

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM – TO BE COMPLETED BY PARATUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS (PTY) LTD


Acknowledgement of Responsibilities (*Please print*)

I LEN FRANKEN

On behalf of: PARATUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS (PTY) LTD.

Hereby acknowledge receipt of the above-mentioned documentation from Environmental Compliance Consultancy.

Received on the: 08 / 06 / 2022

Signature: 

Date: 08/06/2022

ECC – 02127

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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND TOURISM
OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE
ISSUED

In accordance with Section 37(2) of the Environmental
Management Act (Act 107 of 2007)

TO
Paratus Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd
P. O. Box 91193, Windhoek

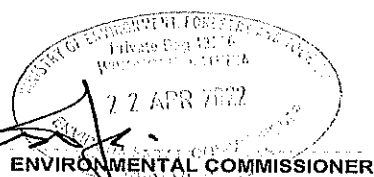
TO UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING LISTED ACTIVITY

**Proposed Construction of Base Transceiver Station and Associated
Infrastructure for Paratus Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd on Erf 361 in
Brakwater within the Khomas Region, Namibia.**

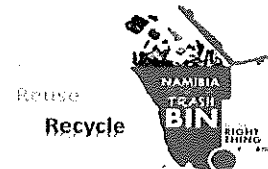
Issued on the date: 2019-04-19

Expires on this date: 2020-04-19

(See conditions printed over leaf)



This certificate is printed without erasures or alterations





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25 April 2022

Paratus Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd
PO Box 81588
Olympia,
Windhoek
Namibia

RE – LETTER OF COMMITMENT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A BASE TRANSCEIVER STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PARATUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS (Pty) Ltd ON ERF 361 IN BRAKWATER WITHIN KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA.

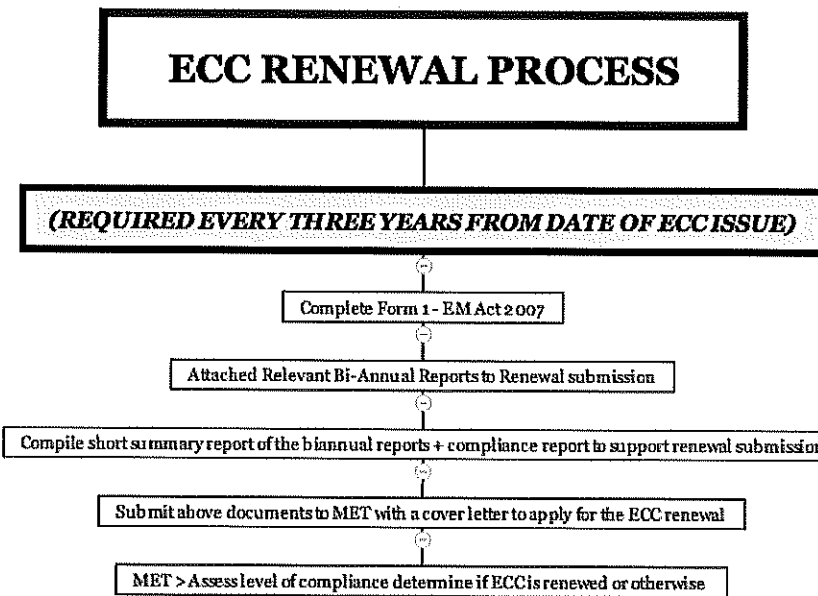
Dear Mr Len Franken

Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC) is pleased to inform you that the application for Environmental Clearance Certificate for the project: **THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A BASE TRANSCEIVER STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PARATUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS (Pty) Ltd ON ERF 361 IN BRAKWATER, KHOMAS REGION, NAMIBIA**, has been granted in terms of the Environmental Management Act, No.7 of 2007 section 37 (2).

Approval granted by the Environmental Commissioner, of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) was **issued on 19th of April 2022** and is valid for 3 years, therefore this environmental clearance will **expire on 19th April 2025**.

ECC ensures our clients are fully informed of their responsibilities to maintain the highest standard of compliance with the approved clearance certificate. Therefore, ECC recommends the following actions are implemented by Paratus Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd to ensure compliance:

- Full compliance to the conditions of approvals of the clearance as set out on page 2 of the certificate;
- Complete and submit compliance reports to MEFT bi-annually or as stipulated in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP);
- Monitor and implement the EMP throughout all phases of the project; and
- Acknowledge that the clearance certificate expires in 3 years and the renewal process must be completed before the expiry date.




