

Comments and Responses 1623 Searcher BA 2

Mr Hleketani Mukhari

Date 2024/04/19 Method Email

Comment

Good day, You can forward further available information.

Response

Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. We confirm that you have been registered in the I&AP database for this project. Please see the attached background information document for the project.

Ms Sue Reuther

Date 2024/04/24 Method Email

Comment

Hello, I would like to register as an I&AP for the project.

Response

Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. We confirm that you have been registered in the I&AP database for this project.

Prof. Merle Sowman

Date 2024/05/03 Method Email

Comment

Please register me as an interested and affected party.

Response

Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. We confirm that you have been registered in the I&AP database for this project.

Patrick Dowing

Date 2024/04/20 Method Email

Comment

WESSA: Western Cape responds as follows to the notification: The purpose of this survey is to assess the potential for significant oil and gas deposits below the sea bed. Apart from the harm to marine species and habitats likely to proceed from the seismic operations themselves and possible drilling and infrastructure installation that could follow, it is scientifically undeniable that subsequent combustion of said oil or gas would lead to increased carbon emissions. Such emissions are categorically linked to climate change impacts of an increasingly destructive and disrupting nature. South Africa is signatory to the Paris agreement to limit such emissions. At COP 28 there was majority consensus to transition away from the use of these fuels not to seek new such sources. Section 24 of the South African constitution establishes the intergenerational right to an environment not harmful to our health. Pursuing the implicit goal of further

Response

Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. Your comment has been noted. A marine ecological assessment is being undertaken for the survey project as well as the compilation of the Draft Basic Assessment Report. The report will be sent to all I&APs to submit their comments when it has been released. It should be noted that authorising seismic surveys does not guarantee new oil and gas exploration or production. Future impacts associated with potential oil and gas production would need to be assessed separately as part of the EIA for those activities. According to the Integrated Resource Plan 2019 (IRP 2019), which is the country's energy planning strategy, there is a need for gas in South Africa's energy mix in the future. This need is driven in part by the expectation that natural gas may act as a transition fuel, whilst other greener technologies mature. According to the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and

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exploitation of fossil fuels flouts this right and should therefore not be undertaken.

the Environment (DFFE), targets have been determined to achieve our national GHG Emissions commitments. These targets consider the likely GHG emissions outcome of the implementation of current South African policies including the IRP. The proposed seismic activities may be used to determine whether a viable gas or oil resource is present. The outcomes of this could provide insight into potential alternative supply options to inform the future energy planning and policy for South Africa. A Draft IRP (2023) has been published for comment as necessitated by changing circumstances. The IRP continues to highlight South Africa’s pursuit of a diversified energy mix that will provide security of supply while ensuring compliance with its emission reduction plan.

Niall Kramer

Date 2024/04/19 Method Email

Comment

Please register me as an IAP.

Response

Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. We confirm that you have been registered in the I&AP database for this project.

Mr Ismat Adams

Date 2024/04/29 Method Email

Comment

Good day Please register me as I&AP. Name: **** Organisation: CapeNature Capacity: Land-Use Scientist – Landscape West Email: ****@****.co.za Contact no.: ***** Please send Google Earth KML files or QGIS shapefiles of the activity footprint.

Response

Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. We confirm that you have been registered in the I&AP database for this project. Please also see the attached KML file and locality map of the project area.

Liziwe McDaid

Date 2024/04/19 Method Email

Comment

I would like to be involved in this process. Please can your provide additional information, Regards

Response

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Liziwe McDaid

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Mr Daniel van den Heever

Date 2024/04/19 Method Email

Comment

Hereby please register Kookfontein Renewables Pty Ltd as well as Richtersveld Chamber of Commerce as an Interested and Affected Party for any economic benefits that will arise from this project.

Response

Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. We can confirm that you have been registered on the I&AP database for this project.

Mr Khuliso Mudau

Date 2024/04/19 Method Email

Comment

Please register me as an I&AP for this project.

Response

Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. We confirm that you have been registered in the I&AP database for this project.

Adri La Meyer

Date 2024/04/22 Method Email

Comment

Dear EIMS PPP Team, Thank you for your email of 19 April 2024. Please register the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning as a commenting authority for the forthcoming BA process. You may add me as the Department's contact person for this BA application. Please notify me when the Draft BAR is released for comments.

Response

Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. We confirm that you have been registered in the I&AP database for this project. A notification will be sent to all registered I&APs when the draftBAR is released for comments.

Mr Dave Japp

Date 2024/04/19 Method Email

Comment

I wish to be registered as an IAP for this project: Name : ***** Contact : *****@gmail.com Mobile / Whatsapp : ***** Reason : I am a fisheries specialist

Response

Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. We confirm that you have been registered in the I&AP database for this project. The parties cc'd are already included in the database as pre-identified

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Mr Dave Japp

scientist. I am providing support and guidance on Oil and Gas to SADSTIA (Deepsea Trawling Industry) as well as to SAPFIA (Small Pelagic Fishing Association). This West Coast survey is of direct interest to these bodies as the 3D survey overlaps with fishing grounds. Please Note: The parties cc'd herein are both associated with the secretariates of the mentioned associations and should be contacted directly to register (if not already done).

I&APs.

Mr Dean Palmer

Date 2024/04/29 Method Email

Comment

Please register me as an I&AP for the Searcher matter with reference 1623.

Response

Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. We can confirm that you have been registered on the I&AP database for this project.

Ms Michele Rivarola

Date 2024/04/19 Method Email

Comment

I request to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party (IAP)

Response

Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. We confirm that you have been registered in the I&AP database for this project.

Keely Harris

Date 2024/04/19 Method Email

Comment

Please include me in your list of interested parties requesting information on the EIA.

Response

Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. We confirm that you have been registered in the I&AP database for this project.

Ms Jacolette Adam

Date 2024/04/23 Method Email

Comment

Please register me, Thanks

Response

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Ms Cebile Nzuza

Date 2024/04/22 Method Email

Comment

I want to register as an interested and Affected party for the seismic survey. I am responsible for Environmental Management nationally for all commercial ports in South Africa. The survey is in proximity to the ports of Mossel Bay, Cape Town, and Saldanha which is of interest to TNPA

Response

Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. We confirm that you have been registered in the I&AP database for this project.

Elna van Zyl

Date 2024/05/24 Method Email

Comment

Please add me for registration as n interested and affected party to receive information about your planned exploration on the West Coast. Thankyou

Response

Thank you for your email. We confirm that you have been registered in the I&AP database for this project.

Ms Gwendeline Saal

Date 2024/04/19 Method Email

Comment

As Richtersveld Economic Development Co-operative we would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party on the Environmental Authorization Application Process on the Proposed Seismic Project Reference number: 1623

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Dear I&AP, Thank you for your email. We confirm that you have been registered on the I&AP database for this project.

Mr GP Kriel

Date 2024/04/24 Method Email

Comment

Kindly register me as an interested and affected party for the above project.

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