam by linking the various powerline segments Goreangab Load Centre (L/C) and Dam Wall L/C to the new Khomas Substation (SS). The following is the summary of the proposed new and existing overhead powerlines to be created and dismantled, respectively:

1. CoW New Overhead Powerline Networks / Routes to be Developed:

- Red broken line: 66kV Haloid L/C line Tie-In point to Dam Wall L/C Tie-In point: 3.88km
- Cyan broken line: 66kV Dam Wall L/C to Khomas SS: 1.75km Green broken line: 66kV Khomas to Goreangab L/C line Tie-In point: 0.62km
- 2. Existing CoW Overhead Powerline Networks to be Dismantled Due to New Developments:
  - Purple broken line: 66kV Goreangab L/C to Dam Wall L/C: 1.62km

(b) Blue broken line: 66kV Goreangab L/C to Haloid L/C: 0.93km The proposed powerlines rerouting project activities are listed in the Environmental Management Act, 2007, (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 30 of 2012 and cannot be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) In fulfilment of the environmental requirements, the developer has appointed Risk-Based Solutions (RBS) CC as the Environmental Consultant, led by Dr Sindila Mwiya as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to prepare the EIA and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) Reports to support the application for an ECC. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to register and submit written comments / objections with respect to the proposed overhead powerlines project.

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#### **New Lines Construction**

66kV Dam Wall L/C to Khomas SS: 1.75km

- 66kV Haloid L/C line Tie-In point to Dam Wall L/C Tie-In point: 3.88km

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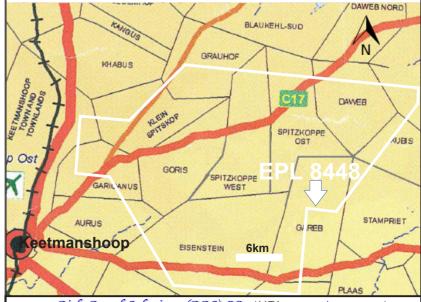
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**Existing Lines & Other Features** 

Load Centre (L/C)

Sub Station (SS)

CoW Existing Network

Existing 220kV Nampower HV



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3rd August 2022

Dear Sir/ Madam,

RE: KEY STAKEHOLDER NOTICE ON THE APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) BY BLUESTATE INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD FOR PROPOSED MINERALS PROSPECTING IN THE EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE (EPL) No. 8448

As the landowner and key stakeholder, we hereby inform you that Bluestate Investments (Pty) Ltd (the "Proponent") holds subsurface mineral rights under the Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL) No. 8448 for Base and Rare Metals, Dimension stones, Industrial Minerals, non – Nuclear Fuel Minerals, Nuclear Fuel Minerals, Precious Metals and Precious Stones (http://portals.flexicadastre.com/Namibia). The physical license of the EPL 8448 will only be granted by the Mining Commissioner in the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) once the Proponent has obtained an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner in the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT). The Proponent intends to conduct prospecting activities starting with desktop studies including the processing and interpretation of the existing geophysical data sets, followed by regional field-based reconnaissance activities and if the results are positive, implement detailed site-specific field-based activities using techniques such as geological mapping, geophysical surveys, trenching, drilling, and sampling for laboratory tests.

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The Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan reports are hereto attached to this cover letter for your information. As a key stakeholder, you are hereby invited to register and submit written inputs with respect to the proposed prospecting activities by Bluestate Investments (Pty) Ltd.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS IS: 31st August 2022

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The work being conducted by Bluestate Investments (Pty) Ltd in this EPL is purely only prospecting activities and it is not mining at all, and no minerals deposits have been discovered and there is no guarantee that the prospectingwill result in any economic minerals discoveries. If there is a need to conduct fieldwork on your land, Bluestate Investments (Pty) Ltd representative will contact you to request permission to access your property and any future accessand related Access Agreement may be negotiated as may be required or necessary.

Yours Sincerely,

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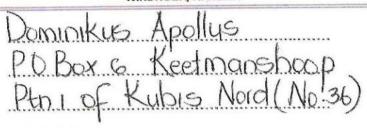
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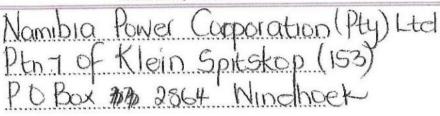
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Re: STAKEHOLDER INPUT - APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE BY BLUESTATE INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD. (EPL 8448)

- 1. We refer to the above matter and confirm that we act on behalf of the following key stakeholders herein:
  - 1.1 Gideon Jacobus Steenkamp, owner of Portion 2 of Farm Spitskoppe Ost No. 159, Registration Division "T", //Kharas Region and the Remainder of Farm Spitskoppe Ost No. 159, Registration Division "T", //Kharas Region (mesosaurus@gmail.com); and
  - 1.2 Hendrik Steenkamp, owner of Portion 3 of Farm Spitskoppe Ost No. 159, Registration Division "T", //Kharas Region (spitskopoos@gmail.com).

(Note that the abovementioned agricultural land will collectively be referred to as "the farms".)

