

24 October 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) FOR A PROPOSED OFFSHORE EXPLORATION WELL DRILLING IN BLOCK 5/6/7, SOUTH-WEST COAST, SOUTH AFRICA**

### **NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ESIA REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT AND INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Our correspondence of 29 July 2022 regarding the submission of the final Scoping Report for acceptance refers. This letter provides information on the availability for comment of the draft ESIA Report and invites all stakeholders to attend the public meetings.

#### **BACKGROUND**

TotalEnergies EP South Africa Block 567 (Pty) Ltd (“TEEPSA”) has applied to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) for Environmental Authorisation (EA) to undertake exploration well drilling in Block 5/6/7 off the South-West Coast of South Africa. The Area of Interest is located offshore roughly between Cape Town and Cape Agulhas, approximately 60 km from the coast at its closest point in water depths between 700 m and 3 200 m.

SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (“SLR”) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the ESIA process for the proposed project. This process aims to identify and assess the potential environmental and social impacts and define mitigation measures, where possible, to avoid and reduce significant negative environmental and social impacts, and provide adequate information to the DMRE to make an informed decision.

The final Scoping Report prepared for the proposed project was accepted by the DMRE on 28 August 2022. The DMRE acceptance confirmed that SLR may proceed with the ESIA in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study presented in the final Scoping Report and Appendices 3-6 of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended).



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## AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ESIA REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

Notice is hereby given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998) (as amended) and the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended) that the draft ESIA Report has been made available for a 44-day review and comment period from **24 October to 7 December 2022**. This is longer than the legislated 30-day review period in order to provide an opportunity for Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to comment on any aspect of the proposed project and the findings of the impact assessment.

Copies of the **full report** and **Non-Technical Summary** are available at the following locations for the duration of the comment period:

- SLR website (<https://www.slrconsulting.com/en/public-documents/TEEPSA-567>).
- Data free website (<https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co/en/public-documents/TEEPSA-567>), which is accessible from an internet-capable mobile phone **WITHOUT** data charges.
- Locations presented in Table 1.

The Non-Technical Summary is also available on the above-mentioned websites as an **audio recording**. Both the Non-Technical Summary document and audio recording are available in English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa languages.

**TABLE 1: LOCATIONS WHERE THE DRAFT ESIA REPORT AND NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW**

Location	Name of facility	Physical address
<b>Full report and Non-Technical Summary are available at:</b>		
Saldanha	Saldanha Public Library	Municipal Building, Berg St, Saldanha
Cape Town	City of Cape Town Central Public Library	Corner Darling and Parade St, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town
Hout Bay	Hout Bay Public Library	Melkhout Crescent, Hout Bay
Mitchell's Plain	Town Centre Public Library	14 Symphony Walk, Mitchells Plain
Gordons Bay	Gordon's Bay Public Library	Watt St, Gordon's Bay
Hermanus	Hermanus Public Library	66 Duiker St, Hermanus
Struisbaai	Struisbaai Public Library	Corner of 1st Ave & Deining Ave, Struisbaai
<b>Non-Technical Summary is available at:</b>		
Doringbaai	Doringbaai Public Library	Harbour Rd, Doringbaai
Lamberts Bay	Lamberts Bay Public Library	42 Church St, Lamberts Bay
Elands Bay	Elands Bay Public Library	Main Rd, Elands Bay
Velddrift	Velddrif Public Library	Voortrekker Rd, Velddrif
St Helena Bay	St Helena Bay Public Library	2 Albatross St, Municipal Complex, St Helena Bay
Vredendal	Vredendal Public Library	37 Church St, Vredendal
Langebaan	Langebaan Public Library	Corner Oostewal & Bree St, Langebaan,
Paternoster	Paternoster Public Library	Corner St. Augustine's Way (in the Civic Centre building)
Yzerfontein	Yzerfontein Municipal Office	46 Main Rd, Yzerfontein
Fish Hoek	Fish Hoek Public Library	Central Circle, Fish Hoek
Sea Point	Colin Eglin Sea Point Library	Civic Centre, Corner Three Anchor Bay and Main Roads, Sea Point
Camps Bay	Camps Bay Public Library	The Drive, Camps Bay (behind PnP)
Simon's Town	Simon's Town Public Library	St George's St, Simon's Town
Muizenberg	Muizenberg Library	Corner Atlantic and Beach Rd, Muizenberg
Khayelitsha	Khayelitsha Public Library	Corner Bonga & Sulani Drive, Site B, Khayelitsha

