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To:

Mr. Timotheus Mufeti
The Environment Commissioner
Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
Private Bag 13306
Windhoek
Namibia

14 January 2026

Dear Honorable Mr Timotheus Mufeti

RE: APPLICATION FOR SAND MINING LICENSE, 30KM OUTSIDE LUDERITZ.

I am writing to express our interest in obtaining a sand mining license for our company, El Sonador Investment, a 100% Namibian owned company. El Sonador aims to apply for the extraction of sand from a site approximately 30km outside Luderitz, located in the !Garabub district of the great //Kharas region of Namibia.

The community of Luderitz has been facing challenges in obtaining sand for construction and other purposes due to limited availability of sand in the area. Currently they are forced to rely on sand transported from Keetmanshoop, which is approximately 338km away, resulting in increased costs and logistical challenges.

Our company, El Sonador aims to alleviate this by extracting sand from a nearby source, thereby reducing transportation costs and promoting local economic development. We believe that our proposed sand mining project will not only provide a reliable source of sand for the community but also create employment opportunities and stimulate economic growth in the region.

The proposed mining site has been identified and assessed, and we are confident that it meets the necessary requirements and criteria for sand extraction. We have conducted preliminary environmental assessments and are committed to adhering to all environmental regulations and best practices to minimize the impact of our operations on the environment.

We would like to request consideration for a sand mining license for the following areas:

- Location: approximately 30km outside Luderitz
- Type of mineral: sand
- Proposed annual production: (on a 15.76hectar, proposed annual sand .

El Sonador is prepared to provide all necessary documentation and information required for the application process, including:

- A detailed environmental impact assessment
- A mine plan and rehabilitation plan
- Proof of financial resources
- A plan for community engagement and benefit sharing



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We believe that our proposal aligns with the Ministry's goals of promoting sustainable development and utilization of Namibia's natural resources. We are committed to working closely with the Ministry, local stakeholders, and the community to ensure that our operations are responsible and sustainable.

El Sonador would be humbled to lease the aforesaid land for the period of 99 years, when granted the opportunity.,

The proposed sand mining project will employed a total workforce off twelve (12) employees , comprising ten (10) males and two (2) females .The operational fleet will consist of five (5) tipper trucks ,two (2) front end loaders , one (1) TLB Tractor two (2) double cab bakkies ,and one light duty truck .

In addition , various auxiliary equipment and tools will be utilize to support sand extraction ,loading ,transportation ,and site maintenance activities throughout lifecycle .

Thank you for considering our application. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss our proposal in more detail and provide any additional information required.

For any further queries, kindly do not hesitate to contact our office at: +264 814 499 661.

Yours faithfully,

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Henry E Van Taak
Chief Executive Officer

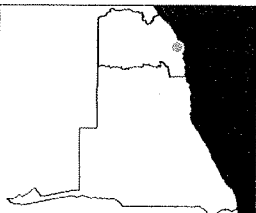
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The Executive Director
Honorable Sikongo Haihambo

GRAVEL MINING ACTIVITIES NEAR LÜDERITZ LOCALITY MAP



LEGEND

- Water meter
- Water pipeline
- 11 kV powerline
- 22 kV powerline
- 66 kV powerline
- Trunk road
- Farm boundary
- Town & townlands
- Nampower substation
- State protected area

