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BY HAND AND BY EMAIL

FOR ATTENTION: THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER – MR. TIMOTEUS MUFETI

Your ref: APP-006717

Our ref: 2025/269/K

To whom it may concern

RE: URGENT ENQUIRY; DESERT STORAGE CC – APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE – APP-006717

1. The above-mentioned subject matter, refers.
2. Please note that we act herein on behalf of our client, **Desert Storage CC**.
3. For ease of reference, we will be discussing two (2) pertinent issues herein, under separate headings.

Members: Mr. J. Cornelissen (ROH SAIOH EAP);

Mrs. L. Cornelissen (ROHA, MSc. Man)

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Industrial Relations and
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NAMIBIA

PORTAL ERROR

4. This application is an application for the renewal of the existing Environmental Clearance Certificate currently held by **Desert Storage CC**, which was issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism on **15 September 2022**.
5. When we applied for the renewal of the Environmental Clearance Certificate on behalf of our client, **Desert Storage CC**, on the MEFT Portal, our office clearly stated that this is an application for the renewal of an existing Environmental Clearance Certificate. It must also be borne in mind that the MEFT Portal does not provide an express option to indicate whether an application is either new or whether the application pertains to the renewal of an existing Environmental Clearance Certificate.
6. Despite this, our office clearly delineated that this application was for the renewal of an existing Environmental Clearance Certificate.
7. After the preliminary documentation, which was submitted and uploaded on the MEFT Portal, a notice was sent by MEFT to our office listing the documentation which must be submitted in support of the application. This notice is commonly referred to as the *Screening Notice*.
8. Based on the documents requested in terms of the Screening Notice it is clear that MEFT and the MEFT Portal deem this application as a new application, rather than viewing it for what it is, the renewal of the existing Environmental Clearance Certificate held by **Desert Storage CC**. Documents such as newspaper advertisements, correspondence with Interested and Affected Parties, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report, were amongst the documents requested. However, all of these documents were submitted during the submission of the original application for the renewal of the Environmental Clearance Certificate, and bears no reference in respect of the current application, being the renewal of the existing Environmental Clearance Certificate held by our client, **Desert Storage CC**.
9. Therefore, we kindly request that this misconception and error be rectified immediately.

URGENT ATTENDANCE TO APPLICATION

10. Please note that we herewith kindly request that this application receives your urgent and immediate attention.
11. Our client has to unload a vessel, and the vessel cannot be unloaded unless our client is in possession of an Environmental Clearance Certificate.
12. Should our client be unable to unload the vessel, major cost implications will be incurred. As such, we request that you please give this matter your utmost urgent attention and consideration, and that this matter be taken seriously by all of the employees involved.
13. Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.
14. We urgently await to hear from you in this regard.

Yours faithfully,



J. CORNELISSEN (Technical Signatory)
REGISTERED OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENIST
(ROH SAIOH; HPCNA-EHP; EAP; B. Tech Env Health)



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism

2025-12-01

Dear NEHC CC,

This email serves to inform you that your application **APP-006717** has been verified

Taking the following into considerations:

- Location of the project
- Pollution potential
- Scale of operation of the project

Please upload the following documents:

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- Scoping Report
- EMP
- Confirmation of screening notice received (through email) in terms of assessment procedures (Section 35 (1)(a)(b) of the Environmental Management Act, No 7 of 2007)
- Preliminary Site Map (Project boundaries) with coordinates (decimal degrees) and a Legend
- CV of Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)
- Declaration for the Submission of Assessment Reports and other Support Documents (upload Declaration Form from www.eia.meft.gov.na (downloads))
- List of all persons, organisations and organs of state that were registered in terms of regulation 22 as interested and affected parties in relation to the application
- Proof of Newspaper advertisement, once a week for two consecutive weeks in at least two newspapers circulated widely in Namibia

- Proof of written notice to the owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site
- Proof of written notice to the local authority council, regional council and traditional authority, in which the site or alternative site is situated; and consent obtained
- Proof of written notice to any other organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity;
- Copies of the minutes of any meetings held by the proponent with interested and affected parties and other role players which record the views of the participants
- Copies of any representations, objections and comments received in connection with the application or the scoping report

Please login onto our portal to upload required documents, if any
<https://eia.met.gov.na>

NB- for the purpose of Section 38 of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 read with Regulation 4(d), kindly forward copies of all relevant documents i.e (application forms, EIA, Scoping reports, EMP etc) to the office of the Environmental Commissioner