

24 October 2024

Our ref: 1623/JP/am

PASA ref: 12/1/048

To whom it may concern

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP):

NOTIFICATION: ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF REGULATION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT 107 OF 1998): ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS (2014) 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.

Notice is given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice R982 as amended, promulgated under the National Environmental Management (Act 107 of 1998-NEMA)), that the above-mentioned project was granted an Environmental Authorisation on the 21 October 2024 by the Department of Mineral Resources for the following:

- Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the NEMA- Listed activity/ies:- 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.*

The reasons for the decision provided by the competent authority are provided as an attachment hereto. A copy of the decision and Environmental Authorisation (EA) is available upon request from EIMS at the details provided below:

- Contact Person: Alex Msipa
- EIMS Reference Number: 1623
- Postal Address: P.O. Box 2083; Pinegowrie; 2123
- Telephone: (011) 789 7170/ Fax: (086) 571 9047
- E-mail: searcher48@eims.co.za

Please include the project reference number 1623 in all correspondence.

A copy of the decision and EA can also be downloaded from the EIMS website: <https://www.eims.co.za/public-participation/>

Should you wish to Appeal any aspect of the decision, an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations of 2014 (Government Notice R993) within 20 days of the date of this notification i.e. by 13 November 2024 and must be submitted in writing in the prescribed appeal form obtainable from the relevant appeal administrator.

An extract from Chapter 2 of the National Appeals Regulations is presented below for your convenience:

4(1) An appellant must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party¹ and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from:

- a) the date that the notification of the decision for an application for an environmental authorisation or a waste management licence was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or
- b) the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the competent authority, issuing authority or licensing authority, in the case of decisions other than those referred to in paragraph (a).

4(2) An appeal submission must be:

- a) submitted in writing in the form obtainable from the appeal administrator; and
- b) accompanied by-
 - i. a statement setting out the grounds of appeal;
 - ii. supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal submission; and
 - iii. a statement, including supporting documentation, by the appellant to confirm compliance with regulation 4(1) of these Regulations.

An appeal, including any supporting documentation, must be submitted to the Appeals Administrator whose contact details are presented below:

1 – Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Appeals and Legal Review Directorate

Attention: Director: Appeals and Legal Review

Email: appeals@dffe.gov.za

Post: Private Bag X 447, Pretoria, 0001

By Hand: Environmental House, Corner Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

2 – Copy(s) of the lodged appeal(s) to the Petroleum Agency SA

Attention: The Chief Executive Officer

Email: EAappeals@petroleumagency.com

Post: Private Bag X 5111, Tygervalley, 7536

By Hand: Heron Place, Heron Cl, Second floor, Century City, Cape Town, 7411

3 – Copy(s) of the lodged appeal(s) to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy

Attention: Director: Legal Services

Email: Pieter.Alberts@dmre.gov.za

Post: Private Bag X 59, Arcadia, 0007

By Hand: Trevenna Campus Building 2C, c/o Meintjies and Francis Baard Street, Sunnyside, 0007

¹ Please note that as a registered I&AP, and in accordance with our Privacy Policy, your contact information as contained within the I&AP database will be made available to any appellant on request for the purposes of complying with Regulation 4(1).

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind Regards,

Alex Msipa

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Vir wie dit mag aangaan,

Geagte Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP):

KENNISGEWING: OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING INGEVOLGE REGULASIE 24 VAN DIE WET OP NASIONALE OMGEWINGSBESTUUR (WET 107 VAN 1998): REGULASIES VIR OMGEWINGSIMPAKBEPALING (2014) VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE SEARCHER- SEISMIESE OPNAME BASIESE ASSESSERING, WAT AFLANDIG GELEË IS EN WAT ONGEVEER 256 KM VANAF DIE KUS VAN ST. HELENABAAI TOT ONGEVEER 220 KM VANAF DIE KUS VAN HONDEKLIPBAAI AAN DIE WESKUS, SUID-AFRIKA STREK.

