		<b>BA REVIEW ENGAGEMENT RECORD</b>	
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## INTRODUCTION

This is a record of proceedings, comments, and responses of the Public Open Day Sessions held along the West Coast from Port Nolloth to Mitchells Plain between 24 June and 05 July 2024.

This document highlights the overall plan for the public open days which form part of the public review of the Basic Assessment Report for the Searcher Seismic Survey (12/1/048) Project. This report details the timeline of the Public Participation Process (PPP) in question, as well as the specifics of the format of the sessions.

## PROCEEDINGS

### Meeting Format – Open Day Sessions

Public engagement in this phase of the project took place in the form of Public Open Day Sessions. The Public Open Day Sessions covered 8-hour timeslots at each venue except for Hout Bay Harbour where the Public Open Day ended at 13:00 due to the venue being booked for a different event from 14:00. Each session was held in a large public hall to accommodate the various planned activities associated with the Open Day Sessions. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) were able to attend sessions at any time that suited them during the 8-hour timeslot as indicated to the I&APs in the various notifications prior to the Public Open Days. Walkthroughs or guided tours were conducted during the sessions.

Public Open Day Sessions differ from public meetings in the sense that they do not include any formal presentations and engagements for one large group within a specific (limited) time slot, rather small causal engagements about the proposed activities, impacts, mitigation measures and consultation process throughout the day as and when I&APs arrive at the venue. It was anticipated that many of the attendees would have already engaged with the material of the previous public engagements. Further, by excluding a formal presentation, more time was allocated to allowing I&APs to engage with the project through specialist viewpoints and key areas, essentially allowing for a finer evaluation of the project without repetition or reiteration of information.

For this reason, formal meeting minutes would therefore not suffice as a record for these sessions. Instead, this record acts to provide an overview of the meeting format as well as present the key information in terms of comments and responses which inspired during the Open Day Sessions. In this regard, the annexure of this Public Meeting Record includes an overview of all comments received at the respective sessions.

### Notification and prior on-the-ground engagement

Prior to Open Day Sessions, the various communities were engaged through on-the-ground notifications. Abalobi Express was commissioned to notify communities through field assistants and poster placements. Further, Abalobi Express also aided in providing some communities with transport to the venues. These were I&APs who showed interest in the project but had transport challenges to make it to the venues.

Open Day Sessions were structured to allow for focused engagements. These engagements were conducted at dedicated project team (EIMS, Searcher, and various specialists) stations set up at the different venues. The stations and their focused content were defined by feedback and comments gathered during the Basic Assessment Report public review phase of the project. Engagements at the various stations took a form very similar to Focus Group Discussions. In this regard, participants gathered at the station and engaged directly with the relevant project team members.

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### Schedule of Open Day Sessions

An overview of the different Open Day Sessions held in the various towns across the West Coast is provided below. Altogether, 10 sessions were held in each town.

Town	Venue	Time and Date
Port Nolloth	Luvuyo Drop Inn Centre, Burden Street	Monday, 24 June 2024, 09:00 -17:00
Springbok	Hananja Lodge & Restaurant	Tuesday, 25 June 2024, 09:00 -17:00
Springbok	Hananja Lodge & Restaurant	Wednesday, 26 June 2024, 09:00 -17:00
Doring Bay	Doringbaai Hawe Saal: Doringbaai	Thursday, 27 June 2024, 09:00 -17:00
Elands Bay	Elands Bay Community Hall: Main Rd	Friday, 28 June 2024, 09:00 -17:00
St Helena Bay	Sandy Point Community Hall: 2 Albatros St, Sandy Point	Monday, 01 July 2024, 09:00 -17:00
Langebaan	Seebries Saal/Sea Breeze Hall: 157 Main St	Tuesday, 02 July 2024, 09:00 -17:00
Yzerfontein	Yzerfontein Community Hall, 25 Dolfyn Street	Wednesday, 03 July 2024, 09:00 -17:00
Hout Bay	Hout Bay High School, 26 Marlin Cres, Hout Bay Harbour	Thursday, 04 July 2024, 09:00 -13:00
Mitchell's Plain	Alliance France: 18 Wall Street, Portland, Mitchell's Plain.	Friday, 05 July 2024, 09:00 -17:00

## SOURCES OF COMMENTS AND DATA

Comments were gathered during the Open Day Session from the following sources:

### 1. Voice recordings


Voice recordings were captured during the Public Open Days, the recordings captured the project team's feedback sessions and I&AP comments.

### 2. Posters

A poster showcasing key findings and a detailed project description was placed at each project team's station. This visual aid helped project teams explain the project more effectively and enhanced the understanding of the I&APs.

### 3. Session booklets

In addition to the recordings and posters, the project team present at the various meetings captured comments they received at their respective stations. These comments were recorded in dedicated booklets which were subsequently compiled together to create records of the various communications.

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## VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

In addition to Open Day Sessions, an online virtual public meeting was set up to facilitate engagement with those who would not otherwise be able to attend the Open Days. This was also to facilitate engagements with key stakeholders as Open Day Sessions would have engaged communities generally. This meeting was held as a formal meeting and minutes thereof are included in the annexure 1 of this record.

## ANNEXURE

The following Annexure includes:

1. Comments and response record from Open Day Sessions
2. Specialist comments and response
3. Attendance Registers

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EIMS Ref	1623	Venue	Port Nolloth: Luvuyo Drop-Inn Centre	Date and Time	24/06/2024, 09:00-17:00
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I&AP Name	Comment	Response
Gert Gideon Janjies	Ek stem vir ontwikkeling, maal nie ten kosie van nadelige uitwerking op see lewe nie	<p>The basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study and the marine fauna study (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that sound from seismic surveys may have an impact on marine fauna however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Various mitigations measures are proposed to reduce any impacts on marine fauna to acceptable levels as proposed in Sections 9.3 and 11.4 of the BAR and the accompanying EMP (Appendix E of the BA) which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Planning seismic surveys to avoid most sensitive periods within the survey area for some marine fauna from early June to early December;</li> <li>ii. Ensure the seismic vessel is fitted with PAM technology, which detects some animals through their vocalisations;</li> <li>iii. Defining and enforce the use of the lowest practicable seismic source volume for production;</li> <li>iv. Ensuring that 'turtle-friendly' tail buoys are used by the survey contractor or that existing tail buoys are fitted with either exclusion or deflector 'turtle guards';</li> <li>v. Implementing a "soft-start" procedure;</li> <li>vi. Making provision for the placing of qualified MMOs on board the seismic vessel;</li> <li>vii. Terminating seismic source on observation and/or detection of penguins or feeding aggregations of diving seabirds, turtles, slow swimming large pelagic fish (including whale sharks, basking sharks, manta rays [and devil rays-Namibia only) or cetaceans within the 500 m mitigation zone, etc.</li> </ul>

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Cheryl C Nero		Gaan voert met die projek.		The application will proceed in line with NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. Registered I&APs will be notified of the decision by the competent authority, provided with a copy of the appeals regulation and appeals process. Whether the actual seismic survey will be undertaken will depend on the decision by the competent authority and/or outcome of the appeals (if any).	

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I&AP Name	Comment	Response
Justin Montanger	Sal wil he dat Searcher hulle EIMS en Consultering reg moet doen en mense in ag moet neem wat geafetteer kab word.	<p>Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) has been appointed as Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners to undertake the Environmental Authorisation (EA) Process for the Proposed Searcher Exploration Activities as part of the legislated requirement for Searcher to undertake the seismic surveys under the new 12/1/048 Reconnaissance Permit application.</p> <p>A Basic Assessment (BA) application process is being undertaken to accompany the application for the EA due to the Listed triggered activity as per NEMAEIA Regulations 2014 as amended, namely GN983, Listing Notice 1: Activity 21(b). The EA Application process is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014), and in line with the principles of Integrated Environmental Management (IEM). IEM implies an open and transparent participatory process, whereby stakeholders and other I&amp;APs are afforded an opportunity to comment on the project and have their views considered and included as part of project planning. As part of this application, Interested and Affected Parties (I&amp;APs) were consulted in various ways to take into consideration issues / concerns from affected parties and ensuring that these concerns are captured and addressed adequately. The consultation process to cater for affected communities included public open day sessions along the West Coast in affected communities.</p> <p>In addition, a Social Impact Assessment was undertaken as part of the BA application process to assess the social structures of affected communities, potential impacts and provide adequate mitigation measures.</p>

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I&AP Name	Comment	Response
Monize Carroll	Ek Monize Carroll dink da tons het 'n versknklike werldoosheids probleem so as dit ons ekonomie kan aanhits en voordeulig wees vir ons gemeenskope is daar geensins 'n rooi liggie nie.	As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.
Marth Fielding	Die projek kan goed doen. Dit gaan nie die see leve of la delike gebied benadeel nie . Dit lyk rooskleing vir die jelig.	<p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.</p> <p>The basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study and the marine fauna study (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that sound from seismic surveys may have an impact on marine fauna however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Various mitigations measures are proposed to reduce any impacts on marine fauna to acceptable levels as proposed in Sections 9.3 and 11.4 of the BAR and the accompanying EMPr (Appendix E of the BAR).</p>

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I&AP Name		Comment		Response	
Mariana Bezuidenhout		Die was leersaam om deel te wees van die werkswinkel, Hoop en vertrou dit gaan binkerkart inwerking kam. Vir ons lariders beter taekans kan her. Dit was baie intresant. Die geleentheid was een van my drome om op see te kan wees en deel uitmaole van dit. Sterkte.		We are glad the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.	
Eunice		Sal will gnaay werk he so gou moontik. Was aangenaam.		As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.	



