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STAMPRIET AQUIFER URANIUM MINING ASSOCIATION

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The SAUMA Management was informed that an **Application: Notice of Motion Review in the High Court of Namibia** was issued with Headspring Investment (Pty) Ltd as applicant – ROSATOMS Subsidiary in Namibia.

39 parties are cited as Respondents and include:

1. The Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform
2. The Minister of Mines and Energy
3. The Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
4. Director of the Department of Water Affairs
5. Chairperson of the Advisory Water Board of Namibia
6. Mining Commissioner
7. Executive Director of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform
8. Government of Namibia
9. Aminuis Village Council
10. Leonardville Village Council
11. up to 38. Individual farmers
39. The Environmental Commissioner

The relief claimed by the applicant is to review and set aside the decision by the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform to refuse to issue (an) exploration drilling permit to the applicant.

The Court Documents can publicly be accessed at

<https://www.ejustice.moj.na/ejustice/f/caseinfo/publicsearch>

The Case number is **HC-MD-CIV-MOT-REV-2023/00041**

1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Respondents are given 15 days from receipt of the application to provide the record of the proceedings and all documents/information that led to that decision why the issuance of a drilling permit has been refused (MAWLR letter dated 2022.10.05). All Respondents have been given 21 days after receipt of the application, to oppose the application.

Headspring Investment bases its motion review application inter alia on Article 18 of the Namibian Constitution, which reads as follows:

*Administrative bodies and administrative officials shall act fairly and reasonably and comply with the requirements imposed upon such bodies and officials by common law and any relevant legislation, and persons aggrieved by the exercise of such acts and decisions shall have the right to seek redress before a competent Court or Tribunal.*

SAUMA has reached out to Legal Expertise to establish the options farmers/respondents have in this matter.

Funding is critical to possibly join this case duly assisted by an experienced legal team. We call on all Namibians to contribute to the collective efforts to prevent the risk of contamination to the only fresh water source within the Stampriet Aquifer Basin.

The risk of pollution of this irreplaceable resource which is critical to all livelihoods, animals and businesses in the Stampriet basin could have a far wider reaching negative impact on the whole of Namibia, impacting tourism, the meat industry, vegetable and crop production, irrigation projects, and all business enterprises depending on all of the aforementioned and beyond.

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