Kennis word gegee ingevolge die Regulasies vir Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB)(Staatskennisgewing R982 soos gewysig, gepromulgeer ingevolge die wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (Wet 107 van 1998) (NEMA), dat bogenoemde projek deur die Departement van Minerale Hulpbronne en Energie omgewingsmagtiging toegestaan is op 21 Oktober 2024 vir die volgende aktiwiteite:

1. Omgewingsmagtiging (EA) in ooreenstemming met die NEMA Genoteerde aktiwiteit(e):- Genoteerde Aktiwiteit 21(b) (GNR 983): *Enige aktiwiteit insluitend die werking van daardie aktiwiteit wat 'n verkenningspermit ingevolge artikel 74 van die Wet op die Ontwikkeling van Minerale en Petroleumhulpbronne vereis, asook enige ander toepaslike aktiwiteit soos vervat in hierdie Noteringskennisgewing of in Noteringskennisgewing 3 van 2014, vereis om die verkenningspermit uit te oefen, uitgesluit -*

(a) enige lessenaar studie; en

(b) enige lugopname.

Die redes vir die beslissing deur die bevoegde owerheid, word as 'n aanhangsel hierby verskaf. 'n Afskrif van die besluit en omgewingsmagtiging (EA) is op aanvraag beskikbaar by EIMS by die onderstaande besonderhede:

1. Kontakpersoon: Alex Msipa
2. EIMS-verwysingsnommer: 1623
3. Posadres: Posbus 2083; Pinegowrie; 2123
4. Telefoon: (011) 789 7170/ Faks: (086) 571 9047
5. E-pos: searcher48@eims.co.za

Sluit asseblief die projekverwysingsnommer 1623 in alle korrespondensie in.

'n Afskrif van die beslissing en EA kan ook afgelaai word vanaf die EIMS-webwerf: <https://www.eims.co.za/public-participation/>

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Directors: L Whitlow, A Smith.

Indien u teen enige aspek van die beslissing wil appelleer, kan 'n appèl teen die beslissing ingevolge die Nasionale Appèlregulasies van 2014 (Staatskennisgewing R993) binne 20 dae vanaf die datum van hierdie kennisgewing teen 13 November 2024 ingedien word, dit moet skriftelik ingedien word in die voorgeskrewe appèlvorm wat van die betrokke appèladministrateur verkrygbaar is.

'n Uittreksel uit Hoofstuk 2 van die Nasionale Appèlregulasies word hieronder vir u gerief aangebied:

4(1) 'n Appellant moet die appèl by die appèladministrateur indien, en 'n afskrif van die appèl aan die applikant, enige geregistreeerde belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party¹ en enige staatsorgaan met belang in die aangeleentheid binne 20 dae vanaf:

- a) die datum waarop die kennisgewing van die beslissing vir 'n aansoek om 'n omgewingsmagtiging of 'n afvalbestuurslisensie deur die aansoeker aan die geregistreeerde belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye gestuur is; of
- b) die datum waarop die kennisgewing van die beslissing deur die bevoegde owerheid, uitreikingsowerheid of lisensie-owerheid aan die aansoeker gestuur is, in die geval van ander besluite as dié waarna in paragraaf (a) verwys word.

4(2) 'n Appèlvoorlegging moet:

- a) skriftelik ingedien word op die vorm wat van die appèladministrateur verkrygbaar is; en
- b) vergesel word deur:
 - I. 'n verklaring wat die gronde van appèl uiteensit;
 - II. stawende dokumentasie waarna in die appèlvoorlegging verwys word; en
 - III. 'n verklaring, insluitend stawende dokumentasie, deur die appellant om nakoming van regulasie 4(1) van hierdie Regulasies te bevestig.

'n Appèl, insluitend enige stawende dokumentasie, moet by die appèladministrateur ingedien word by:

1 – Departement Bosbou, Visserye en Omgewing

Direktoraat Appèl en Regshersiening

Aandag: Direkteur: Appèlle en Regsoorsig

E-pos: appeals@dffe.gov.za

Pos: Privaatsak X 447, Pretoria, 0001

Met die hand: Environmental House, h/v Steve Biko en Soutpansbergstraat, Arcadia,
Pretoria, 0083

2 – Afskrif(te) van die aangetekende appèl(le) by die Petroleumagentskap SA

Aandag: Die Hoof Uitvoerende Beampte

¹ Let asseblief daarop dat u kontakligting soos vervat in die I & AP-databasis as 'n geregistreeerde I & AP, en in ooreenstemming met ons privaatheidsbeleid, op versoek aan enige appellant beskikbaar gestel sal word vir die doel om aan Regulasie 4(1) te voldoen.

