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**Subject: Exemption from CIDB Compliance Requirements for the Diplomatic Construction Project in New Delhi, India**

Dear Ms. Nqwane,

The cidb, acknowledge receipt of your email dated 21 May 2025, requesting an exemption from the cidb compliance requirements for the construction of the South African Chancery and official Residence for the High Commissioner in New Delhi, India.

Section 18(1) of the Construction Industry Development Board (cidb) Act stipulates that contractors are prohibited from undertaking, executing, or completing any construction works, or any part thereof, associated with public sector contracts awarded through competitive tendering or quotation processes unless they are duly registered with the cidb and possess a valid registration certificate issued by the Board.

Given that the project in question will be conducted entirely outside of the South African jurisdiction, the cidb's regulatory framework does not apply. The cidb Act and its associated regulations are fundamentally designed to govern the construction sector within South Africa. Therefore, the cidb's regulatory framework is null and void for this international project.

Exempting this particular project from the requirements for cidb registration and grading will promote its effective implementation by alleviating unnecessary regulatory constraints. This exemption is justified on the grounds that it will facilitate operational efficiency while ensuring compliance with relevant regulations in the host country of the project.

We hereby confirm that the exemption from compliance with the cidb regulations is granted for the diplomatic construction project in New Delhi, India.

Should you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the cidb.

Yours sincerely,



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