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Anita Naomi Thuynsma		Baie golle persentasie owwwees. Ons is goed ingelig en het alles verstaan: Is tenvolle inguns vir project.		We are glad the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.	
Roderick		Excellent		No response required.	

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I&AP Name		Comment		Response		
Audrey Elain Miggel		Dit was n aangename program, dit was leersaam. Sal dit weer wil bywoon. Ek het dit baie geniet. Ek hoop en vertrou julle gaan voort met die goeie werk, en hoop en vertrou julle se werk gaan nie ongesiens verby nie. Nogmaals baie.		<p>We are glad the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.</p> <p>It must be noted that opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes which may not necessarily be similar to the feedback session and open day sessions undertaken for the current application.</p>		
Alaysia Fortuin		It is a good improvement for our community and youth opportunities.		<p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through the exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.</p>		

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Gert Binas		Hierde sessie rondom die seismese opname isdeeghik aan my verduidelik – Ek het altyd Gedine die seedier kan dalk ge afferteer word. Die feit dat daar 'n Buffersone van omtrent soon Tussen die vaarthing en die seedier is , Hethemy Egien Germorbsrus Gegee.		<p>The basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study and the marine fauna study (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that sound from seismic surveys may have an impact on marine fauna however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Various mitigations measures are proposed to reduce any impacts on marine fauna to acceptable levels as proposed in Sections 9.3 and 11.4 of the BAR and the accompanying EMPr (Appendix E of the BA) which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>viii. Planning seismic surveys to avoid most sensitive periods within the survey area for some marine fauna from early June to early December;</li> <li>ix. Ensure the seismic vessel is fitted with PAM technology, which detects some animals through their vocalisations;</li> <li>x. Defining and enforce the use of the lowest practicable seismic source volume for production;</li> <li>xi. Ensuring that 'turtle-friendly' tail buoys are used by the survey contractor or that existing tail buoys are fitted with either exclusion or deflector 'turtle guards';</li> <li>xii. Implementing a "soft-start" procedure;</li> <li>xiii. Making provision for the placing of qualified MMOs on board the seismic vessel;</li> <li>xiv. Terminating seismic source on observation and/or detection of penguins or feeding aggregations of diving seabirds, turtles, slow swimming large pelagic fish (including whale sharks, basking sharks, manta rays [and devil rays-Namibia only) or cetaceans within the 500 m mitigation zone, etc.</li> </ul>	

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Jacob Jacobus Steenkamp			<p>Ek het geen besware teen hierdie ontwikkeling, inteedeel dink ek dot ontwikkeling wei noding is sodat ons nageslogte daar git deel kan maak. Ons hoop ook vir vinnege resultate vanap “Searcher” se andersoek en dat dit net positiewe uitwerking sal he.</p>	<p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.</p>	

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Roland Links		<p>Die projek het nog net goed gedoen. Ek hoop dat die projek baie van Kamiesbeng en omliggende dele van Namakwaland sal baatvind. Werk loos en armoede is maal baie hoog heer, en daar vocon hoop ons die projek baie se kewe sal verander hier in Namakwaland.</p>		<p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.</p>	

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Albert Miggel		Dit was ondervind het dit verstaan ek die sessie was vir my baie leer saam'. Ek sak in die vervolg meer inligting bekom.		It must be noted that opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes which may not necessarily be similar to the feedback session and open day sessions undertaken for the current application.		
Henrick		Hoe positiewe is hulle on olie plus gas. The vind is die on gewing. Die projek dink ek sal geen negatiese ion pak he' nie. Ons sal be voordeel word densusal die projek.		The proposed project aims to identify potentially strategic oil and gas resources. Based on the geology in the area there is likely both oil and gas however the exact amount and location of these deposits can only be confirmed after the survey is complete. It cannot be said with absolute certainty that exploration drilling, let alone production activities, will be undertaken in the future. As such, it is not currently possible to accurately assess the risks associated with these activities, given that the specific details of these potential future activities are not known. While it is acknowledged that the risks mentioned would need assessment, such assessment falls outside of the scope of the current application and would need to be assessed in detail during subsequent Scoping and EIA processes, should exploration drilling or production be proposed		

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Louis Lodewyk Afrikaner		My name is Louis Afrikaner from Doringbay, a fishing community. For my understanding, it means to me it is an overview and back report from the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment updated 7 May 2024 for the proposed offshore exploration. As I look at the appeal decision of the Total Energies, I think the survey is already done, also the prospecting nearby. They get the greenlight from Petroleum Agency of South Africa for well drilling in the block deep water orange basine of S.A. My first question: Did oil and gas companies get a Social Labour Plan in place? Secondly did they get a Social Labour Plan for all the communities in Port Nolloth, Hondklipbay, Lambertsbay, Doringbay as well as St. Helena? This session was very good today.		<p>It must be noted the comments and responses should be specifically for Searcher's seismic survey project and EIMS nor Searcher can respond to other applications by different companies and consultants.</p> <p>A small survey in the same area (~7800km<sup>2</sup>) was undertaken by Searcher between January and April 2024 as part of the current Reconnaissance Permit (12/1/043) which is due to expire in November 2024. The new application for Reconnaissance Permit (12/1/048) is to allow Searcher to survey the remaining area of the permit footprint.</p> <p>Social and labour plans are not required for seismic surveys but would form part of the production phase of the project if and when it commences, however that would be the subject of a separate EIA process.</p>	
Ralph Suties		Ek het geen probleem metdie proses hoop dit skep werksghient hede.		As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.	

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Willem Jaars		Soos ek hier geluista het is dit nie eintelik 'n probleem em met bierdie boorloerkte beginaie. Dis baie diep in die see, ek het baie geleen wit hierdie sessie en ek vind dit bevredigend.		We are glad the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.		



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Candice Booysen		Beter Toekoms vir Almal.		<p>Of the three fossil fuels used for electric power generation (coal, oil and natural gas), natural gas emits the least carbon dioxide per unit of energy produced. The increased use of natural gas can, in the short term, serve as a transition fuel on the path to the carbon-neutral goal of the Paris Agreement. An increase in domestic oil and gas reserves would enable South Africa to take steps to secure the countries' energy supply. An increase in domestic natural gas reserves would also contribute to security of supply in the gas to liquids industry and reduce their emissions while oil can replace coal (massive emitter). The proposed 3D seismic surveys, if approved, will allow the applicant to determine if there is an economically viable resources available in the area. It is important to note that the permission will not provide the required authorisation for drilling and/or production activities to be undertaken, a separate process will be required for those phases.</p> <p>It must be noted that the basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study, marine fauna study, fisheries assessment, cultural herniate assessment and social impact assessment (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that there may be low negative impacts associated with the project such as impacts on marine fauna and fisheries however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Various mitigations measures are proposed to reduce any of the various impacts identified to acceptable levels as proposed in Sections 9 and 11 of the BAR and the accompanying EMPr (Appendix E of the BA)</p>		

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Millicent Afrikaner			Better life for everyone.		Same as response to comment from Candice Booysen above (item 21)	

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Gert Oliphant		Beter Toekoms vir Gemeenskap.		Same as response to comment from Candice Booysen above (item 21)		
Sanna Heynes		Beter Toekoms vir Almal.		Same as response to comment from Candice Booysen above (item 21)		

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Sanna Heynes		Beter Toekoms vir Almal.		Same as response to comment from Candice Booysen above (item 21)		
Nicolas Andrew Taylor		Dil was heet 'n goeie leer sessie vir ons qo gemeenskappe, Jir 'n vilkoms vir 'n beller len slyl dankie baie.		We are glad the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.		
Magdalena Mzondi		Beter Toekoms vir Almal.		Same as response to comment from Candice Booysen above (item 21)		

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Sarah Poole			Beter Toekoms vir Gemeenskap.	Of the three fossil fuels used for electric power generation (coal, oil and natural gas), natural gas emits the least carbon dioxide per unit of energy produced. The increased use of natural gas can, in the short term, serve as a transition fuel on the path to the carbon-neutral goal of the Paris Agreement. An increase in domestic oil and gas reserves would enable South Africa to take steps to secure the countries’ energy supply. An increase in domestic natural gas reserves would also contribute to security of supply in the gas to liquids industry and reduce their emissions while oil can replace coal (massive emitter). The proposed 3D seismic surveys, if approved, will allow the applicant to determine if there is an economically viable resources available in the area. It is important to note that the permission will not provide the required authorisation for drilling and/or production activities to be undertaken, a separate process will be required for those phases.		
Sanetta Klaase			Beter Toekoms vir vir gemeenskap.			
David Dirks			Beter Toekom vir my en kinder en kleinkinder. En gemeenskap.	It must be noted that the basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study, marine fauna study, fisheries assessment, cultural herniate assessment and social impact assessment (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that there may be low negative impacts associated with the project such as impacts on marine fauna and fisheries however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Various mitigations measures are proposed to reduce any of the various impacts identified to acceptable levels as proposed in Sections 9 and 11 of the BAR and the accompanying EMPr (Appendix E of the BA)		
Maria Booysen			Vir ‘n Beter Toekoms please.			

