

19 November 2025

Our ref: 1709/SK/am

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir or Madam:

NOTIFICATION REGARDING OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS AS PART OF THE MOTUOANE PRODUCTION RIGHT APPLICATION, WITHIN VARIOUS FARMS IN MATJHABENG AND MASILONYANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, LEJWELEPUTSWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA.

Motuoane Energy (Pty) Ltd (Motuoane) (hereafter referred to as the applicant) has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with undertaking the required authorisation processes (including the statutory public participation), and to compile and submit the required documentation in support of application for:

- Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 as amended for the following listed activity - GNR 984 Activity 20.
- Water Use Licence (WUL) in accordance with the National Water Act – NWA (Act 36 of 1998).
- Waste Management Licence in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act- NEM:WA (Act 59 of 2008).
- Atmospheric Emissions Licence variation in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act- NEM:AQA (Act 39 of 2004).

Details of the applicable listed activities and/or water uses will be provided in subsequent opportunity for registered interested and affected parties (I&AP's) to participate during the process.

The applicant wishes to convert a portion of their existing Exploration Right area (ER315) into a Production Right (PR). The proposed extraction and production will target helium and methane gas, and will consist of up to 43 production wells, gas gathering pipelines, a helium recovery and gas processing plant (CNG or LNG) and associated infrastructure. In addition, ongoing exploration activities will include drilling of exploration wells, seismic and/or audio magnetotelluric surveys.

The proposed project falls within the Masilonyana and Matjhabeng Local Municipalities, in the Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Free State Province. The application area covers approximately 14 440 hectares (ha), and the approximate centre point of the site is located at 28°14'38.37"S and 26°57'54.97"E. The site boundary is ~15km south east of the town of Virginia, ~28km south east of the town of Welkom, ~13km south west of the town of Ventersburg and ~21km north east of the town of Theunissen. A locality map is included below for ease of reference.

EIMS will be following the procedures defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GRN982 of 2014, as amended) for undertaking a Scoping and EIA process. In accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, a public participation process will be undertaken. You are hereby invited to register and comment on the proposed project and application/s. In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and that your comments are captured, please submit your name, contact details, the reason for your interest in writing or telephonically, to EIMS. Please note that only registered I&AP's will be informed of future project information and opportunities for participation.

By registering as an I&AP, you consent to the collection and processing of your personal information as per the EIMS Privacy Notice available at <https://www.eims.co.za/2025/11/06/1709-motuoane-production-right-eia/>. In order to avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit I&AP registrations, or any queries, comments, or concerns with regards to this application, as soon as possible to EIMS at:

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Please include the project reference number **1709** in all correspondence.

Further information will be available at <https://www.eims.co.za/2025/11/06/1709-motuoane-production-right-eia/>. Please note that in the event that you are unable to access the website due to data constraints please contact EIMS for alternative arrangements.

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

Kind Regards,

Public Participation Team

19 November 2025

Ons verwysing: 1709/SK/am

Vir wie dit mag aangaan

Geagte Meneer of Mevrouw:

KENNISGEWING OOR GELEENTHEID OM DEEL TE NEEM AAN DIE OMGEWINGSIMPAKBEPALINGSPROSES AS DEEL VAN DIE MOTUOANE PRODUKSIEREGAANSOEK, BINNE VERSKEIE PLASE IN MATJHABENG EN MASILONYANA PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEITE, LEJWELEPUTSWA DISTRIKSMUNISIPALITEIT, VRYSTAAT PROVINSIE, SUID-AFRIKA.

Motuoane Energy (Edms) Bpk (Motuoane) (hierna verwys as die aansoeker) het Environmental Impact Management Services (Edms) Bpk (EIMS) aangestel as die Onafhanklike Omgewingsbeoordelingspraktisyn (OBP) om te help met die onderneming van die vereiste magtigingsprosesse (insluitend die statutêre openbare deelname), en om die vereiste dokumentasie saam te stel en in te dien ter ondersteuning van aansoek vir:

- Omgewingsmagtiging (OM) in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet (Wet 107 van 1998) (NEMA), Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) Regulasies, 2014 soos gewysig vir die volgende gelyste aktiwiteit - GNR 984 Aktiwiteit 20.
- Watergebruikslisensie (WUL) in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Waterwet – NWA (Wet 36 van 1998).
- Afvalbestuurslisensie in ooreenstemming met die vereistes van die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur: Afvalwet - NEM:WA (Wet 59 van 2008).
- Wysiging van Atmosferiese Emissielisensie in ooreenstemming met die vereistes van die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur: Luggehaltewet - NEM:AQA (Wet 39 van 2004).

