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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION LODGED IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) READ WITH REGULATION 19 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014 AS AMENDED FOR PROSPECTING RIGHT AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURAL ACTIVITIES IN RESPECT OF PORTION OF THE REMAINDER PLOT 2100 CONCORDIA, REMAINDER AND PORTION 2 OF THE FARM GEZELSCAP BANK NO 71, REMAINDER AND PORTION 1 OF THE FARM EENDOP NO 69, PORTION OF THE REMAINDER, PORTION OF PORTION 2 AND PORTION OF PORTION 4 OF THE FARM NAIP NO 68 SITUATED WITHIN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF NAMAQUALAND NORTHERN CAPE REGION.

1. I refer to the abovementioned matter and confirm that your application for an Environmental Authorisation herein referred to as "EA" lodged on **25 July 2022** is hereby acknowledged.
2. Acknowledgement of your application does not grant you permission to commence with Prospecting activities. Commencement of a listed activity without an environmental authorisation constitutes an offence in terms of Section 49A (1) (a) of NEMA, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) as amended and upon conviction for such an

offence, a person is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

3. Kindly note that timeframe as prescribed in terms of Regulation 3 of the EIA Regulation will commence from the date of the acceptance of the application in terms of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002). Minimum requirements as stipulated on Regulation 16 (1) & (2) of the EIA 2014 Regulations, as amended, provides that an EA application must be accompanied by an acceptance letter in line with Sub Regulation 16 (1) (ix) of the MPRDA regulations, as amended.
4. Please ensure that acceptance letter of an MPRDA application, comments from all interested and affected parties, including relevant stakeholders, are submitted together with the relevant Environmental Report/s to the department in order for the department to consider and come to an informed decision, and to effectively effect the correct NEMA stipulated timelines in respect of your application.

NB: Regulation 45 of 2014 EIA Regulations stipulates that "an application in terms of these Regulations lapses and a competent authority will deem the application as having lapsed, if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless extension has been granted in terms of regulation 3(7)."

Hope that this letter will receive your utmost attention.

P.P. [Signature]

REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION

NORTHERN CAPE REGION

DATE *17/02/2023*

Please quote this office file number for any correspondence as reference