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Sarah Poole			Beter Toekoms vir Gemeenskap.		Of the three fossil fuels used for electric power generation (coal, oil and natural gas), natural gas emits the least carbon dioxide per unit of energy produced. The increased use of natural gas can, in the short term, serve as a transition fuel on the path to the carbon-neutral goal of the Paris Agreement. An increase in domestic oil and gas reserves would enable South Africa to take steps to secure the countries’ energy supply. An increase in domestic natural gas reserves would also contribute to security of supply in the gas to liquids industry and reduce their emissions while oil can replace coal (massive emitter). The proposed 3D seismic surveys, if approved, will allow the applicant to determine if there is an economically viable resources available in the area. It is important to note that the permission will not provide the required authorisation for drilling and/or production activities to be undertaken, a separate process will be required for those phases.	
Klleqera Tutu			Ek soek ’n beter Toekoms vir my kimsers.			
Elenore Jaars			Beter Toekom.		It must be noted that the basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study, marine fauna study, fisheries assessment, cultural herniate assessment and social impact assessment (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that there may be low negative impacts associated with the project such as impacts on marine fauna and fisheries however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Various mitigations measures are proposed to reduce any of the various impacts identified to acceptable levels as proposed in Sections 9 and 11 of the BAR and the accompanying EMPr (Appendix E of the BA)	
Christian van Zyl			Beter Toekom vir my en kinder en kleinkinders.			

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Gert van der Heever			Beter Toekom vir my en kinder en kleinkinders.	Of the three fossil fuels used for electric power generation (coal, oil and natural gas), natural gas emits the least carbon dioxide per unit of energy produced. The increased use of natural gas can, in the short term, serve as a transition fuel on the path to the carbon-neutral goal of the Paris Agreement. An increase in domestic oil and gas reserves would enable South Africa to take steps to secure the countries’ energy supply. An increase in domestic natural gas reserves would also contribute to security of supply in the gas to liquids industry and reduce their emissions while oil can replace coal (massive emitter). The proposed 3D seismic surveys, if approved, will allow the applicant to determine if there is an economically viable resources available in the area. It is important to note that the permission will not provide the required authorisation for drilling and/or production activities to be undertaken, a separate process will be required for those phases.		
Anastacia Westhuizen			Beter Toekom en baie werk slep vir mense.			
Nicolaas Alfred			Beter Toekom vir my en kinder en kleinkinders.	It must be noted that the basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study, marine fauna study, fisheries assessment, cultural herniate assessment and social impact assessment (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that there may be low negative impacts associated with the project such as impacts on marine fauna and fisheries however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Various mitigations measures are proposed to reduce any of the various impacts identified to acceptable levels as proposed in Sections 9 and 11 of the BAR and the accompanying EMPr (Appendix E of the BA).		
Jolene Wendy Boois			Beter Toekom vir my en kinder en kleinkinders.			

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Dawiis Valentyn		Is bevrees dat dit 'n esek op die see lewe sal het.		<p>The basic environmental assessment report was informed by various detailed specialist studies including the noise acoustic study, the marine fauna study as well as the fisheries impact assessment (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that sound from seismic surveys may have an impact on marine fauna however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Several aspects of the proposed activities were identified as posing a potential risk to the fishing industry and these risks were assessed with respect to each commercial fishing sector operational off the West Coast. A summary of the Fisheries Impact Assessment findings and recommendations is provided in Section 11.1.3 and 11.4.2 of the BAR. The study found that the study area does not overlap with any of the fishing industries, except slightly the pelagic longline. The Reconnaissance Permit area is situated well offshore of distributional area of snoek during its spawning and migration periods (an important species for the linefish and small-scale fisheries sectors). Due to the remote location of the Reconnaissance Permit area, noise would be expected to attenuate to below threshold levels before reaching fishing grounds of all other sectors. Therefore, with the implementation of the project controls and mitigation measures, the residual impact due to seismic noise is considered to be of LOW NEGATIVE significance for the fish and fishing industry. Relevant mitigation measures are recommended to minimize impacts on assessed marine fauna and fishing industry such as soft-start approach, avoiding sensitive areas, air gun testing, Breaks in firing etc. In addition, in order to mitigate the impacts on the large pelagic longline sector, it is recommended that the survey be timed to take place between late December and May (periods of relatively low fishing activity in the Reconnaissance Permit area) as well as avoiding the most sensitive periods within the survey area for some marine fauna from early June to early December. A 5 km buffer zone where no seismic source operation is permitted is recommended around all Marine Protected Areas. Refer to Sections 9 and 11 of the BAR and the accompanying EMPr (Appendix E of the BA) for detailed impacts and mitigation measures.</p>	
Elton Waase		Hou my ophoogte.		<p>As a registered I&amp;AP on this application, you will be updated on project developments such as availability of final report for information purposes (not for review and comment) as well as the decision by the competent authority, appeals regulations and appeals process.</p>	



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Jacques Dirks		Was 'n goet veer sessie hoop om te kan haor of Elandsbaai se bemeenskap vir sal baat yind by als of die finale produle.	As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.		
Jolene Wendy Boois		Beter Toekom vir my en kinder en kleinkinders.	<p>Of the three fossil fuels used for electric power generation (coal, oil and natural gas), natural gas emits the least carbon dioxide per unit of energy produced. The increased use of natural gas can, in the short term, serve as a transition fuel on the path to the carbon-neutral goal of the Paris Agreement. An increase in domestic oil and gas reserves would enable South Africa to take steps to secure the countries' energy supply. An increase in domestic natural gas reserves would also contribute to security of supply in the gas to liquids industry and reduce their emissions while oil can replace coal (massive emitter). The proposed 3D seismic surveys, if approved, will allow the applicant to determine if there is an economically viable resources available in the area. It is important to note that the permission will not provide the required authorisation for drilling and/or production activities to be undertaken, a separate process will be required for those phases.</p> <p>It must be noted that the basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study, marine fauna study, fisheries assessment, cultural herniate assessment and social impact assessment (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that there may be low negative impacts associated with the project such as impacts on marine fauna and fisheries however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Various mitigations measures are proposed to reduce any of the various impacts identified to acceptable levels as proposed in Sections 9 and 11 of the BAR and the accompanying EMPr (Appendix E of the BA).</p>		

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Gerald Cloete		<p>Hereby I acknowledge a detailed presentation was offered. I am satisfied that all my concerns were addressed. Especially the impact this survey will have on the environment and fishing sector.</p> <p>I therefore, give my full support that this application needs to be approved and unlock further opportunities for economic development.</p>		<p>We are glad the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.</p>		

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Abigail Jasmin Smith		Die vervolging van hul protokol is goed, want hulle toetse bewys dit self dat die natuur nie benadeel word nie. En self waar hul self hul narvosing doen het geen aanraking met vissermanne.		We are glad the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.	
Charmane Blaauw		Die klank was 'n probleem kon niks sien op die wit bord nie, maar die plakke het baie genelp.		The comment has been noted and Searcher will be notified of some of the visual difficulties during the feedback sessions to consider for future feedback session (if any). We are glad that overall, the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.	
Felicity Heyderrych		Baie dankie vir die positiewe inligting sal dit in die toekoms kan gebruik.		We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.	
Sharonique Stringer		Die feit hulle weet by watter seisoen en watter dier broei en in watter kante van die suide is, vind hul vir hulle 'n gevoegde plek om hulle navorsing te doen. Hul ondersoek bewys dit immers self en hul gereedskap wat hul gebruik is hoe gehalte.		<p>Various mitigation measures in alignment with the specialist assessments are implemented to ensure that there is minimal to no impact on the surveying environment including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>i. Planning seismic surveys to avoid most sensitive periods within the survey area for some marine fauna from early June to early December;</i></li> <li><i>ii. Ensure the seismic vessel is fitted with PAM technology, which detects some animals through their vocalisations;</i></li> <li><i>iii. Defining and enforce the use of the lowest practicable seismic source volume for production;</i></li> <li><i>iv. Ensuring that 'turtle-friendly' tail buoys are used by the survey</i></li> </ul>	

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					<p><i>contractor or that existing tail buoys are fitted with either exclusion or deflector 'turtle guards';</i></p> <p><i>v. Implementing a “soft-start” procedure;</i></p> <p><i>vi. Making provision for the placing of qualified MMOs on board the seismic vessel;</i></p> <p><i>vii. Terminating seismic source on observation and/or detection of penguins or feeding aggregations of diving seabirds, turtles, slow swimming large pelagic fish (including whale sharks, basking sharks, manta rays [and devil rays-Namibia only) or cetaceans within the 500 m mitigation zone, etc.</i></p>

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Pamela Am		Dit was alles baie goed en wel maar kan nie alles lekker duidelik gehoor het nie en die klank was nie duidelik nie maar die prente het alles verduidelik gewys maar wel sal graag baie weer wil kom net luiskr. Dankie		The comment has been noted and Searcher will be notified of some of the sound difficulties during the feedback sessions to consider for future feedback session (if any). We are glad that overall, the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.		

