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Meeting	Community Focus Group Meeting		
Meeting Venue	Stilte Community Hall	Date	2025/10/01
		Time	12H00 – 15H00

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2.	<p>Presentation by Brian Whitfield</p> <p>a)</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Background & Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant: Tetra4 (Pty) Ltd, a subsidiary of Renergen. EAP: Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS), Brian Whitfield. Location: Masilonyana and Matjhabeng Local Municipalities (27,500 hectares). Timeline Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial public notification: May 2022. Scoping and EIA phases: July 2022 – January 2023. Environmental Authorisation granted: July 2023. Appeals and Minister’s decision: August 2023 – August 2024. Updated EIR for public review: September 2025. Project Scope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal: Produce 45 million standard cubic feet/day of methane and helium. Duration: 3 years construction, 20 years operation. Infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 400 exploration wells. 300 production wells. 480 km pipelines. 28 booster stations, 3 compressor stations. LNG/LHe Plant and access roads. Updated EIA Focus Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised GHG emissions calculations. LNG as a bridging fuel. Project contributes only 0.09% to national CO₂-eq emissions. Floodline Mapping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporates climate change projections. Geohydrology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated groundwater studies. Multiple scenarios modelled for pollution and gas migration. Specialist Studies Conducted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture, Air Quality, Climate Change, Economic, Geohydrology, Heritage, Hydrology, Noise, Social, Biodiversity, Visual, Wetlands. Alternatives Considered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compressor Station Locations:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alt 1: Doorn River 330 (Portion 2). ▪ Alt 2: Palmietkuil 328 (Portion 6) – Recommended. ○ No-Go Alternative: No development, no benefits or impacts. • Impact Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 225 impacts assessed across phases (planning, construction, operation, closure). ○ Rated by nature, extent, duration, magnitude, reversibility, probability. ○ Most negative impacts can be mitigated to acceptable levels. • Mitigation Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Landowner contracts and compensation. ○ Communication of construction schedules. ○ Farm safety and security agreements. ○ Economic displacement assessments by third parties if needed. • Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No fatal flaws identified. ○ Project recommended for authorization with conditions. ○ Compliance with EMPr assumed. <p>The presentation is attached to this document as Appendix 2.</p>
3.	Questions and Answers Session
a)	<p>After the presentation the floor was opened for questions and answers the following was discussed:</p> <p>Siphokuhle Magoda</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Job opportunities. 2. When vacancies open. <p>Mr Brian I heard you talk about opening a phase 2 or something like that, so I just wanted to know in terms of job opportunities, when will your vacancies open and how does one go about applying for a job.</p> <p>Response - Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It is noted that the role of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) in this project is independent; therefore, matters relating to vacancies are not within the scope of the EAP's responsibilities. Once an Environmental Authorisation has been issued, together with all other required licences, all regulatory and legal requirements must be fulfilled by Tetra4 prior to project implementation.</p> <p>A "green light" for the project is only achieved once all appeals processes have been concluded. In the event that an appeal is lodged, the process is required to be revisited, which may result in delays or the project not proceeding. Accordingly, job vacancies may only be advertised once all approvals are finalised and no further appeals remain.</p> <p>Upon issuance of the decision, all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be formally notified, including information regarding their legal right to appeal, as required by law.</p> <p>Should an appeal be submitted, all registered parties will be notified, and the appeals process will be undertaken in accordance with the prescribed procedures. As such, it is not possible to provide a definitive timeframe for finalisation.</p>
b)	Siphokuhle Magoda

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	<p>In terms of the requirements, what requirements are needed for the jobs that will be available?</p> <p>Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It is understood that the normal job application requirements apply with a CV and ID, however it depends on the level of work being applied for.</p>
c)	<p>Yonena Sophaqa</p> <p>Main Points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Type of jobs that will be available 2. The hiring distance <p>I just want to ask, I think you said the project will be 9km from Welkom and then 5km from Virginia and then 16km Theunissen. So I just want to find out how is the community going to benefit if there is a cluster 2? Is it going to expand by taking people from cluster 1 and move them to cluster 2 or will they hire new people?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>A similar recruitment process will be undertaken for the Cluster 2 project as was employed for the past Cluster 1 project. This involves an open recruitment process where people from within and outside of the Cluster 2 application area can apply.</p> <p>Yonela Sophaqa</p> <p>So now that you are between Welkom and Virginia, does that mean in terms of employment, are they going to focus on those area to make sure that the community of that area benefits from the project or they going to bring their own people during the recruitment process?</p> <p>Brian Whitfield</p> <p>People from inside and outside of the Cluster 2 application area can apply.</p>
d)	<p>Monyane Tsane</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asked about the appealed decision <p>I heard you mention that this is the revised EIA being done, and you are doing it because someone had the last one appealed. I just want to know if you are in the position to tell us who appealed it and on what grounds?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It was appealed by MEJCON SA AND MACUA who are two community based organisations, and the grounds of appeal were focussed on the climate change study, hydrology study and the geohydrology study.</p>
e)	<p>Yonela Sophaqa</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project time frame

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	<p>Let me repeat myself. In terms of framework, how long is it going to take for the project to be implemented? Basically the duration of the project</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Only once all the licenses have been obtained, only then can construction start. So it is a matter of getting all the licenses, making sure that there are no further appeals. Only then can construction start and it is about a 3-year construction period. Overall, ~3 years of construction and ~20 years of operations.</p>
f)	<p>Mbali Tshabalala (EIMS)</p> <p>Also, the reason why we are taking down your details like this is because everyone will be added onto our database and you will be notified of the progression of the project going forward. You will get either and SMS, an Email, or both depending on what kind of information you have put down.</p>
g)	<p>Clementine Baleo</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concern about locals not being hired <p>I remember even last time you came and presented your project, the problem begins when it is time to hire people, even last time only people from Virginia were hired.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>A similar recruitment process will be undertaken for the Cluster 2 project as was employed for the past Cluster 1 project. This involves an open recruitment process where people from within and outside of the Cluster 2 application area can apply.</p>
h)	<p>Mbali Tshabalala (EIMS)</p> <p>The process is structured to allow any concerns to be formally raised. Should it be considered that the project has the potential to cause harm to individuals or the community, such concerns may be submitted at this stage. All issues raised will be documented and incorporated into the final report compiled by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP).</p> <p>The primary purpose of this engagement is to ensure that all views are duly heard and that any concerns are properly recorded and taken into consideration.</p>
i)	<p>Siphokuhle Magoda</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Age cap on job posts 2. Gender equity when hiring <p>Also age restriction is also a huge issue, as you can see here most people are already over the age of 35.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>The recruitment process will follow the requirements of South African law.</p>
j)	<p>Nthabiseng Tsotsotso</p> <p>Main Points:</p>

