

Comments and Responses 1518 Searcher Reconnaissance BA

Mr Willem Julies

Date 2022/07/27 Method Email

Comment

Goeie dag Soos in die plaaslike koerant geadverteer will Ek graag u vra is Doringbaai Nie feel van die street wat die omgewing studies he down word Nie inform Wel Kan U meer inligting verskaf asb

Response

Goeie dag Mnr Julies, Dankie vir u e-pos. Vind aangeheg die Agtergrond Inligtings Dokument. In hierdie dokument word die aansoek area in groen aangedui. Die aansoek area is ongeveer 220 km van die kus af in die see in en sal dus nie tot teen aan die kus kom nie. Moet asb. nie huiwer om ons te kontak indien u enige verdere vrae het nie. Vriendelike groete,

Onke Ngcuka

Date 2022/07/15 Method Email

Comment

Hello, I hope that this email finds you well. My name is Onke Ngcuka from the Daily Maverick's Our Burning Planet unit and I am working on a story about Searcher Geodata making a second attempt at obtaining environmental authorisation. Please find the questions I have below; 1. Why did Searcher leave SLR as an environmental assessor and pursue EIMS? 2. Searcher previously mentioned that they would be leaving the country should the urgent interdict be granted? Why has the company decided to turn on this decision? 3. What will Searcher do differently this time in its consultation process to avoid court action? 4. When is Searcher predicting it might resume the surveying? I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience as my deadline is for 4pm today. Please do let me know if you are unable to meet this time so that I can adjust the deadline accordingly with my editors. Thanks,

Response

Good day Onke, Thank you for your email. Please note that your email has been forwarded to the Applicant for a response, once a response has been provided, we will revert to you. We would like to let you know that they will not be able to meet your 4pm deadline today. Their response will be provided to you early next week. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS.

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Response

Good day Onke, Thank you for your email and once again apologies for not being able to get back to you sooner. Please find below Searcher's response to your questions. Please note that Searcher has indicated that they can be contacted directly (see email address at end of this response) regarding questions that relate to their operations. However, for any questions that relate to the Environmental Authorisation Application process please feel free to forward your questions to EIMS at the project emails provided to ensure that they are captured and addressed as part of the process. Should you have any comments and/queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Searcher's Response. Why are we requesting permission again. The question we are trying to answer is 'Does South Africa have its own natural resources that could provide safe, reliable and affordable energy for all South Africans'. We think this a question that the majority of South Africans would like answered. What are we going to do differently this time. We have

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Onke Ngcuka

taken onboard the learnings from our last attempt and are planning to address all the issues raised to the best of our ability. The following comments reflect some of these changes we already have in motion. **Reduced Survey Area** We have selected a much smaller area this time which is limited only to the region we think has the highest potential for success. The area that we are requesting permission to survey is approximately 100km x 100km which equates to just 1% of the total South African offshore exclusive economic zone. Another major difference is that the survey area is over 220km from the coastline. **Environmental Impact Assessment** We have engaged EIMS to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (which is required under current legislation) who are a local South African environmental specialist company with vast experience. Their job is to ensure that Searcher has considered all possible impacts on the environment and have measures in place to mitigate these to an acceptable level. **Community Consultation** We have also engaged a team of South Africans who are familiar with surveying to actively consult with the community and understand any concerns they may have. We will address each and every question or concern to the best of our ability and encourage as many questions as possible over the next 6-12 months. Will we actually do the survey ? This depends on two factors 1. EIMS and the regulators need to be comfortable that our operations will have a very low environmental impact. 2. The regulators need to be comfortable that we have consulted with all stakeholders and taken their concerns, if any, into consideration. Searcher is more than happy to engage on a weekly basis such that you can publish updates on our progress over the next 6-12 months and look forward to hearing from you soon. Kind Regards, Alan Hopping from Searcher (email: xxxxxxxxxxxx@searcherseismic.com)

Date 2022/07/18 Method Email

Comment

Hi Qaphela, I hope you're well. Just wondering if you would be able to get back to me with the response by end of the day? Thanks,

Response

Hi Onke, Please note that we have provided a response as per our email sent at 15:16, today (18/07/2022). Should you have any further comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Date 2022/07/18 Method Email

Comment

Hello, I hope that this email finds you well. My name is Onke Ngcuka from the Daily Maverick's Our Burning Planet unit. I am working on a story about Searcher renewing their environmental authorisation and have a few questions on the matter. Please find below the questions; 1. Please provide me with a breakdown of the consultation process? 2. How does it differ from the consultation process that communities said was not comprehensive previously? 3. Which communities will be consulted in the process? If there is anything else that you would like to

Response

Good day Onke, Many thanks for your email. Please see below our response to your queries. Please note that the planned environmental authorisation application relates to a new reconnaissance permit application by Searcher and not a renewal of the previous permission. This new application area is located further offshore and covers a smaller target area. The public consultation process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the NEMA EIA Regulations. As part of the public consultation process the following has or is planned to be

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Onke Ngcuka

add related to this, please feel free to do so. My deadline is for 6pm today and would appreciate it if you could get back me by then, otherwise please do let me know if you are unable to do so, so I can adjust my deadline accordingly. I look forward to hearing from you with your comprehensive response.

undertaken: • Two rounds public meetings, various focus group and stakeholder meetings will be held. The first round of public meetings and engagements will aim to solicit comment and concerns from the public for consideration in the environmental impact assessment and associated specialist studies, and the second round will present the findings of the environmental impact assessment and associated specialist studies. • Initial notification and requests for potentially interested and affected parties to register is being undertaken through a combination of: direct notification letters (registered letters, faxes and emails); placement of site notices along the West Coast; posters in key areas; notifications in certain local radio stations; as well as placement of advertisements in various newspapers in English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa (and also placement of radio adverts). • The inputs received from this initial engagement will be considered in the preparation of an environmental assessment report (called a Basic Assessment Report), which will be made available to the registered interested and affected parties for comment. • All comments and concerns raised throughout the process will be captured, recorded, and included in the submissions made to the Competent Authority for decision making. The consultation process for this new application cannot be compared to the previous process as this application falls within the ambit of the NEMA EIA Process, which requires thorough public consultation. We will be conducting a comprehensive Public Participation process in line with the NEMA requirements. As part of our consultation attempts have been made to specifically identify fishing communities and small-scale fishers as key parties for consultation. We do encourage any potentially affected or interested parties to register as such with us to ensure participation in the process moving forward. The environmental assessment process will also be informed by the following specialist assessment: Fisheries Impact Assessment; Marine Faunal Assessment; Social Impact Assessment; and a Cultural and Heritage Impact Assessment. We trust that this has addressed your queries, and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries or concerns?

