



MINISTRY OF MINERALS AND ENERGY

Ref: CMMGE 7/3/56 III (11)

26th April, 2022

The Managing Director
Gcwihaba Resources Pty Ltd
P O Box 3726
Gaborone
Botswana

Dear James M. Bruchs,

**RE: APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PROSPECTING LICENCE NO. 020/2018
BY GCWIHABA RESOURCES PTY LTD**

1. Reference is made to your application submitted on 2 July 2021 as well as your letter of 15th March, 2022.
2. Kindly note that the coordinates submitted in the application for renewal of Prospecting Licence No. 020/2018 are encroaching into the buffer zone, of the Okavango Delta, which is listed as a World Heritage Site. Prospecting activities are prohibited within the buffer zone of the Delta, or if permitted, they are to be subjected to stringent Environmental Impact Assessment measures, in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Assessment Act of 2010 and Environmental Regulations of 2012 from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA).
3. In light of the above, I am not in a position to renew the Prospecting Licence for as long as the submitted coordinates fall within the buffer zone of a World Heritage Site.

Yours faithfully,


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Lefoko M. Moagi

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY

Cc: Director of Mines
