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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: APPLICATION FOR CONSENT OF THE PROPOSED MINERAL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCE (EPL) NO. 7603, ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA.

NHC hereby acknowledges receipt of your application for consent and the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report titled **ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTIVE LICENCE (EPL) 7603, LOCATED EAST OF SPITZKOPPEN LODGE, ERONGO REGION, NAMIBIA**, which we have reviewed and would like to bring the following to your attention.

Upon the review of the HIA report, the Council took a decision that the information provided in the HIA should be verified before issuance of the consent. The primary task of the verification for Heritage Impact Assessments is to identify sensitive heritage resources that could be affected by the proposed activities with the view to preserve and safeguard heritage resources. The verification is a fundamental part of the HIA process

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and forms the basis of recommended management actions to avoid or reduce negative impacts on heritage resources. The process is in line with legal requirements of Section 55 (5) (b) of the National Heritage Act (Act no. 27 of 2004).

Against this background, NHC hereby informs you that verification of the proposed Mineral Exploration activities on Exclusive Prospecting Licence (EPL) no. 7603 is required, as the report showed inconsistencies in the findings vs recommendations; No coordinates were provided; Pictures provided were not clear and the Methodologies were not clear in terms of the actual methods employed. It is therefore imperative that the finds in the report need to be verified prior to issuance of consent. The next verification trip will take place during the period of the 6th – 10th of November 2023.

As per Section 55 (5) (d) of the National Heritage Act (Act.No.27 of 2004), the cost of such verification shall be borne by the proponent. Please find the invoice attached.

Yours in Heritage Conservation and Management,



Director: National Heritage Council of Namibia

