

12 June 2023

Our ref: 1570/GPK/lj

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir or Madam:

**NOTIFICATION REGARDING OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED AFRICA OIL SA CORP BLOCK 3B/4B OFFSHORE EXPLORATION.**

Africa Oil SA Corp, Ricocure (Pty) Ltd and Azinam Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Eco Atlantic) (the Joint Venture Partners of the Block 3B/4B Exploration Right - hereafter jointly referred to as the Applicants) have appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with undertaking the required authorisation processes (including the statutory public participation), and to compile and submit the required documentation in support of application for:

- Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the NEMA- Listed activity 18 (GNR 984)

Additional listed activities and/or water uses may be identified during the process.

The Applicants are the holders of an existing Exploration Right for Block 3B/4B in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (No. 28 of 2002 – MPRDA), as amended. The licence block covers an area of approximately 11 100 km<sup>2</sup> and is situated between latitudes 31°S and 33°S on the continental shelf in water depths ranging from 200 m to 2 000 m. The applicant is the operator and holder of an existing Exploration Right for Block 3B/4B in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (No. 28 of 2002 – MPRDA), as amended. The licence block covers an area of approximately 11 100 km<sup>2</sup>, and is situated between latitudes 31°S and 33°S on the continental shelf in water depths ranging from 200 m to 2 000 m.

Block 3B/4B is located approximately 120 km west of St Helena Bay and approximately 145 km south-west of Hondeklip Bay off the West Coast of South Africa. The area of primary interest is in the north of this block, but this could also cover other areas in future. As part of the process of applying for the Exploration Right, the applicant undertook and completed the reprocessing project covering 2 000 km<sup>2</sup>, which is a subset of the 10 000 km<sup>2</sup> BHP/Shell 3D seismic datasets, focussed primarily on the most northern portion of Block 3B/4B.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process will be undertaken in terms of Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (GNR 982) promulgated under the NEMA (as amended). A Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process will be followed. In accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, a public participation process will be undertaken.

As a potential interested and affected party, you are invited to register and comment on the project. In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an Interested and Affected Party and that your comments are captured, please submit your name, contact details, the reason for your interest or any comments, in writing or telephonically, to EIMS. Please note that only registered I&AP's will be directly informed of future project information and opportunities for participation. In order to avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit I&AP registrations, or any queries, comments, or concerns with regards to this application, as soon as possible to EIMS.

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Additional documentation is available on the EIMS website at the following link:

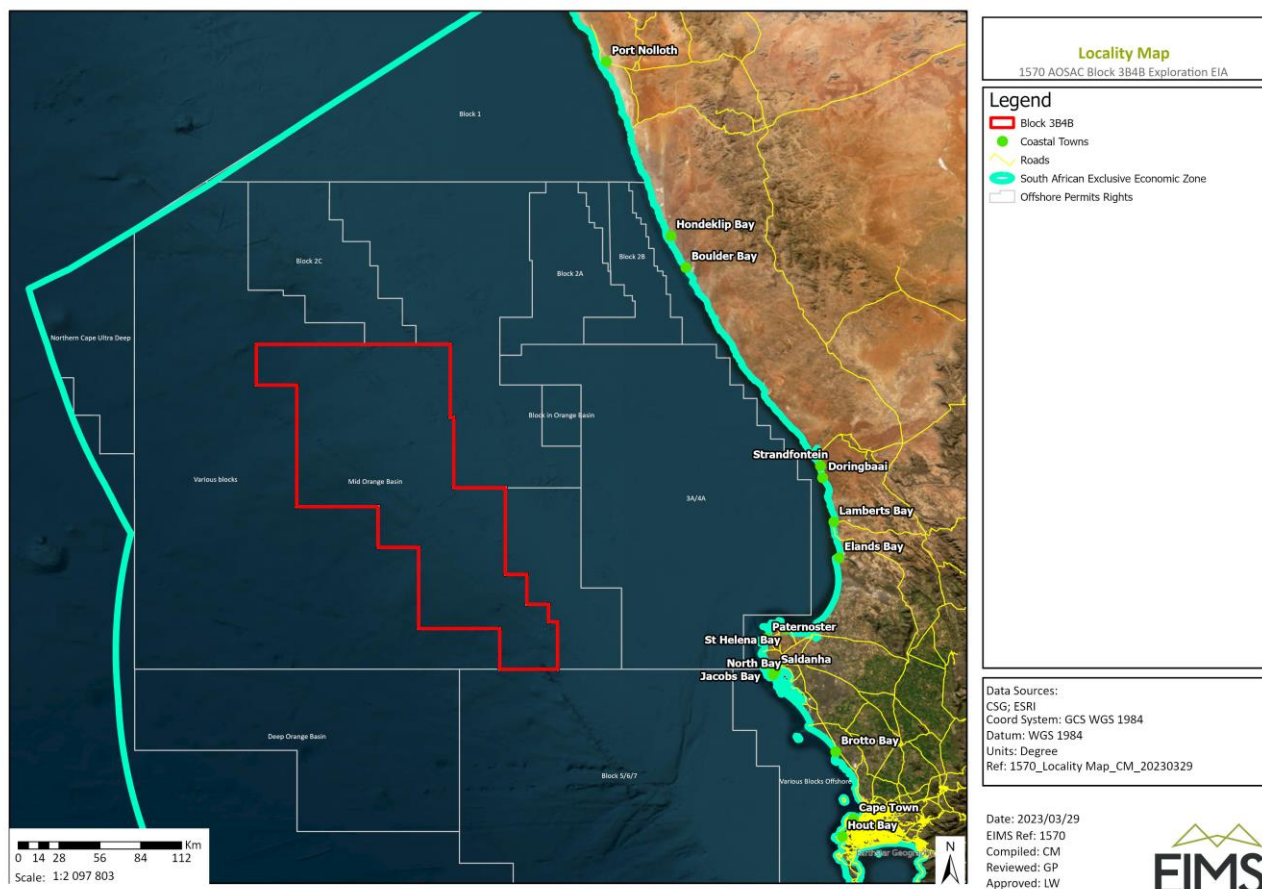
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Please include the project reference number **1570** in all correspondence.

