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MEETING DETAILS

Meeting	Motuoane Hennenman EA Amendment Pre-Application Meeting		
Meeting Venue	Microsoft Teams	Date	2023/10/17
		Time	10:00

MEETING ATTENDEES


Representative	Company/Organisation	Email Address
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APOLOGIES & ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION

Representative	Company	Email Address
Nil	Nil	Nil

AGENDA

Item
1. Introductions
2. Purpose of Meeting
3. Project Overview and Description (Presentation)
a. Authorised Activities
b. Proposed Amendments to the EA
4. Confirmation of specialist studies
5. PASA's Input / Guidance
6. Way Forward

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1.	Introductions		
	<p>VM opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.</p> <p>All meeting attendees introduced themselves and their role in the project.</p>		
2.	Purpose of the meeting		
	<p>VM highlighted the purpose of the meeting indicating the objectives of introducing the project to the Competent Authority, outlining the EA and Authorized Activities, outlining proposed activities and amendments, confirming specialist studies and attaining a way forward.</p>		
3.	Project Overview and Description (Presentation)		
	<p>VM and LW provided the project background, description of the project and the location as per the attached presentation in Appendix 1. The current authorised activities (Listing Notice 1, Activity 27, Listing Notice 2, Activity 18 and Listing Notice 3, Activity 12) were discussed. The proposed additional activities (additional new 9 drilling wells, ~25km known seismic transects and unknown number and specific areas of potential future drilling wells and seismic surveys) were presented to PASA. The proposed amendments to the existing EA including amending the number of drilling wells (Condition 3.2.2 Condition 5.1.1.3) and adding Condition 3.2.3: for the undertaking of necessary seismic surveys within the Exploration Right area were proposed to PASA. Following the brief presentation, the floor was opened for a discussion and a question-and-answer session.</p>		
	<p>LW highlighted that the overall aim of the proposed amendment is to add seismic surveys to the Exploration Right and remove a specific number of approved drilling sites while implementing control measures approved in the EMPr. This would avoid numerous amendments which will cost time and money every time a new drilling site is proposed. PN and NT acknowledged the objective, but require that areas of interested be identified, even if the area are exaggerated, but they can no longer approve a blanket approach. High-level target sites for the activities will need to be provided and assessed.</p>		
	<p>PN requested for clarification on the proposed amendment area where the activities are to be undertaken. LW elaborated on the proposed area for the known nine (9) seismic transects of approximately 25km long and indicated that two (2) wells are proposed around the same area of the transects, but these are part of the three (3) which have already been authorised. Furthermore, LW indicated that the specific locations for the additional 9 drilling sites are currently not known, but within the Exploration Right area.</p>		

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	PN inquired if the proposed method of survey (Vibroiseis and geophones) is the only method which can be used or if there are others. VM indicated that there were other possible methods, but the applicant indicate they are not viable. PN recommended that these be used as other alternatives for alternatives assessment.		
4.	Confirmation of Application Requirements		
	VM highlighted the specialist studies which are currently underway for the project which are Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment, Aquatics and Wetland Impact Assessment, Heritage Impact Assessment and Palaeontology Impact Assessment. VM inquired if PASA suggests any additional specialist studies. PN requested for clarification if the specialist studies were for the seismic surveys or drilling sites to which VM indicated that the mentioned studies were undertaken for the seismic surveys which the location is known. PN indicated that PASA is not at a state of commenting on the studies yet.		
5.	PASA's Input / Guidance		
	<p>VM and LW provided context of Listing Notice 1 Activity 21c for onshore seismic surveys which was promulgated after the EA was issued. The interpretation of the activity and applicability to the project was discussed by all meeting attendees.</p> <p>LW and VM understood it as it this activity is only triggered as a new activity when applying for a new exploration right. Considering that the applicant already has an active exploration right, then the activity is not triggered, but catered for by the authorised Listing Notice 2, Activity 18.</p> <p>PN also had a similar understanding, but not entirely certain.</p> <p>NT understood it as a triggered new activity and therefore, a new EA Application process required. A conclusion as to whether an amendment or new EA Application process is required could not be reached during the discussion.</p>		
	<p>LW inquired that if a new EA Application process is to be followed, how will the proposed additional 9 drilling wells be catered for to the Existing EA?</p> <p>1. Does that mean the applicant will undertake two simultaneous processes or one integrated process?</p> <p>One process for the new EA Application to add the seismic activity and another process to amend the existing EA for the drilling wells?</p> <p>OR</p> <p>2. One integrated process for the new EA Application to add the seismic activity and amend the existing EA for the additional drilling wells?</p>		

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	PN indicated that it should be one application process to avoid complication and save time and costs.		
	<p>VM requested for the latest versions of Amendment and/or EA Application Forms. PN indicated that they are readily available online.</p> <p>PN indicated that PASA prefers a softcopy submission and SA will provide the submission process.</p> <p>VM inquired if a site visit by PASA will be required. PN indicated that PASA will attend public meetings and if a site visit is required, it will be undertaken at the same time.</p>		
6.	Way Forward and Action Items		
	Engage PASA's Legal Department Regarding applicable process to be followed (Amendment or BA).	PN	23/10/2023
	Engage National Department Regarding applicable process to be followed (Amendment or BA)	VM	23/10/2023
	Compile Meeting Minutes and circulate to all parties.	VM	24/10/2023
	Provide relevant PASA forms / templates.	SA	25/10/2023
	Assess additional specialist studies required.	PN / VM	25/10/2023
	Engage Developer / Applicant to provide probable areas for surveys and/or drilling sites.	VM	25/10/2023

APPENDICES

1. Appendix 1 – Pre-Application Meeting Presentation

Adopted by

Name	Organisation
Signature	Date