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For the attention of Mr Colgar Sikopo, and Mr Claudius Maketo

North River Resources (Pty) Ltd incorporating Namib Lead & Zinc Mining (Pty) Ltd:

Environmental Impact Assessment for an application for a mining licence: EPL 2902

North River Resources (NRR) proposes to reopen the old Namib Lead & Zinc Mine, and we are conducting an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for this project. We have attached a Public Information Document, which provides details of the project, location map etc. It also includes an invitation to a Public Meeting in Swakopmund on 21 May 2013.

The activities will include underground mining, crushing, processing using chemical reagents (hazardous substances), and disposal of the tailings on site.

In the EIA we will be considering not only the impacts of the mine itself, but also the services – water, electricity, transport, waste disposal, etc off site.

Specialist studies have been conducted for this EIA on flora, fauna, birds, and archaeology. Some lithops plants were found in the EPL not far from the mine site and we aim to ensure that these are avoided in the planning of the mine’s activities and layout. NRR commissioned SLR to undertake a study on groundwater and surface water, the results of which will also feed into the EIA.

If you have any concerns or queries about environmental or social impacts of this project, please make these known to us in writing before 20 June 2013 (email is preferred, or fax). Please also advise us if there are any tourist concession companies operating within the area of EPL 2902. If so we will also need their contact details. NRR is concerned about recreational users doing 4x4 trips within the EPL, and greater access control would be desirable – for reasons of public safety and to control unwanted tracks.

Yours sincerely,

Environmental Scientist.