Kind Regards,

**Lucien James**



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Vir wie dit mag aangaan:

Geagte Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party:

**KENNISGEWING MET BETREKking TOT GELEENTHEID OM AAN DIE OMGEWINGSMAGTINGAANSOEKPROSES VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE AFRICA OIL SA CORP BLOCK 3B/4B SEEWAARTSE VERKENNING.**

Africa Oil SA Corp, Ricocure (Edms) Bpk en Azinam Beperk ('n volfiliaal van Eco Atlantic) (die gesamentlike ondernemingsvennote van die blok 3B/4B-eksplorasiering - hierna gesamentlik verwys na as die Aansoekers) het Environmental Impact Management Services (Edms) Bpk (EIMS) as die Omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn (EAP) aangestel om die nodige omgewingsmagtiging en gepaardgaande konsultasieprosesse te onderneem. EIMS sal die vereiste dokumentasie saamstel en indien ter ondersteuning van aansoeke vir:

- Omgewingsmagtiging (EA) in ooreenstemming met die NEMA- Gelyste aktiwiteit 18 (GNR 984)

Bykomende gelyste aktiwiteite en/of watergebruike kan tydens die proses geïdentifiseer word.

Die Aansoekers is die houers van 'n bestaande verkenningsreg vir Blok 3B/4B ingevolge die wet op die Ontwikkeling van Minerale en Petroleumhulpbronne (Nr. 28 van 2002 – MPRDA), soos gewysig. Die lisensieblok beslaan 'n oppervlakte van ongeveer 11 100km<sup>2</sup>, en is geleë tussen breedtegraad 31°S en 33°S op die vastelandsplat in die waterdieptes wat wissel van 200 m tot 2 000 m.

Blok 3B/4B is ongeveer 120 km wes van St. Helenabaai en ongeveer 145 km suidwes van Hondeklipbaai aan die Weskus van Suid-Afrika geleë. Die gebied van primêre belang is in die noorde van hierdie blok, maar dit kan in die toekoms ander gebiede beslaan. As deel van die proses van aansoek vir die Verkenningsreg, het die aansoeker 'n herverwerkingsprojek onderneem en voltooi wat 'n gebied beslaan van 2 000km<sup>2</sup>, wat 'n deel uitmaak van die 10 000km<sup>2</sup> BHP/Shell 3D seismiese datastelle, hoofsaaklik gefokus oor die noordelike gedeelte van Blok 3B/4B.

Die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB)-proses sal onderneem word ingevolge Hoofstuk 6 van die OIB-regulasies, 2014 (GNR 982) afgekondig onder die NEMA (soos gewysig). 'n Omvang- en Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB)-proses sal gevolg word. In ooreenstemming met Hoofstuk 6 van die OIB-regulasies, sal 'n openbare deelnameproses onderneem word.

As 'n potensiële belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party word u uitgenooi om te registreer en kommentaar te lewer op die projek. Om te verseker dat jy geïdentifiseer en geregistreer word as 'n Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party en dat jou kommentaar vasgelê word, dien asseblief jou naam, kontakbesonderhede, die rede vir jou belangstelling of enige kommentaar, skriftelik of telefonies, by EIMS in. Neem asseblief kennis dat slegs geregistreerde B&GP's direk ingelig sal word oor toekomstige projekinligting en geleenthede vir deelname. Om te verhoed dat geleenthede vir publieke deelname misgeloop word, dien asseblief B&GP-registrasies, of enige navrae, kommentaar of bekommernisse met betrekking tot hierdie aansoek, so gou moontlik by EIMS in.



