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Date: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
Our Ref: EA 00029/18

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Planning Ref.:** EC 00019/18  
**Project Title:** Restoration of a quarry at Ta' Labbatija, Kercem, Gozo  
**Location:** Ta' Labbatija, Kercem, Gozo

**Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2017 (S.L. 549.46)**

Reference is made to the project in caption and the Project Description Statement (PDS) that ERA received on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

This application has been assessed, and screened in line with the provisions of the EIA Regulations, 2017 (S.L. 549.46). The detailed screening concluded that environmental impacts from the development are unlikely to be significant as long as the following concerns are duly addressed to ERA's satisfaction. In this regard, the submission of an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required:

- a. Sections provided in the PDS (e.g. those on pages 14 and 15) are **not** being approved. ERA request that these Sections are revised, and that during the infilling, the slopes and terracing should faithfully follow the natural contours of the surrounding environment.
- b. The PDS mentions the potential to use the quarry surface for the generation of renewable energy after-use of the site. Since such use is not limited to 'tale quale' restoration of the quarry, a development planning application would need to be submitted to the Planning Authority and referred for the necessary assessment.
- c. The deposition of soil shall cover the entire site, as defined on the attached site plan (Appendix 1).
- d. Access to the site shall be limited to existing roads and site access. No hard surfacing, widening or modification of access roads and pathways nor the opening or modification of access points, is permitted.

This permit shall not be interpreted as an approval, sanctioning or commitment in favour of any other access point or route to the site in future, or any additional physical interventions or modifications to the site and its surroundings.

- e. All works are to be carefully managed so as to avoid damage to any adjoining land, natural habitats or features as well as to the landscape. No works, overflows, storage of material/machinery or vehicular trampling/manoeuvring/parking beyond the permitted area are allowed. This applies to both the construction/site preparation phase and the operational use of the site.

ERA's screening can be accessed on the Authority's website through the following link:  
[https://era.org.mt/en/Pages/EA\\_00029\\_18.aspx](https://era.org.mt/en/Pages/EA_00029_18.aspx)

Yours faithfully,

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**Appendix 1**

