

The Environmental Commissioner

Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
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Windhoek
Namibia

Attention: Environmental Commissioner

RE: Request to proceed with submission/review while Conservancy Committee consent is pending – Fransfontein area

Dear Environmental Commissioner,

Augite Environmental Consultants cc hereby writes in our capacity as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner acting on behalf of the Proponent for the above-mentioned project in the **Fransfontein area**. This correspondence serves to formally notify the Ministry that, in addition to other project permissions, the required **consent from the relevant Conservancy Committee** is currently **pending**.

We confirm that engagement with the Conservancy Committee has been initiated and that a formal request for consent has been submitted. The consent process is subject to the Conservancy Committee's internal consultation and decision-making timelines, and we are actively following up to secure the written confirmation at the earliest opportunity.

In this regard, we respectfully request that the Ministry **registers the application and proceeds with the administrative and technical review** of the submission and supporting documentation, while we continue to finalise the outstanding **Conservancy Committee consent**. We undertake to submit the consent letter **immediately upon receipt**. If required, we can provide supporting evidence of engagement and follow-ups, including correspondence records, acknowledgements, and meeting notes.

The Proponent further confirms that **no listed activities will commence** prior to the submission of the Conservancy Committee consent (where applicable) and the issuance of the **Environmental Clearance Certificate**, in accordance with the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2012 (GN 30 of 2012).

We trust that the above is in order and kindly request the Ministry's guidance and confirmation that the application may proceed while this consent is being finalised.

Yours faithfully,

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