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	<p>1. Risk of explosions</p> <p>Concerns regarding the possibility of the plant exploding.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>The LNG plant will be constructed and operated according to strict requirements to ensure safety. A major hazardous installation (MHI) assessment has also been undertaken which has identified a very low risk to members of the public in the unlikely event of a fire or explosion.</p>
4.	<p>Representatives of MACUA came in after this question and answer session and requested that the EAP repeat the presentation which was duly undertaken. The following is the discussion between MACUA and EIMS:</p>
a)	<p>Lebohang Lesenyeho</p> <p>Main points:</p> <p>1. How the neighbouring communities will be included</p> <p>So in terms of this public participation that you guys re conducting, is Theunissen somewhere somehow included in your procedures?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Notifications including site notices in and around the application area have been undertaken and no requests for meetings in Theunissen have been received to date. The majority of the feedback is from landowners, specifically directly affected landowners, as well as the occupiers within the application area, as well as NGO's.</p>
b)	<p>Astone Diaole</p> <p>Main points:</p> <p>1. Additional public meeting</p> <p>So as (Colleague) said, I seem to be concerned about Meloding Virginia because the meeting will only be happening in town, and a lot of people are in Meloding.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>If you feel that we need to arrange a meeting in Meloding then we can do so. Correspondence regarding the meeting in Meloding is ongoing between EIMS and MACUA. in which there was questions about transport, so we indicated that we were meeting at the communities so no transport, however, we extended an offer to say; please let us know if you would like to meet so that we could arrange additional meetings.</p> <p>Astone Diaole</p> <p>If you can make arrangements that would be great</p> <p>Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Please clarify if Meloding is within the application area?</p> <p>Astone Diaole</p>

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	<p>Meloding is Virginia, but it is the township, that is why we were talking about the issue of transport because people are from the township and it is going to be difficult for them to travel from the township to town. That I why we are asking you to organise an additional meeting.</p> <p>Brian Whitfield</p> <p>The meeting in Meloding will be arranged so that transport issues are negated.</p>
c)	<p>Lebohang Lesenyeho</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Objecting to project being economic benefits <p>Sorry, are you saying this is going to be a good boost for the economy?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Based on the economic impact assessment undertaken as part of this project, both LNG and Helium production would have a positive economic impact for the economy.</p>
d)	<p>Astone Diaole</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How no go areas are determined <p>How do you determine a no go area?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Based on certain specialist studies, the specialists are required to identify areas where any impact will be unreasonable. Where it would be impossible to mitigate, what we do is we say “No go”.</p> <p>Astone Diaole</p> <p>So do you also consider residential areas when determining no go areas?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Yes, there are certain distances/buffers from where people live where they may not drill or work.</p>
e)	<p>Lebohang Lesenyeho</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economic impact <p>Can you explain a little more in terms of economic impact?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>An economic specialist was commissioned to determine what is the economic benefits or risks of this project are and based on the study, the benefits of employment, financial inflows into the economy, etc are identified. Lastly, based on this study, the closure phase will likely result in a negative economic impact similar to when the gold mines close in the Welkom area.</p>

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f)	<p>Astone Diaole</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate change consideration <p>In regards to the assessment, I wanted to understand what exactly do they consider when determining climate change results.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>The climate change study identified 3 different levels of emissions namely, Scope 1 (direct emissions) which are emissions that come directly from activities the project controls for example fuel burned in company vehicles, generators, or on-site equipment. Scope 2 (indirect energy emissions) which are emissions from the electricity or energy you buy and use for example the pollution created at a power station to generate the electricity used by the project. Scope 3 (other indirect emissions) which are all other emissions that happen because of the activities, but not directly under the projects control such as emissions from suppliers, employee travel, product transport, or even how customers use the LNG product. Based on the results, the overall scope 3 emissions for methane are lower than for coal use as a fuel source.</p> <p>Astone Diaole</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emission mitigation measures <p>So you are saying that the emissions in general are less than coal? If so is there anything that you are doing to ensure that they are not as much as they are or just because they are less than coal you are not monitoring them further?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>There are measures in place to minimise all the emissions. During well construction, fugitive emissions are controlled by sealing the well during the time between well completion and gas pipeline connection. Another example is that methane is flared at the plant during certain conditions as opposed to venting methane. Flaring burns methane to produce CO₂ which is significantly less harmful in terms of climate change emissions.</p>
g)	<p>Astone Diaole</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who monitors compliance <p>With regards to the question I asked early on how you get the numerical data you have on your reports.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>There is a requirement to do ongoing independent emissions monitoring and any emissions that are noted during the operational phase are recorded and reported to the DMPR.</p> <p>Astone Diaole</p> <p>Who does the monitoring?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p>

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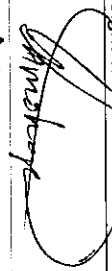



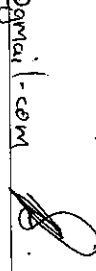
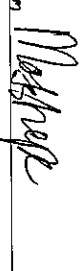

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	An external independent consultant does the monitoring, through a specialised process with specialised instruments.
5.	An informal discussion between EIMS and MACUA representatives took place after the presentation.
a)	<p>The members of MACUA asked that they be provided with all the documents that are related to the proposed project. EIMS provided the non-technical executive summaries that were available at the venue, and it was pointed out that the EIA report is available in hard copy and electronic copy as per the notifications. MACUA engaged with the EAP informally and stated that they have the best interest of the community at heart and they in no way trying to be difficult and obstructive.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 15:00</p>

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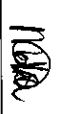






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3.	Questions and Answers Session
a)	<p>Brian Whitfield opened the floor for community member to voice their comments or concerns in a more informal round table discussion.</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tetra 4 has not adhered to certain of the commitments made to the community. 2. The one solar panel per house installed broke and they have not been repaired. Following the meeting, this issue was discussed with Tetra4, and it was clarified that the solar systems were installed for lighting however the community had connected additional electrical devices to the system which causes overloads. According to Tetra4, this issue was conveyed to the community however the problem persists. 3. The borehole was considered by the community to be installed improperly, and it broke less than a month in and has not been repaired. Following the meeting, this issue was discussed with Tetra4, and it was clarified that the borehole was installed properly however the issue was that the generator for the pump was not maintained well. 4. The community claim that their members are no longer being hired because they are apparently required to be members of a forum such as MACUA before being hired. There were previously members of the community who were employed by a subcontractor of Tetra4, but they were dismissed (unfairly according to the community) because they were apparently not part of the community forum. Brian Whitfield added that a condition in the EIA/EMPr requires employment to be inclusive. Following the meeting, this issue was discussed with Tetra4, and it was clarified that there have been some past disruptions to construction caused by certain groups who demand jobs