Ansie Gous

Date 2022/07/28 Method Email

Comment

Goeiedag, Ek is glad nie tengunste hiervan nie. Waarom gaan vernieting die Australiers nie hulle eie kuslyn en ekosisteem nie. Groete Goodday, I am not in favour of these tests. It will destroy our coastline and ecosystems. Regards

Response

Goeie dag Mevrouw Gous, Baie dankie vir u e-pos. Ons neem kennis van u bekommernis en sal dit insluit in ons verslag. Vriendelike groete,

Mr Micheal Meyer

Date 2022/07/15 Method Email

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Mr Micheal Meyer

Comment

Dear Ms Magaqa, Please register the South African Whale Disentanglement Network (SAWDN) as an interested and affected group. Please address any correspondence to xxxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com. Name: SAWDN Contact details: xxxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com Reason for interested or affected body: Concern for migrating humpback whales to and from Gabon. An additional concern is the blue whale migration and all deepwater cetacea such as beaked whales. Many thanks

Response

Good day Mr Meyer, Thank you for your correspondence, your concern has been noted. Please note that you have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the proposed Searcher seismic project. Please note that you will receive correspondence relating to public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Please feel free to visit our website <https://www.eims.co.za/2022/07/13/1518-proposed-searcher-seismic-reconnaissance/> to view currently available documentation. Should you have any queries and/or comments, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Cassandra Schnoor

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

Dear Qaphela Magaqa The following confirms that the South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA) request to be added as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP). Please add the following individuals from our organisation as an I&AP: • Cassandra Schnoor: xxxxxxx@sdceango.co.za • Desmond D'Sa: xxxxxxx@sdceango.co.za • Tanica Naidoo: xxxxxxx@sdceango.co.za INSTAGRAM : @sdcea_ngo Regards

Response

Good day Cassandra, Thank you for your email. Please note, as per your request below, that you and your colleagues (cc'd on this mail) have been registered as I&APs on the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project. As registered I&APs you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Nozipho Mkhabela

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

Could you please share with me the shapefile/kml of the proposed 3D seismic survey area for comments purposes.

Response

Nozipho responded: Hi Qaphela Received with thanks. Kind regards,

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

Could you please share with me the shapefile/kml of the proposed 3D seismic survey area for comments purposes.

Response

Hi Nozipho, Thanks for your email. Please find the attached kml file of the proposed survey area as per your request below. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Mr John Selby

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

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Mr John Selby

Comment

Good day Mr Magaqa, Thank you for the initial notification. I would like to register as an I&AP please. Regards

Response

Good day Mr Selby, Thank you for your email. Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP for the above-mentioned project. As an I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Louise Geldenhuys

Date 2022/07/19 Method Email

Comment

Good day, Thank you for the information on the public meetings. May we please request the application documents, in order to make written comments? Regards,

Response

Good day Louise, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that the application has not yet been submitted. Once the application has been submitted to Petroleum Agency South Africa (the competent authority) you will be notified of the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report for review and comment. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Mike Copeland

Date 2022/07/20 Method Email

Comment

Good afternoon, Please register us as I&AP in 1518. SAPFIA (South African Pelagic Fishing Industry Association) 1st Floor Harbour Place 7 Martin Hammerschlag Way Cape Town 021 425 2727 Mike Copeland (Chair)

Response

Good day Mr Copeland, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP on the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Mr Christiaan Mackenzie

Date 2022/07/20 Method Email

Comment

Good morning Sir / Madam. Aukotowa Fisheries Primary Cooperative Ltd would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party. Die see is ons lewe. Ons vang Kreef en Snoek en ander vissoorte om kos op die tafel te sit. Hoe registreer ons?

Response

Good day Mr Mackenzie, Thank you for your email. Please find the attached I&AP registration form for you to fill and return to EIMS. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Briege Williams

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Briege Williams

Date 2022/07/15 Method Email

Comment

Dear Qaphela Thank you for the notification email regarding the above project. Once the DBAR has been made available for comment, you will need to create a case on SAHRIS and upload the documents, a member of the MUCH unit at SAHRA will assign themselves as case officer and issue a comment. The link to SAHRIS is here: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/> once you have created the case please let me know and I will keep a look out for it. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me. Kind regards Briege

Response

Hi Briege, We are currently working on an environmental application for an offshore activity (as per our notifications) and we would like to organise consultation meetings with the relevant tribal groups (including the Khoi, San/Khoisan) and/ tribal authorities with jurisdiction in the West Coast region of the Western Cape and Northern Cape. We would therefore like to request contact information of the relevant representatives of these groups from your department, if possible. Your assistance in this regard will be much appreciated. Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact the undersigned. Regards,

Date 2022/08/19 Method Email

Comment

Dear Qaphela Could you please update me regarding the below case as I have not yet seen it uploaded onto SAHRIS. In order for SAHRA to issue a comment needed as part of the EA process the case must be uploaded onto SAHRIS, please be aware that this is a statutory requirement. Kind regards Briege

Response

Good day Briege, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that the DBAR has not been made available for public review. Once the report is available for public review EIMS will upload the report to the SAHRIS platform, and a notification email will be circulated to notify I&APs of the availability of the report for review and comment. Regards,

Dr Simon Elwen

Date 2022/07/15 Method Email

Comment

hi Qaphela, Thanks for the information on this. I couldn't find planned timing for the survey area anywhere - can you tell me? The target area almost completely overlaps with one of the main whale feeding areas of our coast for a number of different species. So the timing is potentially of concern. Thanks

Response

Good day Dr Elwen, Thank you for your email. The survey commencement would ultimately depend on the authorization award date and the availability of a survey vessel. Searcher proposes to commence with the seismic surveys in Q1 2023, subject to all approvals being in place. The survey will be planned to avoid sensitive areas and periods for marine fauna (particularly whales). Further information and mitigation measures will be made available in the marine ecology report once the specialist studies are completed. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Date 2022/07/19 Method Email

Comment

Great thanks for that. My point there was also that 'summer' is not 'low whale season' is that part of our oceans - in fact you'd expect highest whale density there and then for multiple species. Would you be able to share the relevant section of the EIA - I'd love to read it please.

Response

Hi Dr Elwen, Thank you for your comment. The Basic Assessment Report is still being drafted and the specialist studies are currently underway. You will be notified once the report is made available for public review and comment. We will forward your comment onto the marine

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Dr Simon Elwen

Many thanks

ecology specialist. For any further comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Ms Nicole Lomberg

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

Good day Qaphela, Please could you register myself as an I&AP for the project. Kind regards,

Response

Good day Nicole, Thank you for your email. Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP for the above-mentioned project. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind Regards,

Mr Richard Montjoie

Date 2022/07/15 Method Email

Comment

Dear Qaphela, Thank you for your correspondence dated 13 July 2022. We hereby register Umbono Energy Partners (UEP) as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) in the proposed 3D Seismic Survey by Searcher Geodata UK Ltd. UEP has a significant economic interest in Sunbird Energy, who is the holder of a Production Right over Block 2A, which is located east of the proposed Survey Area. Our contact details are as follows: Richard Montjoie I Geologist E-mail: xxxxxxxxxx@umbono.co.za

