

15 April 2024

Our ref: 1623/JP/AM

PASA ref: 12/1/048

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir or Madam:

NOTIFICATION REGARDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED SEARCHER SEISMIC SURVEY BASIC ASSESSMENT PROJECT, LOCATED OFFSHORE EXTENDING FROM APPROXIMATELY 256KM OFFSHORE OF ST HELENA BAY TO 220KM OFFSHORE OF HONDEKLIP BAY, OFF THE WEST COAST, SOUTH AFRICA.

Searcher Geodata UK Ltd (hereafter referred to as the applicant - Searcher) has recently undertaken a 3D seismic survey offshore of the west coast of South Africa as part of the reconnaissance permit 12/1/043. The survey commenced in January 2024 and ceased in April 2024. Due to the fact that a Reconnaissance Permit can only be valid for 1 year the 043 permit will expire on the 10 November 2024.

Searcher was not able to complete the intended survey during the 2023-2024 season, due to the viable acquisition windows and vessel availability. Searcher has consequently applied for a new Reconnaissance Permit over the same area. A new Environmental Authorisation will be required in order for Searcher to continue under a new Reconnaissance Permit.

Searcher has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with undertaking the required authorisation processes (including the statutory public participation), and to compile and submit the required documentation in support of application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GRN982 of 2014, as amended)- Listed Activity 21(b) (GNR 983): *Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a reconnaissance permit in terms of section 74 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well as any other applicable activity as contained in this Listing Notice or in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required to exercise the reconnaissance permit, excluding-(a) any desktop study; and (b) any aerial survey.*

Searcher proposes to undertake a 3D seismic survey off the West Coast of South Africa. The proposed project area is located between approximately 256 km offshore of St Helena Bay, extending north along the western coastline to approximately 220 km offshore of Hondeklip Bay. The survey area at the closest point is approximately 218 km offshore of the coast of the Western and Northern Cape. The survey area corner coordinate points are as follows (refer to attached locality map):

#	Longitude (E)	Latitude (S)	#	Longitude (E)	Latitude (S)	Note:
1	~14° 04' 01.4328"	~30° 14' 20.3646"	12	~13° 58' 47.2533"	~32° 10' 00.5402"	1: Indicative coordinates; the westernmost boundary of the permit area at sides 10-20 comprises the limit of the 200nm South African EEZ and is subject to change. 2: Indicative coordinates; the boundary of the permit area at sides 20-1 lie on the international median between Namibia and South Africa and is subject to change.
2	14° 16' 06.5743"	30° 27' 02.4644"	13	~13° 50' 17.2474"	~31° 53' 40.5803"	
3	14° 47' 37.1143"	31° 00' 01.3293"	14	~13° 47' 47.2497"	~31° 49' 20.6094"	
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11	~13° 54' 27.2447"	~32° 33' 10.4617"	22	~13° 47' 32.1985"	~30° 25' 05.6174"	

EIMS will be following the procedures defined in the EIA Regulations (GRN982 of 2014, as amended) for undertaking a Basic Assessment (BA) process. In accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, a public participation process will be undertaken. You are hereby invited to register and comment on the proposed project and application/s.

In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an Interested and Affected Party and that your comments are captured, please submit your name, contact details, the reason for your interest or any comments, in writing or telephonically, to EIMS. Please note that only registered I&AP's will be directly informed of future project information and opportunities for participation. In order

to avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit I&AP registrations, or any queries, comments, or concerns with regards to this application, by 20 May 2024, to EIMS at:

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EIMS Reference Number: 1623

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Additional documentation is available on the Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd website at the following link, or scan the QR code above. Please note that in the event that you are unable to access the website due to data constraints please contact EIMS for alternative arrangements.

<https://www.eims.co.za/2024/04/12/1623-searcher-seismic-survey-048-basic-assessment-project/>

Please include the project reference number **1623** in all correspondence.

Kind Regards,

Public Participation Team

15 April 2024

Ons verw.: 1623/JP/AM

PASA-verw.: 12/1/048

Aan wie dit mag aangaan

Geagte Meneer of Mevrouw:

KENNISGEWING RAKENDE GELEENTHEID OM DEEL TE NEEM AAN OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSAAANSOEKPROSES VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE SEARCHER- SEISMIESE OPNAME BASIESE ASSESSERINGPROJEK, WAT AFLANDIG GELEË IS EN WAT STREK SOWAT 256 KM VANAF DIE KUS VAN ST. HELENABAAI TOT SOWAT 220 KM VANAF DIE KUS VAN HONDEKLIPBAAI AAN DIE WESKUS, SUID-AFRIKA.

