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The Director
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Dear Sir,

**RE: RECORD OF DECISION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF
LOWLANDS WATER SUPPLY PROJECT FOR ZONES 2 AND 3**

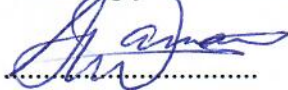
Subsequent to the review of the Environmental and social impact assessment for the proposed construction of lowlands water supply project for zones 2 and 3 and site visit that was undertaken to the proposed project, the Department of Environment (DoE) understands the project components to entail construction of access road, construction of powerline, construction of reservoirs, construction of work areas and construction of temporary labour camps.

The environmental clearance is therefore granted with the following conditions:

- ❖ The EMP will form part of the operating procedure and unforeseen mitigation measures or performance of the proposed mitigation measures will be implemented;
- ❖ Lowland Water will inform interested and affected communities for concurrence before commencement of the project;
- ❖ Construction sites will be cordoned off from existing developments and best engineering practices will be applied during construction especially on management of storm-water or surface run-off for protection of developments in the vicinity of a project;
- ❖ All the areas around the hydraulic scours and reservoirs capacity spill ways, will be constructed in such a way that they do not exacerbate soil erosion;

- ❖ Slurry residual material from water treatment works will be disposed off at designated areas only;
- ❖ Comprehensive Instream Flow Rate study will be developed and submitted to DoE for approval before commencement of the project;
- ❖ Annual report on performance of the EMP will be submitted to the Department of Environment with emphasis on risk assessment;
- ❖ All the necessary approvals and permits will be acquired from the relevant departments/authorities before commencement of the project. This clearance does not exonerate you from obtaining such permits;
- ❖ Waste treatment facility will be placed in such a way that effluent is pre-treated before it is discharged into the environment;
- ❖ There will be a qualified Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) Officer who will look at issues related to safety, health and environmental management aspects on site;
- ❖ Excavated areas will be progressively rehabilitated and unused materials (spoil) will be disposed at designated areas only;
- ❖ Proper mitigation measures will be undertaken to prevent or minimise loss of biodiversity;
- ❖ Any environmental emergencies, deviations and corrective measures undertaken will be reported to Department of Environment within 24hours of occurrence;
- ❖ This clearance is valid for two (2) years from date of approval;
- ❖ The DoE reserves a right to revoke this clearance if there are environmental concerns caused by the project.

Thanking you in advance for your usual cooperation.



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Director-Environment