Response

Good day Vivienne, Thank you for your email correspondence. Please note that your contact details, as provided in in the email below have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party for the 1518 project. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Dr Jackie Sundae

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

Dear EIMS Re Project 1518 registration as an interested and affected party Please will you register me as an interested and affected party for the Project 1518 SEARCHER application for an EA to conduct a seismic survey off the West Coast. My name is Dr Jacqueline Sunde, I am a researcher at the One Ocean Hub Research Project, located at the University of Cape Town, in the Department of Environmental and Geographical Science. email xxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com Telephone 0xxxxxxx Thank you Jackie Sunde

Response

Good day Dr Sunde, Thanks for your email. Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP for the above-mentioned project. As an I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

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Dr Jackie Sundae

Comment

Please note that I would like to be added to your data base for this new project 1518 application. Jacqueline Sunde email : xxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com

Response

Good day Dr Sunde, Thank you for your email. Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP for the 1518 application. Please note that as a registered I&AP you will be notified of Public Participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Mr Adrian Pole

Date 2022/07/19 Method Email

Comment

Dear Mr Magaqa Please add me to your registered I&AP list. My interest is to comment on the proposed EIA obo the Green Connection, a civil society organisation with an interest in protecting the environment and environmental rights. My contact details appear below. Kind regards

Response

Good day Mr Pole, Thank you for your email. Please note that you have been added to the Interested and Affected Parties database for the 1518 project. Please note that as a registered I&AP you will receive correspondence regarding public participation opportunities as and when they become available. For any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Angila Joubert

Date 2022/07/06 Method Email

Comment

EIMS initiated consultation: Good Day Angila, I recently tried to call your office but I couldn't reach you. Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for a proposed offshore project. We have identified the Bergrivier Municipality as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for this project. We would therefore like to confirm if you are the correct municipal representative to be added to the I&AP database for notification of public participation opportunities including review of environmental reports as and when they become available? Furthermore, we would like to request contact information of active small-scale and large-scale fishing groups in the jurisdiction of your municipality as we would like to add them to our I&AP database for this project. Further information regarding the project will be made available and I&APs will be notified of the availability. Your assistance will be much appreciated. Kind regards,

Response

Good day Angila, Thank you for your confirmation. Please note that you have been added to our project's I&AP database. All I&APs will be notified of the project information and public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS.

Date 2022/07/06 Method Email

Comment

Response

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Angila Joubert

EIMS initiated consultation: Good Day Angila, I recently tried to call your office but I couldn't reach you. Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for a proposed offshore project. We have identified the Bergrivier Municipality as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for this project. We would therefore like to confirm if you are the correct municipal representative to be added to the I&AP database for notification of public participation opportunities including review of environmental reports as and when they become available? Furthermore, we would like to request contact information of active small-scale and large-scale fishing groups in the jurisdiction of your municipality as we would like to add them to our I&AP database for this project. Further information regarding the project will be made available and I&APs will be notified of the availability. Your assistance will be much appreciated. Kind regards,

Good day Qaphela Kindly register myself as the representative for Bergrivier Municipality: Angila Joubert Environmental Planning Management Officer Not aware of any groups, mostly single ownership operations of the fishing industries along the Berg river estuary and coastal areas. Kind regards

Adriaan Neethling

Date 2022/07/07 Method Email

Comment

EIMS initiated consultation with Mr Neethling as below: Dear A. Neethling, We are currently working on an off-shore Environmental Authorisation project along the West-Coast and have identified the Cederberg Municipality as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for this project. We would like to confirm if you are the correct contact person for notification regarding public participation opportunities in the municipality? Please confirm the above. Your assistance will be much appreciated. Kind regards,

Response

Good day Mr Magaqa I hope you are well. Thank you for the enquiry. Yes, I confirm I am the correct contact person for the I&AP. Please include me and my colleague, Danne Joubert (Environmental Officer / xxxx@cederbergmun.gov.za), with your correspondence and public participation opportunities regarding the EIA process. Thank you in advance. Kind regards

Date 2022/07/07 Method Email

Comment

EIMS initiated consultation with Mr Neethling as below: Dear A. Neethling, We are currently working on an off-shore Environmental Authorisation project along the West-Coast and have identified the Cederberg Municipality as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for this project. We would like to confirm if you are the correct contact person for notification regarding public participation opportunities in the municipality? Please confirm the above. Your assistance will be much appreciated. Kind regards,

Response

Good day Mr Neethling, Thanks for the confirmation. Please note that you and your colleague, Danne Joubert, have been registered on our I&AP database. Please note that as registered I&APs you will be notified of availability of project information and public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind Regards,

Danne Joubert

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

Response

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Danne Joubert

Good day Qaphela Can you please register myself as an Interested & Affected party for this proposed seismic survey. Thank you Regards/ Groete

Good day Danné, Thank you for your email. Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP for the above-mentioned project. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS.

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

Thank you Qaphela Regards/ Groete

Response

EIMS noted Danne's email.

Ms Ethel Cloete

Date 2022/07/11 Method Email

Comment

EIMS initiated consultation: Richtersveld Local Municipality, Development Services: To whom it may concern, Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for a proposed offshore project. We have identified the Richtersveld Local Municipality as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for this project. We would therefore like to request contact details of: (i) The relevant municipal representatives to be added to the I&AP database for notification of public participation opportunities including review of environmental reports. (ii) Ward 4 councillor – Maria Lovina Obies (iii) Ward 3 councillor – Caretas Sonamzi (iv) Ward 2 councillor – Marlene Cathlene Fredericks Further information regarding the project will be made available and I&APs will be notified of the availability. Your assistance will be much appreciated. Kind regards,

Response

No response received so far.

Nazeema Duarte

Date 2022/07/06 Method Email

Comment

EIMS initiated correspondence with a call and follow-up email as follows: Good day Nazeema, Thanks for taking my recent telephonic call. As discussed, we would like to request contact information of active fisheries/fisherman within the jurisdiction of your municipality as we would like to include them in our Interested and Affected Party database for the proposed offshore environmental authorisation project. Your assistance will be much appreciated. Kind regards,

Response

Dear Qaphela I don't know all of them unfortunately and I don't want to miss any of them. Please contact Riaan Hendricks from the Department of Forestry Fisheries and the Environment. He works with all the fishing organisations.

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Nazeema Duarte

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Comment

Dear Qaphela Please include the Environment and Heritage Section of the Saldanha Bay Municipality for public participation Include the Khoi and San representatives for public participation too. Ms Charika Barnes xxxxxxxx@gmail.com; IRASA KhoiSan xxxxxxxx@gmail.com; Mr Toppi Roman xxxxxx@gmail.com; Mr Atmore Rodgers xxxxxxxx@gmail.com; Ms Ray September xxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com, Mr Kevin Maart xxxxxxxxxx@cochoqua.org.za and xxxxxxxxxx@cochoqua.org.za. Regards

Response

Good day Nazeema, This email serves to confirm that the Environment and Heritage Section of the Saldanha Bay Municipality has been included on the project's Interested and Affected Parties database. Furthermore, we would like to confirm that the Khoi and San representatives below have been registered to I&AP database and will be informed of any further public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any queries and/or comments, please feel free to contact EIMS.