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Elizabeth Martha Syme		<p>My personal opinion is that the application for the new permit should be granted because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Max sel – far from the coast so cannot have an impact on species.</li> <li>2. The survey are not conducted in the marine protected areas. It's in the least concerned areas when it comes to the marine ecology.</li> <li>3. Impact on fisheries, my livelihood or co-ops' are not affected or there is no impact on our species namely west coast Rock lobster, small scale fisheries (Netfish and linefish). Abalone the survey is conducted far from catching or fishing areas.</li> <li>4. There is no social impact on our livelihood and it does not affect our heritage or daily work.</li> </ol>		<p>We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.</p>	
Anastacia Duiker		<p>Ek dink dis 'n goeie projek en dit kan 'n positiewe impak op ons ekonomie he.</p>		<p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.</p>	
ABJ Beukes		<p>Yes, and is happy with the presentation.</p>		<p>Thank you for attendance and participation in the workshop and public open day session.</p>	

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Ilse Karen Heynes		Ek het baie geleur, ek verstaan ja almal soek werk en eik hoop ek goen, van daordie mense wees wat opon werk kry.		As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.	
Elroy Roger Ackerman		Ek laves die projek but ek will graag werk en ek wil he data julle vir my moet help met werk hoekom n mens kry baie swaar met werk ash help my.		<p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.</p> <p>It cannot be said with absolute certainty that exploration drilling, let alone production activities, will be undertaken in the future. As such, it is not currently possible to accurately assess the risks and opportunities associated with these activities, given that the specific details of these potential future activities are not known. The benefits of oil and gas could include significant amount of job creation, however job opportunities related to the seismic survey are limited.</p>	
Nicolette Philips		Graag he dat daar moet werk geleen hede wees en voorstelle gee vie de sowg marse hulle kry hie werk wie. Hulle staan op die hoerk want daar is hie werk hie.		Same response as above	

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Victor Synders		We welcome the survey to finalise the exploration for hydrocarbons as this will positively impact the hydrogen economic revolution where Atikerlig Power station will be fed with gas piped from the gas field to industries and will be beneficial in term of job creation.		It cannot be said with absolute certainty that exploration drilling, let alone production activities, will be undertaken in the future. As such, it is not currently possible to accurately assess the risks and opportunities associated with these activities, given that the specific details of these potential future activities are not known. The benefits of oil and gas could include potential gas-power plants, however as to who and how much of the gas will be distributed is not known at this stage.	
Ilse van Wyk		<p>I Would like to get the seismic report that was already done via Email/Whatsapp/Telegram.</p> <p>The information session was very informative and transparent. I would like to receive correspondence on all future endeavours/sessions regarding the project.</p>		<p>Details regarding the availability and access to the Basic Assessment Report has been shared with the I&amp;APs via email. The softcopy version of the report can be accessed on the EIMS website: <a href="https://www.eims.co.za/public-participation/">https://www.eims.co.za/public-participation/</a></p> <p>As a registered I&amp;AP on the application process, you will be notified of all developments related to the application process.</p>	
Martha Dreyer		Dit was 'n baie goeie sessie en interessant.		We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.	



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Abel Trevor Glen Duiker		Baie goed maar anseker oor die werkgeleentheid vir die toekoms.		As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.	
Quinton Duiker		Baie goed. Leer nog en wil graag meer weet en leer.		<p>We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.</p> <p>As a registered I&amp;AP on the application process, you will be notified (provided project information) of all developments related to the application process as and when it becomes available.</p>	

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Nowam Mauren Lilanga		My comment is also clear just to understand what is going to happen after that, I say thank you for your information, it is clear to us. There is no problem for the animals, they are safe e.g. fish and birds. We are respecting the ancestors, we are safe to protect them. Thank you.		We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.	
Hleketani Ephron Mkhari		Enthusiastic SEARCHER in another application. Quite an engaging approach to engage the community on the findings and experience and bringing back to the community the evidence, especially auditory capture of how abiding and complying with the first application requirements. Sticking with the professional recommendations of EIMS of suggest the periods to re-engage the seismic survey. Pure concern for the aquatic life and spacing them away from varying dangers by the sounding we all experience the peacefulness. Concluding with addressing opportunities with experts of varying aspects involved in the application. Also professional orderly presentations.		Same as above.	
Funeka Adonis		Sibulela ukuba nolwaze lwendlela yoki setyenzwa kwefish siyavuya sifumene ulwazi oluphaveeleleyo.		Thank you for your comment and participation in the Public Open Day.	

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Hastings Chico Nkhwimba		I hereby declare that I attended the workshop of EIMS in Hout Bay and I am very impressed and understand the mission of Searcher Seismic and I am interested to undergo the training to learn more about what happens in the oceans, and I wish I can sail with you for any conditions, thanks.		<p>We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.</p> <p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.</p>	
Ntombikhanyile Jonas		Sibulelwa ukura ulwazi ngendlela ekusetyenzwa ngayo. Sithi sanelwazi ebese ngelwazi Siyabulela kubo bomke abacocisi.		<p>We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.</p> <p>As a registered I&amp;AP on the application process, you will be notified (provided project information) of all developments related to the application process as and when it becomes available.</p>	
Mpotseng Motubetsoana		In my opinion we did learn a lot of which the project must continue so that we can learn more things of which we didn't know, thank you for your project.		Same as above.	

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Mkuzeli Koni		Kumnandi ukuva ukube izilwanya ntlanzi nezunye zikhuselekile elusandle ndicinga ukuba kulungile wenku. Umuthu abenalo olu lwazi.		The basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study, the marine fauna study and fisheries assessment (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that sound from seismic surveys may have an impact on marine fauna and fish, however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Various mitigations measures are proposed to reduce any impacts on marine fauna and fish to acceptable levels as proposed in Sections 9 and 11 of the BAR and the accompanying EMPr (Appendix E of the BAR).	
Nomsulwa Malotana		Good to know what happens in the sea. Information we needed. Many us all understand the security in the sea life.		We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.	
Mitchell Wanjiru		In my opinion we did learn a lot of which the project must continue so that we can learn more things of which we didn't know, thank you for your project.		<p>We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.</p> <p>As a registered I&amp;AP on the application process, you will be notified (provided project information) of all developments related to the application process as and when it becomes available.</p>	

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Denson Mngomezulu		I am satisfied with everything that has been investigated is good. This brings more work. Thank you.		<p>We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.</p> <p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.</p>	
Nolutete Gonyaza		Siyabulela ukuthu okuzobakho uphazemiso kwintlonzi yethu ngoba besisoyile ukuthi iphozami seko. Sivile ukuthi basebenzela kuba kuneyo izohlola ikhuselekile.		<p>We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.</p> <p>The proposed activities are located within the reconnaissance permit area located offshore extending from approximately 256km offshore of St Helena Bay to 220 km offshore of Hondeklip Bay, off the West Coast, South Africa, far from communities with no anticipated impacts on infrastructure onshore.</p>	
Ntombizokhe Zuzani		Ndibulela kakhulu ngokuva ukuba okhukho phazomiseko kwi fish xa kesenziwa oil elwandle ndivuya kakhulu kuba x kuqalwa ukutsalwa; oil kuvuleleka amathuba omsbenzi kuthi.		<p>There can be negative impacts on marine fauna and flora if there is an oil spill at sea. However, based on the proposed project which only entails the seismic survey, the chances of a potential oil spill are minimal, preventable and easily controllable in the rare event of occurrence.</p> <p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable</p>	

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				resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.	

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Lungiswa Panziso		Nelifunde lukhulu kule project mna ezinyendingazasi ndiyabulela mna.		We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.	
Mzupela Ngose		I did understand about the project and the presentation was helpful. I learn a lot of things I didn't know.		Same as above.	
Nokuzola Twenani		I am happy about the project to go on that our kids will get jobs. I clearly understand the impacts and out range. Thank you very much.		<p>We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.</p> <p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are</p>	

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Nontozamo Gladys Dondowo		Ndibulela ukuva ukuba intlanzi zikhuselekile kohuphenyo lwenziweyo.	<p>The proposed activities are located within the reconnaissance permit area located offshore extending from approximately 256km offshore of St Helena Bay to 220 km offshore of Hondeklip Bay, off the West Coast, South Africa. The study area does not overlap with any of the fishing industries, except slightly the pelagic longline. The Reconnaissance Permit area is situated well offshore of the distributional area of snoek during its spawning and migration periods (an important species for the linefish and small-scale fisheries sectors). Due to the remote location of the Reconnaissance Permit area, noise would be expected to attenuate to below threshold levels before reaching fishing grounds of all other sectors. With the implementation of the project controls and mitigation measures, the residual impact due to seismic noise is considered to be of LOW NEGATIVE significance for the fishing sector.</p> <p>In addition, the basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study and the marine fauna study (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that sound from seismic surveys may have anF impact on marine fauna however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Various mitigations measures are proposed to reduce any impacts on marine fauna to acceptable levels as proposed in Sections 9.3 and 11.4 of the BAR and the accompanying EMPr (Appendix E of the BAR).</p>		
Nokukhanya Ntintili		Kubalulekile ukwazi ukuba izilwanyane aziyi kuphazamiseka ngumsebenzi wokomba i-oli ne gesi.	<p>The basic environmental assessment report was informed by various detailed specialist studies including the noise acoustic study, the marine fauna study as well as the fisheries impact assessment (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that sound from seismic surveys may have an impact on marine fauna however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Several aspects of the proposed activities were identified as posing a potential risk to the fishing industry and these risks were assessed with respect to each commercial fishing sector operational off the West Coast. A summary of the Fisheries Impact Assessment findings and recommendations is provided in Section 11.1.3 and 11.4.2 of the BAR. The study found that the study area does not overlap with any of the fishing industries, except slightly the pelagic longline. The Reconnaissance Permit area is situated well offshore of distributional area of snoek during its spawning and migration periods (an important species for the linefish and small-scale fisheries sectors). Due to the remote location of</p>		

