

Annex Q

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**LANDMINE CLEARANCE: DEVELOPMENT OF THE BATOKA GORGE
HYDRO ELECTRIC SCHEME**

Attached please find a self explanatory minute relating to the query
you raised regarding landmine clearance around the Batoka Gorge.

We trust this meetings your requirement.



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Secretary for Energy and Power Development

Attention: Mr P I MBIRIRI

**RE: LANDMINE CLEARANCE: DEVELOPMENT OF THE BATOKA
GORGE HYDRO ELECTRIC SCHEME**

I refer to your letter referenced 60 /111 /5 /E /293 dated 27 August 2014 on the above subject matter. Please be advised that we have consulted the Commander of the Corps of Engineers of the Zimbabwe National Army. The response was as follows:

The area earmarked for the hydroelectricity power station is located at an area approximately 3 to 5 kilometres away from the former mined area. There have been no reports of any mine incidents around the locality of the proposed hydroelectricity power station site.

The access route to the site cuts across the former minefield which was cleared in 2000. There is a road which was opened by the National Mine Clearance Squadron in the late 80s.

For further verification, the Zimbabwe Corps of Engineers is currently not in a position to deploy a demining team, all its demining equipment is deployed at Mugiviza and Mukumbura respectively.

However arrangements can be made with your Ministry for earlier verification to be made subject to availability of resources.


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