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Dear Mr. Links,

RE: REQUEST FOR MEETING – INTRODUCTION AND UPDATE OF THE WALVIS BAY GREEN ENERGY COMPLEX (GEC): OIL & GAS MIDSTREAM INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Thank you for your letter dated June 20, 2025 and for presenting your investment proposal to the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy during the meeting held on July 23, 2025. We appreciate your continued engagement and commend the strategic vision behind your initiative.

Your proposal outlines the development of an Integrated Refining and Petrochemical Complex in Walvis Bay, which includes crude oil storage, refining, petrochemical production, modular nuclear reactors, and a seawater desalination plant. This multi-sectoral initiative also supports renewable energy generation, logistics infrastructure, and skills development, with strong regional and social impact components.

The Ministry has no objection to your proposed investment. However, please note that any generation of electricity, whether for own consumption or for sale to a third party, requires a generation license. We advise that you engage directly with the Electricity Control Board (ECB) and the Modified Single Buyer Market Office at NamPower to ensure full compliance with all applicable regulations, licensing procedures, and market participation requirements.

Regarding your interest in modular nuclear reactors, please be advised that Namibia currently does not have the necessary legislative framework in place to support

nuclear power generation. That said, the Ministry has initiated the process of developing the required legislation and regulatory structures to enable the safe and responsible deployment of nuclear technologies in the future. We welcome continued dialogue on this matter as the framework evolves.

We also note that your project includes petroleum-related activities such as crude oil storage and refining. Once your project reaches the appropriate stage of development, you will need to engage with the Directorate of Petroleum Affairs within the Ministry to initiate the necessary license application processes. The Directorate is responsible for overseeing all regulatory matters related to petroleum operations and will guide you through the applicable requirements to ensure full compliance.

In support of your request for assistance with the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) process, we confirm that the Ministry is the competent authority for energy-related developments. To facilitate this, we kindly request that your environmental practitioner submit the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed energy components of the project to the Ministry for review. Upon evaluation, the Ministry will be in a position to issue the necessary support letter to assist with your ECC application.

We encourage ongoing engagement with relevant authorities and stakeholders to ensure regulatory alignment. We look forward to the successful development of your initiatives and reaffirm our support for responsible and strategic investment in Namibia.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you require any further information or clarification.

Sincerely,


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