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				<p>the Reconnaissance Permit area, noise would be expected to attenuate to below threshold levels before reaching fishing grounds of all other sectors. Therefore, with the implementation of the project controls and mitigation measures, the residual impact due to seismic noise is considered to be of LOW NEGATIVE significance for the fish and fishing industry. Relevant mitigation measures are recommended to minimize impacts on assessed marine fauna and fishing industry such as soft-start approach, avoiding sensitive areas, air gun testing, Breaks in firing etc. In addition, in order to mitigate the impacts on the large pelagic longline sector, it is recommended that the survey be timed to take place between late December and May (periods of relatively low fishing activity in the Reconnaissance Permit area) as well as avoiding the most sensitive periods within the survey area for some marine fauna from early June to early December. A 5 km buffer zone where no seismic source operation is permitted is recommended around all Marine Protected Areas. Refer to Sections 9 and 11 of the BAR and the accompanying EMPr (Appendix E of the BA) for detailed impacts and mitigation measures.</p>	
Zikhona Magquba			Ndiyavuya ukwazi ukuba izilwanyana azifuneki elwandle.	<p>The I&amp;AP misunderstood as it was mentioned that marine fauna is important and should not be harmed by developments. It was explained to the I&amp;AP that a marine ecologist was appointed to assess the type of fauna existing within the study area to understand the potential impacts and provide adequate mitigation measures to ensure that the fauna is not harmed by the survey.</p>	

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Thembiso Qwaqwa		This project is going to be good for me, I see nothing wrong as long the Searchers are going to cover our heritage.		<p>The Heritage Impact Assessment (Appendix C5 of the BAR) indicates that a large section of the affected communities not only view themselves as small-scale fishers but also as indigenous people. The ocean is not only important for fishing but also has spiritual meaning and is a place of healing and holds healing powers for the indigenous communities. A pre-mitigation negative impact is projected on a regional scale over the long term with a moderate intensity due to the potential indirect impact on the communities and, ultimately, their heritage, with a high probability of this impact occurring. The pre-mitigation impact is rated as medium. The potential residual impact with mitigation measures from the scientific studies is projected as low with a medium confidence factor. Importantly, the recommended mitigation measures as listed in the various specialist reports for the project focus on the reduction of impacts on fish species and the projected reduction of the impact on the commercial and small-scale fishery catch yield. These mitigation measures should then indirectly have a low impact on the cultural heritage of the communities to be impacted. The seismic surveys will take into consideration the cultural heritage of the communities.</p>	
Bonita Solomons		To my opinion, I think the project must continue for they was no harm to nature or cultural heritage.		<p>The basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study and the marine fauna study (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that sound from seismic surveys may have an impact on marine fauna however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Various mitigations measures are proposed to reduce any impacts on marine fauna to acceptable levels as proposed in Sections 9.3 and 11.4 of the BAR and the accompanying EMPr (Appendix E of the BAR).</p> <p>The Heritage Impact Assessment (Appendix C5 of the BAR) indicates that a large section of the affected communities not only view themselves as small-scale fishers but also as indigenous people. The ocean is not only important for fishing but also has spiritual meaning and is a place of healing and holds healing powers for the indigenous communities. A pre-mitigation negative impact is projected on a regional scale over the long term with a moderate intensity due to the potential indirect impact on the communities and, ultimately, their heritage, with a high probability of this impact occurring. The pre-mitigation impact is rated as medium. The potential residual impact with mitigation measures from the scientific studies is projected as low with a medium confidence factor. Importantly, the</p>	

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Kaylin Braat			I think the project must be continued for they was no harm to the nature or cultural heritage, so that made the project to proceed to know the present and the future.	Same as above	

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Anoelo Joseph		Inclusive and comprehensive study with fisherman aboard coexistence of oil and gas fisheries. Free and prior consent from First Nation People.		<p>A Basic Assessment (BA) application process is being undertaken to accompany the application for the EA due to the Listed triggered activity as per NEMA EIA Regulations 2014 as amended, namely GN983, Listing Notice 1: Activity 21(b). The EA Application process is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014), and in line with the principles of Integrated Environmental Management (IEM). IEM implies an open and transparent participatory process, whereby stakeholders and other I&amp;APs are afforded an opportunity to comment on the project and have their views considered and included as part of project planning. As part of this application, Interested and Affected Parties (I&amp;APs) were consulted in various ways to take into consideration issues / concerns from affected parties and ensuring that these concerns are captured and addressed adequately. The consultation process to cater for affected communities included public open day sessions along the West Coast in affected communities.</p>	

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I&AP Name		Comment		Response	
Liam Felix		The project was very good and I love the people.		We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.	
Abubakr Petersen		If we get the gas and oil out the ocean, what benefit for us and our future and how will be life in the ocean.		As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes. These processes will be tasked with identifying and quantifying the impacts as well as providing adequate mitigation measures through various specialist assessments to address such concerns. It cannot be said with absolute certainty that exploration drilling, let alone production activities, will be undertaken in the future. As such, it is not currently possible to accurately assess the risks and opportunities associated with these activities, given that the specific details of these potential future activities are not known.	
Trevor Juries		I think having the new permit will benefit our children when us the elders won't be the any longer.		As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes. It cannot be said with absolute certainty that exploration drilling, let alone production activities, will be undertaken in the future. As such, it is not currently possible to accurately assess the risks and opportunities associated with these activities, given that the specific details of these potential future activities are not known.	

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Stelvio Schuman	The project was good and the people. It will benefit the new generation's future.	Same as above.
Chandre Alexander	Dit is iets goed die joner mense.Dit is n' geleenthied vir hulle en kinder in die toekome om 'n goei werk bekom vir 'n beter geleenthied. Dit om skep werk.	Same as above.
Arlona Minnie	How will the finding of oil and gas benefit us as community?	<p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes. These processes will be tasked with identifying and quantifying the impacts as well as providing adequate mitigation measures through various specialist assessments to address such concerns including potential benefits for communities.</p> <p>Although Social and labour plans are not required for seismic surveys, these would form part of the production phase of the project if and when it commences, however that would be the subject of a separate EIA process.</p>

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Sonja Alexander		Ek het nooit die projek verstaan nie maar nou het ek 'n beter begrip van wak dit behels dit is 'n goei geleentheid vir die joner geslag en 'n beter toekom le voor vir hull vir werk.		<p>We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.</p> <p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes. These processes will be tasked with identifying and quantifying the impacts as well as providing adequate mitigation measures through various specialist assessments to address such concerns including potential benefits for communities.</p> <p>Although Social and labour plans are not required for seismic surveys, these would form part of the production phase of the project if and when it commences, however that would be the subject of a separate EIA process.</p>	
Mateo Felix		The project for the future looks bright ahead for our oceans and locally located communities.		Same as above.	
Ashwin Afrika		I am satisfied because it is good for my community and the sea.		Same as above.	




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Raywin Blankenbera		I am satisfied with the work that they are doing because it is good for my community and the sea.		Same as above.	
Giovanni Hamman		Moenie die diere seer maak ni eek sien niks.		<p>The basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study and the marine fauna study (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that sound from seismic surveys may have an impact on marine fauna however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Various mitigations measures are proposed to reduce any impacts on marine fauna to acceptable levels as proposed in Sections 9.3 and 11.4 of the BAR and the accompanying EMPr (Appendix E of the BA) which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Planning seismic surveys to avoid most sensitive periods within the survey area for some marine fauna from early June to early December;</li> <li>ii. Ensure the seismic vessel is fitted with PAM technology, which detects some animals through their vocalisations;</li> <li>iii. Defining and enforce the use of the lowest practicable seismic source volume for production;</li> <li>iv. Ensuring that 'turtle-friendly' tail buoys are used by the survey contractor or that existing tail buoys are fitted with either exclusion or deflector 'turtle guards';</li> <li>v. Implementing a "soft-start" procedure;</li> <li>vi. Making provision for the placing of qualified MMOs on board the seismic vessel;</li> <li>vii. Terminating seismic source on observation and/or detection of penguins or feeding aggregations of diving seabirds, turtles, slow swimming large pelagic fish (including whale sharks, basking sharks, manta rays [and devil rays-Namibia only) or cetaceans within the 500 m mitigation zone, etc.</li> </ul>	

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Chad Johnson		I was happy to meet all the people, I am glad I met everyone.		We are glad you had the opportunity to meet and engage the project team and specialists physically to understand the project better and receive adequate responses to any comments or questions you may have had.	