Besonderhede van die toepaslike gelyste aktiwiteite en/of watergebruike sal verskaf word in 'n daaropvolgende geleentheid vir geregistreerde belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye (B&GP's) om aan die proses deel te neem.

Die aansoeker wil 'n gedeelte van hul bestaande Eksplorasiereggebied (ER315) omskakel in 'n Produksiereg (PR). Die voorgestelde ontginning en produksie sal op helium- en metaangas gemik wees, en sal bestaan uit tot 43 produksieputte, gasversamelingspyple, 'n heliumherwinnings- en gasverwerkingsaanleg (CNG of LNG) en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur. Bykomende voortgesette eksplorasieaktiwiteite sal die boor van eksplorasieputte, seismiese en/of oudiomagnetotelluriese opnames insluit.

Die voorgestelde projek val binne die Masilonyana en Matjhabeng Plaaslike Munisipaliteite, in die Lejweleputswa Distriksmunisipaliteit, Vrystaat Provinsie. Die aansoekgebied beslaan ongeveer 14 440 hektaar (ha), en die benaderde middelpunt van die terrein is geleë op 28°14'38.37"S en 26°57'54.97"O. Die terreingrens is ~15 km suidoos van die dorp Virginia, ~28 km suidoos van die dorp Welkom, ~13 km suidwes van die dorp Ventersburg en ~21 km noordoos van die dorp Theunissen. 'n Liggingkaart word hieronder ingesluit vir maklike verwysing.

EIMS sal die prosedures volg soos omskryf in die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) Regulasies (GRN982 van 2014, soos gewysig) vir die onderneming van 'n Omvangbepaling en OIB proses. In ooreenstemming met Hoofstuk 6 van die OIB-regulasies, sal 'n openbare deelnameproses onderneem word. U word hiermee uitgenooi om te registreer en kommentaar te lewer op die voorgestelde projek en aansoek/e. Om te verseker dat u geïdentifiseer en geregistreer is as 'n Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP) en dat u kommentaar vasgelê word, dien asseblief in u naam, kontakbesonderhede, die rede vir u belangstelling, skriftelik of telefonies, by EIMS in. Neem asseblief kennis dat slegs geregistreerde B&GP's ingelig sal word oor toekomstige projekinligting en geleenthede vir deelname.

Deur as 'n B&GP te registreer, stem u in tot die versameling en verwerking van u persoonlike inligting soos per die EIMS Privaatheidskennisgewing beskikbaar by <https://www.eims.co.za/2025/11/06/1709-motuoane-production-right-eia/>.

Om te verhoed dat geleenthede vir publieke deelname misgeloop word, dien asseblief B&GP-registrasies, of enige navrae, kommentaar of bekommernisse met betrekking tot hierdie aansoek, so gou moontlik in by EIMS by:

Kontak Persoon: Alex Msipa of Mbali Tshabalala

EIMS Verwysingsnommer: 1709

Posadres: Posbus 2083; Pinegowrie; 2123

Telefoon: (011) 789 7170/ Faks: (086) 571 9047

E-pos: motuoanepr@eims.co.za

Sluit asseblief die projekverwysingsnommer **1709** by alle korrespondensie in.

Verdere inligting sal beskikbaar wees by <https://www.eims.co.za/2025/11/06/1709-motuoane-production-right-eia/>.

Neem asseblief kennis dat in die geval dat jy weens databeperkings nie toegang tot die webwerf kan kry nie, kontak asseblief EIMS vir alternatiewe reëlins.

Kontak gerus die ondertekende indien u enige navrae of bekommernisse het.

Vriendelike groete,

Publieke Deelnamespan

Ho eo e mo amang

Mohlomphehi kapa Mofumahali:

TSEBISO E MABAPI LE MONYETLA OA HO KOPANELATS'EBETSONG EA TLHATHOBO EA KAMEHO EA TSEKOLOLO E LE KAROLO EA KOPO EA TOKELO EA TLHAHISO EA (MOTUOANE, MAPOLASING A FAPANENG BOMASEPALA BA SELEHAE BA MATJHABENG LE MASILONYANA, MASEPALA OA SETEREKE LEJWELEPUTSWA, PROFENSE EA FOREISETATA, AFIKA BORWA.