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	<p>and that the issue is being dealt with through the open and fair recruitment practices being employed. Any future issues would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>5. The community stated that Tetra4 needs to do better when it comes to communicating with the community members. It is understood that Tetra4 does send updates via WhatsApp and/or SMS however more could be done. Following the meeting, this issue was discussed with Tetra4 and the EAP suggested that Tetra4 meet (in-person) more regularly with the community and also ensure that the recruitment process is clearly explained.</p> <p>6. The community stated that the road into the farm is poorly maintained by Tetra4. They struggle when community members need medical attention due to the muddy road during rainy season. Following the meeting, this issue was discussed with Tetra4, and it was stated that the road to the gas wells on the property are maintained however more could be done during the rainy season.</p> <p>7. The community stated that the acting mayor does not know that there is a gas well on the farm. This was noted by the EAP despite the municipality being registered as an I&AP and no further action was needed.</p> <p>8. The community stated that they do not receive any compensation for the gas well that is on the farm because of the land transfer to the community being delayed and therefore the previous landowner likely receives the compensation as the current title deed holder. The community is in the process of obtaining the deed to the farm.</p> <p>9. The community is appealing to Tetra4 to at least assist them with equipment to help them with farming and herding. Following the meeting, this was conveyed to Tetra4 for future consideration.</p> <p>10. The community stated that there was previously an issue of leaking gas in the area and Tetra4 never addressed the issue with the occupiers. Following the meeting, this issue was discussed with Tetra4, and it was stated that the leaking well was fixed and this was conveyed to the community.</p>
4.	Brian Whitfield thanked the attendees, assured that that their concerns and inputs would be escalated and the meeting ended.


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1. Attendance Register


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Name and Surname	Address	Contact Details	Signature of attendance	Signature Department	Organisation
Sarah Kgesi		Tel: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____			
Lydia Mkhuma		Tel: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____	L. Mkhuma		
Victoria Kgesi		Tel: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____	M. Khesi		
Papiti		Tel: _____ Cell: 0810584474 Email: _____	Mwanga	Community	
Maki Mwanga		Tel: _____ Cell: 0785133965 Email: _____	Mwanga		
Aletta Kashi		Tel: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____	X		
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Isiane Kedibane		Tel: Cell: Email:	Isiane		
Isi He Mkhwa		Tel: Cell: Email:	Isi He Mkhwa		
Thomsonqa Kashie		Tel: Cell: Email:	Thomsonqa		
Philemon Musayei		Tel: Cell: Email:	Philemon		
Sabata Moshodi		Tel: Cell: Email:	Sabata		
Abraham Mthumane		Tel: Cell: Email:	Abraham		
Puile Lashit		Tel: Cell: Email:	Puile		
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Meeting	Public meeting		
Meeting Venue	NG Virginia Kerk	Date	2025/10/02
		Time	12H00 – 14H00

A public meeting was scheduled with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). The aim of the meeting was to provide feedback regarding the findings of the Revised EIA Report to all Interested and Affected Parties as an additional method for public engagement. During the public meeting which took place between 12h00 and 14h00, a presentation of the project description, impact assessment, and updates was delivered to all attendees of the meeting by Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS) Pty (Ltd). A presentation was delivered by the EAP (Mr Brian Whitfield) from EIMS in English. After the presentation was delivered, a question and answer session was opened where attendees asked questions or expressed their comments regarding the project. The attendance register has been attached as Appendix 1 in this document.

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1.	<p>Attendees were asked to sign the attendance register upon their arrival. A presentation from EIMS was delivered as per the agenda above to the meeting attendees. It was indicated that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of accurate minute taking. Non-technical Executive Summaries (in English, Afrikaans and Sesotho) were made available at the meeting.</p> <p>The attendees were encouraged to submitting comments to the project email address provided. It was noted that all attendees who have provided their contact details would be registered by default on the I&AP database maintained by EIMS. Following the presentation, the floor was opened for a discussion and the attendees were encouraged to bring up any questions or concerns they had about the project.</p>
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3.	Questions and Answers Session
a)	<p>After the presentation the floor was opened for questions and answers the following was discussed:</p> <p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>Main Points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A flaw in using the word “Gas production” <p>I noticed that you referred to it as a gas production, I believe that there is no such thing, there is a petroleum production right or the production right is specifically for petroleum. So bringing gas into it I don’t believe is correct. The mineral part of the MPRDA refers to a mineral as being any substance, including one which is gas okay? So, I think I’m going to object to that as a matter of interest. ‘</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It was acknowledged that “petroleum” technically encompasses “oil and gas” however in order to distinguish the fact that this application does not include oil as a resource, the term “gas” is utilised for the general public to understand the difference.</p> <p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>Then I would suggest the better approach would be to put that the production right license is through petroleum then mining right applies to minerals. So if you had to say production right then add brackets to further delineate that would solve your problem.</p> <p>Brian Whitfield</p> <p>That is noted, thank you.</p> <p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>Are you going to be talking more about flood lines later on?</p> <p>Brian Whitfield</p>

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b)	<p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>Main Points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enquiry about blow drift area <p>Is it possible for you to show on the map where this blow drift area is?</p> <p>Response - Brian Whitfield</p> <p>The general location was pointed out on the presentation map provided.</p> <p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>It would be interesting to just also include that because it is a very important point.</p>
c)	<p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poor use of word when talking about the effects of methane. <p>I don't know if affective is the correct word to use, would you not say it is more harmful or damaging?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It was clarified that methane is 28 times more harmful than CO₂ in terms of climate change impact, or “more effective” at trapping heat.</p>
d)	<p>Elmar Rogerg</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarification on flood line delineation <p>So the blue is then the 100 year flood line?</p> <p>Response - Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Yes, so it does not mean once every 100 years the flood line is that big, but it based on an average that if there is a flood of magnitude 100 years then that is the general extent of the flood levels.</p> <p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>Are there existing boreholes?</p> <p>Brian Whitfield</p> <p>In terms of the geohydrology updates, some additional existing boreholes were assessed while new boreholes were also drilled.</p> <p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>So what is the difference between the different coloured dash lines?</p> <p>Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It was clarified that the coloured dashed lines indicated a buffer distance from the actual infrastructure area.</p>