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Marion Misrole		It was very informative. I don't see any threats to the ocean.		We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.	
Evano Kaptol		Moenie die animals in die water seermaak nie.		<p>The basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study and the marine fauna study (refer to Appendix C of the BAR). It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR), that sound from seismic surveys may have an impact on marine fauna however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Various mitigations measures are proposed to reduce any impacts on marine fauna to acceptable levels as proposed in Sections 9.3 and 11.4 of the BAR and the accompanying EMPr (Appendix E of the BA) which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Planning seismic surveys to avoid most sensitive periods within the survey area for some marine fauna from early June to early December;</li> <li>ii. Ensure the seismic vessel is fitted with PAM technology, which detects some animals through their vocalisations;</li> <li>iii. Defining and enforce the use of the lowest practicable seismic source volume for production;</li> <li>iv. Ensuring that 'turtle-friendly' tail buoys are used by the survey contractor or that existing tail buoys are fitted with either exclusion or deflector 'turtle guards';</li> <li>v. Implementing a "soft-start" procedure;</li> <li>vi. Making provision for the placing of qualified MMOs on board the seismic vessel;</li> <li>vii. Terminating seismic source on observation and/or detection of penguins or feeding aggregations of diving seabirds, turtles, slow swimming large pelagic fish (including whale sharks, basking</li> </ul>	

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				sharks, manta rays (and devil rays-Namibia only) or cetaceans within the 500 m mitigation zone, etc.	
Giovanni Alexander		I am satisfied with the survey going ahead.		Thank you for your comment and participation in the Public Open Day. Please note that registered I&APs will be notified of the decision by the competent authority, provided with a copy of the appeals regulation and appeals process. Whether the actual seismic survey will be undertaken will depend on the decision by the competent authority and/or outcome of the appeals (if any).	

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Marian Abrahams		I did learn a lot today. Thanks. My first time. Well done everybody.		We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project. The open day session that followed the feedback session also provided detailed information in posters that you could read, understand and engage the project team relating to the current project especially relating to potential impacts and mitigation measures.	
Valeries Arendse		I am satisfied with the survey going ahead.		Thank you for your comment and participation in the Public Open Day. Please note that registered I&APs will be notified of the decision by the competent authority, provided with a copy of the appeals regulation and appeals process. Whether the actual seismic survey will be undertaken will depend on the decision by the competent authority and/or outcome of the appeals (if any).	
Luke Ayford		I'm satisfied with it because it provides me with food and culture and health.		It must be noted that there were two parallel processes undertaken simultaneously. There was a feedback session based on the initial survey and concurrently there were open day sessions at the same venue and time. The feedback sessions included transport to the venues for I&APs who did not have the means of making it to the venue on their own and refreshments were provided at the venues. The open-day sessions fully facilitated by EIMS did not provide any I&AP with food or transport to the venues.	

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## INTRODUCTION

**This is a record of comments and response capture by the Specialist during proceedings of the Public Open Day Sessions held along the West Coast from Port Nolloth to Mitchells Plain between 24 June and 05 July 2024.**

This document highlights the overall plan for the public open days which form part of the public review of the Basic Assessment Report for the Searcher Seismic Survey (12/1/048) Project. This report details the timeline of the Public Participation Process (PPP) in question, as well as the specifics of the format of the sessions.

## PROCEEDINGS

### Meeting Format – Open Day Sessions

Public engagement in this phase of the project took place in the form of Public Open Day Sessions. The Public Open Day Sessions covered 8-hour timeslots at each venue except for Hout Bay Harbour where the Public Open Day ended at 13:00 due to the venue being booked for a different event from 14:00. Each session was held in a large public hall to accommodate the various planned activities associated with the Open Day Sessions. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) were able to attend sessions at any time that suited them during the 8-hour timeslot as indicated to the I&APs in the various notifications prior to the Public Open Days. Walkthroughs or guided tours were conducted during the sessions.

Public Open Day Sessions differ from public meetings in the sense that they do not include any formal presentations and engagements for one large group within a specific (limited) time slot, rather small causal engagements about the proposed activities, impacts, mitigation measures and consultation process throughout the day as and when I&APs arrive at the venue. It was anticipated that many of the attendees would have already engaged with the material of the previous public engagements. Further, by excluding a formal presentation, more time was allocated to allowing I&APs to engage with the project through specialist viewpoints and key areas, essentially allowing for a finer evaluation of the project without repetition or reiteration of information.

For this reason, formal meeting minutes would therefore not suffice as a record for these sessions. Instead, this record acts to provide an overview of the meeting format as well as present the key information in terms of comments and responses which inspired during the Open Day Sessions. In this regard, the annexure of this Public Meeting Record includes an overview of all comments received at the respective sessions.

### Notification and prior on-the-ground engagement

Prior to Open Day Sessions, the various communities were engaged through on-the-ground notifications. Abalobi Express was commissioned to notify communities through field assistants and poster placements. Further, Abalobi Express also aided in providing some communities with transport to the venues. These were I&APs who showed interest in the project but had transport challenges to make it to the venues.

Open Day Sessions were structured to allow for focused engagements. These engagements were conducted at dedicated project team (EIMS, Searcher, and various specialists) stations set up at the different venues. The stations and their focused content were defined by feedback and comments gathered during the Basic Assessment Report public review phase of the project. Engagements at the various stations took a form very similar to Focus Group Discussions. In this regard, participants gathered at the station and engaged directly with the relevant project team members.

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### Schedule of Open Day Sessions

An overview of the different Open Day Sessions held in the various towns across the West Coast is provided below. Altogether, 10 sessions were held in each town.

Town	Venue	Time and Date
<b>Port Nolloth</b>	Luvuyo Drop Inn Centre, Burden Street	Monday, 24 June 2024, 09:00 -17:00
<b>Springbok</b>	Hananja Lodge & Restaurant	Tuesday, 25 June 2024, 09:00 -17:00
<b>Springbok</b>	Hananja Lodge & Restaurant	Wednesday, 26 June 2024, 09:00 -17:00
<b>Doring Bay</b>	Doringbaai Hawe Saal: Doringbaai	Thursday, 27 June 2024, 09:00 -17:00
<b>Elands Bay</b>	Elands Bay Community Hall: Main Rd	Friday, 28 June 2024, 09:00 -17:00
<b>St Helena Bay</b>	Sandy Point Community Hall: 2 Albatros St, Sandy Point	Monday, 01 July 2024, 09:00 -17:00
<b>Langebaan</b>	Seebries Saal/Sea Breeze Hall: 157 Main St	Tuesday, 02 July 2024, 09:00 -17:00
<b>Yzerfontein</b>	Yzerfontein Community Hall, 25 Dolfyn Street	Wednesday, 03 July 2024, 09:00 -17:00
<b>Hout Bay</b>	Hout Bay High School, 26 Marlin Cres, Hout Bay Harbour	Thursday, 04 July 2024, 09:00 -13:00
<b>Mitchell's Plain</b>	Alliance France: 18 Wall Street, Portland, Mitchell's Plain.	Friday, 05 July 2024, 09:00 -17:00

## SOURCES OF COMMENTS AND DATA

Comments were gathered during the Open Day Session from the following sources:

### 1. Voice recordings


Voice recordings were captured during the Public Open Days, the recordings captured the project team's feedback sessions and I&AP comments.

### 2. Posters

A poster showcasing key findings and a detailed project description was placed at each project team's station. This visual aid helped project teams explain the project more effectively and enhanced the understanding of the I&APs.

### 3. Session booklets

In addition to the recordings and posters, the project team present at the various meetings captured comments they received at their respective stations. These comments were recorded in dedicated booklets which were subsequently compiled together to create records of the various communications.

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## VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

In addition to Open Day Sessions, an online virtual public meeting was set up to facilitate engagement with those who would not otherwise be able to attend the Open Days. This was also to facilitate engagements with key stakeholders as Open Day Sessions would have engaged communities generally. This meeting was held as a formal meeting and minutes thereof are included in the annexure 1 of this record.

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I&AP Name	Comment	Response
Abe	You mentioned that there was an appeal process, is it complete and do you expect another appeal for the new application?	<p><b>Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b></p> <p>There were appeals on the old application (12/1/043) which were handled by the Minister (DFFE) and eventually dismissed with reasons in December 2023 which allowed for the survey to be undertaken between January and April 2024. A decision on the new application will be made within the legislated period of 107 after final submission. Once the decision has been made, it will be communicated to all registered I&amp;APs together with the National Appeals Regulations and appeals process. Although there appears to be more understanding of the project by community members and minimal impact on the environment encountered during the 2024 survey, it is anticipated that there will be appeals again on the current application.</p>
Walter	They are in solidarity with Green Connection and oil and Gas due to their support for green energy and the impacts of oil and gas such as oil spills.	<p>The current application is only for the identification for oil and gas reserves and economic viability. If there is enough oil and gas, a new application (EIA) which will look at all impacts and mitigation measures associated with exploration or production will need to be undertaken, including consultation of the public. It must be noted that there may be minor oils spills associated with seismic surveys. It is rare and it is a minor potential impact which can be easily mitigated and/or remediated. Oils spills during this process is limited to potential leaks from the seismic vessel and/or support vessel.</p>
Unnamed participant	Die seelewe was aggressief gedurende die seismiese survey.	<p><b>Ms Sarah Wilkinson</b></p> <p>A measurement of the sound 80k from the survey was done - sounds from the survey were no longer audible at that distance.</p>
Unnamed participant	Seals climbing onto vessels which is unprecedented.	<p><b>Ms Sarah Wilkinson</b></p> <p>It would be difficult to determine why this happened, there are many factors that could cause such behaviour.</p>
Unnamed participant	<p>Port Nolloth was the first recognized fishers co-op for SSF. There should be a future for the youth in SSF however at the moment the hope is low for future in the fisheries. The fishermen are not specifically for or against the development however the research must be done. Fishermen note the recent aggressive behaviours witnessed in whales.</p> <p>Our main catches are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ October – March (Kreef) seasonal</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ms Sarah Wilkinson</b></p> <p>Thank you for your comment. It is unclear what recent aggressive behaviour has been witnessed, but changes in whale behaviours may be due to several factors and not necessarily related to the seismic acquisition.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ February – Junie (Snoek) seasonal</li><li>○ Year round - _Skuilpies</li></ul>			

