

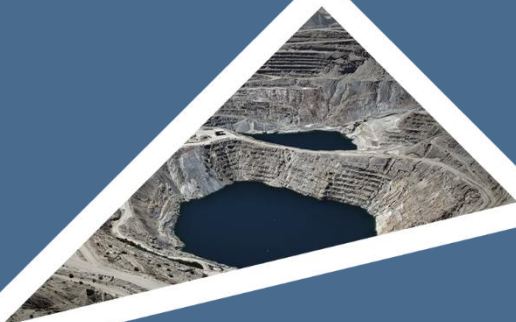


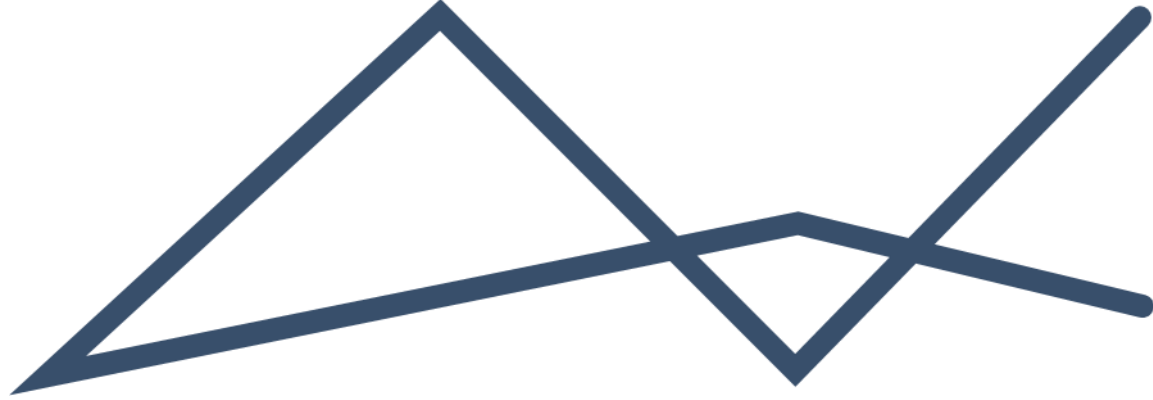
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# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT

TETRA4 3-D SEISMIC SURVEY PROJECT





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## Abbreviation List:

CER:	Centre for Environmental Rights
CSA:	Conservation South Africa
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CSIR:	Council of Scientific & Industrial Research
DFFE:	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
DLRRD:	Department of Land Reform and Rural Development
DMRE:	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
DWS:	Department of Water and Sanitation
EA:	Environmental Authorisation
EAP:	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
EIA:	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIMS:	Environmental Impact Management Services
EWT:	Endangered Wildlife Trust
FSE:	Federation for a Sustainable Environment
I&APs:	Interested and Affected Parties
MACUA:	Mining Affected Communities United in Action
MEJCONSA:	Mining and Environmental Justice Community Network of South Africa
NEMA:	National Environmental Management Act
NERSA:	National Energy Regulator of South Africa
PASA:	Petroleum Agency of South Africa
PPP:	Public Participation Process
PSSC:	Provincial Shared Services Centre
SACAA:	South African Civil Aviation Authority
SACAA:	South African Civil Aviation Authority
SAHRA:	South African Heritage Resources Agency
SAHRA:	South African Heritage Resources Agency
SANBI:	South African National Biodiversity Institute
SANRAL:	South African National Roads Agency
SANRAL:	South African National Roads Agency Limited
VEJA:	Vaal Environmental Justice Alliance
WESSA:	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa
WWF:	World Wildlife Fund



# 1 INTRODUCTION

Tetra4 (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as the applicant) has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with undertaking the required authorisation processes (including the statutory public participation), and to compile and submit the required documentation in support of application for:

- Environmental Authorisation (EA) and amendments in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act- NEMA (Act 107 of 1998)- Listed activities:
  - GN R983 Listing Notice 1 Activity 21C; and
  - GN R983 Listing Notice 1 Activity 21D.