Motuoane Energy (Pty) Ltd (Motuoane) (eo ka morao ho moo e bitswang mokopi) o kgethile Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) e le Setsebi se Ikemetseng sa Tekolo ya Tikoloho (EAP) ho thusa ka ho etsa ditshebetso tse hlokehang tsa tumello (ho kenyeletswa le seabo sa sechaba ka molao), le ho bokella le ho fana ka litokomane tse hlokehang ho tšehetsa kopo ea:

- Tumello ya Tikoloho (EA) ho ya ka Molao wa Naha wa Taolo ya Tikoloho (Molao wa 107 wa 1998) (NEMA), Melawana ya Tekolo ya Phello ya Tikoloho (EIA), 2014 jwaloka ha e fetotswe bakeng sa ketso e latelang e thathamisitsweng - GNR 984 Ketsahalo ya 20.
- Laesense ea Tšebeliso ea Metsi (WUL) ho latela Molao oa Naha oa Metsi - NWA (Molao oa 36 oa 1998).
- Laesense ea Taolo ea Litšila ho latela litlhoko tsa Tsamaiso ea Naha ea Tikoloho: Molao oa Litšila - NEM:WA (Molao oa 59 oa 2008).
- Phetoho ea laesense ea ho ntša likhase sebakapakang ho latela litlhoko tsa Tsamaiso ea Naha ea Tikoloho: Molao oa Boleng ba Moea- NEM:AQA (Molao oa 39 oa 2004).

Lintlha tse qaqileng tsa mesebetsi e thathamisitsoeng e sebetsang le/kapa tšebeliso ea metsi li tla fanoa ka monyetla oa morao-rao bakeng sa mekha e nang le thahasello le e amehileng e ngolisitsoeng (I&APs) ho nka karolo nakong ea ts'ebetso.

Mokopi o lakatsa ho fetola karolo ea sebaka sa bona sa Tokelo ea Tlhahlobo (ER315) hore e be Tokelo ea Tlhahiso (PR). Ho ntšoa le e reretsoeng e tla shebana le khase ea Helium le Methane, 'me e tla ba le liliba tse fihlang ho tse 43, liphaephe tse bokellang khase, polante ea ho hlahopheloa ha helium le ho lokisa khase (CNG kapa LNG) le lisebelisoa tse amanang le tsona. Mesebetsing e meng e ntseng e tsoela pele ea lipatlisiso e tla kenyelletsa ho cheka liliba tsa lipatlisiso, lipatlisiso tsa tsisinyeha ea lefatše (seismic) le/kapa audio magnetotelluric.

Porojeke e sisintsweng e wela ka hara Masepala wa Lehae wa Masilonyana le Matjhabeng, ka hara Masepala wa Setereke wa Lejweleputswa, Profinseng ya Foreisetata. Sebaka sa kopo se akaretsa hoo e ka bang lihekthere tse 14 440 (ha), 'me sebaka se ka bang bohareng ba sebaka seo se fumaneha ho 28°14'38.37"S le 26°57'54.97"E. Moeli oa sebaka ke ~ 15km ka boroa-bochabela ho toropo ea Virginia, ~ 28km ka boroa-bochabela ho toropo ea Welkom, ~ 13km ka boroa-bophirimela ho toropo ea Ventersburg le ~ 21km leboea-bochabela ho toropo ea Theunissen. 'Mapa oa sebaka o kenyeletsoe ka tlase molemong oa ho o fumana habonolo.

