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**RE: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Process for Proposed Field Development in Block 11B/12B and Associated Production Activities, South Africa: Notification of application for Environmental Authorisation and opportunity to participate in the ESIA**

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Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This letter serves to notify stakeholders of the submission of a new application by Main Street 1549 (Pty) Ltd (Main Street) for Environmental Authorisation (EA) to undertake the proposed Block 11B/12B Field Development Project and associated production activities offshore of South Africa's south coast. It also provides notice of the associated ESIA process, including the availability of the Draft Scoping Report for public review and comment, as well as an invitation to attend public open days and meetings.

Stakeholders are further advised that the previous EA application for the survey campaign (Reference No. 12/4/013) has been withdrawn and will no longer be considered as part of the environmental authorisation process.

## 1.0 Background

Main Street 1549 (Pty) Ltd (Main Street), together with its Joint Venture (JV) partners at the time<sup>1</sup>, conducted exploration activities in Block 11B/12B, located ~75 km off the South Coast of South Africa, roughly between Mossel Bay and Cape St Francis. These activities, undertaken under their Exploration Right (Ref. No. 12/3/067), included seismic surveys and exploration well drilling, which led to the discovery of gas and associated condensates in the Brulpadda 1AX (2019) and Luiperd 1X (2020) wells, located within the Paddavissie Fairway situated in the south-western part of the Block.

Following this discovery, the JV partners applied for a Production Right in 2022 and, under TEEPSA leadership, initiated an ESIA process for an early field development scenario, which was accompanied by a public participation process in 2022 and 2023. However, in 2024, TotalEnergies resigned as operator of Block 11B/12B, and together with QatarEnergy and CNRI, withdrew from the project. Main Street elected to continue with the Project and assumed operatorship.

As the new operator, Main Street planned to advance the Project through a downscaled, largely non-intrusive survey campaign to assess the metocean, benthic, geotechnical and geophysical conditions in the area, thereby informing potential future development scenarios. An EA application for this survey campaign was subsequently submitted, and the associated ESIA process commenced in February 2025.

As a result of the progressive evaluation and advancement of technical development work, and in accordance with the principles of integrated environmental management under the

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<sup>1</sup> Main Street's JV partners in the Exploration right were Canadian Natural Resources International (South Africa) Limited (CNRI), QatarEnergy International E&P LLC (previously Qatar Petroleum International Upstream LLC) and TOTAL Energies EP South Africa (now TotalEnergies EP South Africa S.A.S.) (TEEPSA).



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National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), Main Street has expanded the ESIA to encompass the entire field development of the Paddavissie Fairway. This approach ensures comprehensive assessment of all reasonably foreseeable environmental and socio-economic impacts. **This expansion in scope requires the withdrawal of the previous EA application (Ref 12/4/013) for the survey campaign and the submission of a new EA application and associated ESIA process for the full development scope, which will be undertaken on 14 September 2026.**

## 2.0 Overview of Revised Project Scope

Main Street has elected to assess two optional full-field development scenarios for the Paddavissie Fairway. These scenarios represent conservative, maximum footprint cases that are reasonably foreseeable, ensuring that the environmental assessment captures the upper bound of potential impacts. The final development concept will ultimately be shaped by several factors, including the evolution of the future regional gas market. The two development scenarios are outlined below.

- **Scenario 1: Gas transported to shore via pipeline**
  - An offshore production facility will be moored at one of two alternative locations: (1) in deep water near the wells or (2) in shallower water on the continental shelf.
  - Gas and condensate extracted from offshore wells will be transferred to the production facility where they will be separated.
  - Pipelines will transport gas from the production facility to the coast and onto a proposed gas receiving facility (e.g. the proposed gas-to-power (GtP) facility) and/or other potential gas users (also called off-takers).
  - Condensate will be exported to local domestic and/or international markets by tanker vessels.
- **Scenario 2: Gas processed into Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) offshore**
  - An offshore production facility will be moored at one of two alternative locations: (1) in deep water near the wells or (2) in shallower water on the continental shelf.
  - Gas and condensate extracted from offshore wells will be transferred to the production facility.
  - At the production facility, gas will be separated and converted (or liquefied) to create LNG.
  - LNG and condensate will be exported to local domestic and/or international markets by tanker vessels.

The proposed Project is a declared Strategic Integrated Project (SIP) as gazetted in terms of the Infrastructure Development Act, 2014 (No. 23 of 2014). SIPs are considered as projects of significant economic or social importance to South Africa and contributing substantially to any national strategy or policy relating to infrastructure development.

The proposed Project triggers listed activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014 (as amended), promulgated under Chapter 5 of NEMA. As such, Main Street requires EA before such activities can commence.

As part of the EA application, an ESIA process must be undertaken in terms of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended). SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (SLR) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to undertake the ESIA processes for the proposed development project.