Kulowo inokuthi ibhekise kuye:

Mnumzana/Nksz Obekekileyo:

**ISAZISO MALUNGA NETHUBA LOKUTHATHA INXAXHEBA KWINKQUBO YOKUFAKA ISICELO SOGUNYAZISO LWEZENDALO KWI-PROJEKTHI KA-AFRICA OIL SA CORP YOKUHLOLWA KWEBHLOKO U-3B/4B OKUNXWEME OLUNGAPHANDLE.**

i-Africa Oil SA Corp, Ricocure (Pty) Ltd kunye ne Azinam Limited (i-subsiary ephethwe ngokupheleleyo ye-Eco Atlantic) (iinkampani ezibambisene ngeLungelo lokuHlola leBhloko 3B/4B) emva koku ekubhekiselwa kuzo njengabafaki-sicelo ziqeshe u-Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) njenge-Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) ukuncedisa ekwenzeni iinkqubo zogunyaziso ezifunekayo (kubandakanywa nentatho-nxaxheba yoluntu ngokusemthethweni), kunye nokuqulunqa kunye nokungenisa amaxwebhu afunekayo okuxhasa esisicelo:

- UGunyaziso lokusiNgqongileyo (EA) ngokuhambelana neNEMA – umsebenzi odwelisiweyo we-18 (GNR 984)

Imisebenzi eyongezelelweyo edwelisiweyo kunye/okanye ukusetyenziswa kwamanzi kunokuchongwa ngexesha lenkqubo.

Abafaki-sicelo ngabanini beLungelo lokuHlola elikhoyo leBhloko 3B/4B ngokoMthetho woPhuhliso lweMithombo yeziMbiwa nePetroleum (Nombolo 28 ka-2002 – MPRDA), njengoko ulungisiwe. Ibhloko yelayisenisi igubungela ummandla omalunga ne-11 100 km<sup>2</sup> kwaye ime phakathi ko obungama-31°S nama-33°S kwishelufa yelizwe kubunzulu bamanzi asisela kuma-200m ukuya kuma-2000m.

Ibhloko 3B/4B ibekwe malunga ne-120 km kwintshona ye-St Helena Bay kwaye imalunga ne-145 km kumzantsi-ntshona we-Hondeklip Bay kude noNxweme oluseNtshona loMzantsi Afrika. Ummandla womdla ophambili usemantla ale bhloko, kodwa oku kunokubandakanya nezinye iindawo kwixesha elizayo. Njengenxalenye yenkqubo yokufaka isicelo seLungelo lokuHlola, umenzisicelo uthabathe waza wagqiba iprojekthi yokuhlaziya kwakhona egubungela i-2 000 km<sup>2</sup>, neyi-subset engama-10 000 km<sup>2</sup> we 3D seismic datasets zika BHP/Shell, egxile ikakhulu kwezona ndawo zingasentla kwiBhloko u-3B/4B.

Inkqubo yoVavanyo lweMpembelelo yokuSingqongileyo (EIA) iya kwenziwa ngokweSahluko sesi-6 seMimiselo ye-EIA, yowama-2014 (GNR 982) ebhengezwe phantsi kweNEMA (njengoko ilungisiwe). Inkqubo yoVavanyo lweMpembelelo yokusiNgqongileyo (Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment) (EIA) iya kulandelwa. Ngokuhambelana neSahluko sesi-6 seMimiselo ye-EIA, inkqubo yentatho-nxaxheba yoluntu iya kwenziwa.

Njengomntu onomdla kunye neqela elichaphazelekayo, uyamenywa ukuba ubhalise kwaye unike izimvo malunga neprojekthi. Ukuze uqinisekise ukuba uchongiwe kwaye ubhalisiwe njengeQela eliNomdla neliChaphazelekayo nokuba izimvo zakho zifakiwe, nceda ungenise igama lakho, iinkcukacha zoqhagamshelwano, isizathu somdla wakho okanye naziphi na izimvo, ngokubhaliweyo okanye ngomnxeba, ku-EIMS. Nceda uqaphele ukuba zi-I&APs ezibhalisiweyo kuphela eziya kwaziswa ngokuthe ngqo ngengcaciso yeprojekthi yexesha elizayo kunye namathuba okuthatha inxaxheba. Ukuze ungaphoswa ngamathuba okuthatha inxaxheba koluntu nceda ungenise umdla wokubhalisa njenge-I&AP, okanye nayiphi na imibuzo, izimvo, okanye iinkxalabo malunga nesi sicelo, ngokukhawuleza ku-EIMS.

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Nceda ufake inombolo yesalathiso yeprojekthi engu-1570 kuyo yonke imbalelwano.

Ozithobileyo,

**Lucien James**