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Ocean View	Ocean View Public Library	Carina Rd, Ocean View
Delft	Delft Public Library	Corner Delft Main and Voorbrug Rd, Delft
Grassy Park	Grassy Park Public Library	Corner of Market Square and Reddy Ave, Grassy Park
Strand	Strand Public Library	Corner Mills and Piet Retief St, Strand
Betty's Bay	Betty's Bay Library	2649 Clarence Dr, Betty's Bay
Kleinmond	Kleinmond Library	Corner 3rd St and 5th Ave, Kleinmond (Municipal Building)
Hawston	Hawston Public Library	423 Church St, Hawston (Tusong Centre)
Gansbaai	Gansbaai Library	Corner Main and Kapokblom St, Gansbaai (Overstrand Municipal Office)
Arniston	Arniston Library	39 Kamp St, Arniston

## INVITATION TO ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

We cordially invite all stakeholders to attend the **public meetings** listed in Table 2. The objectives of these meetings are to provide an overview of the project proposal and findings of the impact assessment process, as well as provide stakeholders a further opportunity to comment. **Please note: only people who register for the online meeting, will receive a link to the meeting.**

**TABLE 2: PUBLIC MEETINGS**

No.	Location	Venue / Platform	Date (2022)	Time
1	St Helena Bay	Steenberg's Cove Community Hall Mississippi Road, Steenberg's Cove, St Helena Bay	Tuesday, 01 November	Sign in: 15h30 Meeting: 16h00
2	Saldanha Bay	Dialrock Community Hall Albatros Street, Saldanha	Wednesday, 02 November	
3	Mitchells Plain	Rocklands Civic Centre Corner Park Ave and Lancaster Rd, Rocklands, Mitchells Plain	Thursday, 03 November	
4	Online	Microsoft TEAMS	Monday, 07 November	Meeting: 16h00
5	Hout Bay	Hangberg Sports and Recreation Centre Karbonkel Road, Hout Bay	Tuesday, 08 November	Sign in: 15h30 Meeting: 16h00
6	Kleinmond	Kleinmond Town Hall Main Road, Kleinmond.	Wednesday, 09 November	
7	Hermanus	Sandbaai Hall Corner Jimmy Smith and Main Road, Sandbaai	Thursday, 10 November	
8	Struisbaai	Struisbaai Community Hall 21 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Struisbaai	Friday, 11 November	Sign in: 09h30 Meeting: 10h00

### REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Please [click here](https://forms.office.com/r/u9wfiwLSL1) (<https://forms.office.com/r/u9wfiwLSL1>) or scan QR Code to **complete the required form** to register to attend these public meetings.

Please register for the online meeting by **no later than 4 November 2022 in order to receive the meeting link.**



#### NOTE:

- To join the **online meeting**, you do not need to have a Microsoft TEAMS account. You will, however, **need an active internet connection or mobile data to participate**.
- If you want to join the meeting from a **mobile device**, you will need to **download the Microsoft TEAMS mobile app**.
- For more information on how to join a TEAMS meeting from your desktop (using either the Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome browser) or mobile device please [click here](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/join-a-microsoft-teams-meeting-269b40ff-3028-4d4f-9e0d-51d2c5d2488f).
- The meetings will be recorded and uploaded to the SLR's website and a data free website (details provided below).

## DEADLINE FOR COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ESIA REPORT

The draft ESIA Report is the second document for comment during the ESIA process. Comments on the draft ESIA Report should reach SLR by **no later than 7 December 2022** using the contact details below.

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All comments received will be incorporated and responded to in a Comments and Responses Report, which will be appended to the final ESIA Report. The final ESIA Report will be made available on the SLR website for information purposes.

Should you have any queries in this regard please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned Stakeholder Engagement Team.

Your sincerely,

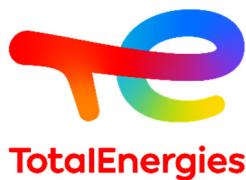
**TEEPSA-567 Stakeholder Engagement Team**

### SLR's commitment regarding the protection of personal information:

By providing your personal information as part of a comment, you will be included in the Project stakeholder database, and you consent to SLR managing your information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013. By being registered on the Project database, you authorise SLR to (1) retain and use your Personal Information as part of a contact database for this and/or other ESIA, (2) contact you regarding this and/or other ESIA processes, (3) disclose the database to other authorised parties for lawful purposes, (4) process it for lawful purposes, and (5) include correspondence received in ESIA Reports.

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You may request for your Personal Information to be deleted from the Project stakeholder database or comments to be excluded from ESIA Reports at any time by contacting SLR.



# ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) COMMENT FORM

# PROPOSED OFFSHORE EXPLORATION IN BLOCK 5/6/7, SOUTH-WEST COAST, SOUTH AFRICA

Please return completed form to SLR:

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