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Sir/Madam

APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT IN TERMS OF SECTION 16 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 AS AMENDED BY SECTION 12 OF ACT 49 OF 2008 AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION IN TERMS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED: MESKLIP NO.259, FARM NO.629, FARM NO.261, NAMARAS NO.256 AND DRAAY NO.346: SITUATED 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 and the Environmental Authorization in line with NEMA Regulations to prospect for **Lithium, Tantalum, Niobium Rare Earth and Uranium**, has been accepted.

1.1 Note that Rare Earth Elements and Uranium are excluded on Draay 346, Lithium is excluded on farms Mesklip 259 and farm No.629, as there are acceptance application for same.

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, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) with the Department of Water Affairs with immediate effect.
3. Your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 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 the Act. Section 19(2)(f) places an obligation on the holder of a prospecting right to pay 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 you hold, are up to date, failing which 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 signify 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

Yours faithfully



**REGIONAL MANAGER:
MINERAL REGULATION
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DATE: 26 FEBRUARY 2026**