Following the successful commencement of Cluster 1 gas production in 2022, Tetra4 applied for relevant environmental approvals to expand the natural gas operations within the approved production right area and around the Cluster 1 project, designated as 'Cluster 2'. This Cluster 2 application area covered a total of ~27 500 hectares which overlaps with a large part of the Cluster 1 area.

The Cluster 2 EA authorised various production well transects where drilling could occur with little to no specific drilling locations which resulted in some uncertainty from landowners. In order to mitigate this uncertainty and provide landowners with specific drilling locations, Tetra4 proposes undertaking a 3D seismic survey over the Cluster 2 area which would provide a high resolution subsurface geological profile and enable Tetra4 to visualise gas placement in the sub-surface and thereby enable more accurate identification of proposed drill sites on specific properties.

The process for a 3D seismic survey starts with creating a controlled sound wave or vibration at the surface, along the Source lines, as shown in the locality map (green lines). This is often done using specialized vibrosis trucks that press a heavy plate onto the ground and vibrate it. These sound waves travel down through the layers of rock and sediment beneath the surface. As the sound waves hit the boundaries between different rock layers, some of the energy reflects. Highly sensitive sensors—called geophones —are spread out in a large, systematic grid pattern (the 3-D part) over the survey area to record these returning sound waves. finally, computers measure the exact time it takes for the sound wave to travel down, reflect off a layer, and return to all the different sensors. Since the sensors are arranged in a large grid, the computer can process the time measurements to create a detailed, three-dimensional model of the subsurface geology. This model shows the shape, depth, and type of underground rock formations, assisting in the location of helium and natural gas pockets.

The proposed project falls within the Masilonyana and Matjhabeng Local Municipalities, in the Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Free State Province. The site boundary is ~5km southwest of the town of Virginia, ~9km south the town of Welkom and ~16km north of the town of Theunissen. The application area covers approximately 27 500 hectares, and the approximate centre point of the site is located at 28°10'20.47"S and 26°43'50.79"E. A locality map is included herewith for ease of reference.

## 2 OBJECTIVES OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

South Africa, being one of the countries with the most progressive constitutions, enshrined the public's right to be involved in decisions that may affect them in its Constitution. Section 57(1) of the new Constitution that provides: "*The National Assembly may (b) make rules and orders concerning its business, with due regard to representative and participatory democracy, accountability, transparency and public involvement*". This provision, along with several others gave rise to many new trends in South African legislation. In environmental legislation, the idea of public participation (or stakeholder engagement) features strongly and especially the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, NEMA) and the recent regulations passed under the auspices of this Act makes very strict provisions for public participation in environmental decision-making.

Public participation can be defined as..."*a process leading to a joint effort by stakeholders, technical specialists, the authorities and the proponent who work together to produce better decisions than if they had acted*



*independently*<sup>1</sup>. From this definition, it can be seen that the input of the public is regarded as very important indeed.

The Public Participation Process (PPP) is designed to provide sufficient and accessible information to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in an objective manner to assist them to:

During the Environmental Authorisation:

- Verify that their issues have been recorded;
- Comment on the findings of the environmental assessments; and
- Provide relevant local information and knowledge to the environmental assessment.

The PPP is a requirement of several pieces of South African Legislation and aims to ensure that all relevant I&APs are consulted, involved and their opinions are taken into account and a record included in the reports submitted to Authorities. The process ensures that all stakeholders are provided this opportunity as part of a transparent process which allows for a robust and comprehensive environmental study. The PPP for the necessary authorisation required for the project needs to be managed sensitively and according to best practises in order to ensure and promote:

- Compliance with international best practice options;
- Compliance with national legislation;
- Establishment and management of relationships with key stakeholder groups; and
- Encouragement of involvement and participation in the environmental study and authorisation/approval process.

