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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

PRO-FORMA ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACT

WHEREAS the Applicant/Company referred to below, has been notified under section 48(4) of the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act, 33 of 1992 (hereinafter "the Act"), that the Minister of Mines and Energy is prepared to grant the applicant a mining claim subject to certain terms and conditions and;

WHEREAS such terms and conditions include the condition precedent that the applicant enters into an Environmental Contract with the Government of Namibia;

IT is hereby agreed as follows:

1. PARTIES

The parties to this contract are John James Cloetes (hereinafter referred to as "the Holder") being the holder of Non-Exclusive Prospecting Licence/Exclusive Prospecting Licence/Reconnaissance Licence/Mining Claim(s)/Mining Licence (~~delete those not applicable~~) number 69418

on the one hand, and THE GOVERNMENT OF NAMIBIA (hereinafter referred to as "the Government")

duly represented by: THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM (MET), and THE MINISTRY OF MINES & ENERGY (MME)

on the other.

2. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

- 2.1 The provisions contained in this contract are in addition to and do not detract from any obligations which the Holder may have under the Act.
- 2.2 The Holder recognises that its prospecting/mining operations may have significant impacts on the environment. Accordingly the Holder undertakes that during the course of its operations it will take every practicable step necessary to ensure the mitigation of such impacts. In doing so it will liaise with MET and MME as provided for in 3.3 and 4 below.
- 2.3 In particular the Holder will undertake necessary and adequate steps to ensure that environmental damage is reduced to a minimum and prevented insofar, as is practicable.
- 2.4 Should the Holder not carry out its environmental obligations it shall be liable for the environmental damage which may result. In this regard the Government reserves the right to:
 - 2.4.1 demand at any time financial or other guarantees to restore the environment or mitigate environmental damage which has, or which may occur, as a result of the Holder's activities;

2.4.2 itself undertake such mitigatory or restorative measure and to recover the costs thereof from the Holder;

2.4.3 claim compensation for environmental damage, which may have been brought about by the Holder's activities.*

2.5 The Holder shall on completion or suspension of its operations, ensure that the impact on the environment is minimised and that every reasonable and practicable step is undertaken to ensure that the environment is left in a reasonable state. The provisions of clause 2.4 apply *mutatis mutandis* to environmental damage evident after prospecting, mining or other operations have been suspended or completed.

2.6 The Holder acknowledges that should it apply for a mining licence in consequence of its prospecting or other operations, it will have to comply with Namibia's National Environmental Assessment Policy (Directorate of Environmental Affairs, January 1995) and that this will entail the carrying out of an Environmental Assessment (EA).

3. THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

3.1 In accordance with section 68(f) of the Act, which provides that an application for a licence shall contain particulars of the existing condition of the environment, an estimate of the effect which the proposed operations may have, and the proposed steps to be taken to prevent or minimise such effect, the Holder has attached Environmental Conditions marked "Appendix A".

3.2 The Holder acknowledges that once the MET and MME has determined that the information furnished in Appendix A is satisfactory, it will form part of this contract.

3.3 The Holder warrants that the information contained in Appendix A is to the best of its knowledge and belief true and correct and that it will notify the Government of any material changes therein. Should there be such material changes, the Government reserves the right to re-negotiate the terms and conditions of this agreement.

4. COMPLIANCE AND NOTIFICATION

4.1 The Holder acknowledges that the reports, which it is obliged to furnish to MME (which is provided for in the notice from the Office of the Mining Commissioner under section 48(4) of the Act), will include an Environmental Report.

4.2 The Holder acknowledges that officials from MME and/or MET may at any time conduct a compliance and/or performance inspection of its operations.

4.3 The Holder will keep records of its environmental performance and make these available to the officials referred to in 4.2.