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	<p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>Can one assume from that, that it means that the water will not move, groundwater that is will not move further than the green dash is indicating?</p> <p>Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It was confirmed that the geohydrological model predicts that the extent of the impact is limited (as shown on the maps).</p> <p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>In Australia it was a big thing there, they were identifying water that had been contaminated over 2km away.</p> <p>Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It was acknowledged that in other areas around the world, the rock porosity may be different which could result in different extent of impact however the model for this project was based on existing geological features.</p>
e)	<p>Siphesihle Mavundla</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How impacts were determined <p>You spoke about the low negatives, you said that post mitigation there is a high probability a of low negatives meaning the yellow. Would you please repeat your input so far as this slide is concerned.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>The majority of impacts have been assessed as low negative, whereas economic impacts represent the most significant high negative impacts during decommissioning and closure, primarily related to the loss of economic inputs and employment opportunities once the project ceases to exist. Low positive impacts are associated with a limited portion of decommissioning activities, which may result in a short-term increase in employment. While these positive effects are temporary, they nonetheless contribute a minor additional flow of economic benefit.</p>
f)	<p>Justice Rasinyalo</p> <p>Main point:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clarity on construction phase. <p>When is the construction going to start and how long is it going to take?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Construction can only begin once Tetra4 has received all the relevant licenses including the Environmental Authorisation, Water Use Licence, etc. Once the EA is granted is goes through as a notification to registered I&APs and a right to appeal. If it is appealed, the decision is set aside and Tetra4 cannot proceed. If it is not appealed then Tetra4 can go ahead. Construction activities are planned to take approximately three (3) years and thereafter operations for approximately twenty (20) years.</p>
g)	<p>Lebohang Lesenyeho</p> <p>Main points:</p>

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	<p>1. Mitigation measures in place for groundwater contamination.</p> <p>On the mitigation, mine is more like a request, with regards to groundwater impact analysis, can you take us through that as well as some mitigation and factors that will be put in place. This is because I think we have a problem of water contamination in Lejweleputswa, of course to a certain extent it violates certain constitutional rights like access to clean water. So I believe it would be beneficial to understand what impact this project will have in terms of groundwater.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>The groundwater study commenced with the assessment of water quality in the existing environment, representing pre-construction conditions and prior to the establishment of gas wells. It was found that numerous wells exceed the drinking water standard, indicating that baseline water quality within the potable aquifer is not suitable for consumption.</p> <p>Mitigation measures for the project have been designed in alignment with international best practice. During drilling, boreholes are not constructed using conventional methods used in normal boreholes for drinking water use. Instead, steel casing and concrete are installed as the well is drilled to ensure a secure seal within both the casing and the surrounding rock layers. The steel casing extends through the potable aquifer and into the deeper aquifer where gas resources are located. This casing serves to prevent the deeper saline aquifer water from entering the shallower potable aquifer water.</p>
h)	<p>Khotso Maloi</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarity on project footprint 2. Social and economic impact of the project <p>So the foot print of the project is within a particular district jurisdiction from your slides, a few towns are labelled, before I continue is this assessment correct?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It was confirmed that the application area falls within certain boundaries indicated on the map and no production activities will take place outside of the defined application area. Theunissen is about 10km South of the nearest point of the application area, Virginia is 5km outside and Welkom is 9km outside.</p> <p>Khotso Maloi</p> <p>So the social and economic impact on the project footprint, I want to understand how does the project envisage the economic distribution of the value created by the project within its jurisdiction, and also the social component of it. The other part is then how does the project limit from anything outside the delineated jurisdiction?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It was clarified that while the projects physical infrastructure is limited to within the application area, the economic impacts extend outside of this area as workers come from within or outside of the application area. The economic value chain is not limited to within the application area only.</p> <p>Khotso Maloi</p> <p>So just to clarify, my question would be from a social and economic point of view where the footprint of the projects is concerned. What I mean by that is, the project you explained that there are different phases to it, you say that the construction and operational phases are three (3) and twenty (20) years</p>

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	<p>respectively. So during the prospecting phase, there is a social and economic impact to it. I am not talking about the human capital aspect of it I am referring to benefactions to the community during the different phases of the project. How will you then ensure participation from locals and how will you limit other participation from those outside of the project area? If you do not have an answer to our question please indicate so that we can go look for it elsewhere.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>A request for clarity was made to determine if the question relates to restricting or limiting the extent of employment opportunities.</p> <p>Khotso Maloi</p> <p>Yes, for example, I was born here in the local hospital, I have enjoyed both the comforts and discomforts of this community. It would be in a sense, for a lack of a better word, an indictment for the project to get someone who for example comes from Bloemfontein which is 180km away and benefits economically from a project that is in my hometown. Secondly, it would be a problem in the direction, in terms of the different phases of the project. So I am specifically talking about limiting people who are not local from participating.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It was stated that while local employment is broad in definition, it did not specifically exclude any particular group or individuals.</p>
i)	<p>Siphehile Mavundla</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Division of jobs between cluster 1 and cluster 2. 2. Health impacts of the project. <p>Adding onto his question, going back to cluster 1, how would you say these are the jobs that were accrued during the different phases of the project, how would you compare what happened there with what is envisaged to happen in this current project? Secondly, I would like to ask with regard to you specialist studies, why is there no environmental health perspective? Why environmental health specialist to over and above the air quality, to deal with the health implications of a project like this?</p> <p>Response - Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It is envisioned that due to the fact that the Cluster 2 project is larger in extent than Cluster 1, it could be expected that the number of employment opportunities would also increased however the ratio of increase may not necessarily be directly proportional. In terms of health impacts, these were considered and assessed in the EIA report.</p>
j)	<p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What determines the standards of water testing. 2. Process of getting servitudes registered. 3. Mediating relations between farmers, Tetra4, and job seekers.

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	<p>First question; relating to the water testing, have you made recommendations in terms of the establishment of a baseline?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It was confirmed that a hydrocensus was conducted as part of the geohydrology study which constitutes a baseline. Subsequent water quality surveys are then compared against the baseline values to identify any changes.</p> <p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>I understand that, my question relates to when do you create a baseline in terms of water quality? Because I know there have been a number of issues where people have complained about their water quality and it turns out that there was no baseline done before. Which meant that there was nothing that you would measure it according to. We were told that for our activities that the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) required us to develop a baseline and told us the distances from the activities at least a year before the first activity actually starts. So is there something similar to that here as well?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>The hydrocensus is the first level of baseline. It gives an overview of the entire study area. Subsequently, the Water Use Licence that is still to be issued will require compliance with the water monitoring programme.</p> <p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>Something which I discovered which shocked me, and you can correct me if I understood that correctly is that there is no requirement in terms of who it is that actually does the testing of the water, and that you could have your own guy doing the water testing and say no we have not actually contaminated the water. Which sounds kind of like the criminals being the wardens in the prison.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>While it is acknowledged that the water sampling is not always required to be undertaken by an independent party, the samples must be analysed by a South African National Accreditation Standards (SANAS) accredited laboratory.</p> <p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>That is the critical issue because my understanding is that previously there was no requirement that it should be a certified testing facility.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>The point was noted.</p> <p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>The Second question relates to the economic benefits, one thing I must say, if the government had to stick to the timelines which they actually stipulate from their side it would actually be very helpful. So that is why we see those extreme timelines that we see there but, you have got however many kilometres of pipeline. So now before you can do any work, you're first going to have to have servitudes registered on the routes?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It was stated that the requirement to first register a servitude prior to constructing the pipelines was unclear however this has not been reported to the EAP as an issue on the Cluster 1 application.</p>