E-pos: EAappeals@petroleumagencysa.com

Pos: Privaatsak X 5111, Tygervallei, 7536

Met die hand: Heron Place, Heron Cl, Tweede Vloer, Century City, Kaapstad, 7411

3 – Afskrif(te) van die aangetekende appèl(le) by die Departement van Minerale
Hulpbronne en Energie

Aandag: Direkteur: Regsdienste

E-pos: Pieter.Alberts@dmre.gov.za

Pos: Privaatsak X 59, Arcadia, 0007

Met die hand: Trevenna kampus gebou 2C, h/v Meintjies en Francis Baard straat,
Sunnyside, 0007

Kontak gerus die ondergetekende indien u enige navrae of bekommernisse het.

Vriendelike groete,

Alex Msipa

24 EyeDwarha 2024

Imbekiselo yethu: 1623/JP/am

Imbekiselo yePASA: 12/1/048

Kulowo ochaphazelekayo

Othandekayo Obhaliswe Njengeqela Elinomdla Nelichaphazelekayo (I&AP):

ISAZISO: ISIGUNYAZISO SENDALO ESINGQONGILEYO NGOKUVISISANA NOMMISELO 24 WOMTHETHO KAZWELONKE WOLAWULO LWENDALO ESINGQONGILEYO (UMTHETHO 107 KA-1998): IMIMISELO YOHLOLO LWEFUTHE KWINDALO ESINGQONGILEYO (KA-2014) UKWENZELA IPROJEKTHI YOPHONONONGO LWE-SEISMIC ELIYAKUBA KUMGAMA OMALUNGA NE-256KM UKUSUKA KUNXWEME LWE-ST HELENA BAY NAMA 220KM UKUSUKA KUNXWEME LWE-HONDEKLIP BAY, EMZANTSI AFRIKA.

Sikhupha isaziso sokuba ngokuvisisana nemiMiselo yokuHlolwa kweFuthe kwiNdalo esiNgqongileyo (EIA) (Isaziso sikaRhulumente R982 ngokohlengahlengiso, esikhutshwa phantsi komthetho woLawulo lweNdalo esiNgqongileyo (uMthetho 107 ka-1998-NEMA), le projekthi ichazwe ngasentla inikwe isiGunyaziso seNdalo esiNgqongileyo ngo wama-21 kweyeDwarha 2024 liSebe lobuNcwane beziMbiwa ngokuphathelele oku kulandelayo:

- IsiGunyaziso seNdalo esiNgqongileyo (EA) ngokuvisisana ne-NEMA- umsebenzi/imi:-uMsebenzi oDwelisiweyo 21(b) (GNR 983): *Nawuphina umsebenzi kuquka izinto ezenziwa kuloo msebenzi ezifuna imvume yokwamkelwa ngokuhambisana necandelo 74 loMthetho woPhuhliso lobuNcwane beziMbiwa namaFutha, kwakunye nayiphina imisebenzi njengoko kubhalwe kwiSaziso soDweliso okanye iSaziso soDweliso 3 sika-2014, ofunekayo ukuze kufunyanwe imvume yokwamkelwa, ngaphandle -*

(a) kophononongo olwenziwa ekhomputheni; kunye

(b) naluphina uhlobo olwenziwa emoyeni.

Izizathu zesigqibo esibonelelweyo ligunya elifanelekayo zibonelelwa njengesongezelelo apha. Ikopi yesigqibo kunye nesiGunyaziso seNdalo esiNgqongileyo (EA) iyafumaneka xa uyicela kwii-EIMS ngokweenkcukacha ezibonelelwe apha ngezantsi:

- Umntu Ongaqhagamshelana naye: Alex Msipa
- I-Reference Number Ye-EIMS: 1623
- Idilesi Yeposi: P.O. Box 2083; Pinetown; 2123
- Umnxeba: (011) 789 7170/ Ifeksi: (086) 571 9047
- I-E-mail: searcher48@eims.co.za

Nceda uquke inombolo yeprojekthi 1623 kuyo yonke imbalelwano.

Ikopi yesigqibo ne-EA ungazifumana kwiwebhusayithi ye-EIMS: <https://www.eims.co.za/public-participation/>

Xa unganqwenela ukufaka isiBheno kuso nasiphina isigqibo, isibheno singathi sifakwe nxamnye neso sigqibo ngokuvisisana nemiMiselo kaZwelonke yokuFaka isiBheno ka-2014 (iSaziso sikaRhulumente R993) phakathi kwiintsuku ezingama-20 zomhla wesi saziso i.e. ukuya kumhla we-13 kweyeNkanga 2024 kwaye simele sifakwe ngembalelwano kwifomu ebekelwe izibheno oyifumana kumlawuli wezibheno ofanelekileyo.

Isicatshulwa esivala kwisaHluko 2 seMimiselo yeziBheno kaZwelonke sinikelwe apha ngezantsi ukukwenzela lula:

4(1) Lowo ufaka isibheno umele afake isibheno sakhe kumlawuli wezibheno, kwaye ikopi yesibheno inikwe umfaki-sicelo, nalo naliphina iqela elinomdla nelicaphazelekayo¹ nalo naliphina icandelo likarhulumente elinomdla kulo mbandela phakathi kwiintsuku ezingama-20 ukususela:

- a) kumhla wesaziso ngesigqibo somfaki sicelo ngesigunyaziso sendalo esingqongileyo okanye ilayisenisi yokulawulwa kwenkunkuma iye yathunyelwa kumaqela abhalisiweyo nachaphazelekayo ngumfaki-sicelo; okanye
- b) kumhla apho isaziso esithunyelwe ngawo kumfaki sicelo ligunya elifanelekileyo, igunya elikhupha isigunyaziso okanye igunya elikhupha ilayisenisi, xa kusenzeka ukuba kubekho isigqibo esingesiso esokubhekiselwe kuso kwisiqendu (a).

4(2) Isibheno esifakiweyo simele:

- a) sifakwe ngembalelwano kwifomu efumaneka kumlawuli wezibheno; kwaye
- b) ikhatshwe
 - i. sisitatimente esibeka isiseko sesibheno;
 - ii. amaxwebhu axhasayo ekubhekiselwe kuwo xa kufakwa isibheno; kunye
 - iii. nesitatimente, esiquka amaxwebhu axhasayo, avela kumfaki-sicelo ukuqinisekisa ukuba ukuthotyelwa kommiselo 4(1) wale Mimiselo.

Isibheno, kuquka nawaphina amaxwebhu axhasayo, simele sifakwe kubaLawuli beziBheno abaneenkukacha zoqhagamshelwano ezibekwe apha ngenzantsi:

1 – ISebe lezamaHlathi, ukuLoba neNdalo esiNgqongileyo

UMlawuli woHlolo lweziBheno nezoMthetho

Iya ku: Director: Appeals and Legal Review

I-Email: appeals@dfpe.gov.za

IPosi: Private Bag X 447, Pretoria, 0001

Ngesandla: Environmental House, Corner Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

2 – I(ii)Kopi yesi(zi)bheno esi(zi)fakiweyo kwi-Petroleum Agency SA

Iya ku: The Chief Executive Officer

I-Email: EAappeals@petroleumagency.co.za

Iposi: Private Bag X 5111, Tygervalley, 7536

Ngesandla: Heron Place, Heron Cl, Second floor, Century City, Cape Town, 7411

3 – I(ii)Kopi yesi(zi)bheno esi(zi)fakiweyo kwiSebe lobuNcwane beziMbiwa naMandla

Iya ku: Director: Legal Services

I-Email: Pieter.Alberts@dmre.gov.za

Iposi: Private Bag X 59, Arcadia, 0007

¹ Nceda uqaphele ukuba njenge-I&AP ebhalisiweyo, kwaye ngokungqinelana noMgaqo-nkqubo wethu waBucala, iinkcukacha zakho zoqhagamshelwano njengoko ziqukathwe kuvimba weenkukacha ze-I&AP ziya kwenziwa zifumaneke kuye nawuphi na umbheni ngesicelo ngenjongo yokuthobela uMmiselo 4(1).

Ngesandla: Heron Place, Heron Cl, Second floor, Century City, Cape Town, 7411

Nceda uzive ukhululekile ukuqhakamshelana nalo usayine apha ngezantsi ukuba unayo nayiphina imibuzo okanye izinto ezikuxhalabisayo.

Ngokuzithoba Okukhulu,

Alex Msipa