Searcher Geodata UK Bpk. (hierna verwys as die applikant - Searcher) het onlangs 'n 3D-seismiese opname afluandig van die Weskus van Suid-Afrika onderneem as deel van die verkenningsspermit 12/1/043. Die opname het in Januarie 2024 begin en ten einde geloop in April 2024. Weens die feit dat 'n verkenningsspermit slegs geldig kan wees vir 1 jaar sal die 043-spermit op 10 November 2024 verval.

Searcher kon nie die beoogde opname gedurende die 2023-2024 seisoen voltooi nie weens die haalbare verkrygingstydperke en vaartuiigbeskikbaarheid. Searcher het gevolglik aansoek gedoen vir 'n nuwe verkenningsspermit vir dieselfde gebied. 'n Nuwe omgewingsmagtiging sal benodig word om Searcher in staat te stel om voort te gaan onder 'n nuwe verkenningsspermit.

Searcher het Environmental Impact Management Services (Edms.) Bpk. (EIMS) aangestel as die omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn (OEP) om te help met die vereiste magtigingsprosesse (insluitend die statutêre openbare deelname), en om die vereiste dokumentasie saam te stel en in te dien ter ondersteuning van die aansoek vir Omgewingsmagtiging (OM) in ooreenstemming met die Omgewingsimpakbepaling- (OIB-)regulasies (GRN982 van 2014, soos gewysig)- Gelyste Aktiwiteit 21(b) (GNR 983): *Enige aktiwiteit insluitend die uitvoering van daardie aktiwiteit wat 'n verkenningsspermit benodig ingevolge artikel 74 van die Wet op die Ontwikkeling van Minerale en Petroleumhulpbronne sowel as enige ander toepaslike aktiwiteit soos vervat in hierdie Noteringskennisgewing of in Noteringskennisgewing 3 van 2014 wat vir die uitoefening van die verkenningsspermit vereis word, uitsluitend (a) enige lessenaarstudie en (b) enige lugopname.*

Searcher stel voor om 'n 3D- seismiese opname afluandig van die Weskus van Suid-Afrika te onderneem. Die voorgestelde projekgebied is geleë tussen sowat 256 km vanaf die kus van St. Helenabaai, en strek noord langs die westelike kuslyn tot sowat 220 km vanaf die kus van Hondeklipbaai. Die opnamegebied by die naaste punt is sowat 218 km afluandig van die kus van die Wes- en Noord-Kaap. Die opnamegebied se hoekkoördinate is soos volg (verwys na die aangehegde liggingskaart):

#	Lengtegraad (O)	Breedtegraad (S)	#	Lengtegraad (O)	Breedtegraad (S)	Let wel:
1	~14° 04' 01.4328"	~30° 14' 20.3646"	12	~13° 58' 47.2533"	~32° 10' 00.5402"	1: Aanwysende koördinate; die mees westelike grens van die permitgebied aan kante 10-20 sluit die limiet van die 200 sm. Suid-Afrikaanse EES in en is onderhewig aan verandering. 2: Aanwysende koördinate; die grens van die permitgebied aan kante 20-1 lê op die internasionale mediaan tussen Namibië en Suid-Afrika en is onderhewig aan verandering.
2	14° 16' 06.5743"	30° 27' 02.4644"	13	~13° 50' 17.2474"	~31° 53' 40.5803"	
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EIMS sal die prosedures volg soos omskryf in die Omgewingsimpakbepaling- (OIB-)regulasies (GRN982 van 2014, soos gewysig) vir die uitvoering van 'n basiese bepaling- (BB-)proses. 'n Openbare deelnameproses sal in ooreenstemming met hoofstuk 6 van die OIB-regulasies uitgevoer word. U word hiermee genooi om te registreer en kommentaar te lewer op die voorgestelde projek en aansoek(e).