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	<p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>That would be very interesting if that turns out to be correct, because regardless, you are impacting on a farmers land which means he is going to want compensation for all that. So if the two are unconnected, what do you do if you have now got the pipeline and then you cannot get the servitude registered. But that is more of a rhetorical question. Unless you have a definitive answer for it?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>The requirement for Tetra4 to compensate landowners for pipeline routes is being adhered to as far as the EAP was aware. It is unclear if the requirement for a servitude as any bearing on the compensation.</p> <p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>I understand that and I have heard them say that as well, that they try and make sure that wherever the activity takes place that it is not actually impacting on active farming land. Which of course is a moot point because the pipeline is going to be there for 20 years or more whereas farming can change over that period. More specifically related to that, is that obviously the farmer has to agree to whatever it is before they get to continue. Is there anywhere any information of how long it typically takes for arrangements like this typically take. Because until that is made, and some of those pipelines are going very far, which means that whatever is happening on the furthest point cannot happen until the intervening part has been resolved. So what I am saying is some cases, especially when I look at this project, you kind of like bargain for your grandchildren to be employed.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>In terms of conditions/ mitigation measures, there is a requirement prior to any construction that the landowners agree to the pipeline routing, compensation and conclude a landowner agreement. Therefore the pipeline is only constructed once the landowner agreements etc are concluded. Timeframes for such agreements are however difficult to specify at this point.</p> <p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>It actually would be nice as well if potential job seekers and farmers can start making good relationships. Because currently in some places they are not very good. And things have tended to be a little adversarial in the past and I think that needs to change. What you guys focus on is maybe not real but most likely type of scenarios. Others tend to focus more on emotions.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Comment noted.</p>
k)	<p>Monyane Pheko</p> <p>Enquired about available copies of the presentation</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>A copy will be made available on the website.</p>
l)	<p>Ashtone Chaole</p> <p>Emphasised the point he made previously about people an additional meeting in Meloding.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p>

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	It was acknowledged that this point was discussed at the Stilte meeting the day prior and that the meeting would be considered and communicated.
m)	<p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>Main Points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What were the grounds of appeal and which were upheld. <p>The last document in the pack that was available for download is the actual appeal document. Can you talk a bit about that, just outline what areas were and what the actual decision was.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>The appeal that was submitted comprised seven grounds, representing seven specific aspects of concern. The appeal primarily addressed the three matters that have since been evaluated through specialist studies (and presented in this presentation), as well as broader concerns regarding the desirability of oil and gas development in South Africa, with a suggestion that renewable energy should be prioritised which was dismissed by the Minister. One ground of appeal related to the adequacy of public consultation (again dismissed by the Minister). Efforts were made to ensure that consultation was conducted as broadly and inclusively as possible, including the provision of a data-free portal to facilitate participation.</p> <p>Elmar Roberg</p> <p>Of all those appeals, were any upheld?</p> <p>Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It was confirmed that of the seven (7) grounds of appeal, five (5) were dismissed and two (2) were upheld. The dismissed grounds were not strong enough for the minister to consider them as valid. The two (2) that were upheld were due to new information being submitted by the appellant but dispute this, the Minister felt that those matters should be assessed in more detail which resulted in this revised EIA report and subsequently public participation process.</p>
n)	<p>Siphesihle Mavundla</p> <p>I am not sure if you addressed the other matter because I believe it was the climate change factor and the other was the fact that why Tetra4 considers gas a bridging fuel.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Reference was made to the presentation slides which addressed the climate change factor and the bridging fuel items.</p>

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o)	<p>Mpumelelo Makhasi</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tetra4 providing skills development for the skills they require to the locals. <p>In terms of affected communities and special skills required at Tetra4, is there a way maybe you could have facilities around the communities that provide access to such skills so that we can have access to them without having to travel.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Skills development is part of most projects such as these however it is not anticipated that specific skills training centres will be established within community areas as part of this project.</p>
4.	<p>Brian Whitfield closed off the meeting and reminded the attendees of their opportunity to submit comments.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 14:15.</p>

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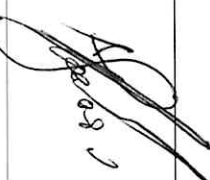
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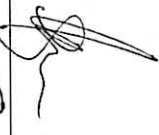



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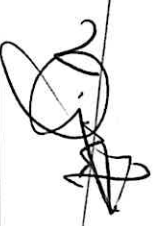

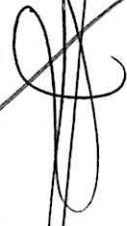
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Meeting	Landowner Focus Group Meeting		
Meeting Venue	Goldfields Game Ranch	Date	2025/10/02
		Time	17H00 – 19H00

A focus group meeting was scheduled with landowners. The aim of the meeting was to provide feedback regarding the findings of the Revised EIA Report to all Interested and Affected Landowners as an additional method for public engagement. At the start of the focus group meeting, the landowners that attended indicated that they had seen the presentation before and only wanted to have an informal discussion which was accepted. The attendance register has been attached as appendix 1 in this document.

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1. EIMS Presentation (available at the meeting but not delivered based on landowners request) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Introducing the project team b. Application History c. Appeal Decision Outcome d. Applicant and EAP Details e. Project Description
2. Questions and Answers

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1.	<p>Attendees were asked to sign the attendance register upon their arrival. A presentation from EIMS was available as per the agenda above. It was indicated that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of accurate minute taking. Non-technical Executive Summaries (in English and Afrikaans) were made available at the meeting.</p> <p>The attendees were encouraged to submitting comments to the project email address provided. It was noted that all attendees who have provided their contact details would be registered by default on the I&AP database maintained by EIMS.</p>
2.	Discussion
a)	<p>Cyril Long</p> <p>What happens if Tetra4 finds gas outside of the Cluster 1 or Cluster 2 application areas? Can they produce gas in those areas?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>While Tetra4 holds a Production Right which spans the larger area and can undertake exploration drilling in certain areas covered under the Production Right EMPr area, the only areas where gas production infrastructure can be built and/or tied into the overall production pipeline network will be within the areas covered by an Environmental Authorisation (such as Cluster 1 and subsequent Cluster 2 if/when approved). Any future production well connections outside of the authorised areas will require further EIA applications and approvals.</p>
	<p>Gert Oosthuizen</p> <p>Can Tetra4 drill wells outside the well corridors shown in the maps because they are currently doing so under their Phase 1c work?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Under the Production Right as well as Cluster 1 approvals, Tetra4 can undertake exploration drilling in areas outside of the Cluster 2 well corridor maps. It was clarified that the Cluster 2 well corridor maps are the target sites for the Cluster 2 application but this does not preclude Tetra4 from undertaking work under their existing Production Right and Cluster 1 approvals.</p>
	<p>Gert Oosthuizen</p> <p>There are wells being planned and drilled that are apparently under Phase 2 however it is not clear if this is also Cluster 2 wells. As an example, there was recently a disagreement with Tetra4 because the proposed wells to be drilled are outside the well corridors and one of the wells is ~180m from the main house. The one that is being drilled now results in sleepless nights due to the noise. Some wells are so close to houses and boreholes which even the Phase 1 EIA says it cannot be done. It feels like Tetra4 has an answer on everything and even does internal (not independent) studies to determine where to drill.</p> <p>Phase 1 EIA indicated the use of existing gas wells with only about 11 new exploration wells which were to be drilled in the north however now it feels like many new wells are being drilled and its easy for Tetra4 to claim its being done under the Production Right or whatever permit/licence that suits the situation.</p>