EIMS e tla be e latela ditsamaiso tse hlalositsweng ho Melawana ya Tekolo ya Diphello tsa Tikoloho (EIA) (GRN982 ya 2014, jwalo ka ha e fetotswe) bakeng sa ho etsa tshebediso ya Tshekatsheko ya Boitshwarello ba tsamaiso ya Tikoloho (EIA). Ho latela Khaolo ea 6 ea Melawana ea EIA, mokhoa oa ho kenya letsoho ha sechaba o tla etsoa. U memeloa ho ingolisa le ho fana ka maikutlo mabapi le projeke e sisintsoeng le likopo. E le ho etsa bonnete ba hore o tsejwa mme o ngodisitswe o le Mokga o Kgahlehleng le o Amehileng (I&AP) le hore maikutlo a hao a hapilwe, ka kopo romela lebitso la hao, dintlha tsa ho iteanya, lebaka la thahasello ya hao ya ho ngola kapa ka mohala ho EIMS. Ka kopo hlokomela hore ke li-I&AP tse ngolisitsoeng feela tse tla tsebisoa ka tlhaiso-leseling ea projeke le monyetla ea ho nka karolo.

Ka ho ingolisa joalo ka I&AP, u lumela ho bokelloa le ho sebetsoa ha lintlha tsa hao ho latela Tsebiso ea Lekunutu ea EIMS e fumanehang ho <https://www.eims.co.za/2025/11/06/1709-motuoane-production-right-eia/>. E le ho qoba ho fetoa ke menyetla ea ho nka karolo ha sechaba ka kopo, romella boingoliso ba I&AP, kapa lipotso, maikutlo, kapa matšoenyeho mabapi le kopo ena, kapele kamoo ho ka khonehang ho EIMS ho:

Motho ea Kopanang: Alex Msipa kapa Mbali Tshabalala

Nomoro ea ts'ebetso ea morero ea EIMS: 1709

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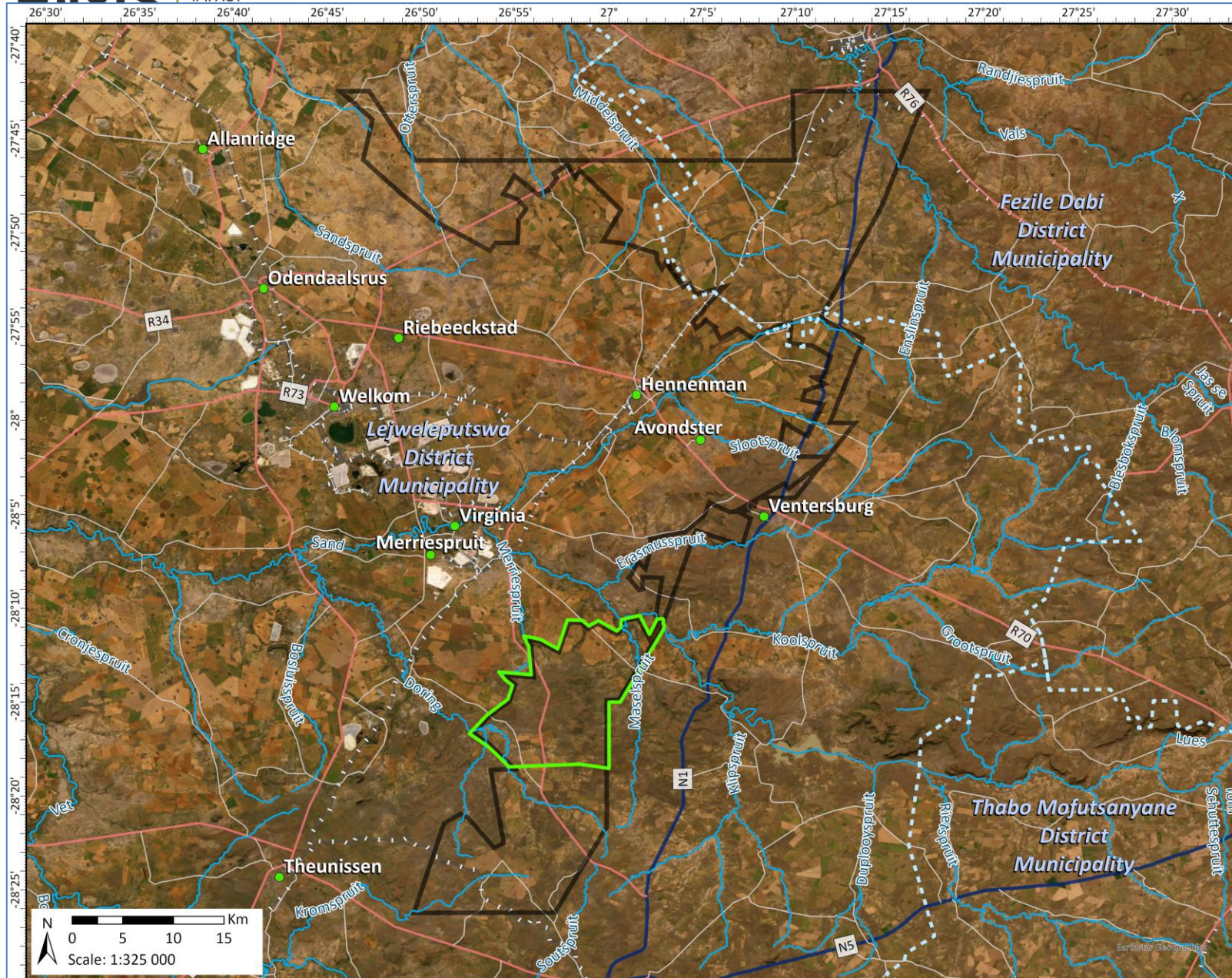
Ka kopo kenyelletsa nomoro ea ts'ebetso ea morero **1709** mangolong 'ohle.

