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Dear Mr Peek

RE: APPEALS AGAINST HOLCIM POSITIVE RECORD OF DECISION

The matter mentioned **supra** refers.

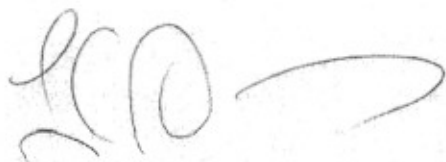
Be pleased to be advised that MEC, Mr PW Saaiman is unable to finalize the above-mentioned matter at this stage due to the reasons set out hereunder:

- The complexities and technicalities involved **in casu** militates against a timeous decisions on the part of the MEC at this stage. The foregoing is exacerbated by the absence of a panel of experts to assist the MEC in this regard.
- Moreover, in the absence of policy guidelines pertaining to the issues involved **in casu**, the MEC is seeking the indulgence of the National Department of Tourism and Environment Affairs. The foregoing will eschew mixed messages coming from both the National and Provincial Government of the Northern Cape in relation to this matter.
- Furthermore, the said delay is further occasioned by the fact that the proposed activity is relatively new in South Africa and the Northern Cape Province. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the MEC is wary of hastily taking a decision that might have far reaching ramifications for the Republic of South Africa.

- In the circumstances, the MEC respectfully requests your time and patience **in casu** and will finalize the said matter in due course.

Your patience and contributions are highly appreciated.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Abrahams', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Les Abrahams
Acting Head of Ministry