As such, the purpose of the PPP and stakeholder engagement process is to:

- Introduce the proposed project and process for the authorisation project;
- Explain the environmental authorisation;
- Determine and record issues, concerns, suggestions, and objections to the project;
- Provide opportunity for input and gathering of local knowledge;
- Establish and formalise lines of communication between the I&APs and the project team;
- Identify all significant issues for the project; and
- Identify possible mitigation measures or environmental management plans to minimise and/or prevent negative environmental impacts and maximise and/or promote positive environmental impacts associated with the project.

This Public Participation Report (PPR) lists all verbal and written issues raised by I&APs during the call to register period from the 18<sup>th</sup> of November to date. A breakdown of the PPP is given within the remaining sections of this PPR.

### 3 LEGAL COMPLIANCE

The PPP must comply with all environmental legislation that requires public participation as part of an application for authorisation or approval; namely, the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No. 107 of 1998).



Adherence to the requirements of the above-mentioned Act will allow for an Integrated PPP to be conducted, and in so doing, satisfy the requirements for public participation referenced in the Act. The details of the Integrated PPP are provided below.

## 4 IDENTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&APS)

An initial I&AP database has been compiled from historic projects in the area, and Windeed searches were conducted to obtain the contact details of the surrounding landowners. The I&APs referred to in the PPR include:

- Pre-identified and registered landowners and surrounding landowners;
- Pre-identified and registered key stakeholders;
- Regulatory authorities;
- Specialist interest groups; and
- All I&APs who responded to the initial notifications and requested to be registered.

Efforts to pre-identify key I&APs involved various avenues such as consultation with the proponent and known landowners within the study area, review of related previously conducted studies, and identification of key interest groups and authorities within the vicinity of the study area and municipality. Refer to Appendix 1 for the Key Stakeholder/I&AP Database.

### 4.1 LIST OF ORGANS OF STATE IDENTIFIED AND NOTIFIED

The following key I&APs, but not limited to, were notified of the proposed project and invited to participate in the public participation process:

- Eskom Soc Ltd
- Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
- Free State Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
- Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs
- Free State Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
- Free State Department of Police, Roads and Transport
- Free State Department of Public Works and Infrastructure
- Free State Department of Water and Sanitation
- Free State Development Corporation
- Free State Heritage Resources Authority
- Free State Provincial Shared Services Centre (PSSC)
- Lejweleputswa Development Agency
- Lejweleputswa District Municipality
- Masilonyana Local Municipality
- Matjhabeng Local Municipality
- National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform, and Rural Development (DALRRD)
- National Department Of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)
- National Department of Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)
- National Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE)
- National Department of Transport
- National Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)
- National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)
- National House of Traditional Leaders
- Petroleum Agency of South Africa (PASA)



- Presidential Climate Change Commission
- Sedibeng Water
- South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)
- South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)
- South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)
- South African National Roads Agency Soc Ltd (SANRAL)
- Stilte Primary School
- Transnet Soc Ltd
- Ward Councillors



## 4.2 LIST OF OTHER KEY I&APS IDENTIFIED AND NOTIFIED

- Pre-identified and registered landowners and surrounding landowners.
- African Carbon Energy (Pty) Ltd
- African Conservation Trust
- Afriforum
- Agri Free State
- Agri South Africa
- Birdlife South Africa
- Botanical Society
- Centre for Environmental Rights (CER)
- Conservation South Africa (CSA)
- Council for Geoscience
- Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)
- Earth Life Africa
- Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)
- Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE)
- Frack Free South Africa
- Free State Agriculture
- Free State Department of Water and Sanitation
- Free State Wetland Forum
- Green Connection
- GroundWork South Africa
- GUBICO
- Mining Affected Communities United in Action (MACUA)
- Mining and Environmental Justice Community Network of South Africa (MEJCONSA)
- National Farmers Union
- Natural Justice
- Pele Green Energy
- Sibanye Stillwater
- SOLA Group
- Subsolar Energy
- Tara Wildlife South Africa
- Vaal Environmental Justice Alliance (VEJA)
- Wild Trust
- Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)
- World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

## 5 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

This section provides details on the notifications that were distributed as part of the consultation process to date.