Lintlha tse ling li tla fumaneha ho <https://www.eims.co.za/2025/11/06/1709-motuoane-production-right-eia/>. Ka kopo hlokomela hore haeba u sa khone ho kena sebakeng sa Marang-rang ka lebaka la likhaello tsa data ka kopo ikopanye le EIMS bakeng sa litlhophiso tse ling.

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

Litumeliso tse mofuthu,

Karolo Ea Sechaba

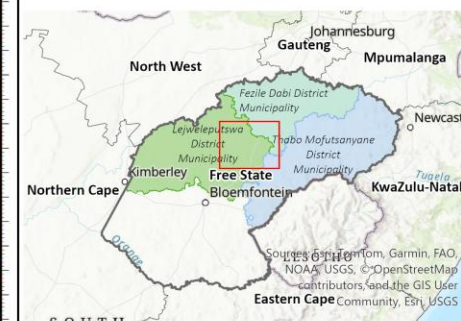


Locality Map

Motuoane Production Right EIA

Legend

-  Production Right Application Area
-  ER315
-  Towns
-  NFEPA Rivers
-  Railway Line
- Roads**
 -  National Road
 -  Arterial Road
 -  Main Road
 -  Secondary Road
 -  District Municipality



Coord System: GCS WGS 1984
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Data Sources:
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Mbali Tshabalala

From: 1709 Motuoane Production Right EIA <motuoanepr@eims.co.za>
Sent: Wednesday, 19 November 2025 15:40
Subject: Notification: Motuoane Production Right EIA Application
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Dear Interested and Affected Party,

Notification: Environmental Authorisation application process for the proposed Motuoane Production Right (PR) in the Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Free State. Motuoane Energy (Pty) Ltd has appointed EIMS to undertake the Environmental Authorisation processes. If you are interested/affected, contact Alex: 0117897170; motuoanepr@eims.co.za. Visit www.eims.co.za/public-participation/ for more info.

Geagte Geregistreerde Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party,

Kennisgewing: Omgewingsmagtigings-aansoekproses vir die voorgestelde Motuoane-eksplorasierig (ER) 386 in die Lejweleputswa- en Fezile Dabi-distriksmunisipaliteite, Vrystaat. Motuoane Energy (Edms) Bpk het EIMS aangestel om die Omgewingsmagtigingsprosesse te onderneem. Indien u belangstel/geaffekteer is, kontak Alex: 0117897170; motuoanepr@eims.co.za. Besoek www.eims.co.za/public-participation/ vir meer inligting.

Motho ea amehileng le ea amehileng,

Tsebiso: Ts'ebetso ea kopo ea Tumelo ea tikoloho bakeng sa tokelo e sisintsoeng ea Motuoane Exploration (ER) 386 ho Masepala oa Setereke oa Lejweleputswa, Foreisetata. Motuoane Energy (Pty) Ltd e khethile EIMS ho etsa lits'ebetso tsa tumelo ea tikoloho. Haebe o na le thahaselo/amehile, ikopanye le Alex: 0117897170; motuoanepr@eims.co.za. Etala www.eims.co.za/public-participation/ ho fumana lintlha tse ling.

Kind regards,
EIMS Public Participation Team



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