Date 2022/08/12 Method Email

Comment

Your Reference Number: 4332740 We Acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2022-07-13 regarding NOTIFICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION PROCESS: THE PROPOSED SEARCHER SEISMIC SURVEY BASIC ASSESSMENT PROJECT, LOCATED OFFSHORE EXTENDING FROM APPROXIMATELY 256KM OFFSHORE OF ST HELENE BAY TO 220KM OFFSHORE OF HONDEKLIP BAY and confirm that the correspondence is being referred to the relevant Department for attention. Reference Number: 4332740

Response

No response required.

Darryl Colenbrander

Date 2022/07/06 Method Email

Comment

EIMS initiated consulatation: Good day Darryl, Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for a proposed offshore project. We have identified the City of Cape Town as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for this project. May you confirm if you are the right contact person in this regard, and advise if there are any other departments and/or persons within the City of Cape Town that need to be added to our I&AP database? Further information regarding the project will be made available and I&APs will be notified of the availability. Your assistance will be much appreciated. Kind regards,

Response

Good day Darryl, Thanks for your response. Please note that you and your colleagues cc'd in this email have been registered on our I&AP database and you will notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

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Darryl Colenbrander

Comment

EIMS initiated consultation: Good day Darryl, Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for a proposed offshore project. We have identified the City of Cape Town as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for this project. May you confirm if you are the right contact person in this regard, and advise if there are any other departments and/or persons within the City of Cape Town that need to be added to our I&AP database? Further information regarding the project will be made available and I&APs will be notified of the availability. Your assistance will be much appreciated. Kind regards,

Response

Dear Qaphela, Thanks for your e-mail. Please also include the following City officials: Janet Bodenstein Jxxxxxx@capetown.gov.za Magdalena Van Zyl Mxxxxxxx@capetown.gov.za Best,

Kirsten Day

Date 2022/07/20 **Method** Email

Comment

Dear Qaphela, Please register Birdlife South Africa as an I&AP for project ref. 1518 (Searcher). Thank you

Response

Greetings Dr Kirsten, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP for the 1518 project. As a registered I&AP you will receive notifications regarding public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

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Comment

Dear Qaphela, In order to BirdLife South Africa to comment on the Searcher's proposed seismic activities (ref 1518) in respect of offshore pelagic birds and their ranges, it would be very useful to have a shape file of the area under consideration. Please could you send this to us if available. Thank you and regards

Response

Good day Dr Kirsten, Attached herewith is a KML file of the proposed survey area. I hope this will suffice. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Dr J Mac Kay

Date 2022/08/08 **Method** Post

Comment

This office hereby acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 15 July 2022 with reference number: 1518/JP/qm received by our office on the 19 July 2022.(copy of letter attached for ease of reference). Please be informed that the department has no objections regarding the Environmental Authorisation Application process for the process for the proposed Searcher Seismic survey basic assessment project located offshore extending from approximately 254 km

Response

EIMS received the letter dated 08/08/22 on the 06/09/22. EIMS noted that the Department of Public Works, Northern Cape had no objections to the application.

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Dr J Mac Kay

offshore of Helena bay to 220 km offshore of Hondeklip bay, off the West Coast, South Africa. For further enquiries please contact Ms M. Kgomongwe on 0XX-XXX-XXXX or email xxxxxxxxxxxx@ncpg.gov.za

Cllr Patricia francke

Date 2022/07/20 **Method** Email

Comment

Good Afternoon to you . I am not available to attend the meeting on the 25th of July at Houtbay Library due to another work meeting at the same time thanks. Regards

Response

Good day Cllr Francke, Thank you for your correspondence. We note your inability to attend the meeting scheduled for the Houtbay Library. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Mr Riaan Hendricks

Date 2022/07/06 **Method** Email

Comment

EIMS Initiated consultation: Good day Riaan, Thanks for taking my recent phone call. As discussed, we are currently working on an environmental authorisation project for an offshore activity to be conducted along the West Coast Sea and we are in the process of compiling our Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) database and we would like to include fishing cooperatives/groups that are active in the areas that stretch from Cape Town up to Port Nolloth. We would like to request your assistance in the above-mentioned manner. Your assistance will be highly appreciated. Kind regards,

Response

EIMS Followed up: Good day Riaan, I recently tried to call you, but I couldn't reach you. I would like to follow-up on the email below. Regards,

Date 2022/07/20 **Method** Email

Comment

Hi Qaphela Hope you are well. I do not work with fishers in Houtbay and Cape Town area. I work only with fishers on the West coast area in Saldanha. For Cape Town consultations you can contact Sofiso Mapasa @07xxxxxxxxx1.

Response

Hi Riaan, thanks for the information. We will be having consultations in Saldanha Bay as well and would like to have a database of fisheries operating out of Saldanha Bay as well. I just tried to call Mr Mapasa's cell, but he did not pick up. May you please share his email address if possible? Regards,

Thabile Majozi

Date 2022/07/13 **Method** Email

Comment

Response

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Thabile Majozi

Good Day, I trust that you are well. May you please send us the electronic documents for the "Notification regarding opportunity to participate in environmental authorization application process for the proposed searcher seismic survey basic assessment project, located offshore extending from approximately 256km offshore of St Helena Bay 220km offshore Hondeklip Bay, off West Coast, South Africa." Your colleagues dropped off the hardcopies to myself but I will require the soft copies to appraise all port users. Kind Regards,

Hi Thabile, Thank you for your email. Please find the attached soft copy documents that entail the project details. We have also included a copy of our notice with details on a series of public meetings to be held for the proposed Searcher Seismic Authorisation Project. It will be much appreciated if these can be distributed amongst the Port users. Further to the above, please note that you will be added to our Interested and Affected Party's database, and you will be notified of public participation opportunities for the above-mentioned project as and when they become available. If you have any comments and/or queries, please do not hesitate to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Elise Tempelhoff

Date 2022/08/15 Method Email

Comment

Dear All, I need to register as an IAP for the new Searcher application. Please register me or tell me where to register. Thank you and kind regards

Response

Hi Elise, Thank you for your email correspondence and telephonic call. This email serves to confirm that you have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party on the above-mentioned project. Please note that as a registered I&AP you will receive notifications regarding public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Please feel free to visit the link below to find the Background Information Document for the proposed project. <https://www.eims.co.za/2022/07/13/1518-proposed-searcher-seismic-reconnaissance/> Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Date 2022/08/15 Method Email

Comment

Dear All, I need to register as an IAP for the new Searcher application. Please register me or tell me where to register. Thank you and kind regards

Response

Elise Tempelhoff thanked EIMS for the registration confirmation and response.

