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### OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

The Managing Director  
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Dear Sir/Madam

#### **SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES ON EPL 3138 SITUATED IN THE NAMIB NAUKLUFT NATIONAL PARK, ERONGO REGION**

The Environmental Management Plan submitted is sufficient as it made provisions of the environmental management concerning the proposed 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 operational phase of the project. Attached are conditions for operations in proclaimed protected area, refer to **Annex 1**.

On the basis of the above, this letter serves as an environmental clearance certificate for the project to continue. However, this clearance letter does not in any way hold the Ministry of Environment and Tourism accountable for any misleading information, nor any adverse effects that may arise from this project's activities. Instead, full accountability rests with Swakop Uranium (Pty) Ltd.

This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, from the date of issue unless withdrawn by this office.

Yours sincerely,

  
Teofilus Nghitila  
Office of the  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER



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authorization, and the Holder agrees to be bound by such additional and/or amended conditions.

14. In the case of non-compliance with any of these conditions, the clearance can be terminated by the Ministry at any time by written notice to the holder, including the reasons for such termination. Notice of termination in terms hereof will not detract from any of the Holder's obligations pertaining to the clearance, including the implementation of the environmental management plan and the rehabilitation of disturbed areas or other impacts caused by the Holder.
15. A six monthly report on project progress and environmental management profile, starting from date of commencement of operations, must be submitted by the Holder to the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, particularly, the directorates of Environmental Affairs, and Parks and Wildlife Management.
16. Boating, biking, swimming, fishing, hunting, wood gathering or the collection of soil, insects, birds, animals and plants, including the introduction of pets and weapons of all types, are strictly prohibited within the jurisdiction of a protected area.
17. Unless permitted by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, the operation of an aircraft and the construction of a runway, including any other attempt to harvest natural resources for any form of construction purposes, shall not be allowed in all protected areas. Where the construction of structures is allowed, the design of such structures must be of a temporary nature.
18. There shall be no voluntary disposal of any form of waste in all protected areas of the Republic of Namibia. A suitable waste storage facility must be constructed to serve as a waste retention device prior to transportation out of the protected area.
19. Using the best and affordable methodology, the Holder must ensure that all mining or quarrying and exploratory operations are thoroughly rehabilitated prior to closure of the operation. Wherever possible, the Holder must proceed with the rehabilitation process concurrently with the progression of the project rather than wait until the damage is far beyond the available means of management.
20. The general standard for all rehabilitation processes must at all costs aim at restoring the natural character of the environment to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism. Such rehabilitation processes shall be inspected and certified satisfactory or unsatisfactory by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism. Where a certificate of unsatisfactory is issued, the Holder shall be advised to carry-out certain tasks to meet the requirements. Failure to meet the basic rehabilitation requirements shall be regarded by this Ministry as a breach of this contract and of which serious consequences shall follow.
21. If the EIA/EMP report for a given exploration or mining or quarrying require the services of an external reviewer, the Holder shall bear the full cost of the review of that particular report. Under such circumstances, this Ministry shall only pronounce its decision on the issue once the full cost of the review is paid-out to the reviewer.
22. Finally, the Holder is advised that these conditions shall be reviewed and refined on a regular basis to ensure compliance and sound management of our protected areas. From this perspective, and depending on site specifics and the technical nature of a given project, further conditions shall be attached to guide the operations of such projects.