### 5.1 INITIAL NOTIFICATION OF KEY I&APS

The PPP commenced on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 with an initial call to register notification. Notification during this initial consultation was given in the manner described below.

#### 5.1.1 EMAILS, REGISTERED MAIL AND FAXES

Notification letters (in English, Sesotho, and Afrikaans) were distributed to pre-identified I&APS through either faxes, SMSs, registered mail, and/or emails on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2025.



The notification documents included the following information:

- Authorisations required;
- Sufficient detail of the proposed development to enable I&APs to assess/surmise what impact the development will have on them or the use of their land;
- The purpose of the proposed project;
- Details of the application processes associated with proposed activities;
- Details of the affected properties;
- Details of the South African environmental legislation that must be adhered to;
- Contact details of the EAP.

Please refer to **Appendix 2** for initial notification and proofs.

### 5.1.2 NEWSPAPER AND GAZETTE ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements (in English, Sesotho, and Afrikaans) describing the proposed project and Environmental Impact Assessment process were placed in the vista Newspaper with circulation in the vicinity of the study area on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2025. The Gazette Notice was placed in the National Government Gazette on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2025. The newspaper and Gazette Notice adverts included the following information:

- Project name;
- Applicant name;
- Project location;
- Nature of the activity;
- Legislative requirements; and
- Relevant EIMS contact person for the project.

Please refer to Appendix 3 for proof of the advert and gazette notice placed.

### 5.1.3 SITE NOTICE PLACEMENT

Thirty (30) A1 correx board site notices (in English, Sesotho, and Afrikaans) were placed at thirty (30) locations around the proposed project study area on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2025. The on-site notices included the following information:

- Project name;
- Applicant name;
- Project location;
- Map of proposed project area;
- Project description;
- Legislative requirements; and
- Relevant EIMS contact person for the project.

Please refer to **Appendix 4** for proof of site notice and site notice distribution.



## 5.2 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AVAILABILITY

Notification (in English, Sesotho, and Afrikaans) regarding the availability of the Basic Assessment Report for public review and comment will be provided to pre-identified and registered I&APs. The notifications will be distributed through either email, registered mail, fax, and/or SMS, where contact details are available.

Contact details will be provided to I&APs should they require assistance accessing the information or require copies of the reports.

A hard copy of the Basic Assessment Report will be placed at the Virginia Public Library for a period of 30 days.

## 6 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

The table below provides a summary of the opportunities provided to I&APs for participation in the public participation process to date.

Table 1: Summary of Public Participation Opportunities

Action	Description	Publication/Place	Date
<b>Initial Call to Register</b>	Notification of landowners, occupiers, and other key I&APs.	Affected landowners and key I&APs were notified via email, fax, SMSs and/or post.	20 November 2025
	Placement of site notices.	Thirty (30) A1 correx board site notices (in English, Sesotho, and Afrikaans) were placed at six (6) locations along the proposed project study area.	17 November 2025
	Newspaper advertisement and Gazette Notice.	Advertisements (in English, Sesotho, and Afrikaans) describing the proposed project and BA process were placed in the Vista Newspaper. The Gazette Notice was placed in the National Government Gazette.	27 November 2025 (Newspaper)  12 December 2025 (Gazette Notice)
<b>Availability of Basic Assessment Report for public review</b>	Placement of hard copy Basic Assessment Report.	One (1) hard copy of the report will be submitted to the Virginia Public Library where members of the public can access the report.	TBA
	Placement of Basic Assessment Report electronic copy.	An electronic copy of the report will be placed on the EIMS website.	TBA-



## 7 RECORD OF ISSUES RAISED

Comments on the proposed project were solicited from pre-identified and registered I&APs and key stakeholders. To date, the following comments have been received:

- I&AP Registrations.
- Transnet Pipelines approved the wayleave application and has no objections to the proposed project.
- An I&AP offered farmer contact information for access into some properties.
- Request for project map files.
- A request from harmony gold mining for the applicant to consult with them before any activity due to overlapping mining rights.
- SACAA had no comments, however, advised that should there be structures that are of/exceed a certain height, the relevant application process must be followed.