SIGNED AT Windhoek ON THIS _____ DAY OF 25 November 2022

For the Holder: _____
(Duly authorised thereto)

For the Government of Namibia:

Mr Timoteus Mufeti
Environmental Commissioner
Ministry of Environment and Tourism
And

Ms Isabella Chirchir
Mining Commissioner
Ministry of Mines and Energy



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

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16 February 2023

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACT FOR MINING CLAIM 69418

Please study the **Environmental Conditions**, should you be satisfied with them, kindly initial each page and sign the last page.

Once you have done this, please return the original to me so that it can be counter-signed. Should you not agree with any of the environmental conditions, you are invited to propose modifications for us to consider.

Thank you,

Timoteus Mufeti
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

Environmental Contract for MC 69418

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR MINING CLAIM 69418

1. Pollution and waste

1.1 No toxic or hazardous chemicals may be brought into the prospecting area or deposited thereon (this excludes the use of petrol & diesel as fuel).

1.2 All domestic refuse and industrial waste will be deposited in a designated municipal refuse dump at regular intervals, but at least once every three months. No refuse may be dumped or buried within the prospecting or surrounding area, except if the landowner has an own specific designated refuse site for this purpose. Dumping of refuse on this site shall be negotiated with the landowner. It is permissible to store refuse temporarily in containers until such time as they are ready for removal. During such temporary storage, all paper and plastic refuse should be incinerated to avoid wind-blown litter. All attempts should be made to keep the area clean.

1.3 Pit latrines (toilets) will be provided for, and used by, all staff. Non-specific shallow pits may be used for toilets where small groups of people (< five) are staying in an area for less than one week with approval of the landowner.

2. Vehicles and Earthmoving equipment

2.1 Vehicular movement shall be restricted to existing fence-lines, roads and tracks wherever possible. Where it is unavoidable that vehicles and machinery need to create new roads or tracks, these new access routes shall be carefully planned so as not to cause unnecessary environmental damage. In any event, no new road may be established without the prior approval of the landowner.

2.2 Any trenches where prospecting or mining has been completed, shall be systematically backfilled with overburden and topsoil, and the area rehabilitated to as near as possible a natural state.

2.3 Notwithstanding clause 2.1, during the reconnaissance and planning phase of exploration, off-road vehicle access is permitted to areas where tracks are sparse. Specifically this access is to define places to which tracks may at a later stage be constructed. Such access is subject to prior approval by the landowner.

3. Water

3.1 Water shall be used sparingly and all reasonable attempts will be made to avoid water wastage.

3.2 Water shall be used only for human consumption, washing and essential prospecting-related activities.

4. Protection of Fauna and Flora

4.1 No hunting wood or plant collecting shall be allowed within the prospecting or surrounding area. The collecting of dead wood for domestic use may only take place with the concurrence of the landowner.

4.2 Every effort shall be made avoid starting veld fires. Should a fire occur as a direct or indirect result of the companies' activities, the company/ claim holder shall make every reasonable effort to extinguish such fire.

4.3 The company/ claim holder shall provide written instructions to its entire staff and sub-contractors to this effect.

5. Interaction with neighbouring communities and / or tourists

5.1 The company/ claim holder shall maintain good relations with any surrounding communities, and shall not deny any person transit rights through the prospecting area. This condition is mainly relevant for prospecting activities on state lands.



6. Rehabilitation

6.1 The company/ claim holder shall ensure that sufficient funds are available to affect appropriate rehabilitation of environmental damage.

6.2 The company/ claim holder shall ensure that rehabilitation of exploration trenches / holes / pits will take place within 8 weeks of the completion of exploration at any site.

6.3 Under no circumstances, shall trenches / holes / pits be left in a state where their existence endangers human or animal life.

7. Monitoring and reporting

7.1 The company/ claim holder shall submit every six months an Environmental Report to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism according to the prescribed format.

7.2 Staff from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism and / or the Ministry of Mines and Energy may at any time inspect prospecting areas.

8. General

The conditions stated in this notification are in addition to and do not detract from any obligations which the prospecting company may have under the Minerals (Prospecting and Mining) Act, 1992 The Nature Conservation Ordinance (Ordinance 4 of 1975), or the attached Pro-Forma Environmental Contract including the Environmental Questionnaire for Prospecting in Namibia, being Appendix A.