Om te verseker dat u geïdentifiseer en geregistreer is as 'n belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party en dat u kommentaar vasgelê word, moet u asseblief u naam, kontakbesonderhede en die rede vir u belangstelling of enige kommentaar skriftelik of telefonies by

EIMS indien. Neem asseblief kennis dat slegs geregistreeerde B&GP's direk ingelig sal word oor toekomstige projekinligting en geleenthede vir deelname. Om te verhoed dat u geleenthede vir openbare deelname misloop, moet u asseblief B&GP-registrasies, of enige navrae, kommentaar of bekommernisse met betrekking tot hierdie aansoek, teen 20 Mei 2024, by EIMS indien by:

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EIMS-verwysingsnommer: 1623

Posadres: P.O. Box 2083; Pinegowrie; 2123

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Sluit asseblief die projekverwysingsnommer **1623** by alle korrespondensie in.

Vriendelike groete

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15 April 2024

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Kulowo ibhekiswe kuye

Mnu okanye Nks Ehloniphekileyo:

ISAZISO NGETHUBA LOKUTHATHA INXAXHEBA KWINKQUBO YOKUFAKA ISICELO SOKUGUNYAZISWA KOKUSINGQONGILEYO KWIPROJEKTHI YOPHANDO LWE SEARCHER SEIMISIC, ELIYAKUBA KUMGAMA WAMA-256KM UKUSUKA KUNXWEME LASE-ST HELENA BAY NAMA-220KM UKUSUKA KUNXWEME LASE-HONDEKLIP BAY, EMZANTSI AFRIKA.

I-Searcher uGeodata UK Ltd (ekubhekiswa kuyo apha njengomfaki-sicelo – Searcher) kutsha nje uqalise uphando lwe-3D lwenyikima lwangakunxweme lwasentshona eMzantsi Afrika njengenxalenye yemvume yokuphenya 12/1/043. Uphando luqalise ngoJanuwari 2024 luze luphele ngoApril 2024. Ngenxa yokuba iMvume yokuPhenya isebenza kuphela unyaka om-1, imvume 043 iya kuphelelwa ngomhla we-10 kuNovemba 2024.

u-Searcher akakwazanga kulugqiba uphando olucetywayo ebudeni buka-2023-2024, ngenxa yamathuba okufumaneka kwezixhobo zokusebenza nephenyane. Ngenxa yoko umphenyi eye wafaka isicelo seMvume yokuPhenya esitsha kwakule ndawo inye. Ugunyaziso olutsha lokusiNgqongileyo luya kufuneka ukuze uMphenyi aqhubeke phantsi kweMvume yokuPhenya entsha.

u-Searcher iqeshe u-Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) njengeNgcaphephe yoHlolo lokusiNgqongileyo (EAP) ukuncedisa ekwenzeni iinkqubo zogunyaziso ezifunekayo (kuquka ukuthatha inxaxheba koluntu ngokusemthethweni), nokuqulunqwa kuze kungeniswe amaxwebhu afunekayo ukuxhasa isicelo soGunyaziso lokusiNgqongileyo (EA) ngokuvumelana nemiThetho yoHlolo oluChaphazela okusiNgqongileyo (EIA) (i-GRN982 ka 2014, njengoko utshintshiwe)- Umsebenzi Odwelisiweyo 21(b) (GNR 983): *Nawuphi na umsebenzi oquka ukwenziwa kwaloo msebenzi ofuna imvume yokuphenya ngokwecandelo 74 loMthetho woPhuhliso lweMithombo yeziMbiwa namaFutha, kwakunye nawo nawuphi na umsebenzi owomnye njengoko uqulethwe kwesi Saziso siDwelisiweyo okanye okwiSaziso esiDwelisiweyo 3 sika 2014, ekufuneka kusetyenziswe imvume yokuphenya, ngaphandle-(a) kwalo naluphi na uphononongo lwakwidesktop; kunye (b) nalo naluphi na uphando lwakwikhompyutha.*

uSearcher uceba ukwenza uphando lwe - seismic oluhlobo lwe-3D ngakuNxweme lwaseNtshona eMzantsi Afrika. Indawo yeprojekthi ecetywayo ikumgama wama-256 km okusuka kunxweme lwaseSt Helena Bay, inabele kumantla wonxweme lwasentshona, kumgama wama-220 km okusuka kunxweme lwase-Hondeklip Bay. Eyona ndawo ikufutshane ephandwayo imalunga nama-220 km ngakunxweme lwaseNtshona naseMntla Koloni. Izalathisi zekona yendawo ephandwayo zezi zilandelayo (jonga kwimephu yendawo eqhotyoshelweyo):