All comments and/or queries received to date are included in this report and presented in **Appendix 5** Please refer to **Appendix 6** for proof of correspondence.

## 8 CONCLUSION

The comments received during the initial call to register period to date were used to inform the compilation of this PPR. This report will be updated for submission to the competent authority following the 30-day public participation period.



## 9 APPENDICES

### **Appendix 1: IAP Database**

Please note that in an effort to protect the personal information of the Registered I&AP's the contact information of the I&APs will not be made publicly available. Should you require access to this document for the purposes of fulfilling your obligations under the NEMA EIA Regulations or other lawful right, please feel free to contact the EIMS Information officer at 011 789 7170 or [popia@eims.co.za](mailto:popia@eims.co.za)

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### **Appendix 3: Newspaper and Gazette Notice Proof**



## **Appendix 4: Site Notice Proof**



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## Ding mee met beste van die bestes

Drie gimnaste van die Riebeeckstad-gimnastiekklub het aan die nasionale Best of the Best MAG-kampioenskapsbyeenkoms in Pretoria deelgeneem. Slegs die drie topgimnaste in elke afdeling in die Vrystaat is genooi om deel te neem. Daar was 124 gimnaste oor die land heen wat deel geneem het. Van links is Christiné Deas (afripter), Elbethel Kolobile, Evan Kruger en Liam Norton. FOTO: Madli Grobbelaar



Hugo de Klerk het 'n sliwermedalje op gelyke brug gewen op die Suid-Afrikaanse nasionale gimnastiek-kampioenskapsbyeenkoms. Christiné Deas (links), afripter van die Riebeeckstad-gimnastiekklub is as Vrystaatspan-afripter gekies. FOTO: Madli Grobbelaar



Gimnaste van Riebeeckstad het goed gevaar in die nasionale Best of the Best-gimnastiek-kompetisie. Elbethel Kolobile (links) het 'n bronsmedalje op vloer en 'n algehele 5de plek verwerf. Evan Kruger het brons in die vloer-afdeling, goud op gelyke brug en 'n algehele eerste plek (nasionale kampioen) verwerf.

### NOTIFICATION REGARDING OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED TETRA4 3-D SEISMIC SURVEY PROJECT, IN THE VIRGINIA REGION, FREE STATE, SOUTH AFRICA.

Tetra4 (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as the applicant) has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with undertaking the required authorisation processes (including the statutory public participation), and to compile and submit the required documentation in support of application for: Environmental Authorisation (EA) and amendments in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act- NEMA (Act 107 of 1998) Listed activities: (GNR 983): Activities 21C; 21D. Additional listed activities and/or water uses may be identified during the process.

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EIMS will be following the procedures defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GNR982 of 2014, as amended) for undertaking a Basic Assessment 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 applications. In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an 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 interested and affected party you consent to the collection and processing of your personal information as per the EIMS Privacy Notice available at [www.eims.co.za/public-participation](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation). Please include the project reference number 1595 in all correspondence.

### KENNISGEWING MET BETREKKING TOT GELEENTHEID OM DEEL TE NEEM AAN OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING AANSOEKPROSES VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE TETRA4 3-D SEISMIESE OPNAMEPROEJ, IN DIE VIRGINIA STREEK, VRYSTAAT, SUID-AFRIKA.

Tetra4 (Edms) Bpk (hierna verwys as die aansoeker) het Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as die Omgewingsbeoordelingspraktisyn (EAP) aangestel 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) en wysigings in ooreenstemming met die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur- NEMA (Wet 107 van 1998) Gelyste aktiwiteite: (GNR 983):Aktiwiteite 21C; 21D. Bykomende gelyste aktiwiteite en/of watergebruike kan tydens die proses geïdentifiseer word.