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	<p>This has caused extreme frustration. Wells are also in cultivated land and it's a big fight to agree on access agreements and in the end its still not ideal in my opinion.</p> <p>We will have to see what the real impact is on the cultivated land once all the drilling and pipeline construction is done because its not looking good at this point in time in terms of historic yields on disturbed areas. This will be a "proof of concept" or evidence for when Phase 2 (Cluster 2) begins.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Comments noted and mitigation is provided for in the EIA report including conditions of authorisation.</p>
	<p>Elmar Roburg</p> <p>It has been reported that the predicted volume of gas and the associated number of wells proposed for Phase 1 (Cluster 1) has not materialised and therefore there is an issue with supplying the plant with the predicted volumes of gas. Interestingly, the adjacent gas play being done not by Tetra4 but Peter Price has a well that produced more gas than the entire Tetra4 Phase 1 (Cluster 1). The gas seems to follow the mining belt (i.e. where the mines are located). No gas occurs in the west where there are no mines. Since Tetra4 is targeting fissures which is caused by biogenic gas (i.e. a process that is taking place) as opposed to chambers of gas. This is why such small volumes of gas are being found.</p> <p>Tetra4 wants to drill 400 wells up to 700m deep in 3 years including the plant construction and pipeline connections. They will need to have an extremely large number of drill rigs running concurrently.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Comments noted.</p>
	<p>Gert Oosthuizen</p> <p>The concern around devaluation of land value is very real to landowners. With all the drilling and construction there is a very real risk that the land value goes down and for farmers the land is a very long-term investment including something that is a generational asset.</p> <p>Considering the number of wells to be drilled on my land, Tetra4 should just purchase the land and rent it back to the landowner and then the risk of the land value going down is mitigated. However Tetra4 claim they own the Production Right over the land regardless of ownership so there is no need to purchase the land.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Comments noted.</p>
	<p>Cyril Long</p> <p>Drilling in veld is not as concerning as drilling in the croplands.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Comments noted.</p>
	<p>Gert Oosthuizen</p> <p>Main Points</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Duration of well drilling and infrastructure development

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	<p>2. Consequences if gas production is not sustainable</p> <p>4. Concerns regarding degradation of agricultural potential of land</p> <p>5. Unpredicted flow paths outside well areas for gas</p> <p>If they have to drill all 400 wells, how will they do that? Will they bring in 400 drill rigs and talk to the farmers for servitudes and install pipelines. How long will that take? Should the project not find and produce sufficient gas to fund itself, what will happen to the disturbed land of the farmers which may be unusable for agriculture as a result of the soil being excavated. If they are so certain of the situation why not buy the land from the farmers and lease it back to them.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>A request that formal comments/concerns be submitted in order to capture the concerns clearly. With regard to the compensation for land use, the conditions set forth do provide for land to be utilised only if a fair agreement is reached with landowners. Additionally, fair compensation for any damage to land is included in the EIA report as a specific condition of authorisation.</p>
3.	Brian Whitfield thanked the attendees for their time and the meeting ended.

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Date/ Time:	02 October 2025 17H00 – 19H00	Venue:	GOLDFIELDS RANCH	GAME	Meeting Description:
			LANDOWNER FOCUS GROUP		

Name and Surname	Address	Contact Details	Signature of attendance	Signature	Department	Organisation
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MEETING DETAILS

Meeting	Public meeting		
Meeting Venue	Latterain Church International	Date	2025/10/13
		Time	11H30 – 13H30
An additional public meeting was scheduled with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in Meloding township. The aim of the meeting was to provide feedback regarding the findings of the Revised EIA Report to all Interested and Affected Parties who could not attend the initial public meeting in Virginia due to reported travel limitations. During the public meeting which took place between 11h30 and 13h30, a presentation of the project description, impact assessment, and updates was delivered to all attendees of the meeting by Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS) Pty (Ltd). A presentation was delivered by the EAP (Mr Brian Whitfield) from EIMS in English with translation provided by an EIMS representative and a question and answer session was opened where attendees asked questions or expressed their comments regarding the project. The attendance register has been attached as Appendix 1 in this document.			

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2.	<p>Presentation by Brian Whitfield</p> <p>a)</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Background & Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant: Tetra4 (Pty) Ltd, a subsidiary of Renergen. EAP: Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS), Brian Whitfield. Location: Masilonyana and Matjhabeng Local Municipalities (27,500 hectares). Timeline Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial public notification: May 2022. Scoping and EIA phases: July 2022 – January 2023. Environmental Authorisation granted: July 2023. Appeals and Minister’s decision: August 2023 – August 2024. Updated EIR for public review: September 2025. Project Scope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal: Produce 45 million standard cubic feet/day of methane and helium. Duration: 3 years construction, 20 years operation. Infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 400 exploration wells. 300 production wells. 480 km pipelines. 28 booster stations, 3 compressor stations. LNG/LHe Plant and access roads. Updated EIA Focus Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised GHG emissions calculations. LNG as a bridging fuel. Project contributes only 0.09% to national CO₂-eq emissions. Floodline Mapping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporates climate change projections. Geohydrology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated groundwater studies. Multiple scenarios modelled for pollution and gas migration. Specialist Studies Conducted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture, Air Quality, Climate Change, Economic, Geohydrology, Heritage, Hydrology, Noise, Social, Biodiversity, Visual, Wetlands. Alternatives Considered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compressor Station Locations:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alt 1: Doorn River 330 (Portion 2). ▪ Alt 2: Palmietkuil 328 (Portion 6) – Recommended. ○ No-Go Alternative: No development, no benefits or impacts. • Impact Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 225 impacts assessed across phases (planning, construction, operation, closure). ○ Rated by nature, extent, duration, magnitude, reversibility, probability. ○ Most negative impacts can be mitigated to acceptable levels. • Mitigation Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Landowner contracts and compensation. ○ Communication of construction schedules. ○ Farm safety and security agreements. ○ Economic displacement assessments by third parties if needed. • Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No fatal flaws identified. ○ Project recommended for authorization with conditions. ○ Compliance with EMPr assumed. <p>The presentation is attached to this document as Appendix 2</p>
3.	Questions and Answers Session
a)	<p>David Mafa</p> <p>We just want jobs, we are not interest in your presentation.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>We understand that jobs are important, thank you for your input.</p>
b)	<p>Manale Stuurman</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not understanding the significance of public participation. 2. Tetra4 coming to a contractual agreement with the communities. 3. Severe damage to environment due to mining. <p>I hear today is public participation for Tetra4, but we have a serious issue of industries that are operating not complying with us as a civil society first of all. So if we face issues like those you presented related to climate change, they will not respond because they do not even come to us or even try to form a partnership with us. So many big companies just come here to vandalise our infrastructure, even if you can go check, our rivers are affected by pollution from mining, there are so many things that are not even good. Even when they do conduct public participation, nothing comes from it. Even Tetra4, it is a huge company and there are many dangers associated with it, there are different chemicals being emitted from the plant that are affecting people. Tetra4 has not been accounting for that issue, they have just been quiet. That is why we are saying Tetra4 must come to our community and we come to an agreement that is beneficial to all involved. All previous projects also held public participation gatherings but they do not take accountability thereafter for all the things that affect us as a community. That is why our rivers are in such bad conditions, even groundwater it is being vandalised.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p>

