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Dear Mr. Harry Tjihukununa

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**RENEWAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) FOR THE OPERATION OF
SAND MINING ACTIVITIES OF THE ORANJEMUND TOWN COUNCIL**

The Oranjemund Town Council herein after referred to as the proponent has been mining sand or base materials on areas within its Townlands. The sand mining site measures approximately 116,997 m² or 11.7 ha of which only approximately 2ha has been mined out so far. The sand mining borrow pit is adjacent to the Tsau //Khaeb (Spergebied) National Park (TSNP).

Given the fact that, sand aggregate is an important element for the construction industry, the Oranjemund Town Council intends to continue with the sand mining operations. OTC was issued with an ECC on 2021-02-09 and expired in 2024-02-09. In line with the Environmental Management Act 07 of 2007 and its Regulations of February, OTC has appointed Green Gain Consultants cc to update the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and subsequently apply for the renewal of the expired ECC.

Against this background, GGC hereby requesting your office to submit comments or input regarding the continued operation of the sand mining activities. Hereto attached is the environmental monitoring report and updated EMP for your perusal.

Thanks for your understanding in this regard

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Kondja Amushila".

Joseph Kondja Amushila

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