ECC hereby informs Paratus Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd of all responsibilities listed above. It is the sole responsibility of Paratus Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd to maintain compliance with the clearance certificate. Unless otherwise appointed to act on behalf of Paratus Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd, ECC is neither responsible nor liable for the implementation of the approval issued.


ECC requests your acknowledgement of the environmental clearance certificate and responsibilities by completing the acknowledgement form section and returning it to ECC via email.

The original clearance certificate will be issued upon receipt of the completed acknowledgement form.

As always, it has been our pleasure working with you and we wish you success as the project develops.

Yours sincerely,


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Jessica Bezuidenhout Mooney
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ECC –

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, from the date of issue unless withdrawn by this office
2. This certificate does not in any way hold the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism accountable for misleading information, nor any adverse effects that may arise from these activities. Instead, full accountability rests with the proponent and its consultants
3. This Ministry reserves the right to attach further legislative and regulatory conditions during the operational phase of the project
4. -
5. All applicable and required permits are obtained and mitigation measures stipulated in the EMP are applied particularly with respect to management of ecological impacts.
6. Strict compliance with national heritage guidelines and regulations is expected throughout the life-span of the proposed activity, therefore any new archaeological finds must be reported to the National Heritage Council for appropriate handling thereof.

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OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

REF NUMBER: ECC 02127

DATE OF ISSUE: 19 APRIL 2022

DETAILS OF PROPONENT:

Paratus Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd
P. O. Box 91193
Windhoek
Namibia

Dear Sir/ Madam

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION ON APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE TO UNDERTAKE THE PROPOSED LISTED ACTIVITY: Proposed Construction of a Base Transceiver Station and Associated Infrastructure for Paratus Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd on Erf 361 in Brakwater within the Khomas Region, Namibia.

Notice is herewith given in accordance with section 37(2) of the Environmental Management Act, Act 7 of 2007 and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2012 (GG 4878); that a decision in respect to your application No. APP 3154 for Environmental Clearance Certificate to undertake a listed activity has been reached.

DECISION

An Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) to undertake the listed activities specified in the environmental assessment report and draft management plan dated October 2021, is granted (ECC 02127). The applicant / proponent is therefore advised to comply with conditions of approval set out in Section C of this notification.

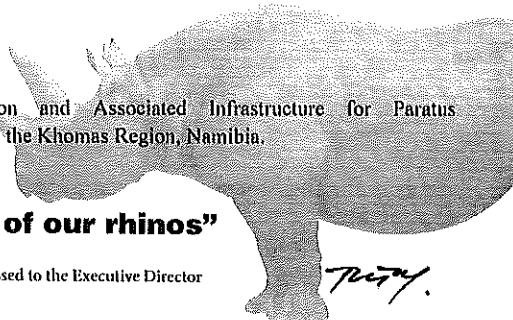
A. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

A1: TITLE OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Proposed Construction of a Base Transceiver Station and Associated Infrastructure for Paratus Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd on Erf 361 in Brakwater within the Khomas Region, Namibia.

"Stop the poaching of our rhinos"

All official correspondence must be addressed to the Executive Director



A2: DETAILS OF ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

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A3: LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY

(Annexure A – proposed site map)

B. RELEVANT LISTED ACTIVITIES

Legislation	Description of Listed Activity	Relevance to Proposed Activity
Regulation 29(sub-regulation 5) of Government Notice No. 29 of 2012	INFRASTRUCTURE 10.1 The construction of (a) water, gas and petrochemical and other bulk supply pipelines; (b) public roads; (c) railways and harbours; (d) airports and airfields; (e) any structure above the high water mark of the sea; (f) cableways; (g) communication networks including towers, telecommunication and marine telecommunication lines and cables; (h) motor vehicle and motorcycle racing and tracks; (i) the outdoor racing sites of motor powered vehicles including - (i) motorcars; (ii) trucks; (iii) motorcycles; (iv) quad bikes; (v) boats; and (vi) jet skis; (j) masts of any material or type and of any height including those used for telecommunication broadcasting and radio transmission, but excluding - (i) flag poles; and (ii) lightning conductor poles. 10.2 The route determination of roads and design of associated physical infrastructure where - (a) it is a public road; (b) the road reserve is wider than 30 meters; or (c) the road carries for more than one lane of traffic in both directions.	Proposed Construction of a Base Transceiver Station and Associated Infrastructure for Paratus Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd on Erf 361 in Brakwater within the Khomas Region, Namibia.