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	<p>This public participation process is being undertaken in relation to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the conditions contained therein. Should it be considered that any of the proposed conditions are inadequate, such concerns are requested to be submitted in writing to enable due consideration and incorporation where appropriate.</p> <p>With regard to mining activities more broadly, it is acknowledged that, historically, regulatory frameworks were not always of an adequate standard. However, under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), any holder of an environmental authorisation is legally required to comply with all conditions of such authorisation.</p> <p>Members of the public are entitled to access the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), which has been made available on the project website and, where necessary, via a data-free portal. In addition, compliance-related information may be requested from Tetra4. It is noted that any instance of non-compliance would constitute a legal contravention.</p> <p>The concerns raised are acknowledged, and mitigation measures have been included in the assessment to ensure that potential impacts on the community are avoided or minimised.</p>
c)	<p>Maleho Matlhakwane</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Are existing Social and Labour Plans (SLPs) still binding. What determines activities in SLPs. How are they monitored. <p>On page 14 of your booklet, there is a comment there raised by a local NGO. The response there refers to the ongoing SLP, are there SLPs that have been signed already still binding? And what public participation process was actually undertaken for projects to be chosen for the SLP, and the mechanisations of actually delivering on them?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It is noted that any holder of a right in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA), whether relating to minerals or petroleum, is required to have a Social and Labour Plan (SLP) in place as a condition of operation.</p> <p>The development of SLPs falls outside the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and is not undertaken as part of the EIA. Such plans are developed collaboratively by the rights holder, relevant municipalities, ward councillors, and other applicable stakeholders.</p> <p>Accordingly, detailed information regarding the development of the existing SLP cannot be provided within this process. It is, however, expected that a current SLP is in place. Furthermore, should the project proceed, additional SLP commitments and/or social programmes would be required to be identified and developed as part of the ongoing regulatory and stakeholder engagement processes.</p>
d)	<p>Mohlolo</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How is the community going to benefit besides job availability.

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	<p>As you come to us, I want to understand how our community is going to benefit because we have children, people living with disabilities and lack of jobs. We also do not have experience, and we know that mostly jobs that are advertised need experience which we do not have.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>A recurring theme raised by the communities to date is the need for employment opportunities and community upliftment, including on-site or other forms of training. This concern has been noted and will be reflected in the report. It is recommended that Tetra4 identify an appropriate mechanism for determining the affected communities and for ensuring that employment opportunities are distributed among these communities.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that equitable distribution of jobs across all affected communities is essential, rather than allocating opportunities to a single community. While the specific allocation of jobs to each community falls outside the scope of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner, it is recognised that this matter requires careful attention and ongoing communication with the communities concerned.</p>
e)	<p>Hlaudi Tsubella</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Needing clarity on where the wells will be drilled. 2. What purpose the wells serve. 3. How locals are going to attain skills. <p>I understand that you said you are going to build 300 wells. During phase 1, how many did you build?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Phase 1 contained approximately 30 wells (exact numbers were not at hand during the meeting).</p> <p>Hlaudi Tsubella</p> <p>Can you show me on the map where they installed those production wells?</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Reference was made to the slide showing the outline of the Cluster 1 application area.</p> <p>Hlaudi Tsubella</p> <p>Can you please explain to me, what is their main purpose?</p> <p>Brian Whitfield</p> <p>The purpose of the wells is to access the deep gas resources (~700m deep) and bring it to the surface.</p> <p>Hlaudi Tsubella</p> <p>So will there be people hired to drill those holes?</p> <p>Brian Whitfield</p> <p>There will be specialised drilling crews.</p> <p>Hlaudi Tsubella</p> <p>Where do they come from? Because I believe that there are certain skills required.</p>

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	<p>Brian Whitfield</p> <p>There is a certain level of skills and expertise required to drill these wells and therefore the drilling crews are sourced where the requisite skills and expertise is available. Locally sourced labour where possible is part of the overall strategy.</p> <p>Jeanette Maila (EIMS)</p> <p>So to summarise, for every project there will be some jobs that require job specific skills and then there will be other jobs available for general workers.</p> <p>Hlaudi Tsubella</p> <p>In phase 1 they operated using their own people which no one knows where they came from. Tetra4 had said that they would take people from Meloding Virginia and teach them the relevant skills for those specific jobs. Now in phase 2 they are coming and drilling even more wells, are you aware of if they will still bring their own skilled labourers? Because only a select few were taught about these skills here among us.</p> <p>Jeanette Maila</p> <p>Like the EAP explained, every community we have been to has been enquiring about jobs and job availability. However, we are not in a position to assure you how many people are going to be hired in each specific community.</p> <p>Hlaudi Tsubella</p> <p>So as you delineated the barriers for the production wells, how extensive is the drilling? How far reaching will the wells be?</p> <p>Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Tetra4 can only conduct activities when they have an associated environmental authorisation. In 2017 Tetra4 received authorisation to conduct activities in a specific delineated area.</p>
f)	<p>Lebohang Lesenyeho</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanking EIMS for heading their requests. 2. Needing clarification about the Economic Impact Assessment. 3. Clarifying the issue of job availability. <p>Firstly I would like to extend my thanks to the EIMS team for being here today as per our request, that shows that there is some level of understanding and good intentions for this community from your side. My question relates to the common question being asked relating to job opportunities. According to the EIA and in terms of the economic impact assessment, from where I am standing and I stand to be corrected. It seems like there is insufficient assessments, the reason I am saying that is because on some notes there is an indication that there will be an erosion on farm lands, however, you fail to address the occupiers and farm workers. Our people also seem to have this misconception that Tetra4 is going to create many jobs, however the fact of the matter is Tetra4 production is not labour intensified. Even if they will employ people it is going to be temporary. So in the long run, how will they then ensure benefit in terms of the economic assessment? Could you please take us through that before we submit our comments later today.</p>