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I-EIMS iza kulandela iinkqubo ezichazwe kwiMimiselo ye-EIA (i-GRN982 ka 2014, njengoko ilungisiwe) ukuze kuqaliswe inkqubo yoHlolo oluSisiseko (BA). Ngokuvumelana neSahluko 6 seMimiselo ye-EIA, inkqubo yokuthatha inxaxheba koluntu iya kwenziwa. Uyamenywa ukuba ubhalise kwaye unikele uluvo ngeprojekthi ecetywayo kunye nezicelo.

Ukwenzela ukuqinisekisa ukuba uchongiwe kwaye ubhalisiwe njengoMntu oNomdla noChaphazelekayo kwaye uluvo lwakho lufakiwe, nceda ungenise igama lakho, iinkcukacha zohagamshelwano, isizathu somdla wakho okanye naluphi na uluvo, ngembalelwano okanye ngomnxeba, kwi-EIMS. Nceda uqaphele ukuba zii-I&AP ezibhalisiweyo kuphela eziya kwaziswa ngokuthe ngqo ngenkcazelo yeprojekthi yexesha elizayo kunye namathuba okuthatha inxaxheba. Ukuphepha ukuphoswa ngamathuba

okuthatha inxaxheba koluntu, nceda ungenise ubhaliso lwe-I&AP, okanye nayiphi na imibuzo, izimvo okanye iinkxalabo ngokubhekisele kule sicelo, nge-20 kaMeyi 2024, kwi-EIMS kule dilesi:

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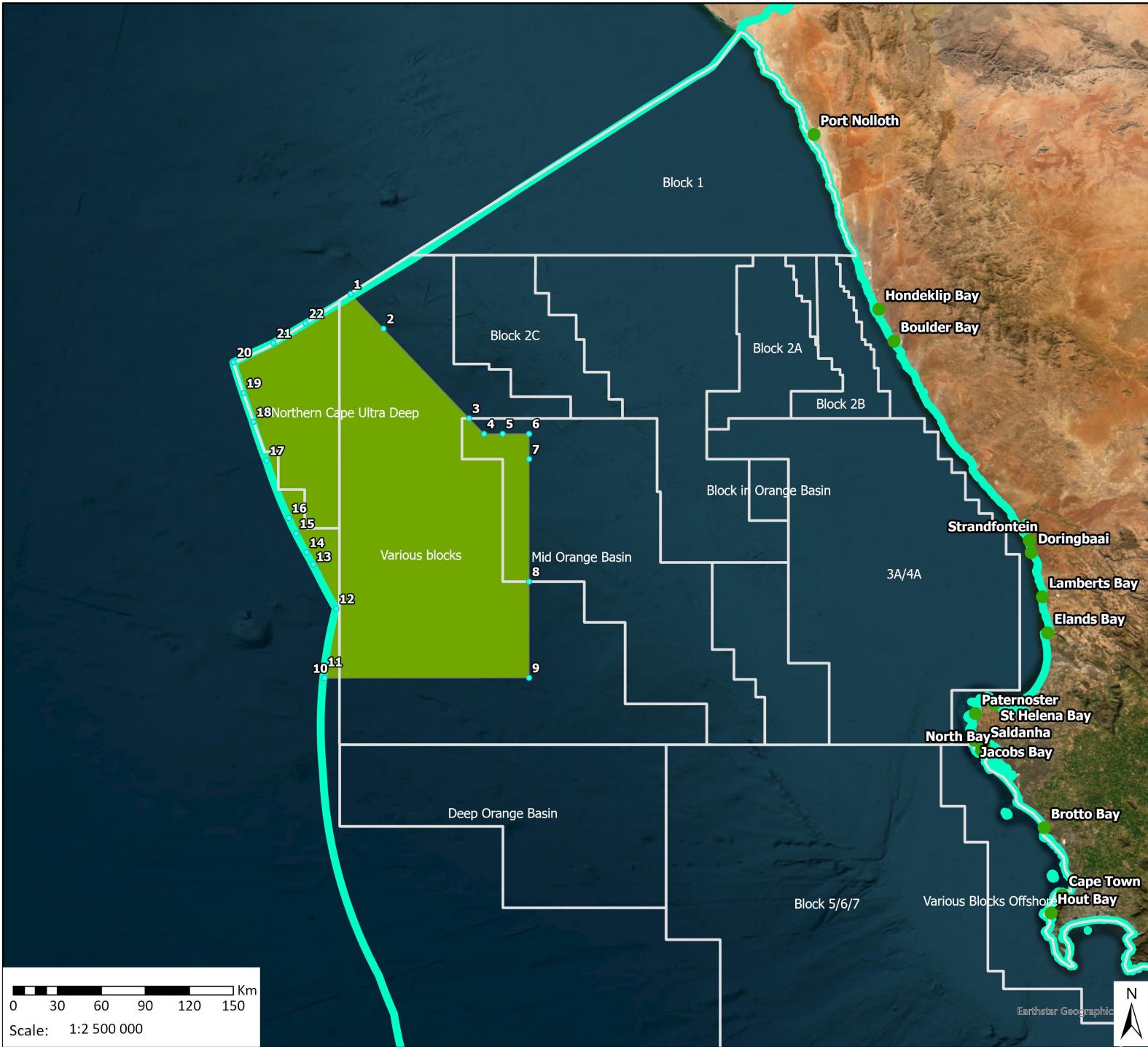
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Nceda ufake inombolo yerefrensi **1623** kuyo yonke imbalelwano.