Ms Carisa J. Soudens

Date 2022/07/18 Method Email

Comment

To whom it may concern My name is Carissa Soudens and I registered as an affected party as I'm from the local community of Hondeklipbaai representing the Women's forum, my phone number is 069 410 2659. 060 863 0958 with my email address carisasou22@gmail.com. Our concern is the environmental damages and biodiversity changes that will impact on our local economy and protein that we are getting from the oceans. The impact on climate change and

Response

Good day, Thank you for your comments. Please note that you have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) on the 1518 project database. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Please note the climate change impacts related to the 3D survey are expected to be minimal. Other impacts such as the impacts on marine ecology and biodiversity, impacts on fisheries and impacts the

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Ms Carisa J. Soudens

how this will affect our women in our rural communities.

social environment will be the subject of detailed specialist investigations. For any further concerns and/or comments, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards

Patrick Forbes

Date 2022/07/27 Method Email

Comment

Dear Qaphela, Please can we ask to be registered as an I&AP for the proposed Searcher seismic survey for the area offshore from St Helena to Hondeklip. Thank you.

Response

Good day Patrick, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that you and your colleagues cc'd in this email have been registered as Interested and Affected Parties for the Searcher Reconnaissance project as requested. As registered I&APs you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Mr Cederick Links

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

Good day I'm Cederick Links and would like to participate in environmental authorisation application process for the proposed searcher seismic survey basic assessment project. *CEDERICK LINKS *0xxxxxxxxxxx *xxxxxxxx@gmail.com If needed anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Response

Good day Cederick, Thank you for your email. Please note that you have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party for the Searcher seismic environmental authorisation project. Please note, as a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Date 2022/08/04 Method Email

Comment

Thank you for your response.

Response

EIMS noted the email.

Bertie Visser

Date 2022/07/22 Method Email

Comment

Project reference number: 1518 I want to register as an interested and affected party pertaining to this application. Regards.

Response

Good day Bertie, Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP on the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project. As a registered I&AP you will receive notifications regarding public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments

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Bertie Visser

and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Mavis Vanqa

Date 2022/07/21 **Method** Email

Comment

Dear Manager I trust that you are well. I am just following on the email below that was send on the 15/07/2022 by Pierre De Villiers. He would like to register CapeNature and in particular himself as an IAP please advise. Regards

Response

Good day Mavis, Thank you for your correspondence. Please find email correspondence attached herewith which confirmed Mr De Villiers and CapeNature's I&AP registration. Should you have any comments and/or further queries, please feel free to contact EIMS

Date 2022/07/28 **Method** Email

Comment

Good day Please register Mr Pierre de Villiers as I&AP. See below and attached the requested form. Name: Pierre de Villiers Organisation: CapeNature Conservation Operations: Senior Manager for Marine and Coasts Email: xxxxxxxxxx@capenature.co.za Contact no: 0xxxxxxx For future reference, please use the attached contact details for notifications. Kind regards,

Response

Good day Mavis, Thank you for your correspondence. As recently discussed telephonically, Mr de Villiers has already been registered as an Interested and Affected Party on the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Elaine Mills

Date 2022/07/22 **Method** Email

Comment

Hello, Please could you register me as an interested and affected party in the environmental authorisation application process for the proposed Searcher seismic survey off South Africa's West Coast, between St Helena Bay and Hondeklip Bay. Please could you acknowledge receipt of this email. Do I need to register to attend next week's public meetings or can I just turn up? Thanks in advance. Regards

Response

Hello, Please could you register me as an interested and affected party in the environmental authorisation application process for the proposed Searcher seismic survey off South Africa's West Coast, between St Helena Bay and Hondeklip Bay. Please could you acknowledge receipt of this email. Do I need to register to attend next week's public meetings or can I just turn up? Thanks in advance. Regards

Enrico Adams

Date 2022/07/18 **Method** Email

Comment

Hi I would like participate in the public participation process. Regards

Response

Hi Enrico, Thank you for your email. Please note that you have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party on the proposed Searcher seismic project. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Please feel

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Enrico Adams

free to visit our website <https://www.eims.co.za/2022/07/13/1518-proposed-searcher-seismic-reconnaissance/> to view currently available documentation on the project. Please feel free to contact EIMS if you have any comments and/or queries. Regards,

Mr John van den Heever

Date 2022/08/12 Method Email

Comment

Hi Qaphela My name is John van den Heever from the West Coast fisher town Lambertsbay and would like to register as affected party. I'm part of the small scale fishers and seismic testing will have devastating effects on our natural marine resource and we are totally against it
Contact number: 0xxxxxxxxxx Regards

Response

Good day John, Apologies for not having sent a response to your email sooner. We acknowledge receipt of your mail and confirm that your comments have been captured. You have been registered as an I&AP on the Searcher Seismic Survey project and will be informed of any further public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any further comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Mr Kholwani Simelane

Date 2022/07/15 Method Telephone

Comment

Mr Kholwani called EIMS stating his intention to register as an I&AP for the 1518 project.

Response

Good day Kholwani, Thank you for your recent call. This email serves as confirmation of your I&AP registration on the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project database. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Please visit our website for further information regarding the project (<https://www.eims.co.za/2022/07/13/1518-proposed-searcher-seismic-reconnaissance/>) Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Rio Button

Date 2022/08/29 Method Email

Comment

Good morning, Please provide me with the shapefile for the proposed seismic survey area in the documents attached. Best regards, Rio

Response

Good day Rio, Thank you for your correspondence. As requested, please find the attached kml files showing the application area coverages for the two projects. Please note that you have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) on the 1518 project's database and the 1520 project's database and you will be informed of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Please note that I have copied the TGS project email on this email. Should you have any comments and/or queries specific to the TGS application, please make sure

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Rio Button

that you direct those to the specific project email to ensure that they are captured on the project's public participation report. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards

Phillip de Wet

Date 2022/08/19 Method Email

Comment

Attention: Qaphela Magaqa EIMS Reference Number: 1518 As per notice 1231 of 2022, in Government Gazette 46739, please register me as an Interested and Affected Party for the Searcher Geodata survey. I am interested in the matter. Thanks Phillip

Response

Good morning Phillip, We apologise for the delayed response. Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that you have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) on the Proposed Searcher Seismic Project. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Mr Devon Andrews

Date 2022/08/04 Method Email

Comment

Ref 1518 Dear Qaphela Magaqa

Response

Hi Devon, you seem to have written your email in the address line and it seems it was cut off, we therefore cannot make sense of the email. We request that you resend your first email to us so that we can be able to understand the context of your comment. Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Date 2022/08/10 Method Email

Comment

Subject: Re: Hi I'm Devon Andrews back then I had permit to go catch fish for some reason I were put off whitout any reason of explained why I were put of Body: Hi is there infomation you need from Me

Response

Hi Devon, you seem to have written your email in the address line and it seems it was cut off, we therefore cannot make sense of the email. We request that you resend your first email to us so that we can be able to understand the context of your comment. Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Date 2022/08/10 Method Email

Comment

Subject: Re: Hi I'm Devon Andrews back then I had permit to go catch fish for some reason I were put off whitout any reason of explained why I were put of

