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## FOR ATTENTION: THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER – MR TIMOTEUS MUFETI

## COPY TO: DEPUTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISIONER - DR. CAROLINE !GARUS-OAS

## RE – RENEWAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE, ON BEHALF OF PARATUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS (PTY) LTD, FOR THE ABOVEGROUND OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FIBRE OPTIC CABLE ALONG THE EXISTING RAILWAY AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOLLOWING THE B2, B1 AND B6 ROADS FROM WALVIS BAY TO BUITEPOS, NAMIBIA (APP – 004821).

Dear Mr Mufeti,

Enviromental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) has been appointed by Paratus Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd (Paratus or the Proponent) to renew the environmental clearance certificate for the aboveground operations and maintenance of the fibre optic cable along the existing railway and infrastructure following the B2, B1 and B6 roads from Walvis Bay to Buitepos, Namibia. The environmental clearance certificate for the Project was issued on 31 May 2017. The renewal pertains to the upkeep and operational maintenance of the aboveground fibre optic cable stated in the applications Form 1.

ECC hereby submits the attached application for your consideration and review:

- Approved environmental clearance certificate dated 31 May 2017
- Project specific environmental management plan (EMP)
- **Updated EMP** specific to the renewal activities
- **Environmental compliance report** report detailing the Project environmental activities and performance

Should you require our assistance with the details in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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