Na die suksesvolle aanvang van Cluster 1-gasproduksie in 2022, het Tetra4 aansoek gedoen vir relevante omgewingsgoedkeurings om die aardgasbedrywigheid binne die goedgekeurde produksiereggebied en rondom die Cluster 1-projek, aangewys as 'Cluster 2', uit te brei. Hierdie Cluster 2-toepassinggebied het 'n totaal van ~27 500 hektaar beslaan, wat met 'n groot deel van die Cluster 1-gebied ooreenval.

Die Cluster 2-gebied bestaan uit verskillende produksieputtransekte waar boorwerk kan plaasvind met min of geen spesifieke boorplekke, wat 'n mate van onsekerheid skep vir grondeienaars. Om hierdie onsekerheid te versag en grondeienaars met spesifieke boorplekke te voorsien, stel Tetra4 voor om 'n 3D-seismiese opname oor die Cluster 2 gebied te onderneem wat 'n hoë resolusie ondergrondse geologiese profiel sal bied en Tetra4 in staat sal stel om gasplasing in die ondergrond te visualiseer en sodoende meer akkurate identifikasie van voorgestelde boorplekke op spesifieke eiendomme moontlik te maak.

EIMS sal die prosedures volg wat in die Omgewingsimpakbeoordeling (OIS) Regulasies (GN R982 van 2014, soos gewysig) omskryf word vir die onderneem van 'n Basiese Asseseringsproses. In ooreenstemming met Hoofstuk 6 van die OIS 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 as 'n B&GP geïdentifiseer en geregistreer word en dat u kommentaar vasgelê word, dien asseblief u naam, kontakbesonderhede, die rede vir u belangstelling, skriftelik of telefonies teen nie later nie as 14 Desember 2025 by EIMS in. Let asseblief daarop dat slegs geregistreerde B&GP's ingelig sal word oor toekomstige projekinligting en geleenthede vir deelname. Deur as 'n I & AP te registreer en/of kommentaar te lewer, stem jy in tot die insameling en verwerking van jou persoonlike inligting volgens die EIMS-privaatheidskennisgewing beskikbaar by [www.eims.co.za/public-participation](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation). Sluit asseblief die projekverwysingsnommer 1595 by alle korrespondensie in.

### TSEBISO E MABAPI LE MONYETLA OA HO KENYA LETSOHO LITS'EBETSONG TSA HO FANA KA TUMELLO EA TIKOLOHO BAKENG SA KOPO EA HO ETSA PATLISO EA SEISMIE EA TETRA4 3-D SEBANKENG SA VIRGINIA, PROFINSENG EA FREE STATE, AFRIKA BORORA.

Tetra4 (Pty) Ltd (yeo hamorao e tla bitswa mokopi) e kgethile Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) e le Setsebi sa Tekelo ya Tikoloho (EAP) ho thusa ka ho etsa litshebetsotse tse hlokalahalang tsa tumello (ho kenyelletswa le seabo sa molao sa sechaba), le ho bokella le ho fana ka litokomane tse hlokalahalang ho tsehetso kopo ya: Tumello ya Tikoloho (EA) le lihlobotho ho ya ka Molao wa Naha wa Taolo ya Tikoloho NEMA (Molao wa 107 wa 1998); Phetoho ya Litumello kapa Meralo ya Litokelo ho latela Karolo ya 102 ya Molao wa Ntlatfatsa ya Mehloji ya Diminerale le Petroleum – MPRDA (Molao wa 28 wa 2002). Mesebetsi e meng e thathamisitsoeng le/kapa tsebeliso ea metsi e ka tsejoa nakong ea ts'ebetso.

