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Date: 05-Oct-2020

Dear Sir,

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION TOWARDS THE APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENSE No. 2664 OF NIUGNI SANDS LTD DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE WITH MINING ACT

The purpose of this letter is to request copies of documents in line with Section 106 of the Mining Act 1992, for the Application of Exploration License No. 2664 lodged by Niugini Sands Limited for the coast of the Sumgilbar LLG, Sumkar District of Madang Province.

In September 2020, our organization supported by the impacted people of Madang Province, wrote a letter of Objection to the Mineral Resources Authority through your office, we expressed disappointment, dissatisfaction and frustration at the Application process. The lack of awareness to impacted people by the Mineral Resources Authority, Niugini Sands Ltd, certain ward councilors and the President of the Sumgilbar LLG meant our people could not have an informed opinion at the Warden's hearing on the 23rd of September 2020 at Talidig market place just opposite the Talidig police station and at Kangur hamlet of the Sumgilbar LLG, Madang.

Section 105 of the Mining Act 1992 outlines the time for objections and hearings, the deadline set for objections to this application was on the 9th of September 2020, ward members officially received notification of the warden's hearing on letters dated to the 1st of September while news of the warden's hearing reached the Sumgilbar public on the 18th of September, Nine (9) days after the deadline. The

Madang Provincial Administration stated that they were unaware of the application and the Warden's hearing until we brought it to their attention less than a week before the hearing.

Our ignorance of the Application and the intentions of Niugini Sands Ltd. has led us to believe that the processes stated in Section 106 of the Mining Act 1992 were not followed. As stated above, the Madang Provincial Administration were unaware of the Application until a week before the Warden's Hearing although ward members of the Sumgilbar LLG was contacted by both MRA and Niugini Sands Ltd weeks before the wardens hearing. We would like to request a copy of the application as sent to the Madang Provincial Administration as proof that this process complied with Section 106.

In addition: (a) We also request a copy of the application notice as published in the National Gazette; and (b) a copy of its notice as advertised in national newspapers and your Department headquarters.

We are to date unaware of any advertisements in the newspapers regarding this application. We understand that if all the requirements stated in Section 106 of the Mining Act 1992 were followed, we, the Sumgilbar LLG and Madang general public would not have been ignorant and surprised by the application and the wardens hearing and would have presented ourselves as informed citizens to express our views.

We thank you for your consideration of this letter and its requests and hope that you can assist us in ensuring the safety and protection of our people and the environment we depend on, by ensuring transparency and accountability in due process for the Application of an Exploration License by Niugini Sands Ltd.

Yours sincerely,



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National Coordinator

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- Managing Director – Climate Change Development Authority
- Attorney General Secretary
- Managing Director – Conservation and Environment Protection Authority