## WE REQUEST YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ESIA

1. You have been registered in the Project stakeholder database – see Section 3.1.
2. Draft Scoping Report released for review and comment – see Sections 3.2 and 3.5.
3. You are invited to attend the in-person public open days and meetings – see Section 3.3.
4. You are invited to attend the online public meeting – see Section 3.4.

## 3.0 Opportunity to Participate in the ESIA Process

### 3.1 Registration on the Project Stakeholder Database

Your participation in the ESIA process is important. Therefore, we have identified you and/or your organisation as a potential Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and have included you on the preliminary ESIA stakeholder database for this project. Registered I&APs will receive future information about the proposed project, the ESIA process, opportunities for comment and public engagements, and be invited to contribute comments on the proposed project. **Importantly, having received this letter means that you are registered as an I&AP and will thus be informed of scheduled public engagements and when ESIA documents are available for comment.**

SLR will manage your personal information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (No. 4 of 2013) (POPIA). In accordance with this Act, **if you DO NOT want to be registered on the ESIA database for this Project and wish to be removed, please confirm via return email and we will remove your personal information from the database.**

### 3.2 Availability of Draft Scoping Report for Review and Comment

The ESIA process consists of two main phases, namely the Scoping Phase and Impact Assessment Phase, with opportunities for public comment during each phase. Public consultation is a critical component of the ESIA process. This ESIA process is currently in the Scoping Phase where, through a participative process, information about the receiving environment (biophysical and socio-economic) and potential impacts are identified for further consideration.

SLR has compiled a Draft Scoping Report, which will be available for a 30-day review and comment period from **14 September – 15 October 2026**. This provides an opportunity for I&APs to comment on any aspect of the proposed project and the potential impacts identified for further investigation in the Impact Assessment Phase.

Copies of the **full Draft Scoping Report** and **Non-technical Summary** will be available at the following locations during the above timeframe:

- SLR website: <https://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/11b12bproduction/>
- Data free website: <https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co/public-documents/11b12bproduction/>, which is accessible from an internet-capable mobile phone **WITHOUT** data charges.
- Various public venues presented in Table 1.

The Non-technical Summary is available in **English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa** as a document or **audio file**.



**Table 1: Locations where the Draft Scoping Report and Non-Technical Summary will be available for review**

| Location                                                       | Name of Facility               | Physical Address                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Full Report and Non-Technical Summary are available at:</b> |                                |                                                                           |
| <b>Still Bay</b>                                               | Still Bay Library              | Main Road, Still Bay                                                      |
| <b>Mossel Bay</b>                                              | Kwanonqaba Library             | Adriaan Street, Asla Park, KwaNonqaba                                     |
| <b>Knysna</b>                                                  | Knysna Tourism Offices         | 40 Main Road, Knysna Central                                              |
| <b>Plettenberg Bay</b>                                         | Plettenberg Bay Public Library | Shop 29, Mervills Shopping Centre, Sewell Street                          |
| <b>St. Francis Bay</b>                                         | Sea Vista Library              | Geelbek Street, Sea Vista                                                 |
| <b>Jeffreys Bay</b>                                            | Jeffreys Bay Library           | 43 Diaz Road, Jeffreys Bay                                                |
| <b>Gqeberha</b>                                                | Newton Park Library            | Hurd Street, Newton Park, Nelson Mandela Bay                              |
| <b>Non-Technical Summary only is available at:</b>             |                                |                                                                           |
| <b>Struisbaai</b>                                              | Struisbaai Public Library      | 1 Deining Avenue, Struisbaai                                              |
| <b>Arniston</b>                                                | Arniston Library               | 39 Kamp Street, Arniston                                                  |
| <b>Gourits</b>                                                 | Gouritsmond Library            | 9 Kerk Street, Gourits                                                    |
| <b>Mossel Bay</b>                                              | Transnet Port of Mossel Bay    | 55 Bland Street, Mossel Bay, Main Port Administration Building, 2nd Floor |
| <b>Mossel Bay</b>                                              | Mossel Bay Library             | 4th Floor Montagu Building, 99 Marsh St, Mossel Bay Central               |
| <b>George</b>                                                  | George Public Library          | 4 Caledon St, Campher's Drift                                             |
| <b>Sedgefield</b>                                              | Sedgefield Library             | 12 Flamingo Avenue, Sedgefield                                            |

### 3.3 Invitation to Attend Public Open Days (In Person)

We cordially invite all stakeholders to attend the public open days listed in Table 2 which will be held in person during the Scoping Phase. The objectives of the public open days are as follows:

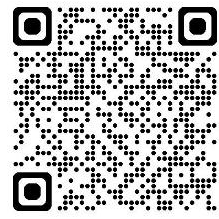
- To share information about the proposed project, ESIA and public participation process, including the proposed specialist studies to be undertaken during the Impact Assessment Phase;
- For I&APs to ask questions, raise issues of concern, contribute comments about the proposed project, and assist with the identification of issues to be considered during the ESIA; and
- For I&APs to comment on the Draft Scoping Report and the specialist studies to be undertaken during the Impact Assessment Phase.