2. We hold instructions that our clients do not agree with your recommendation that an Environmental Clearance Certificate be granted to Bluestate Investments (Pty) Ltd.

MARINA CECILIA VERDOES B.A. LLB.

(hereinafter referred to as "Bluestate"). Our clients' aforementioned opinion is based upon the below discussion of the environment on the farms, which should be regarded as their input regarding the proposed prospecting activities by Bluestate.

- 3. The existing land uses on the farms are as follows:
  - 3.1 Commercial livestock farming; and
  - 3.2 Since May 2005, our clients have also operated a tourist rest camp and conducted tours to a Mesosaurus Fossil Site, which tours include the education of tourists regarding not only the fossils situated on the farms, which will be discussed in more detail hereunder, but also the volcanic rock formations and quiver trees situated thereon.
- 4. In your draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report you have quoted Mendelsohn et al. 2002 as follows: "farming can be a difficult enterprise and livestock densities are low as a result of low vegetation cover and productivity of farmland". This quote creates the impression that the impact of prospecting on the agricultural activities conducted on the farms will be low, since agricultural activities in the area are limited in any event. This is however not the case. Our clients have been successfully farming with sheep and goats in the area for five generations. Namibian lamb is a sought after product in South Africa and abroad and the export market for our clients' agricultural products is large and thriving. The carrying capacity of the farms is 1:5 (small livestock units) and the land is therefore suitable for large scale livestock farming.
- 5. In considering the No-Action Alternative in your Assessment of ecosystem based alternatives you also make the incorrect assumption that the current agricultural and tourism activities conducted on the site have the following likely negative impact on the environment: "Land degradation due to drought, overgrazing / overstocking, poor land management practices, erosion and overgrazing". Firstly, if this was indeed the case, our clients would not have been in a position to sustain their agricultural activities for over five generations. It is also unclear how controlled tourism activities can lead to land degradation.

- 6. The tourism activities conducted on our clients' farms are a considerable source of income. These activities, as well as the natural habitat, not only attract tourists to the farms, but also to the several tourism attractions in the surrounding area, thereby positively stimulating the Namibian tourism industry (which is one of Namibia's main sources of economic growth and employment). Tour operators support our clients due to the unique terrain and prevalence of fossils. Exploration activities will hinder these activities, since it will cause a disruption in the pristine Southern landscape which tourists travel internationally to visit and also cause noise pollution. The presence of third parties on the land will also not only pose a safety risk to tourists, but also take away from the tourist's experience of this secluded and largely untouched area. A loss in tourism in the area is not only a loss for our clients, but the Namibian tourism sector as a whole.
- 7. The presence of third parties on the farms over which our clients have no control will also pose a great threat of stock theft, poaching and veld fires. The area is not the dry and arid location as it is made out to be in the draft EMP and EPI and the prevalence of huntable game, livestock and grazing make the farms susceptible to misuse and damage.
- 8. What is of archaeological importance is the presence of a large number of mesosaurus fossil sites on the farms. The fossils are over 270 million years old and protected in terms of the National Heritage Act No. 27 of 2004. It took our clients over a year to obtain permission from the National Heritage Council (previously known as the National Monuments Council) to allow on-site viewings of the fossils by tourists. Such viewings may only occur in the presence of a trained guide to prevent theft of or damage to the fossils. During each bout of heavy rainfall new fossil sites are discovered and any trenching or drilling activities conducted on the site will in all probability destroy undiscovered fossil sites. To allow the roaming of third parties on the farms will also pose the risk of theft of or damage to the fossils. The presence of the fossils, as well as several volcanic rock formations on the farms, result in a very high sensitivity rating. Mitigation of damage thereto will be extremely difficult and any damage caused will be of permanent duration. Due to the millions of years in which these fossils and formations were formed the rehabilitation of any site on which same are present is impossible.

- 9. There are also several protected flora and fauna species on the farms, of which the natural habitat will be greatly negatively impacted by drilling and trenching:
  - 9.1 The following protected plant species, declared as such in terms of Section 22(5) of the Forest Act No. 12 of 2001, are present on the farms:

Acacia erioloba

Albizia anthelmintica

Aloe dichotoma (now known as Aloidendron dichotomum)

Boscia albitrunca

Ficus cordata

Maerua schinzii

Ozoroa namaquensis

Pappea capensis

Pterocarpus angolensis

Tamarix usneoides

Ziziphus mucronata

9.2 The following protected plant species, declared as such in terms of Schedule 9 to the Nature Conservation Ordinance No. 4 of 1975, are also present on the farms:

Hoodia all species

Stapelia all species

Ghaap species,

Small Aloe,

Variegated Aloe

9.3 The following protected game, declared as such in terms of Schedule 4 to the Nature Conservation Ordinance No. 4 of 1975, are present on the farms:

Aardwolf (Proteles cristatus)]

Bat-eared Fox (Otocyon megalotis)

Antbear (Orycteropus afer)

Hedgehog (Erinaceus frontalis)

Honey Badger (Mellivora capensis)

Tortoises (Testudinidae)

Monitor (Veranus niloticus; V. albigularis)

Steenbok (Rhaphicerus campestris)

Verreaux eagle

Cape Vulture (Gyps coprotheres) - which is also categorized as a vulnerable species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Ardeotis kori

Eupodotis vigorsii

Afrotis afra

9.4 In addition to the above, the Klipspringer (Oreotragus oreotragus), which is regarded specially protected game in terms of Schedule 3 to the Nature Conservation Ordinance No. 4 of 1975, is also present on the farms.

