

MAFIA CATERING LIMITED

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8th November 2023

Executive Director
Tanzania Investment Centre
P O Box 938
Dar es Salaam
TANZANIA

Dear Sir,

REF: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Please refer to the attached Certificate of Incentives issued on 27th December 2017. The EIA certificate was not issued until April 2018 and the Building Permit in May (copies attached).

We spent some months in 2018 clearing the site in preparation for works to commence. However our partners in this enterprise (Malindi Investments) also operated and owned a lodge in the Selous Game Reserve when the Nyerere Dam project was announced. This safari camp was within the area to be inundated and the owners were then involved in a difficult compensation process that apparently led to substantial financial loss as the camp had been upgraded with re-investment.

Following this the COVID pandemic ensued and all works were halted to minimize expenditure, as nobody could predict how long the impact would be felt. In the meantime the partner's tourism holdings in Seychelles and Mozambique also suffered, as did our operations in Mafia.

An additional complication was caused by the closure of the lawyer's office (Norton Rose Fulbright (T)) in 2020-21 whereupon they delivered all documents for this project implementation to another law firm (East African Law Chambers); however, many documents have not been recovered due to a complicated closure process of the NRF office.

Subsequently the partners, Malindi Investments, decided to withdraw from the project.

We have now identified a new partner and are in negotiations at this time to **proceed with the project as approved** (no changes to design, architecture, target market, impact, etc). this has not been an easy task as most tourism investors prefer to invest in a booming market like Zanzibar and not in a relatively unknown destination like Mafia island. Nevertheless some of us believe in Mafia as a superb destination that is now emerging as the alternative to the tourism of Zanzibar.

The new investor also has two Embraer 120 aircraft and operates a service to Nyerere NP and will extend the operation to Mafia thereby linking Mafia tourism to its origins in the Southern Circuit. We are excited by the potential and look to substantially complete the construction in 2024.

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While we have recovered substantially from the after-effects of the pandemic, and are able to proceed with land preparation, we request more time to implement the project and seek your official response to do so, considering the circumstances, especially of the economic impact of the pandemic on the tourism sector.

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Byrne".

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