This will entail an informal poster session where I&APs can attend at any time during the hours indicated and engage with the ESIA team in an informal basis. No formal public meetings will be held.

You are welcome to attend any of the public open days. It would be appreciated if you could indicate your intention to attend by registering using the link or QR code below.



**Table 2: Public open day venues, dates and times**

| Town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Venue                                      | Date              | Time                                                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mossel Bay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | D'Almeida Community Hall                   | 14 September 2026 | 15:00-19:00                                                                         |
| George                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Conville Community Hall                    | 15 September 2026 | 15:00-19:00                                                                         |
| Knysna                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Hornlee Community Hall                     | 16 September 2026 | 15:00-19:00                                                                         |
| Plettenberg Bay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | New Horizons Community Hall                | 17 September 2026 | 15:00-19:00                                                                         |
| Storms River                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Clarence Anthony Draai Multipurpose Centre | 18 September 2026 | 15:00-19:00                                                                         |
| Kareedouw                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Kagiso Heights Hall                        | 19 September 2026 | 10:00-14:00                                                                         |
| St Francis Bay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Sea Vista Community Hall                   | 21 September 2026 | 15:00-19:00                                                                         |
| Jeffreys Bay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Pellsrus Community Hall                    | 22 September 2026 | 15:00-19:00                                                                         |
| <p><b>Registration to Attend Public Open Days</b></p> <p>Please <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/a65veK87za">click here</a> (https://forms.office.com/e/a65veK87za) or scan QR Code to <b>complete the required form</b> to register to attend any of the public meetings.</p> |                                            |                   |  |

### 3.4 Invitation to Attend Online Meeting (Virtual)

You are also invited to attend an **online (virtual) meeting** to be held on **1 October 2026 (13:00 - 15:00)**. To register to attend the online meeting, please visit the link provided in **Table 3** for registration details. **Please note only people who register for the online meeting will receive a link to the meeting.**

**Table 3: Details of online (virtual) meeting**

| Platform                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Microsoft Teams | Date/Time | 1 October 2026 13:00-15:00                                                            |
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| <p><b>Registration to Attend Online (Virtual) Meeting</b></p> <p>Please <a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/23558359-3087-4a0d-b23a-5a53851e3a4d@109cec53-a877-42eb-93e8-b9f5c282ba38">click here</a> (https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/23558359-3087-4a0d-b23a-5a53851e3a4d@109cec53-a877-42eb-93e8-b9f5c282ba38) or scan QR Code on the right to <b>complete the required form</b> to register to attend the online public meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                 |           |  |
| <p><b>Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>If you want to join the meeting from a mobile device, you will need to download the Microsoft TEAMS mobile app.</li> <li>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 <a href="#">click here</a>.</li> <li>The meeting will be recorded and minutes of the meeting will be made available in the Final Scoping Report, which will be uploaded to the SLR's website and a data free website.</li> </ul> |                 |           |                                                                                       |

### 3.5 Deadline for Comment on the Draft Scoping Report

The Draft Scoping Report is the first document for comment during the ESIA process. Comments on the Draft Scoping Report should reach SLR by no later than **15 October 2026** using the contact details below.



| SLR Contact Details                                                                                                                                                               |                                     |                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Telephone</b><br>(021) 461 1118/9                                                                                                                                              | <b>SMS/WhatsApp</b><br>071 586 5881 | <b>Email</b><br><a href="mailto:11b12bproduction@slrconsulting.com">11b12bproduction@slrconsulting.com</a> |
| <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/11b12bproduction/">https://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/11b12bproduction/</a>                   |                                     |                                                                                                            |
| <b>Website Data Free:</b> <a href="https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co/public-documents/11b12bproduction/">https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co/public-documents/11b12bproduction/</a> |                                     |                                                                                                            |

All comments received will be incorporated and responded to in a Comments and Responses Report, which will be appended to the Final Scoping Report. The Final Scoping 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 using the details provided above.

Your sincerely,

**SLR Stakeholder Engagement Team**

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

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's, (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. SLR will not process your Personal Information, other than as permitted or required by ESIA processes or as required by Law or public policy. SLR will use reasonable, appropriate security safeguards in order to protect Personal Information, and to reasonably prevent any damage to, loss of, or unauthorised access or disclosure of Personal Information, other than as required for ESIA processes or as required by any Law or public policy. You may request for your Personal Information to be deleted from the Project database or comments to be excluded from ESIA Reports at any time by contacting SLR. However, you understand that SLR (and any authorised parties) may not be able to delete or destroy it for legal or public policy reasons. SLR will provide you with the reasons.

