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Cc: Environmental Commissioner, Mr. T. Mufeti

28 September 2024

Dear Mrs. Ndalikokule

Subject: Request for exemption / consent to undertake the proposed prospecting and small-scale mining activities on Mining Claims (MCs) 75181 – 75188 at Otjikondavirongo, within EPL 7972 (issued with a Heritage Consent No. 48/2021)

Enviro-Leap Consulting cc, were appointed by **Deep Kalahari Trading cc** to facilitate on their behalf the process of obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) in respect to their propose exploration and small-scale mining for Base and Rare Metals and Semi-Precious Stones on the above-mentioned mining claims within **EPL 7972 of Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty) Ltd (see attached Map)**.

On submitting the application (**Ref: 240830004621**) on **30 August 2024**, for Environmental Clearance to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) for the proposed Mining Claims 75181, 75182, 75183, 75184, 75185, 75186, 75187 and 75188 in respect to Base and Rare Metals and Semi-Precious Stones.

It was determined, in terms of Section 32(1) of the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007, that the National Heritage Council is the Competent Authority in respect to matter pertaining to Heritage. I the process of undertaking the Environmental Assessment (Scoping), our client alerted us to a fact that a Heritage Impact Assessment (Specialist Study conducted by **Dr John Kinahan, 2021** for the **EPL 7972** and others) concluded that the area of interest for the proposed mining claims activities has a low heritage sensitivity and subsequent Heritage Consent (**Ref: Consent No. 48/2021**) awarded to the EPL holder within which the claims falls.

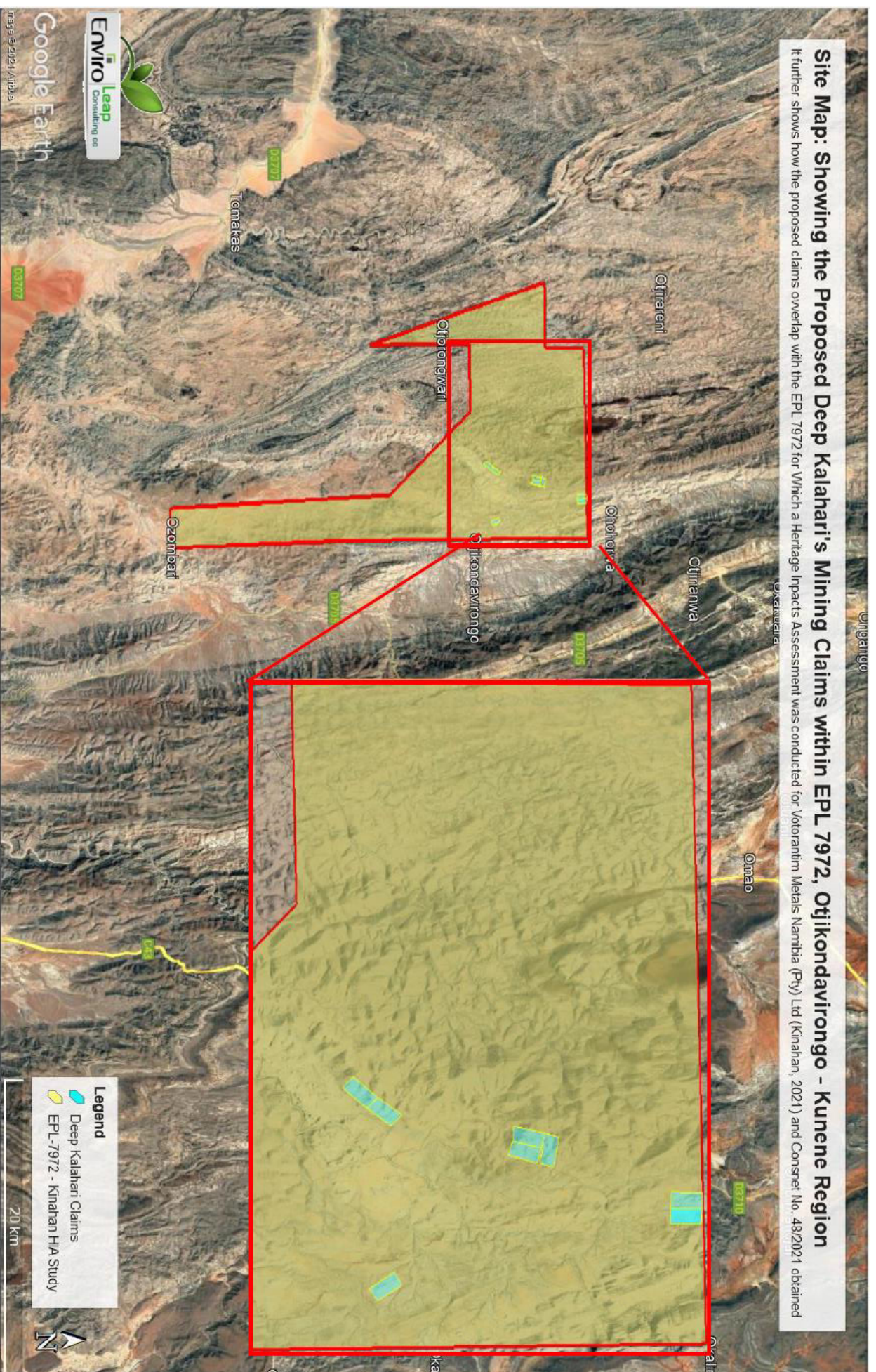
Given the above background, we wish to request your esteem office to exempt our proponent from conducting another Heritage Specialist Study to avoid duplication of studies. Critically, we included in the Environmental Management Plan a recommendation for strict compliance with the "Chance Find Procedure" in the event of uncovering any heritage resources during the implementing of their exploration programme.

Should your office require any assistance pertaining to information of the environmental assessment, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours

Lawrence Tjatindi,
Lead Project Manager

It further shows how the proposed claims overlap with the EPL 7972 for Which a Heritage Impacts Assessment was conducted for Votorantim Metais Namibia (Pty) Ltd (Kinahan, 2021) and Consrrel No. 48/2021 obtained





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CONSENT

(Section 55(9) of the National Heritage Act, 2004 (Act No. 27 of 2004)) Consent is hereby given to:

Consent Number No: 48/2021

Name of applicant: Votorantim Metals Namibia (Pty)

(Title and full name of the applicant)

Address of applicant:
P.O Box 91193 Windhoek

(Address of the applicant and of the applying institution(if applicable))

For:

Exploration Activities on EPL 7212, 7789, 7965, 7970, 7971, 7972 AND 7974 for base and rare metals industrial minerals precious metals

(Type of Activity applied for)

Of: Evidence of human occupation over the last one million years, possibility of rock art sites as well as associated archaeological evidence on EPL 7217 AND 7970. Likelihood of archaeological remains in the area around EPL 7789

(Description of Heritage Resources)

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