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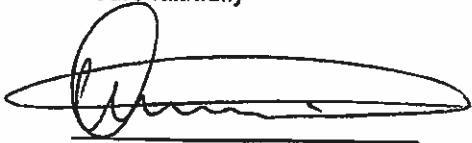
Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTING RIGHT IN TERMS OF SECTION 16 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT 28 OF 2002) AS AMENDED BY SECTION 12 OF ACT 49 OF 2008: FARM 622: WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT OF NAMAQUALAND.

1. This is to inform you that your application for a prospecting right in terms of Section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) ("Act") as amended to prospecting right to prospect for **Uranium Ore** has been **accepted**.
2. In terms of section **12 (d)** of the Act, you are directed to comply with the following instructions:
 - a. Notify and consult with the landowner, lawful occupier and any interested and affected party and include the result of the consultation in the environmental reports in line with Regulation 41(2) read with Section 24J of National Environment Management Act, 1998.
 - b. Lodge an application in terms of National Water Act No.36 of 1998 with the Department of Water Affairs with immediate effect.

3. Your attention is drawn to the provisions of sections 17(1)(e) of the MPRDA, which provide that the Minister may grant an application for a prospecting right if the applicant is not in contravention of any relevant provision of this Act. Section 19(2) (f) places an obligation on the holder of a prospecting right to pay the prescribed prospecting fees, as per regulation 76 of the MPRDA.
4. You are therefore reminded to ensure that payment of all prospecting fees for all the prospecting rights that you hold, are up to date, failing which this may have a negative impact on the outcome of your current application.
5. Further note that the acceptance of your application does not grant you the right to commence with prospecting activities. It only signifies that your application will be processed, evaluated and the Minister or his delegate will make a decision within 197 days from the date of lodgement of your application.

Yours faithfully



**REGIONAL MANAGER
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REGULATION 3(7) TIMEFRAME EXTENSION WITH RESPECT TO AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION LODGED IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED, READ WITH REGULATION 19 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014 AS AMENDED, FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

Your letter/email dated **03 September 2024** requesting for extension to submit the Final Basic Assessment Report, refers.

1. You requested timeframe extension due to the complexities you foresee in drafting the Basic Assessment Report before submission of the Final Basic Assessment Report to the Department.
2. In light of the above, you have requested the extension of timeframes for the submission of the Final Basic Assessment Report in terms of Regulation 3(7) of NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) which states that:


*In the event where the scope of work must be expanded based on the outcome of an assessment done in accordance with these Regulations, which outcome could not be anticipated prior to the undertaking of the assessment, or in the event where **exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated**, the competent authority may, prior to the lapsing of the relevant prescribed timeframe, in writing, extend the relevant prescribed timeframe and agree with the applicant on the length of such extension.*

3. Based on the motivation provided, the Department hereby grants the extension as requested, therefore, the Final Basic Assessment Report which has been subjected to public participation process for the period of 30 days must be submitted on or before **the requested timeframe**.

NB: Regulation 45 of 2014 EIA Regulations as amended 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).”

I hope you find the above in order, for any clarity please do not hesitate to contact the above-mentioned officer.

Kind Regards,



**Regional Manager: Mineral and Petroleum Regulation
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Date: