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Dear Sir/Madam,

APPEAL IN TERMS OF SECTION 96 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT 28 OF 2002 BY CHRISTIAN JOHN ADAMS AND NINE OTHERS AGAINST GRANTING OF A RECONNAISSANCE PERMIT TO SEARCHER GEODATA UK LIMITED.

The above matter has reference.

1. This letter serves as a reply to your appeal dated 16 February 2022 in terms of which you appealed against Petroleum Agency SA's decision to grant a reconnaissance permit bearing reference number 12/1/038 to Searcher Geodata UK Limited in respect of various blocks, offshore, situated in Northern Cape and Western Cape Provinces.
2. Petroleum Agency SA informs the Appeal Authority that Searcher Geodata UK Limited has abandoned its reconnaissance permit on 22 March 2022. The letter from Petroleum Agency SA is attached hereto marked Annexure "A".

3. The abandonment of the permit renders your appeal moot in that the decision appealed against ceased to exist.
4. The Appeal Authority considers this matter finalised.

Yours faithfully,

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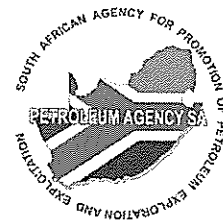
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Our Ref: 12/1/038

28 March 2022

Mr. Pieter Alberts
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Dear Mr. Alberts

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT OF A RECONNAISSANCE PERMIT WITH REFERENCE NUMBER 12/1/038: SEARCHER GEODATA UK LIMITED

The Agency would like to notify you that Searcher Geodata UK Limited, the holder of a reconnaissance permit with reference number 12/1/038, which is currently the subject of an appeal by CJ Adams and Others and the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning: Western Cape Provincial Government, has indicated its intention to discontinue with its planned activities on its issued reconnaissance permit and as such has submitted a letter of abandonment of its reconnaissance permit.

A copy of the letter from the holder is attached hereto for your ease of reference.

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MANAGER: LICENSING AND REGULATION

Directors:

MB Masuku (Chairperson)

PZ Dhlamini DLT Dondur CC Mpelwane MV Ngwenya RH Nkambule Dr T Ramontja

Dr PC Masangane (Executive Director)

Company Secretary: Adv E Hendricks

Subsidiary of CEF SOC Ltd.

South African Agency for Promotion of Petroleum Exploration and Exploitation SOC Ltd No. 1999/015715/30.



Date: 22nd March, 2022
Your Ref: 12/1/038
Our Ref: SER-OB-21_Permit-Abandon

Dr. P.C. Masangane
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Copy: Sibongile Malie, Licensing and Regulation Manager
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Dear Dr Masangane,

RECONNAISSANCE PERMIT FOR PETROLEUM IN TERMS OF SECTION 74 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 28 OF 2002) ("the Act"): VARIOUS BLOCKS, OFFSHORE, NORTHERN CAPE AND WESTERN CAPE PROVINCES

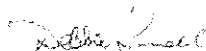
Thank you for your letter of 9th November, 2021, granting Searcher Geodata UK Limited's application for a reconnaissance permit as detailed above.

With effect of date first written above, Searcher Geodata UK Limited, hereby inform Petroleum Agency SA, of their abandonment of granted permit 12/1/038.

We kindly request that Petroleum Agency SA grant our request and advise in writing of the same.

Searcher wish to continue working with Petroleum Agency SA and look forward to our relationship continuing for many years to come.

Your Sincerely,



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