C. CONDITIONS

C1: Conditions of Approval

1. This certificate does not in any way hold the Ministry of Environment and Tourism accountable for misleading information, nor any adverse effects that may arise from these activities. Instead, full accountability rests with the proponent and its consultants.
2. This Ministry reserves the right to attach further legislative and regulatory conditions during the operational phase of the project.
3. Regular environmental monitoring and evaluations on environmental performance should be conducted. Targets for improvements should be established and monitored throughout the process.
4. This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, from the date of issue unless withdrawn by this office.

C2: Clearance Certificate Validity

1. On expiry of the ECC, the proponent is required to submit within a period not exceeding one month, and in the prescribed form and manner an application to the Office of the Environmental Commissioner for the renewal of the ECC.
2. Failure to renew an expired environmental clearance certificate shall result in permanent termination of the environmental clearance certificate.
3. In terms of Section 3 (2)C of the Environmental Impact Assessment, you are instructed to, within 14 days of this notice issuance date, ensure that all interested and affected parties ("I&APs") are notified that an environmental clearance certificate has been issued in respect to your application and of their right to appeal.

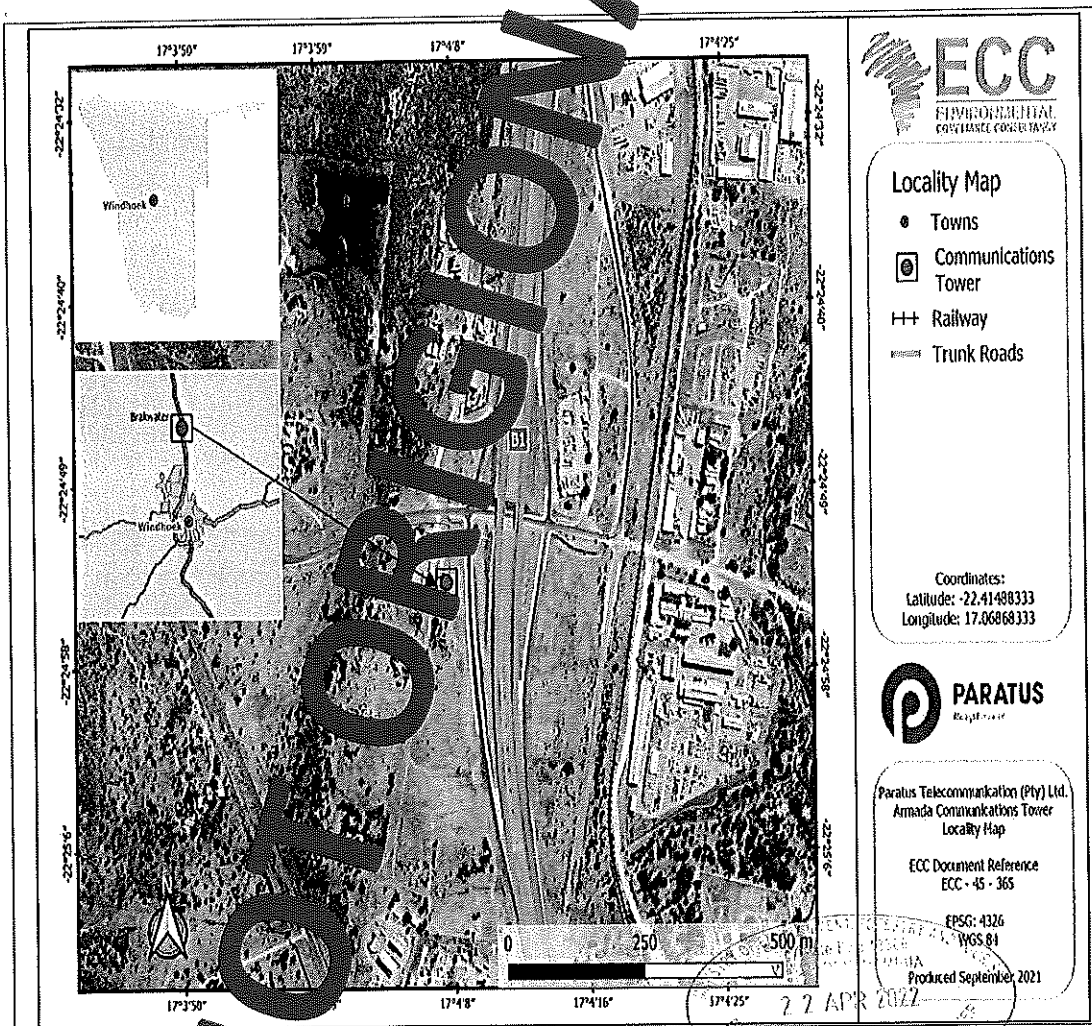
C3: Compliance with authorization under other laws

4. All other applicable and required permits or authorization from relevant competent authorities must be obtained prior to commencing the proposed activities and accordingly adhered to.

