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OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Sir or Madam

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR INSTALLATION OF FIBRE OPTIC TELECOMMUNICATION CABLE BETWEEN BUITEPOS AND WALVIS BAY.

The Environmental Management Plan submitted is sufficient as it made adequate provisions of the environmental management concerning the project's activities. From this perspective regular environmental monitoring and evaluations on environmental performance should be conducted. Targets for improvements should be established and monitored throughout this process.

This Ministry reserves the right to attach further legislative and regulatory conditions during the construction and operational phase of the project. From this perspective, I issue this clearance with the following condition: (a) relevant permitting authority involved must be properly consulted and written consent obtained from them (b) littering throughout the site and along the route should be avoided and (c) any key biodiversity habitats must be protected.

On the basis of the above, this letter serves as an environmental clearance for installation of fibre optic cable network along the existing Transnamib Servitude to proceed. However, this clearance letter does not in any way hold the Ministry of Environment and Tourism accountable for misleading information, nor any adverse effects that may arise from this project activity. Instead, full accountability rests with Paratus Telecom and their consultants.

This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, from the date of issue unless withdrawn by this office.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM
Windhoek, Namibia
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Office of the Environmental Commissioner

Yours sincerely,

Teofilus Nghitila
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

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