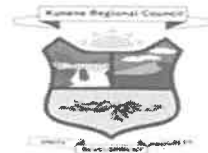




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Attention Mr. Timoteus Mufeti

Dear Sir

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF WATER, SEWER AND ELECTRICAL RETICULATION SERVICES AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES IN A NEW EXTENSION IN THE OKANGUATI SETTLEMENT AREA OF THE KUNENE REGION: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) – ECC APPLICATION NO.: APP-005416

The Kunene Regional Council (KRC) hereby acknowledges that we have appointed Arovar Project Engineers as the Consulting Engineers for the proposed installation and operation of water, sewer and electrical reticulation services and associated activities in a New Extension in the Okanguati Settlement Area. The new extension is on the northeastern edge of Okanguati Settlement and will consist of 593 ervens of which 545 ervens are planned for residential purposes, i.e., residential (545), agriculture (4), urban agriculture (1), SME park (2), business (15), institutional (5), public open space (17), open market (1), and 3 civic ervens. The extension layout area to be serviced is 44.5 hectares (Ha) - the area/length of the services will only be provided once the project design is completed by the project consulting engineers (Arovar Project Engineers).

Moreover, we have noted that the land use and development activities fall under the listed activities that require an environmental clearance certificate (ECC) before implementation. Subsequently, Arovar Project Engineers subcontracted independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners, i.e., Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC (*Serja HGE Consultants*) to apply for the required ECC by carrying out the EIA Scoping process and compile associated documentation in an application for the environmental clearance.

It is against this background, that we humbly request your office to receive the documents (ECC application, Scoping Report, EMP and associated appendices) prepared and submitted by Serja Consultants for evaluation and consideration of the ECC.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. George P. Kamseb
The Chief Regional Officer: Kunene Regional Council

