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ANNEXURE A

APPLICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION WELL DRILLING IN BLOCK 5/6/7 OFF THE SOUTH-WEST COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. In reaching the decision to amend the environmental authorisation (hereinafter referred to as the “authorisation”) issued on 17 April 2023 and the amended authorisation issued on 20 February 2025, the following information was considered:
 - 1.1. The provisions of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, as amended (“NEMA”) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the “EIA Regulations”).
 - 1.2. The authorisation amendment application received on 19 December 2025 and the revised authorisation amendment application, containing the details of the intended new authorisation holder, received on 16 February 2026.
 - 1.3. The authorisation issued on 17 April 2023, and the addendum thereto extending the validity of the said authorisation granted on 20 February 2025.
 - 1.4. The supporting information, which relates to the reasons for requesting the amendment of the authorisation, and an undertaking by Shell Exploration and Production South Africa B.V. (hereinafter referred to as “Shell”) required by section 4.4 of the authorisation amendment application form.

2. The information set out in section 1 above was carefully considered, resulting in the decision to approve the application to amend the authorisation based on the following reasons:
 - 2.1. TotalEnergies EP South Africa Block 567 (Pty) Ltd (hereinafter referred to as “TEEPSA”) withdrew from Block 5/6/7 exploration right (hereinafter referred to as the “right”) associated with the authorisation in question and resigned as the operator, and consequently as the holder of the authorisation on 15 October 2024. Shell was subsequently appointed as the operator of the right as of 15 February 2025. Hence, TEEPSA lodged an authorisation amendment application in terms of regulation 29 of the EIA Regulations to effect the change in authorisation holdership.
 - 2.2. An application to amend an authorisation to change the holder of the authorisation falls within the purview of regulation 29 of the EIA Regulations and, therefore, the submitted application was found acceptable.
 - 2.3. The proposed amendment will not result in any change to the scope of the valid authorisation or increase the level or nature of the impacts.
 - 2.4. The proposed amendment does not trigger any new activities listed in Listing Notices (LN) published in the EIA Regulations, i.e., LN1 published in GN R 983, LN2 in GN R 984, and LN3 in GN R 985 of 08 December 2014.
 - 2.5. The potential impacts associated with the authorised activities were initially assessed and outcomes considered in the authorisation issued on 17 April 2023.

3. In view of the above and having considered the environmental management principles as set out in section 2 of NEMA, the proposed amendment will not conflict with the objectives of the Integrated Environmental Management set out in Chapter 5 of the NEMA, as it neither changes the scope of the authorised activities nor increases the level or nature of impacts initially assessed and considered.



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DATE OF THE EA AMENDMENT:

2026-05-18

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