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	<p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>It is acknowledged that Tetra4 Cluster 2 is not expected to generate high numbers of permanent jobs. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) indicates that the number of jobs will be limited, with employment opportunities primarily associated with the construction phase. Consequently, the majority of employment generated is expected to occur during construction.</p> <p>Although economics is not within the Environmental Assessment Practitioner's area of expertise, the Economic Impact Assessment (EIA specialist report) applies relevant analytical tools to estimate Tetra4's revenue streams, capital costs, and the distribution of funds through employment and other programmes. The assessment further considers secondary economic benefits, recognising that wages earned by employees are typically spent within their communities, generating additional local economic activity. For example, when an individual obtains employment and spends income locally, the broader community benefits through the circulation of that money when it is spent. In this manner, the Economic Impact Assessment evaluates the wider flow of economic benefits from the project to the affected communities.</p>
g)	<p>Hlaudi Tsubella</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Objecting because he believes the maps are not a true reflection of the extent of the gas. <p>So just to continue with our conversation, I am objecting to the pictures of the map that you are presenting there. There was a Tetra4 video that I saw circulating which showed us the extent of the pipelines. Three years ago there was an explosion from one of these sites and when we went to enquire we found out that there is gas underground and it was the reason for the explosion. Even during another public participation meeting we were told that the gas was not too far from here. That is why when I am looking at your presentation I am very shocked because it seems like the gas is far from us.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>Tetra4 is only permitted to produce gas within the confines of the authorised areas. It is common knowledge that methane is present in a more regional setting and that the gold mines also have methane which they need to remove for safety. It is unclear where exactly the purported explosion occurred however the EAP is not aware of any explosions linked to the Tetra4 operations.</p>
h)	<p>Mfusi Lawrence</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Contradictions between danger of LNG compared to coal. <p>So the LNG and Helium gas problem, I just need to clarify a few things you are saying this gas is less harmful to the person compared to coal. Around two weeks ago, the coal guys told Tetra4 that LNG is more harmful than coal, now I am confused by the contradictions.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>From the climate change study as well as the international panel for climate change, it has been determined that methane is approximately 28 times worse for climate change compared to CO₂. It is understood that methane only stays in the atmosphere for about 10 years, whereas carbon dioxide stays in the atmosphere for about a 100 years. So, if you consider how long CO₂ stays in the atmosphere with ongoing accumulation, the conclusion is that methane has a lower climate changing impact as opposed to CO₂.</p>

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i)	<p>Lebohang Lesenyeho</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Questioning the capacity of government departments. <p>You mentioned that non-compliance to the regulations set out in the EIA and the SLP is illegal, it is known that PASA and the minister lack capacity to monitor, regulate, and enforce in terms of petroleum spaces and stuff like that. With regards to the proposed project, what guarantees do we have that indeed to a certain extent Tetra4 will comply, and at the same time have you taken into consideration the lack of capacity from PASA, and also is it wise for PASA to approve such environmental authorisations knowing very well that they lack the capacity.</p> <p>Response - Brian – Whitfield</p> <p>It was acknowledged that this issue was one of the grounds of appeal that was previously put forward. It was clarified that it is not within the EAPs mandate to assess the capacity of government, and that such concerns should be taken up directly with DMPR and PASA.</p>
j)	<p>Ashtone Diaole</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tetra4 needs to be present at all public participation gatherings. <p>We appreciate you coming here but we have so many questions directed toward those investors directly. They send you to come here and give us technical information but there are many things that we need to address with them directly. We even addressed this issue with DMR and told them that we would stop the industrial mining happening in the area. Mining companies in other parts of the country are working well with civil society but when it comes to us compliance is very poor.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p> <p>This comment was noted and it was clarified that the EAP was present in the meeting to discuss the Cluster 2 EIA while it was acknowledged that certain questions relate to aspects outside of the Cluster 2 EIA. It was recommended that those types of questions be directed to Tetra4 on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Ashtone Diaole</p> <p>The reason why I am raising all of this is because we have sent many letters requesting Tetra4 to come to our community so that we discuss a few things but they always send irrelevant people. That is why you end up coming here and are being asked strange questions which you are not here to discuss. Next time I would suggest that you have a Tetra4 representative here with you to assist with the questions that are directed at them.</p> <p>Nthabiseng Mahlumba</p> <p>We need Tetra4 to come here so that they can account to the community because now it seems like we are obstructing opportunities. We are now receiving death threats.</p>
k)	<p>Hlaudi Tsubella</p> <p>I need to understand the relationship between Tetra4 and EIMS because it seems that you guys are here alone and you are addressing issues of the environment and failing to address some of our issues.</p> <p>Response – Brian Whitfield</p>

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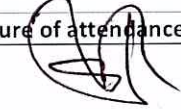
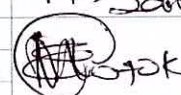
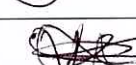

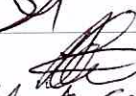
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	It was reiterated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Cluster 2 application however it was acknowledged that the community had questions relating to matters outside of the Cluster 2 application. The EAP committed to informing Tetra4 of the communities wishes that further direct engagements are undertaken by Tetra4 (which was subsequently conveyed to Tetra4).
1)	Lebohang Lesenyeho Explained that the low turnout at this meeting was due to some of the members of the MACUA community forum received death threats and it was indicated that if they further obstruct the continuation of the proposed projects their lives would be in danger.
4.	Brian Whitfield thanked the attendees and the meeting ended.

APPENDICES

1. Attendance Register
2. Presentation

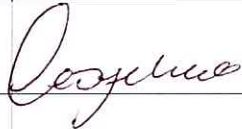
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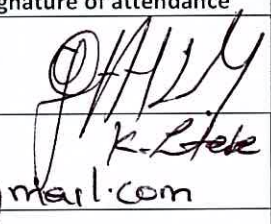


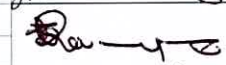
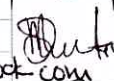
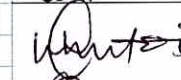
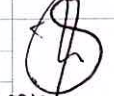
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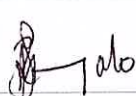
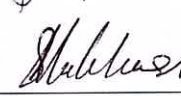


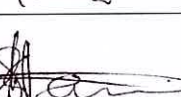
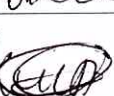
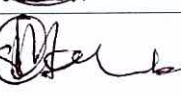
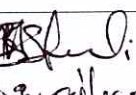
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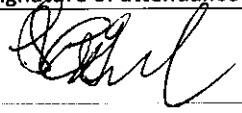
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