We agree to abide by the Pro-Forma Environmental Contract and the Environmental Conditions.

For the Holder:
(Duly authorised thereto)


John James Cloete

22/02/23
Date

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Timoteus Mufeti
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER
Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism

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Date



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINING CLAIMS IN NAMIBIA

BEING APPENDIX A TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACT

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1.1 Companies/Natural persons applying for **MINING CLAIMS** must complete this questionnaire. (Please fill in ALL questions).
- 1.2 The answers provided in this questionnaire shall be regarded as commitments which will become part of the **Environmental Contract** between the Holder and the Government of the Republic of Namibia, duly represented by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) and the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME).
- 1.3 Once the Holder has completed this questionnaire MET and MME will either accept/reject/request further information regarding the environmental commitments made therein. MET and MME reserve the right to add further conditions.
- 1.4 Once agreed to by all parties concerned, the completed questionnaire shall form part of the **Environmental Contract**.
- 1.5 Please attach a map of the mining claim area and a copy of the application to register mining claims.

2. Holder details

2.1 Name of Holder	John James Cloete
2.2 Name of Mining Claim Holder (if different from 2.1)	
2.3 Telephone, Fax, Cell Phone and/or E-Mail	Tel: 0814272085 Fax: E-Mail: Cell:
2.4 Postal Address Residential/Registered Address	117 Usakos 265 Vlok Street Usakos
2.5 Reference Number	NEPL No: Expiry:
2.6 Registered Number(s)	
2.7 Location (Farm, District, Region) of mining claim(s)	Usakos
2.8 Group(s) of Mineral(s) to be mined	Semi-Precious

2.9 How many people will work on your mining claim, and where will they live?

Number of people	Where will they live?
10	Be driven home everyday. Home.

3. Environmental commitments

3.1 Pollution and Waste

3.1.1 What will you do with **normal litter** (e.g. Kitchen spoils, cans, bottles, paper, etc.)?

Litter will be collected and disposed of accordingly.

3.1.2 What **industrial waste** will be generated and what will you do with it (e.g. old machinery, vehicles, building rubble, batteries, paint, thinners, vehicle oil, etc.)?

All industrial waste if any, would be collected and transported from the claim to the yard where it would be kept till it is collected by the appropriate vehicle.

3.1.3 Describe what type of **toilet facilities** will be provided.

Mobile toilets will be used and cleaned regularly.

3.2 Vehicle, earthmoving equipment, drilling and blasting

3.2.1 List the type and quantity of vehicles, earthmoving equipment, drilling equipment, and other machinery likely to be used on your mining claim (e.g. 2 x bakkies; 1 x bulldozer, etc.)

Vehicles:

1 x Bakkie.

Earthmoving equipment:

Drilling equipment:

1 x Sackhammer.

Other equipment and/or machinery:

Generator. x1

3.2.2 Describe the environmental damage that is likely to result from the use of vehicles and machinery within the mining claim area (e.g. on the landscape in general, soil, vegetation, noise, dust, etc.).

Environmental damage would only be done by mining as there are already roads leading to the claim.

3.2.3 How will you control the movement of **vehicles and machinery** in order to minimise environmental damage?

Vehicles will only use the roads already available.

3.2.4 Which routes will be used by vehicles to get to your mining claim and state whether you intend making new roads or tracks (both to your mining claim and within your mining claim)?

We will be using existing roads leading to the claim.
No new roads will be made.

3.2.5 Will you do any blasting on your mining claim?

Yes: _____

No:

Unsure:

3.2.6 If "yes" above, explain how you intend minimising environmental impacts, including the safety of humans, livestock and wildlife?

We will be barricading the area in the appropriate manner visible enough for nearby farmers and people with livestock in the area.

3.3 Water

3.3.1 How much water do you intend using for various activities (e.g. human use, washing of equipment, washing sand/stones, dust control, gardens, etc.) and state how you intend saving water within each category of use.