Response

Hi Devon, Once again, the email you have forwarded to us has no body, it seems the text is in the subject line, we therefore cannot capture your comment or query. Please resend your email

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Mr Devon Andrews

with the text in the body of the email. Regards,

Pedro Garcia

Date 2022/07/20 Method Email

Comment

Dear Qaphela Kindly be advised, that as a registered IAP, the SAUFF will refrain from participating in any consultation process which does not accommodate local dynamics and which is framed in a manner that excludes any grassroots developmental component. Furthermore, any consultation process at a grassroots level should yield, at the very least, what is commonly known today as “Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)”. Notably, current consultation processes do not provide for such outcomes nor does it provide the necessary capacity/awareness building at a grassroots level to achieve this desired outcome. The South African United Fishing Front currently maintain a “neutral position” on Oil and Gas activities in South Africa, does not endorse or oppose any of the “extreme” views of stakeholders on either side of the debate” and will only participate once a consultation platform for meaningful engagement has been established, the playing fields have been levelled and where “informed decision making” prevails. Kind regards

Response

EIMS called Mr Garcia to discuss his email. Pedro Garcia noted that the current legislated PP process and engagements are not meaningful or inclusive and no framework for meaningful engagement is currently in place for public consultation. He suggests that a multi-stakeholder consultation group should be set up to formally respond to EIA projects that is accountable and will withstand scrutiny. He indicated PASA guidelines for community engagements are forthcoming. He said that he may be willing to meet with EIMS at some stage to discuss these issues further. Mr John von Meyer stated that EIMS would like to set up a meeting with him to discuss his issues on the process and the survey project further.

Shannon Marcoux

Date 2022/07/20 Method Email

Comment

Dear Qaphela, Please add the following Natural Justice staff to the database of interested and affected parties for this application: Shannon Marcoux: sxxxxxxx@naturaljustice.org Allan Basajjasubi: axxxx@naturaljustice.org Melissa Groenink: mxxxxx@naturaljustice.org Thank you, Shannon Marcoux

Response

Good day Shannon, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that you and your colleagues cc'd in this email have been registered as I&APs on the 1518 project. Please note that as registered I&APs you will be notified of public participation events as and when they become available. Furthermore, please find the attached public meeting notification. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Mr Adrian Ace Charles

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

I notice with concern your intent to circumvent the previous court order banning planned seismic surveys by altering the boundaries of your proposed search area. This clearly

Response

Good day Adrian, Your email below and its contents have been noted. Please note that as per your request, you have been registered to the projects I&AP database. As a registered I&AP you

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Mr Adrian Ace Charles

contradicts statements issued by Searchers vice president Alan Hopping. As a South African resident, recreational fisher, surfer and ocean lover I have a deep interest in any activity that will irreversibly effect the biodiversity of the ocean and thereby negatively effect and impact the lives of all South Africans especially the small scale fisher people of the West Coast. In terms of your stated intent to engage in a public participation process and conform to the relevant EIA regulations I would like to be registered as an Interested and affected party and be informed of future project information and opportunities for participation.

will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Nicholas Arnott

Date 2022/07/25 Method Email

Comment

Good Afternoon, Please register me as an I&AP for the above-mentioned project. My contact information is included hereunder. Kind Regards

Response

Good day Nicholas, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that as per your request, you have been registered as an I&AP on the 1518 project. As a registered I&AP you will receive communication regarding public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Mr Atmore Rodgers

Date 2022/07/28 Method Email

Comment

Good day Sir I received your email Many thanks

Response

No response was required to this email.

Adri La Meyer

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

Dear Qaphela, Your email of 14 July 2022 refers. Please register the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning as a commenting authority for the BA process. You may add me as the Department's contact person. Searcher has an existing database of I&APs from their previous speculative 2D and 3D seismic surveys across several petroleum licence blocks off the West and South West Coast of South Africa, which should also be used for I&AP consultation during this BA process. Please notify me when the Draft BAR is released for comments. Please acknowledge receipt of this email? Kind regards,

Response

Good day Adri, Your email and its contents thereof have been noted. Please note that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning has been registered as an I&AP for the above-mentioned project. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. We are aware of the database referred to on the email below, we have sent an invitation to register to all I&APs that were registered on the previous database and communication will only be further sent to those who register as Interested and Affected Parties to this current application. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS.

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Michele Rivarola

Date 2022/07/20 Method Email

Comment

NOTIFICATION REGARDING 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. With reference to the above I request to be registered as an I&AP - Interested and Affected Party. Yours faithfully, (Michelle followed up on the email on the 23/07/2022 at 15:44) Kindly note that I have not received a response from yourselves as regards my request to register as an IAP

Response

Good day Michele, Apologies for the delayed response. You have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) on the 1518 project. As a registered I&AP you will receive notifications regarding public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Davice Heese

Date 2022/07/18 Method Email

Comment

Good day Qaphela Thank you very much for the information. Regards,

Response

No response was required to this email.

Mr Laurence Pearce

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

Dear Qaphela Magaqa, Thank you for this opportunity - please can you register our interest as an I&AP, and keep us informed of future public participation using the below information. With best regards, Laurence

Response

Good day Mr Laurence Pearce, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP for the Searcher seismic environmental authorisation project. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

Dear Qaphela, Thank you for the confirmation. Could I please check that you have used the email address xxxx@impactoilandgas.com as I know these details may become public, and need to preserve my personal work email from external use. Many thanks indeed, Laurence

Response

Good day Laurence, We would like to confirm that the registered email address is as per your email below. Should you have any further comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

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Pierre de Villiers

Date 2022/07/15 Method Email

Comment

Dear Manager I would like to register CapeNature and in particular me as an IAP please. Mavis please follow up with anything we need to do to achieve this. Regards

Response

Good day Pierre, Please note, as per your request below, you and your colleague copied in this mail, have been added to the I&AP database for the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project. Please note, as registered I&APs you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS.

Mark Dikhte

Date 2022/08/19 Method Email

Comment

Good morning, Please register me as IAP. Kind regards

Response

Good morning Mark, Apologies for the delayed response. Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP on the Proposed Searcher Seismic Project database. Please note that as a registered I&AP you will receive notifications regarding public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Mr Paul Burkhardt

Date 2022/07/15 Method Email

Comment

Hi, This is Paul Burkhardt at Bloomberg News. I'd like to know which Blocks the proposed Searcher Seismic survey will take place in. Could you please provide that information? Thanks, Paul

Response

Hi Paul. Thank you for your email. The proposed seismic survey covers the blocks listed below: • 12/3/274 ER • 12/3/343 ER • 12/3/339 ER • Open Area Should you have any further questions and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS.

