

**The Environmental Commissioner**

Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism

Private Bag 13306

Windhoek

Namibia

**Attention:** Environmental Commissioner

**RE: Request to proceed with submission/review while Letter of Authority/Consent is pending**

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. This correspondence serves to formally notify the Ministry that the required **Letter of Authority/Consent** from the relevant authority/landowner has been **formally requested** and is currently **pending** due to administrative processing timelines within the issuing institution.

We confirm that the request for the Letter of Authority/Consent was initiated timeously and that follow-ups are ongoing. The delay is outside the direct control of the Proponent and the Environmental Assessment Practitioner. Notwithstanding the above, 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 secure the outstanding Letter.

We further undertake to **submit the Letter of Authority/Consent immediately upon receipt** (or by the earliest possible date once issued). Should the Ministry require it, we can provide **supporting evidence** of our efforts to obtain the Letter, including correspondence with the relevant authority, acknowledgement of receipt, and a follow-up log.

Importantly, the Proponent confirms that **no listed activities will commence** prior to the submission of the Letter of Authority/Consent and the issuance of the **Environmental Clearance Certificate** in terms of 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 with the Letter submitted as an outstanding requirement.

Yours faithfully,

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Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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