

commission for environmental impact assessment

Ministry for the Co-ordination of Environmental Affairs (MICOA) To: National Director for EIA Ms. Felicidade Munguambe Av. Acordos de Lusaka 2115 Maputo Mozambique

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Advisory Review of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Chongoene Export Facility, Chibuto, Gaza Province, Mozambique your letter of 31 March 2004

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Dear Ms. Munguambe,

By letter, dated 31 March 2004, you requested the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment to advise on review of the EIA for the Chongoene Export Facility, Chibuto, Gaza Province.

It is my pleasure to submit herewith the Advisory Review prepared by a working group of the Commission and MICOA's review team.

I take this opportunity to elaborate on two salient points of this advisory review:

• The decision to develop the CEF as proposed will be based on this EIA, which evaluates the environmental impacts of a facility for export of 500,000 tonnes per year.

It is my feeling that in making the decision, MICOA could consider the fact that at a later stage the capacity of the facility will probably triple and, although a new EIA might be made for the extension, the present decision fixes sites and trace not only for the 500,000 t/y facility but also for the facility once its capacity has been extended to 1.6 million t/y.

• This advisory review recommends to postpone the decisions to give the "go ahead" for the jetty and road option until additional information is provided. The Commission offers to assist in reviewing this additional information.

The Commission would appreciate to be kept informed about the use that is made of this review.

Yours faithfully,

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