Ozithobileyo,

IQela lokuThatha iNxaxheba koLuntu



Locality Map

Searcher Reconnaissance BA

Legend

- Coastal Towns
- ↘ Roads
- Offshore Permits Rights
- South African Exclusive Economic Zone
- Proposed 3D Seismic Survey Area

Proposed Project Area Coordinates:

Point: Latitude; Longitude
1: 30° 14' 20.36 S; 14° 04' 01.43 E
2: 30° 27' 02.46 S; 14° 16' 06.57 E
3: 31° 00' 01.33 S; 14° 47' 37.11 E
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5: 31° 05' 40.95 S; 14° 59' 56.53 E
6: 31° 05' 40.95 S; 15° 09' 38.63 E
7: 31° 15' 01.10 S; 15° 09' 38.81 E
8: 32° 00' 01.22 S; 15° 09' 38.88 E
9: 32° 35' 25.54 S; 15° 09' 38.92 E
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11: 32° 33' 10.46 S; 13° 54' 27.24 E
12: 32° 10' 00.54 S; 13° 58' 47.25 E
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14: 31° 49' 20.61 S; 13° 47' 47.25 E
15: 31° 42' 20.62 S; 13° 44' 07.24 E
16: 31° 36' 40.63 S; 13° 41' 17.25 E
17: 31° 15' 30.71 S; 13° 33' 07.24 E
18: 31° 01' 20.76 S; 13° 28' 17.24 E
19: 30° 50' 40.77 S; 13° 24' 37.24 E
20: 30° 39' 24.92 S; 13° 21' 01.71 E
21: 30° 32' 20.70 S; 13° 35' 39.22 E
22: 30° 25' 05.62 S; 13° 47' 32.20 E

Data Sources:

CSG; ESRI
Coord System: GCS WGS 1984
Datum: WGS 1984
Units: Degree
Ref: Locality Map

Date: 2024/04/10

EIMS Ref: Searcher BA Locality
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Subject: 1623 - Searcher Reconnaissance BA 2: Call to Register
Attachments: ZA24-010 Searcher_Initial Notification (Combined).pdf

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

Kindly refer to the attached notification regarding the public participation opportunity for the proposed Searcher Seismic Survey Basic Assessment Project. Please contact EIMS for more information.

Liewe Geagte Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party,

Verwys asseblief na die aangehegte kennisgewing rakende openbare deelname geleentheid vir die voorgestelde Searcher Seismic Survey Basic Assessment. Kontak EIMS gerus vir meer inligting.

Iqela elithandekayo elinomdla nelichaphazelekayo,

Nceda ujonge kwisaziso esiqhotyoshelweyo malunga nethuba lokuthatha inxaxheba koluntu kwisicelo semvume yeZemvelo nokusiNgongileyo yophando lwe Seismic lwe Searcher Seismic. Ukuze ufumane ulwazi oluthe vetshe, nceda uqhagamshelane ne-EIMS.

KIND REGARDS
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