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For Attention: Mr. Simeon Negumbo

Dear Mr. Negumbo

***ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN TO OBTAIN AN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES AND STORAGE AND HANDLING OF OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN ARIAMSVLEI, //KHARAS DISTRICT***

*Green Earth Environmental Consultants* were appointed by the proponent, XBFS (Extreme Bulk Fuel Services), to conduct an environmental impact assessment for the proposed construction of facilities and storage and handling of oil and petroleum products on Portion 1 of the Remainder of Portion 36 of the Farm Ukumas No. 69, located in the Village of Ariamsvlei, //Kharas District. See attached a copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) prepared for the proponent.

In terms of Section 32 of the Environmental Management Act 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) the Ministry of Mines and Energy is the relevant Competent Authority for the proposed project. In line with Section 24 (1) of the Environmental Management Act 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) the Ministry of Mines and Energy has been identified and listed as an 'Organ of State' for the purpose of the Act. In terms of Section 24 (2) of the Act, the Ministry must prepare an environmental plan for the 'listed activities' as per the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GN 30 in GG 4878 of 6 February 2012).

**The Ministry of Mines and Energy is herewith requested to prepare and submit an environmental plan in the prescribed form and manner as per the requirements of Section 24 (2) of the Environmental Management Act 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) and to submit it to the Environmental Commissioner for final review and resolution. The attached EIA and EMP should form the basis of your assessment.**

We trust that our application will receive your favourable consideration. You are however welcome to contact us if more info is required.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this regard.

Yours faithfully



Charlie du Toit

