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Dear Sir,

We act for De Beers Consolidated Mines Proprietary Limited ("**DBCM**").

We refer to the decision of the Chief Director: Mineral Regulation ("**Chief Director**") of the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources ("**DMPR**") to refuse ("**Refusal Decision**") DBCM's application, in terms of regulation 31 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, for the amendment of the Environmental Management Programme in respect DBCM's Voorspoed Mine ("**Amendment Application**"). The Refusal Decision is dated 23 April 2025 but was received by DBCM on 29 April 2025.

The reasons for the Chief Director's decision ("**RoD**") to refuse the Amendment Application, which are attached to the Refusal Decision, sets out the information which was considered by the Chief Director in taking the Refusal Decision. Paragraphs 1(f) and (h) under Annexure 1 to the RoD refer to comments received from both the Department of Water and Sanitation and the Principal Inspector of Mines in respect of the Amendment Application (collectively referred to as the "**Regulators' Comments**"). We record that the Regulators' Comments have not been provided to DBCM.

Furthermore, we note that each page of the RoD has been stamped by the DMPR. However, in several instances, the DMPR's stamp has been placed over crucial parts of the wording of the RoD, making some paragraphs of the RoD impossible to read and/or interpret.

We have been instructed by DBCM to submit an appeal against the Refusal Decision in accordance with the provisions of section 43 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, as amended. Accordingly, we hereby request that the DMPR urgently, and **by no later than close of business on Monday, 12 May 2025**, provide us with copies of the Regulators' Comments, as well as an unstamped copy of the RoD.

Should the DMPR fail to provide us with the requested documents within the aforementioned timeframe, DBCM reserves its rights to supplement its appeal once it has received the requested documents.

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Kind regards

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Good afternoon

Kindly receive the attached document for your attention and further handling. Responses and further communication may be forwarded to Mr. Tuwani Monyai.

Kind regards

Nkateko Mhlarhi

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