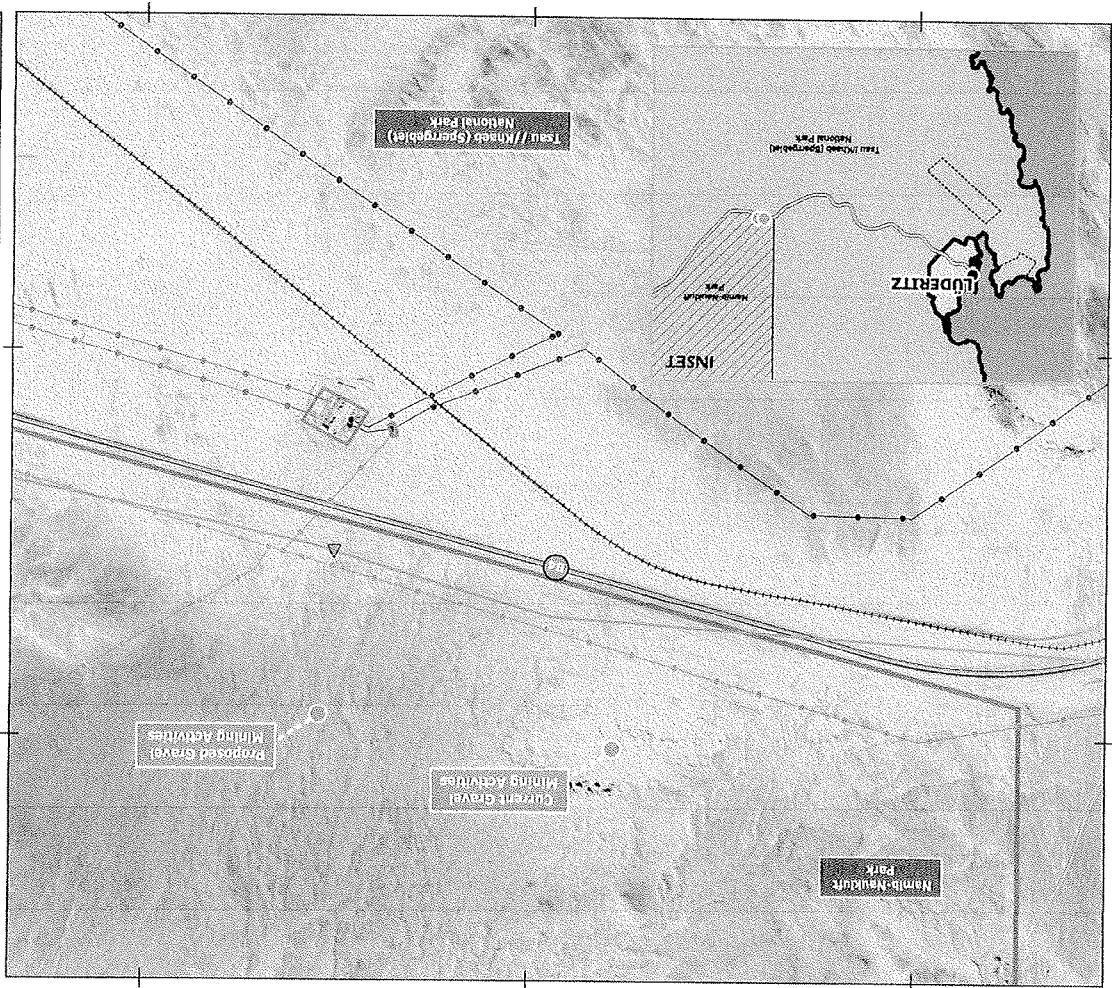
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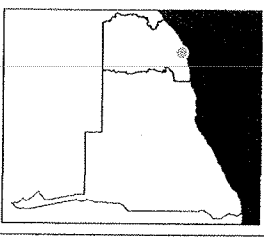
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PROPOSED GRAVEL MINING ACTIVITIES



LEGEND

- Water meter
- Railway
- Trunk road
- 22 kV powerline
- Water pipeline
- Proposed gravel
- mining site

