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Secretary General
Office of The President
State House
Banjul

Dear Sir,

Confirmation of the Environmental Assessment report on Atlantis Project Initiative

Following a request from the Atlantis Islands Project Initiators for submission of a complete and validated report on the above project, this institution (NEA) would like to confirm that we have made numerous engagements with the Atlantis Islands Project Initiators for Environmental Assessment exercise dating back from December 2012.

This process was ongoing up to the time ending the second regime (former Government).

We have had communications from the Office of the President of the former regime in a letter **ref: OP217/457/01 PART XIV (11-LM) dated 7th December 2012** to support in the Environment Assessment (survey) for sustainability of the initiative and have consequently engaged the relevant stakeholders (expert members of our institution and other stakeholder institutions). For ease of reference, please find herewith attached the said letter. Furthermore, a private consultant was hired and paid for by the investor to collaborate and work on the said project.

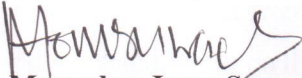
This team has worked extensively and produced a very comprehensive report which has considered all the areas of concern to this Agency and other stakeholders. The report we have at this office currently is still valid (find enclosed a copy) but will require updating in some areas.

In conclusion, with the anticipated update, we would like to confirm that we have no objection with the environmental viability of the project. Furthermore, be informed that we have had numerous meetings with the investors and have found them very willing and open to address issues of concern to the Agency. Such include their willingness to provide alternative landing sites for the migrating birds that currently transit at the island.

We will however note that the project has to work with our Agency to fulfil all local and international regulatory requirements after the Government signs the memorandum and the treaty with the project initiators.

In our preliminary recommendations, we highly encourage this project as it is one assured measure that guarantees this continued important historic island which is quickly disappearing due to erosion.

Whilst anticipating esteem of your highest consideration, we thank you for your kind consideration.


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