C4: Implementation and Monitoring

5. The granting of the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) constitute, an approval for the implementation of mitigation measures proposed in your approved Environmental Management Plan (EMP), hence making the approved EMP legally binding document.
6. The proponent shall appoint a suitably experienced environmental control officer, or site agent where appropriate, before the commencement of any listed activities to ensure compliance with the conditions of approval and mitigation measures stated in the approved EMP.
7. A copy of the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC), EMP, Environmental Audit and monitoring reports must be kept at the site of the authorized activity and readily available for inspection by officials of the Ministry and registered Interested and affected Parties (I&APs) on request.

ANNEXURE A: SITEMAP / SITE LAYOUT



8. Should any heritage remains be exposed during excavations or any other actions on the site, these must immediately be reported to the National Heritage Council of Namibia. Heritage remains uncovered or disturbed during earthworks must not be further disturbed until the necessary approval has been obtained from National Heritage Council.
9. Using the best and affordable methodology, the Proponent must ensure that all listed activity's operations footprints are thoroughly rehabilitated prior to closure of the operation. Where possible, the Proponent must proceed with the rehabilitation process concurrently with the progress of the project rather than wait until the damage is far beyond the available means of management.
10. The general standard for all rehabilitation processes must be that all costs of restoring the natural character of the environment to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism. Such rehabilitation processes shall be inspected and certified satisfactory or unsatisfactory by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism. Where a certificate of unsatisfactory is issued, the Proponent shall be required to carry-out certain tasks to meet the requirements. Failure to meet the basic rehabilitation requirements shall be regarded by this Ministry as a breach of this contract and of which serious consequences shall follow.
11. Officials of the environmental commissioner's office may from time-to-time conduct spot-inspection (non-auditing) without prior notice and or Auditing Inspection (which is to be agreed prior to arrival to the site), hence access to the site and the aforementioned documentation must be granted to any authorized official representing the Office of the Environmental Commissioner and Registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs)
12. Any changes to, or deviations from the scope of the Alternative described in section B above must be accepted or approved, in writing, by the Office of the Environmental Commissioner before such changes or deviations may be implemented. In assessing whether to grant such acceptance/ approval or not, the Competent Authority may request information in order to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviations, and it may be necessary for the holder to apply for further authorization in terms of the applicable legislation.
13. Officials representing the Office of the Environmental Commissioner must be, in possession and or by request and for the purpose of inspection referred to in C4(11) present their staff identification card in order to gain entry to the premises.
14. The proponent is required, from the date of commencing implementation of project activities, to compile and submit environmental monitoring reports (on project progress and the environmental management profile) on a bi-annual basis to the Office of Environmental Commissioner
15. Any change to, or deviations from the scope of project activities approved in respect to the assessment received and approved for the purpose of granting this ECC Number (ECC 02127) are subject to an amendment application and approval by the Environmental Commissioner prior to adopting / implementing any such change / deviations.
16. For the purpose of amending and or transferring the ECC, the proponent submit in the prescribed form and manner an application to the Office of the Environmental Commissioner, clearly indicating the need for amendment and or transfer of the ECC

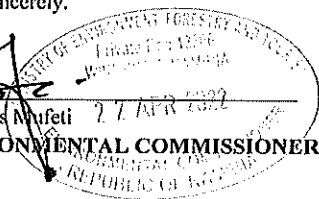
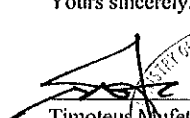
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17. Non-compliance with a condition of this Environmental Clearance Certificate or EMP may render the Proponent liable to criminal prosecution.

D. DISCLAIMER

1. The decision taken by the Office of Environmental Commission is based mainly on information provided by the proponent or their representative, therefore, it must be noted that the proponent is accountable for any wrong and misleading information that may have been presented in the environmental assessment documents.

Yours sincerely,



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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER
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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES
WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA

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