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To whom it may concern

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP):

NOTIFICATION: APPEAL DECISION FOR THE PROPOSED TETRA4 CLUSTER 2 GAS GATHERING AND PRODUCTION PROJECT, IN THE VIRGINIA AREA, FREE STATE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA.

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment has issued a decision (dated 1 August 2024) on the appeals submitted against the Environmental Authorisation granted on 13 July 2023 for the abovementioned project.

A high-level summary of the Ministers decision is as follows:

- The third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grounds of appeal were dismissed.
- The Minister considered new information provided by the appellants and in relation to the first and second grounds of appeal, the Minister deemed it appropriate to remit the application for EA to the Competent Authority (the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy - DMRE) for reconsideration.

The factors that informed the appeal decision on the first and second grounds of appeal will therefore be further investigated by Tetra4, the Environmental Assessment Practitioner and the relevant specialists which will culminate in an updated Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). Once this process has been concluded, all registered Interested and Affected Parties will be notified of a further 30-day public participation process and opportunity to comment prior to the updated EIAR being submitted to the DMRE for reconsideration.

A copy of the Ministers appeal decision can be provided upon request.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any queries.

Kind Regards,

Alexander Msipa

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Vir wie dit mag aangaan

Geagte Geregistreerde Geïnteresseerde en Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP):

**KENNISGEWING: APPËLBESLUIT VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE TETRA4 KLUSTER 2 GASINSAMELING EN
PRODUKSIEPROJEK, IN DIE VIRGINIA-GEBIED, VRYSTAAT PROVINSIE, SUID-AFRIKA.**

Kennis word hiermee gegee dat die Minister van Bosbou, Visserye en Omgewing 'n besluit (gedateer 1 Augustus 2024) uitgereik het oor die appèlle wat ingedien is teen die Omgewingsmagtiging wat op 13 Julie 2023 vir bogenoemde projek toegestaan is.

'n Hoëvlak-opsomming van die Ministers se besluit is soos volg:

- Die derde, vierde, vyfde, sesde en sewende gronde van appèl is van die hand gewys.
- Die Minister het nuwe inligting wat deur die appellante verskaf is, oorweeg en met betrekking tot die eerste en tweede gronde van appèl het die Minister dit gepas geag om die aansoek om EA aan die Bevoegde Owerheid (die Departement van Minerale Hulpbronne en Energie - DMRE) terug te gee vir heroorweging.

Die faktore wat die appèlbesluit oor die eerste en tweede gronde van appèl ingelig het, sal dus verder ondersoek word deur Tetra4, die Omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn en die betrokke spesialiste wat sal uitloop op 'n bygewerkte Omgewingsimpakbepalingsverslag (EIAR). Sodra hierdie proses afgehandel is, sal alle geregistreerde Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Partye in kennis gestel word van 'n verdere 30-dae openbare deelnameproses en geleentheid om kommentaar te lewer voordat die bygewerkte OIBr aan die DMRE voorgelê word vir heroorweging.

'n Afskrif van die ministers se appèlbesluit kan op versoek verskaf word.

Kontak gerus die ondergetekende indien u enige navrae het.

Vriendelike groete,

Alexander Msipa

13 Phato 2024

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Ho eo e mo amang

Mokha o Ratehang o Ngolisitsoeng o Thahasellang le o Amehileng (I&AP):

TSEBISO: QETO EA BOIPHIRI BAKENG SA MORERO OA HO BOBELLA LE TLHAHISO EA TETRA4 CLUSTER 2, LEATERONG LA VIRGINIA, FOR FREE STATE, AFRIKA BOROA.

Ho fanoa ka tsebisiso mona hore Letona la Meru, Litlhapi le Tikoloho le fane ka qeto (ea la 1 Phato 2024) mabapi le boipiletso bo kentsoeng khahlanong le Tumello ea Tikoloho e fanoeng ka la 13 Phupu 2023 bakeng sa projeke e boletsoeng ka holimo.

Kakaretso ea boemo bo holimo ea qeto ea Matona ke e latelang:

- Mabaka a boipiletso a boraro, a bone, a bohlang, a botšelela le a bosupa a ile a qhaloa.
- Letona le ile la nahana ka tlhahisoleseding e ntjha e fanoeng ke baipiletso mme mabapi le mabaka a pele le a bobedi a boipiletso, Letona le bone ho loketse ho romela kopo ya EA ho Bolaodi bo nang le Bokgoni (Lefapha la Mehloli ya Diminerale le Eneji - DMRE) hore e hlahlojwe hape.

Lintlha tse tsebisitseng qeto ea boipiletso ka lebaka la pele le la bobeli la boipiletso li tla tsoela pele ho fuputsoa ke Tetra4, Setsebi sa Tekolo ea Tikoloho le litsebi tse amehang tse tla fella ka Tlaleho e nchafalitsoeng ea Tekolo ea Impact Environmental (EIAr). Hang ha ts'ebetso ena e se e phethetsoe, Mekha eohle e Ngolisitsoeng e Nang le Khahleho le e Amehileng e tla tsebisoa ka ts'ebetso e 'ngoe ea matsatsi a 30 ea ho kenya letsoho ha sechaba le monyetla oa ho fana ka maikutlo pele EIA e nchafalitsoeng e romelloa ho DMRE hore e hlahlojoe bocha.

Kopi ea qeto ea boipiletso ea Matona e ka fanoa ka kopo.

Ka kopo, ikutloe u lokolohile ho ikopanya le motho ea saenneng ka tlase haeba u na le lipotso.

Litumeliso tse mofuthu,

Alexander Msipa