Chris van den Heever

Date 2022/07/20 Method Email

Comment

I hereby register our Organisation's concern with regards to the above mentioned project. A detailed objection will be lodged in due time. Yours

Response

Good day Sir, Thank you for your email. Please note that you, on behalf of your organisation, have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party on the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Please feel free to submit your comments and/or queries to EIMS

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Chris van den Heever

regarding the above-mentioned project. Kind regards,

Mr Khuliso Mudau

Date 2022/07/21 Method Email

Comment

Dear Qaphela, Please register me as an I&AP on the EA application process for the proposed Searcher Seismic Reconnaissance Permit. Can you please provide the schedule of activities (project schedule) for the proposed project.

Response

Good day Khuliso, Thank you for your email correspondence. Please note that, as requested, you have been registered as an I&AP on the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project and as a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities. Please note that survey commencement would ultimately depend on the authorization award date and the availability of a survey vessel. Searcher proposes to commence with the seismic surveys in Q1 2023, subject to all approvals being in place. Should you have any further queries and/or comment, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Rita Felgate

Date 2022/08/24 Method Email

Comment

Hi, I can't seem to identify from Notice 1231 what the searcher will be searching for in carrying out the seismic activities, nor can I identify the objective for the search (I assume prospecting, but that's a guess) Please can you advise me on this? Regards

Response

Good morning Rita, Please note that for this investigation Searcher Geodata UK Ltd (Searcher) is planning to undertake 3D seismic acquisition in the Orange Basin off the West Coast of South Africa. Seismic survey programmes comprise data acquisition in either two-dimensional (2D) and/or three dimensional (3D) scales, depending on information requirements. 2D surveys are typically applied to obtain regional data from widely spaced survey grids and provide a vertical slice through the seafloor geology along the survey track-line. Infill surveys on closer grids subsequently provide more detail over specific areas of interest. In contrast, 3D seismic surveys are conducted on a very tight survey grid, and provide a cube image of the seafloor geology along each survey track-line. Such surveys are typically applied to promising petroleum prospects to assist in fault line interpretation. More information will be made available in the Basic Assessment report once it becomes available for review. You will be notified once the report has been made available for public review and comment. Should you have any further queries and/or comments, please do not hesitate to contact EIMS. Regards,

Dorothy Louise Tweedale

Date 2022/07/15 Method Email

Comment

Response

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Dorothy Louise Tweedale

Good Day We are residents of St Helena Bay and would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party regarding the proposed Survey event. Brendin Robert Tweedale 0xxxxxxx9 xxxxx@tweedales.co.za Dorothy Louise Tweedale 0xxxxxxxxxx2 xxxxx@tweedales.co.za Regards Brendin and Dorothy Tweedale

Good day Brendin and Dorothy, Thank you for your email correspondence. Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP on the proposed Searcher seismic project. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Edward Mostert

Date 2022/07/24 Method Email

Comment

Dear Sir/Madam Your Notice of Public Participation Process in Ons Kontrei, 15 July 2022 refers. North Western Cape Mining Forum wishes to register as I&AP. Our association represents primarily historically disadvantaged emerging small-scale miners in the North-Western Cape Cape, including the West Coast and Matzikama Municipal area. Our main objectives are the promotion of business opportunities, job creation, and skills development programs for our members. You may contact us via e-mail. Kind regards

Response

Good day Edward, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that you, on behalf of your organisation, have been added as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) on the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comment and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Joao Tata Regala

Date 2022/08/19 Method Email

Comment

Good morning, Yes I would like to be added to our database of Interested and Affected Parties for the proposed Searcher Seismic Survey Project (located offshore extending from approximately 256 km offshore of St Helena Bay to 220 km offshore of Hondeklip Bay, off the West Coast, South Africa) and to be kept informed regarding the project. Kind regards and thanks for keeping me involved in this project.

Response

Good morning Joao, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP database for the proposed Searcher Seismic project. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Niall Kramer

Date 2022/07/21 Method Email

Comment

Please reg me as an IAP

Response

Good day Niall, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that you have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party on the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project. As a registered I&AP, please note that you will receive notifications regarding public participation opportunities, as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

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Niall Kramer

Date 2022/07/24 Method Email

Comment

No reply? Cos why?

Response

Good day Niall, Thank you for your correspondence. We apologise for the delayed response. We confirm that you have been registered on the I&AP database for the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project I&AP database. Should you have any comments and/issues, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Thabisile Mhlana

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

Good day Qaphela, This confirms the receipt of the notification regarding an opportunity to participate in the environmental authorization application process for the proposed Searcher seismic survey project, the formal response will be submitted in due course. Best Regards

Response

EIMS noted the acknowledgement of receipt of notification email.

Cassi Goodman

Date 2022/07/20 Method Email

Comment

I would like to register as an interested and affected party for project 1518/JP/qm: for the proposed Searcher Seismic survey basic assessment project, located offshore extending from St Helena Bay to Hondeklip Bay off the West Coast of SA. Thanks.

Response

Hi Cassi, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP for the 1518 project. Please note that as a registered I&AP you will receive notifications regarding public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Furthermore please find notification regarding public meetings attached herewith. Should you have any comments and/queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Bonnie Schumann

Date 2022/07/25 Method Email

Comment

Dear Sir/Madam Please register me as an interested and affected party St Helena to Hondeklipbaai SA Project Ref nr 1518. I am a resident in Doringbaai and am very concerned about the environmental impact of the proposed project. I would like information sent out to date please, in addition to information going forward. Many thanks. Kind Regards

Response

Good day Bonnie, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that you have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party on the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project. As a registered I&AP you will receive correspondence regarding public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Please find attached herewith, the advert text with details of the on-going public meetings and the Background Information Document, as requested. Should

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Bonnie Schumann

you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Mrs Thesmé van Zyl

Date 2022/07/18 Method Email

Comment

Dear Qaphela Magaqa Please register this Municipality as an Interested and Affected party with regards to the Notice of the attached advertisement Project 1518 – Proposed Searcher Seismic Survey Basic Assessment Project. Contact Persons: The Municipal Manager Matzikama Municipality E-mail: xxxxxxxx@phoenixmail.co.za Mrs T van Zyl Environmental Officer Matzikama Municipality E-mail: xxxxxxxx@matzikama.gov.za Kind Regards

Response

Good day Thesme, Thank you for your email correspondence. Please note that you have been registered on the proposed Searcher seismic project I&AP database as per the contact details provided in the email below. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of Public Participation opportunities, as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Mr Rudolph Botha

Date 2022/07/26 Method Email

Comment

Good Day, I would like to be registered as an I&AP for project ref 1518 (Searcher). I am concerned about the following points: 1. Effects on migratory patterns along the West Coast 2. Long term marine life impact if the survey finds exploitable resources 3. Impact on marine life between the survey site and the coast and how this will impact the future of tourism and agriculture. Kind Regards,

Response

Good day Rudolph, Thank you for your email. You have been registered as an Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) for the project. Please note that the Basic Assessment Report is currently being drafted, and detailed specialist studies including marine ecology and fisheries assessment are being conducted. Once the BAR has been made publicly available you will be notified of its availability for review and comment. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Carla Visser

Date 2022/07/18 Method Email

Comment

Good day, I would like to register as an IAP for the EIMS 1518 project. Kind regards, Carla Visser

Response

Hi Carla, Thank you for your email. Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP for the proposed Searcher seismic project. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Please visit our website <https://www.eims.co.za/2022/07/13/1518-proposed-searcher-seismic-reconnaissance/> to view currently available documentation on this project. Should you have any questions and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Conrad Nel

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Conrad Nel

Date 2022/08/21 Method Email

Comment

Good day, In relation to this public notice, I would hereby like to inform Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) that I would like to be registered as an interested party and would like to provide comments and feedback on any proposed research, surveys or activity that has anything to do with coastal and offshore surveying. Please advise me once this documentation is available in order for me to assess this and provide feedback and timelines on my suggested comments.