Activity or category of use	Quantity of water needed per month (litres)	Water saving methods
Toilet	150 l	Flush less
Consumption.	300 l	Set daily limits

3.3.2 Where will you get your water (e.g. river, own borehole, Water Affairs connection, etc.)?

Water for consumption will be bought and for toilet use will be provided by borehole.

3.3.3 Explain how you will minimise or completely avoid polluting any water source, including underground water.

We will not be using damaged equipment and all vehicle and tools will be serviced regularly to prevent oil leaks that can contaminate water supply.

3.4 Relations with neighbouring communities and/or the general public

3.4.1 Are there any people living in or near your mining claim?

Yes: _____ No: _____ Unsure: _____

3.4.2 If "yes", explain where these people live and describe their economic activities.

3.4.3 If "yes" in 3.4.1, explain what you will do to maintain a good relationship with such people.

3.4.4 Will the activities on your mining claim restrict the movement of other people in the area (e.g. the general public, tourists, farmers, local people, etc.)?

Yes: _____ No: _____ Unsure: _____

3.4.5 If "yes" for 3.4.4, please explain why their movements or access will be restricted.

3.5 Protection of plants and wildlife

3.5.1 How will you ensure that your activities will not cause unnecessary damage to **plants and wildlife** in or near your mining claim) e.g. hunting, plant collecting, fishing, etc.)?

By barricading the area correctly and respectation rules of traditional authorities in the area. Hunting is not allowed. No new roads will be made to ensure minimal damage to the environment. Plants and trees will be replanted accordingly.

3.6 Historical, archaeological and cultural heritage (e.g. rock art, graves, monuments, fossils, sacred sites, historical buildings, etc.)

3.6.1 Are there any historical, archaeological or culturally important sites within your mining claim area?

Yes: _____ No: _____ Unsure: _____

3.6.2 If "yes", please describe briefly.

3.6.3 If such sites are known, how will you avoid damaging them?

3.6.4 If such sites are discovered after you have started working your mining claim, would you accept new conditions to this contract so that they can be properly protected?

Yes: No: Unsure:

3.7 Rehabilitation

3.7.1 When will you rehabilitate the environmental damage done during prospecting? (Tick the appropriate box)

I have no intention of rehabilitating any damage
On a continuous basis (i.e. simultaneous with prospecting)
Only after all prospecting has finally been completed
I don't know

3.7.2 Describe the programme of mining from the start and the methods to rehabilitate damage.

Most of the mining will be done by hand, removing rocks from earth and inspecting them for minerals. Minerals will then be handed to the appropriate party for further inspection and sale of minerals.


Methods of rehabilitation is going to depend of work and damage done.

4. Existing Damage

Describe what environmental damage exists in your mining claim area now, in other words, damage caused by someone else before you began working on the mining claim. Where possible, provide evidence such as photos, statements, etc.

There are a few small scale mines that was done long before we were there. We are planning on rehabilitating as soon as we get approval for our claim.

I hereby declare that the information provided in this questionnaire, is to the best of my knowledge, accurate and correct, and that I'm prepared to keep to the commitments stated therein.


Mining Claim Holder
(Or Authorised Representative)

Windhoek
Place

25 November 2002
Date

MC-69418 (69418)
Mining Claim (Claims)

Application

General

Jurisdiction: Namibia
Official Area: 16.9979 Ha
Application Number: Pre-Application_MC_262
Commodities: SPS

Application Date: 19 January 2015
Peg Date: 09 January 2015

Coordinates

Official Area: 16.9979 Ha
Coordinate system: GCS Bessel 1841

Part 1	Latitude	Longitude
1	21° 58' 30.07" S	015° 34' 40.65" E
2	21° 58' 21.48" S	015° 34' 49.86" E
3	21° 58' 10.50" S	015° 34' 40.14" E
4	21° 58' 13.02" S	015° 34' 29.94" E

License Shape