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Manuel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are the survey areas licensed to anyone?</li> <li>Appreciated, how long does it take until production</li> <li>How deep can the vessel scan?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b></p> <p>Yes, the various blocks are licensed out by PASA to Shell, Total etc.</p> <p>It takes approximately 5-10 years from discovery to production.</p> <p>The sound can easily reach 10-15 km.</p>
Kenrad Steyn and Malcom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What would be the financial impact for business during the survey?</li> <li>What are the time frames for production on the West Coast.</li> <li>What are the negative impacts associated with oil and gas production?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b></p> <p><i>What would be the financial impact for business during the survey?</i></p> <p>During the survey, there will be minimal to no economic benefits to general business or communities. The real benefits will be during production provided enough oil and gas reserves are discovered.</p> <p><i>What are the time frames for production on the West Coast.</i></p> <p>The most probable drilling will be from the shell project. An EIA process drilling could be completed in 2/3 years. It takes approximately 5-10 years from discovery to production.</p> <p><i>What are the negative impacts associated with oil and gas production?</i></p> <p>There are various impacts which will be identified and assessed in an Environmental Impact Assessment process and mitigation measures will also be recommended. However, note this current project is only a seismic survey, the production phase can only start after the discovery of oil and gas from the survey. The production phase will have its own independent EIA process.</p>
Kenrad Steyn and Malcom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How deep will resources be located</li> <li>Where would the economic hub be?</li> <li>Who will the oil belong to?</li> <li>Will more information be obtained closer to production?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b></p> <p><i>How deep will resources be located and Where would the economic hub be?</i></p> <p>The seabed is approximately 2-3 km deep, the survey will detect the depth and location of the reserves. The oil will likely be processed offshore. The gas will be piped onshore.</p> <p><i>Who will the oil belong to?</i></p> <p>A company will purchase a right for production under PASA/DMRE as the licensing authority for the EEZ.</p>

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				<i>Will more information be obtained closer to production?</i>  A Public consultation process will be undertaken as part of the required Environmental Authorisations to inform the I&APs and a commenting period will be included if the development moves to the production phase.	
Evon		When doing the drilling they need to ensure no impacts to marine ecology and if no impacts are identified, they will not be any problems.		<b>Mr John Von Mayer</b>  Noted, firstly this particular project does not involve the drilling, at this stage only an exploration is being undertaken. A detailed marine ecology assessment was undertaken and no significant impacts were identified. Various mitigations were also applied to avoid any impacts on the marine ecology	

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Sheila de Bruin	Impacts on SSFC have quotas. We want work opportunities as long as there are no impacts	<b>Mr John Von Mayer</b>  As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey in terms of direct employment. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through the exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.
Japie	The surveyed area may impact marine species and drive them out, will there be follow-up studies to check if the species return?	<b>Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b>  The survey does not necessarily drive out marine species. Marine species do migrate naturally and there has been no evidence to suggest results of in-migration of species during the survey. There is no requirement for post survey studies, and none will be undertaken for this project.
Gert	When Marine mammals are spotted, do operations stop immediately and are there any impacts to close to the ship?	<b>Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b>  There is a 500 m mitigation zone and a soft start approach to ensure any mammals in the area can temporarily move to adjacent areas. If a mammal is observed, operations stop immediately and there is a 60-minute watch to ensure there are no species in the area.
Bazil	While doing the survey, are there any video recordings?	<b>Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b>  There are currently no video recordings on board due to the sailing and cost associated with recordings. There are short videos from the MMO's on board the surveying vessel. There is

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				potential for using drones to capture videos, but there are also strong winds that would bring the drones down.	

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Deon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How long will the survey take?</li> <li>Will they have all the data after this new survey?</li> </ul>			<b>Mr John Von Mayer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The survey will take between 3-5 Months.</li> <li>As long as they are no unforeseen weather events etc. they should be able to acquire the rest of the data in the next survey.</li> </ul>	
Jan	How strong is the sound and can it harm the fish?			<b>Mr John Von Mayer</b> <p>The array has an operating pressure of 2 000 pounds per square inch. However, it must be noted that the source array may have a total operating pressure between 2 820 to 3 390 cubic inches. It can pose a significant impact to fish if they are very close for example if they are closer than 40m, beyond this, there will be no physical impact to the fish. Most fish move out of the way during the soft start process. The survey is also taking place in deep waters which minimises any sensitivities to the fish.</p>	

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Damian		How will it affect small-scale fisheries?		<b>Mr John Von Mayer</b> The seismic survey will not significantly impact small-scale fisheries. The sound only travels for about 5km. The Reconnaissance Permit area is situated well offshore of distributional area of snoek during its spawning and migration periods (an important species for the linefish and small-scale fisheries sectors). Due to the remote location of the Reconnaissance Permit area, noise would be expected to attenuate to below threshold levels before reaching fishing grounds of all other sectors resulting in a low significance for the fishing sector impacts		
Japie		What sound effects are on whales?		<b>Mr John Von Mayer</b> There are no anticipated sound impacts on whales as the seismic survey considers the migration of whales. The BAR applies various mitigations measures proposed to reduce any impacts on whales and marine life including terminating seismic sources on observation and/or detection of penguins or feeding aggregations of diving seabirds, turtles, slow swimming large pelagic fish (including whale sharks, basking sharks, manta rays [and devil rays-Namibia only) or cetaceans within the 500 m mitigation zone, etc.		
Thesme		Tourism is essential here we don't want to end up like Saldanha Bay. Social impacts are important with aspect to the production phase if and/or does come.		<b>Mr John Von Mayer</b> Noted. A social assessment has been completed as part of the BAR. No impacts on tourism are expected.		
Thesme		How does the prospecting differ from the production? is there a Social and Labour Plan (SLP)?		<b>Mr John Von Mayer and Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b> Prospecting is simply checking for oil and gas reserves while production follows after the prospecting phase which involves the activities of drilling, extraction and processing of oil and gas. A Social and Labour Plan (SLP) needs to be in place for production right only. Some companies choose to invest during the initial phases. There are quite a few applications for oil and gas that are currently active at the moment. Some oil and gas companies invest in green energy as well		

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Thesme		What about cumulative impacts?		<b>Mr John Von Mayer</b> The BAR does address the identified cumulative impacts relevant to this activity. In terms of noise modelling cumulative sound exposure levels are taken into consideration.		

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				<p>Concerns regarding cumulative impacts was also specifically addressed in the other specialist studies completed as part of the BA.</p> <p>The assessment methodology used in the EIA by its nature already considers past and current activities and impacts.</p> <p>The cumulative noise impact associated with multiple simultaneous surveys is assessed separately in the BAR.</p>	
Heinrich		Are you positive you will find oil and gas?		<p><b>Mr John Von Mayer and Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b></p> <p>It is highly likely that there is oil and gas in the area because they have found a lot of oil and gas in Namibia which has its geology extending to South Africa. The question is how much oil and gas is in the area, which can only be answered through data acquisition and exploration.</p>	
Peter Hansen		It is important that people are informed and there is no threat to marine life. Please keep us informed, especially about new applications and projects in the area.		<p><b>Mr John Von Mayer</b></p> <p>Yes, that is what these meetings are here for, to keep all I&amp;APs informed about the proceeding of the project. All future related projects will require an Environmental Authorisation which the application will require public consultation processes.</p>	
Unnamed Participant		We need alternatives for the youth, otherwise they become involved in drugs and crime. Job creation is key. I support the project and would like to be more involved in future.		<p><b>Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b></p> <p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.</p>	



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Henrico		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where are you drilling?</li> <li>How much does the survey cost?</li> </ul>		<b>Mr John Von Mayer:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This current phase is simply prospecting to check if there are oil and gas reserves. No drilling will be taking place at this phase only survey.</li> <li>The total cost for the seismic survey would exceed 1 Billion Rands.</li> </ul>	
Jacques		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who will do the drilling?</li> <li>We SSF's need financial support</li> <li>What about oil spills?</li> </ul>		<b>Mr John Von Mayer</b> <i>Who will do the drilling?</i> Total and Shell hold the production rights for this area and they will likely do the drilling. <i>We SSF's need financial support</i> As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes. <i>What about oil spills?</i> This specific project does not involve any drilling and production of oil. However, it must be noted that there may be minor oils spills associated with seismic surveys. It is rare and it is a minor potential impact which can be easily mitigated and/or remediated. Oils spills during this process is limited to potential leaks from the seismic vessel and/or support vessel.	
No name		How did you find out that there is an oil reserve resource?		<b>Mr John Von Mayer</b> There are drilling wells on the Namibian side that were found in 2022 and Namibia's geology extends into South Africa, which potentially has oil reserves too.	
David		What fish are found in the survey area and do they ever find snoek there?		<b>Ms Sarah Wilkinson</b> Mainly tuna and the large pelagic, targeted long liners. The study found that the study area does not overlap with any of the fishing industries, except slightly the pelagic longline. The Reconnaissance Permit area is situated well offshore of distributional area of snoek during its spawning and migration periods (an important species for the linefish and small-scale	