Response

Good morning Mr Nel, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that as per your request below, you have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the proposed Searcher Seismic Survey. Please be advised that as a registered I&AP you will be notified of the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report for public review and comment as well as the commenting period/duration. Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Monica Stassen

Date 2022/07/21 Method Email

Comment

To whom it may concern I would like to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party for the EIA for the proposed Searcher Seismic Survey Project. I work for SANCCOB as the preparedness and response manager. "SANCCOB is a registered NPO that focuses on the rescue, rehabilitation and release of ill, injured, abandoned and oiled seabirds. SANCCOB has dedicated rehabilitation facilities in Cape Town and Gqeberha which includes oiled wildlife response equipment. SANCCOB is concerned about the proposed exploration as the location is close to extremely vulnerable seabird colonies. It is well-documented that animals are negatively affected by seismic survey activity. We want to be part of this process to ensure that the risk to seabirds is adequately represented." Kind regards

Response

Good day Monica, Thank you for your comment. Please note that you have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party for the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project. Please note that as a registered I&AP you will receive notifications regarding public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards.

Liziwe McDaid

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

Dear colleague, Please do register me as an iap, and could you explain why you are only doing a basic assessment? Regards

Response

Good day Liziwe, Thank you for your email. As per your request on the email below, you have been registered on the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project I&AP database. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. According to the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended, the project triggers the activity quoted below, as promulgated in GNR 983 (2014, as amended), and as per the regulations is subjected to undergo a Basic Assessment process: "Activity 21(b): 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

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Liziwe McDaid

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 arial survey” Should you have any further queries and/or comment, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Rona vd Merwe

Date 2022/07/22 Method Email

Comment

Hi, Please register me as an I&AP for Project ref nr 1518, Seismic Survey on West Coast. Rona vd Merwe xxxxxxx@gmail.com affiliated with PTWC (Protect the West Coast NGO) Thank you.

Response

Good day Rona, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that you have been registered on the 1518 project I&AP database. As a registered I&AP you will receive notifications regarding public participation opportunities, as and when they become available. Should you have any comments and/or queries, feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Date 2022/07/28 Method Email

Comment

Hi Qaphela, Thank you so much. Would it be possible to share the presentation from your info session with me? Regards, Rona

Response

Hi Rona, As requested, please find attached copy of the presentation. I have also added a copy of the BID for any further information you may require on the project. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS.

Marilyn Lilley

Date 2022/07/19 Method Email

Comment

Greetings, I would like to register as an I&AP for EIMS 1518 Searcher seismic survey Environment Authorisation Application. Please can the related documents be sent to me, also details of the public meetings Thank you

Response

Greetings Marilyn, Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that as requested, you have been registered as an I&AP for the 1518 project. As an I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Please find the attached BID for more information on the project and public meeting notification with the meeting details. Should you have any further queries and/or comments, please feel free to contact EIMS. Regards,

Date 2022/07/19 Method Email

Comment

Greetings, I would like to register as an I&AP for EIMS 1518 Searcher seismic survey Environment Authorisation Application. Please can the related documents be sent to me, also

Response

Marilyn responded: Thank you for your very prompt response and for the information, Regards

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Marilyn Lilley

details of the public meetings Thank you

Mr Ismat Adams

Date 2022/07/15 Method Email

Comment

Good day Please register me as I&AP. See below and attached the requested form. Name: Ismat Adams Organisation: CapeNature Capacity: Land-Use Scientist – Landscape West Email: xxxxx@capenature.co.za Contact no.: 0xxxxxxx For future reference, please use the attached contact details for notifications. See also attached our application document requirements. Please send on Google Earth KML files or QGIS shapefiles of the development footprint. Kind regards,

Response

Good day Mr Adams, Thank you for your email. We note you comments in the I&AP registration form attached to your previous form. We have registered CER and the Observatory Civic Association. Please note that you have also been registered as an I&AP on the Searcher Reconnaissance BA project. As registered I&APs you will be notified of public participation opportunities, as and when they become available. As requested, please find the kml file to the proposed survey area. Should you have any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS. Kind regards,

Date 2022/07/15 Method Email

Comment

Good day Please register me as I&AP. See below and attached the requested form. Name: Ismat Adams Organisation: CapeNature Capacity: Land-Use Scientist – Landscape West Email: xxxxx@capenature.co.za Contact no.: 0xxxxxxx For future reference, please use the attached contact details for notifications. See also attached our application document requirements. Please send on Google Earth KML files or QGIS shapefiles of the development footprint. Kind regards,

Response

EIMS noted the contents of the registration form and responded as per the email.

Felicity Strange

Date 2022/07/19 Method Email

Comment

Dear Qaphela Magaqa RE: EIMS reference number: 1518 - Request for registration as an IAP in respect of seismic survey from St Helena Bay to Hondeklipbaai Please register the Friends of Verlorenvlei as an Interested and Affected Party as per the attached notice published in Ons Kontrei 15th July 2022. The Friends have an interest in and concern about the impact of any activity along our coastline and in particular any possible effects on the Verlorenvlei wetland. Please acknowledge this letter by return email. Thank you, Regards Felicity Strange Secretary Friends of Verlorenvlei

Response

Good day Felicity, We acknowledge receipt of your email. Please note that you have been registered as an I&AP for the 1518 project. Please note that as a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Please feel free to visit our website <https://www.eims.co.za/2022/07/13/1518-proposed-searcher-seismic-reconnaissance/> to view currently available documentation on the above-mentioned project. For any comments and/or queries, please feel free to contact EIMS.

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Ms Elma Fourie

Date 2022/07/14 Method Email

Comment

To whom it may concern: Please register me as an interested and affected party ito the planned seismic survey off the coast of St Helena Bay, South Africa. I’m a resident in the area and own property. The area is known for its fishing community and seismic surveys impact the livelihoods of these individuals in turn impacting our community and standards of living. Please advise the next steps in being consulted in the planned survey and all and any information relating to this project. I may be contacted per this email address or at 0xxxxxxx. Regards

Response

Good day Ms Fourie, Thank you for your email, and your comment has been noted. Please note that you have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party on the 1518 application. As a registered I&AP you will be notified of public participation opportunities as and when they become available. Should you have any further comments and/queries, please feel free to contact EIMS.