9.5 It is important to note that not only single occurrences of the above species appear on the farms. For example, over 6000 Aloidendron dichotomum are present on the farms. The slow growth rate of the Acacia erioloba and Aloidendron dichotomum will make acceptable rehabilitation of any exploration sites near impossible.

10. In light of the above, and the high risk of a negative impact on the receiving environment, we are advised that coexistence between the proposed prospecting and exploration and existing land uses (conservation, tourism and agriculture) is not feasible. The potential benefits of the proposed prospecting activities by Bluestate simply do not outweigh the harmful effect same will have.

Yours faithfully

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Your cover letter dated 3 August 2022 in the above regard refers. I direct this missive to you in my capacity as the member of Mandy Investments 201 CC, which Close Corporation is the owner of Portion 1 of the Farm Spitzkoppe Ost (Nelskoppe) No. 159.

With this letter I wish to raise my concerns and give my inputs regarding the proposed prospection activities in the said EPL of which Portion 1 of Spitzkoppe Ost (Nelskoppe) No. 159 forms part, as per Figure 1.2 of the EMP report.

Portion 1 of Farm Spitzkoppe Ost. (Nelskoppe) No. 159 is a privately owned commercial farm with a carrying capacity of 1:5, of which small stock farming is the main farming activity. However, the farm has sufficient grass veldt areas that are utilised for cattle and game farming. The farm has a private conservation camp, giving several plant, bird and animal species a safe haven.

#### Prospecting activities will have a very negative impact on this fragile ecosystem.

Below is a bulleted summary of the comments explaining this statement:

- In the conservation camp the following game species are found Oryx, Springbuck, Blesbuck, KUDU. With only 118000 kudus remaining in the wild, KUDU'S have a "near threatened" conservation status according the African Wildlife Foundation. KUDU's are also easily disturbed and will flee to other areas if they feel threatened.
- Other <u>protected game</u> found in this area are Aardwolf, Bat ear Jackal, Ant bear, Hedgehog, Honey badger, Tortoises, Rock Monitor and Steenbok.
- <u>Protected Birds</u> that are found on the farm are the Verreaux's Eagle, Cape
   Griffen Vulture, Ardeotis kori, Eupodotis vigorsii and Afrotis afra.
- The Klipspringer, a <u>specially protected species</u>, is also found in the mountainous areas of the farm.
- Increased traffic of people and vehicles in the area will have a very negative impact on the habitat and behaviour of these animals.
- Protected plant species found in the area: Albizia anthelmintica, Acacia erioloba, Aloe dichotoma, Boscia albitrunca, Ficus cordata, Maerua schinzii, Ozoroa namaquensis, Pappea capensis, Pterocarpus angolensis, Tamarix usneoides, Ziziphus mucronata, Hoodia all species, Stapelia all species, Ghaap species and several Aloe species to name a few. Many of these plants are hundreds of years old and very sensitive. The relocation of same in an attempt to mitigate damage to the environment is consequently not likely to be successful.
- Mesosaurus fossils (299 Million years old) are found in sedimentary rock on the farm and on the adjacent farms. Fossils provide important evidence for evolution and the adaptation of plants and animals to their

environments and are also protected in terms of the National Heritage Act 24 of 2004. The rock where the fossils are found is very brittle and the fossils can easily be destroyed if disturbed. The fossils are not easily spotted, therefore vehicles and people can damage the fossils without knowing. It is therefore also impossible to mitigate damages to these fossils.

- Water is a very scarce commodity in this area. The farm has only one borehole that feeds the whole farm with water by using pipelines. The water is used for domestic purposes and drinking water for the animals. However the water is not suitable for humans due to the Fluoride (F) content of 11.7mg/L. The other boreholes on the farm are dried up, or do not have enough water to be pumped. Any activity using water will immediately result in the livestock not receiving enough drinking water.
- The farm is a working commercial farm. <u>Tracks and roads</u> on the farm are maintained by the owner. Most of the existing tracks can only be accessed by a 4x4 vehicle, especially in the rainy season. Any high traffic will have a negative impact on the condition of the roads resulting in a huge financial burden.

As clearly indicated in the abovementioned summary, this area is a very eco sensitive area. Prospecting in this area will surely have a very negative effect on the fragile environment.

In the Environmental Impact Assessment document received, it is recommended that an Environmental Clearance Certificate be issued to the Proponent. However due to the sensitive area the overall severity of potential environmental impacts will not be of low magnitude or temporary nature as stated in the said document.

My plea is thus that no prospection activities be undertaken on Portion 1 of Spitzkoppe Ost (Nelskoppe) No. 159 and surrounding areas.

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