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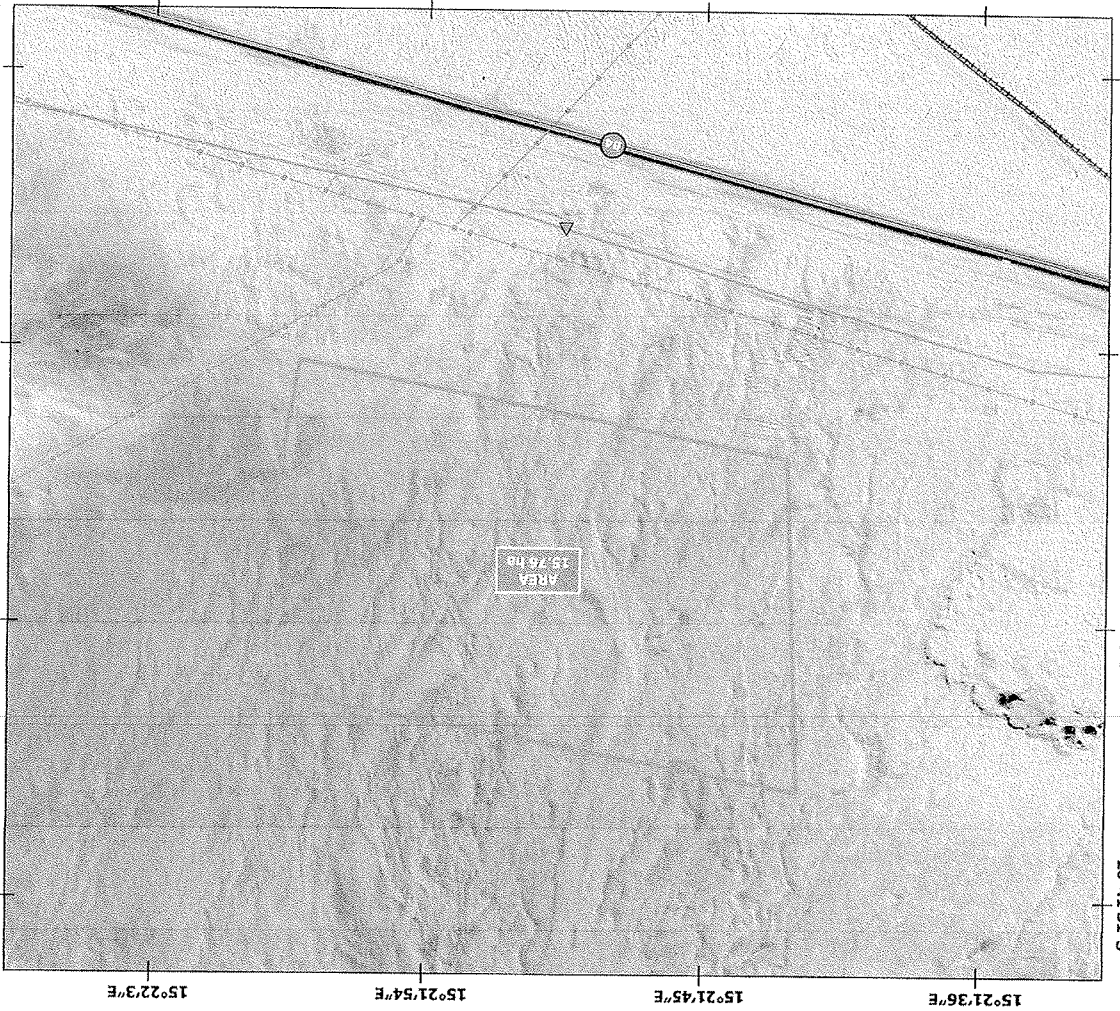
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25 February 2026

Mr. Henry E Van Taak
Chief Executive Officer: El Sonador Investment CC
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Dear Mr. Van Taak,

RE: Request for sand mining 30 kilometers east of Lüderitz in the Namib-Naukluft Park

The above matter is hereby acknowledged.

Our Ministry is willing to review your application for sand mining. Sand mining is a listed activity under the Environmental Management Act (Act 7 of 2007).

An Environmental Clearance Certificate, together with an Environmental Management Plan, is of critical importance to mitigate environmental impacts and to enable the subsequent consideration for approval of the sand mining activity. We therefore refer you to the Office of the Environmental Commissioner for the necessary processes to be followed.

Yours sincerely,


Sikongo Haihambo
Executive Director



“Stop the poaching of our rhinos”

All official correspondence must be addressed to the Executive Director