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				fisheries sectors). Due to the remote location of the Reconnaissance Permit area, noise would be expected to attenuate to below threshold levels before reaching fishing grounds of all other sectors.	
Jeanette		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are chances of an earthquake happening?</li> <li>What about job creation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr John Von Mayer</b></p> <p><i>What are chances of an earthquake happening?</i></p> <p>There is no chance of an earthquake occurring as this is simply an exploration of a stable geology.</p> <p><i>What about job creation.</i></p> <p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.</p>		
Unnamed Participant		Can I supply food for the vessel?	<p><b>Mr John Von Mayer</b></p> <p>The seismic vessel already comes with caterers that are experienced with operating in the sea. Also keep in mind that the vessel will be more than 200km offshore and the survey will only last for 3-5 months. However, opportunities may arise during the production phase, however that is some time away.</p>		

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Gerad Cloete		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would like to enquire about access to real time data.</li> <li>How accurate is the data?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b></p> <p><i>I would like to enquire about access to real time data.</i></p> <p>Data is accessible to all Interested and Affected Parties upon request. The Basic Assessment Report is also available in hard copy at various libraries throughout the West Coast. Additionally, a digital version of the BAR can be found on the EIMS website. Sound source verification data can also be supplied by Searcher. The data has also been provided to the authorities to aid with research and impact assessments.</p> <p><i>How accurate is the data?</i></p> <p>Data is verified by independent parties and made available for third-party review.</p>		
Gerhard Cloete		There are benefits for oil and gas for our children – we need a co-exist model so SSF can exist with oil and gas. I want my kids to be able to see dolphins and whales. What guarantee do I have the data is independent and true? How do I know data isn't fake?	<p><b>Mr John Von Mayer</b></p> <p>The EMP<sub>r</sub> is enforced through ECO audit compliance, ensuring that all mitigation measures are implemented and risks are monitored and addressed without causing any adverse impacts on marine life.</p> <p>Data is verified by independent parties and made available for third-party review. The data has also been provided to the authorities to aid with research and impact assessments.</p>		

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Chief Mort		Whales are part of our history and must be protected. Whales were used for navigation by fishermen in the past.		<b>Mr John Von Mayer</b>  There are no anticipated impacts on whales as the seismic survey considers the migration and movement of whales. The BAR applies various mitigation measures proposed to reduce any impacts on whales and marine life including terminating seismic sources on observation of key species or cetaceans within the 500 m mitigation zone, etc.		
Jacob Smith		Will the sound effects kill the fish?		<b>Mr John Von Mayer</b>  The basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study and the marine fauna study. It is understood and acknowledged in the Basic Assessment Report that sound from seismic surveys may have an impact on marine fauna however the potential significance of the impact is what is important in the context of the EIA. Various mitigation measures are proposed to reduce any impacts on marine fauna to acceptable levels.		

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Emy and Wayne Gobey		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can the Searcher organize a launch for the fishermen at Atlantis?</li> <li>Can the seismic survey be chasing away the fish?</li> </ul>		<p><b>Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b></p> <p><i>Can the Searcher organize a launch for the fishermen at Atlantis?</i></p> <p>As indicated during the session, there will be minimal to no opportunities for communities during the survey. Opportunities and benefits for communities may be realized during the production phase if there are economically viable resources discovered during the current phase (surveying) and confirmed through exploration phase. The exploration and production phases are different process and will require new applications and different consultation processes.</p> <p><i>Can the seismic survey be chasing away the fish?</i></p> <p>The basic environmental assessment report was informed by various specialist studies including the noise acoustic study and the marine fauna study. Due to the location of the survey well outside of the fisheries ring-fenced area there is no impact expected on small scale fishers.</p>		
Unnamed Participant		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the impact on flora at the seabed?</li> <li>What are the long-term impacts on fisheries?</li> <li>What before and after research is being done?</li> </ul>		<p><b>Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b></p> <p><i>What are the long-term impacts on fisheries?</i></p> <p>The basic environmental assessment report was informed by various detailed specialist studies including the noise acoustic study, the marine fauna study as well as the fisheries impact assessment.</p> <p>The proposed activities are located within the reconnaissance permit area located offshore extending from approximately 256km offshore of St Helena Bay to 220 km offshore of Hondeklip Bay, off the West Coast, South Africa. The study area does not overlap with any of the fishing industries, except slightly the pelagic longline. The Reconnaissance Permit area is situated well offshore of the distributional area of snoek during its spawning and migration periods (an important species for the linefish and small-scale fisheries sectors). Due to the remote location of the Reconnaissance Permit area, noise would be expected to attenuate to below threshold levels before reaching fishing grounds of all other sectors. With the implementation of the project controls and mitigation measures, the residual impact due to seismic noise is considered to be of low significance for the fishing sector.</p> <p>Relevant mitigation measures are recommended to minimize impacts on assessed marine fauna and fishing industry such as soft-start approach, avoiding sensitive areas, air gun testing, Breaks in firing etc. In addition, in order to mitigate the impacts on the large pelagic longline sector, it is recommended that the survey be timed to take place between late December and May (periods of relatively low fishing activity in the Reconnaissance Permit</p>		

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				<p>area) as well as avoiding the most sensitive periods within the survey area for some marine fauna from early June to early December. A 5 km buffer zone where no seismic source operation is permitted is recommended around all Marine Protected Areas.</p> <p><i>What is the impact on flora at the seabed?</i></p> <p>The project will take place in deep water, far from the shore, where the sea is clear and has low oxygen levels. There is no impact expected on the seabed and associated flora due to the depths at the survey area.</p> <p><i>What are the long-term impacts on fisheries?</i></p> <p>Due to the remote location of the Reconnaissance Permit area, noise would be expected to attenuate to below threshold levels before reaching fishing grounds of all other sectors. Due to the location of the survey well outside of the fisheries ring-fenced area there is no impact expected on small scale fishers. The study area does not overlap with any of the fishing industries, except slightly the pelagic longline. With the implementation of the project controls and mitigation measures, the residual impact due to seismic noise is considered to be of LOW NEGATIVE significance and will have minimal to no impact on fisheries.</p> <p><i>What before and after research is being done?</i></p> <p>Sound source verification was done as part of the previous survey, and this data was used to verify the noise modelling for the current application. There is currently no requirement for post-survey studies, and none will be undertaken for this project.</p>		
Victor Snyders			Before and after data from fishing groups e.g. Line fishing from boats and shores to compare against historical datasets.	<b>Mr John von Mayer</b>  DFFE collects fishing data and catch rates as part of their research on fisheries.		

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Lulam		We are grateful and appreciate the studies and feedback, but we are worried about the potential impacts on fish which the small community of Hout Bay depends on		<p><b>Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b></p> <p>We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings, especially with the communities indicating that there were no experienced impacts for the associated project.</p> <p>The proposed activities are located within the reconnaissance permit area located offshore extending from approximately 256km offshore of St Helena Bay to 220 km offshore of Hondeklip Bay, off the West Coast, South Africa. The study area does not overlap with any of the fishing industries, except slightly the pelagic longline. The Reconnaissance Permit area is situated well offshore of the distributional area of snoek during its spawning and migration periods (an important species for the linefish and small-scale fisheries sectors). Due to the remote location of the Reconnaissance Permit area, noise would be expected to attenuate to below threshold levels before reaching fishing grounds of all other sectors. With the implementation of the project controls and mitigation measures, the residual impact due to seismic noise is considered to be of LOW NEGATIVE significance for the fishing sector and will have minimal to no impact on fisheries.</p>	
Unnamed Participant		Concern about the impacts of the project on fish as it's the livelihood of communities		<p><b>Ms Sarah Wilkinson</b></p> <p>The proposed activities are located within the reconnaissance permit area located offshore extending from approximately 256km offshore of St Helena Bay to 220 km offshore of Hondeklip Bay, off the West Coast, South Africa. The study area does not overlap with any of the fishing industries, except slightly the pelagic longline. The Reconnaissance Permit area is situated well offshore of the distributional area of Snoek during its spawning and migration periods (an important species for the line fish and small-scale fisheries sectors). Due to the remote location of the Reconnaissance Permit area, noise would be expected to attenuate to below threshold levels before reaching the fishing grounds of all other sectors. With the implementation of the project controls and mitigation measures, the residual impact due to seismic noise is considered to be of low negative significance for the fishing sector and will have minimal to no impact on fisheries</p>	

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Bridgette		There was no impact on social / Heritage aspects that were affected by the seismic surveys.		<b>Mr Vukosi Mabunda</b>  We are glad that the feedback session assisted you in better understanding exactly what was undertaken during the seismic survey and what were the findings. We are happy to note that there were no social / Heritage impacts experienced associated with the survey project.	