Kamora ho qala ka katleho ha tlhahiso ea khase ea Cluster 1 ka 2022, Tetra4 e ile ea etsa kopo ea tumello e nepahetseng ea tikoloho ho holisa ts'ebetso ea khase ea tlhaho ka hare ho sebaka se amohetsong sa tokelo ea tlhahiso le ho potoloha projekte ea Cluster 1, e khetshiloeng e le 'Cluster 2'. Sebaka sena sa kopo sa Cluster 2 se akaretso kakaretso ea lihlekthere ~ 27 500 tse kopanang le karolo e khohle ea sebaka sa Cluster 1. Sehlopha sa 2 EA se lumelletse li-transects tse fapaneng tsa tlhahiso moo ho cheka ho ka etsahalang ka libaka tse fokolang tsa ho cheka tse bakileng ho se tsebe hantle ho beng ba mobu. Bakeng sa ho fokotsa ho se ts'oane hona le ho fa beng ba mobu libaka tse ikhethileng tsa ho cheka, Tetra4 e fana ka tlhahiso ea ho etsa lipatlisiso tsa litsisinyehotse tsa lefatše tsa 3D sebakeng sa Cluster 2 se tla fana ka geto e phahameng ea jioloji le ho nolofalletsa Tetra4 ho bona ho beoa ha khase ka tlas'a lefatše mme ka hona ho nolofalletsa ho khetholla ka nepo libaka tsa ho cheka tse rerihoeng meahong e itseng.

EIMS e tla latela lits'ebetso tse hlalositsoeng ho Melao ea Tlhahlobo ea Tšusumetso ea Tikoloho (EIA) (GN R982 ea 2014, joalo ka ha e fetotsoe) bakeng sa ho etsa ts'ebetso ea Tlhahlobo ea Motheo. Ho latela Khaolo ea 6 ea Melaona ea EIA, ts'ebetso ea ho nka karolo ha sechaba e tla etsoa. Re u mema ho ingolisa le ho fana ka maikutlo mabapi le projekte e rerihoeng le likopo. Bakeng sa ho netefatsa hore o khetholloa le ho ngolisoa joalo ka I&AP le hore lithaloso tsa hau li nkuoe, ka kopo romella lebitso la hau, lintlha tsa puisano, lebaka la thahasello ea hau, ka ho ngola kapa ka mohala pele ho la 14 Tšitoe 2025, ho EIMS. Ka kopo elleloa hore ke li-I&AP feela tse ngolisitsoeng tse tla tsebisoa ka tlhahiso-leseleng ea projekte ea nako e tlang le menyella ea ho nka karolo. Ka ho ingodisa jwalo ka mokga o nang le thahasello le o amehang, o lumela ho bokella le ho sebetswa ha dintlha tsa hao ho latela Tsebisotse ya Lekunutu ya EIMS e fumanehang ho [www.eims.co.za/public-participation](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation). Ka kopo kenyelletswa nomoro ea ts'upiso ea projekte 1595 lengolong lohle.

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## NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

## NOTICE 3683 OF 2025

**NOTIFICATION REGARDING OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED TETRA 3-D SEISMIC SURVEY PROJECT, IN THE VIRGINIA REGION, FREE STATE, SOUTH AFRICA.**

Tetra4 (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as the applicant) has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with undertaking the required authorisation processes (including the statutory public participation) and to compile and submit the required documentation in support of application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) and amendments in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act- NEMA (Act 107 of 1998) Listed activities: (GNR 983)-Activities 21C, 21D. Additional listed activities and/or water uses may be identified during the process.

Following the successful commencement of Cluster 1, gas production in 2022, Tetra4 applied for relevant environmental approvals to expand the natural gas operations within the approved production right area and around the Cluster 1 project, designated as 'Cluster 2'. This Cluster 2 application area covered a total of ~27 500 hectares which overlaps with a large part of the Cluster 1 area.

The Cluster 2 EA Authorised various production well transects where drilling could occur with little to no specific drilling locations which resulted in some uncertainty from landowners. In order to mitigate this uncertainty and provide landowners with specific drilling locations, Tetra4 proposes undertaking a 3D seismic survey over the Cluster 2 area which would provide a high resolution subsurface geological profile and enable Tetra4 to visualise gas placement in the sub-surface and thereby enable more accurate identification of proposed drill sites on specific properties.

EIMS will be following the procedures defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GN982 of 2014, as amended) for undertaking a Basic Assessment 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 applications. In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an 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 interested and affected party you consent to the collection and processing of your personal information as per the EIMS Privacy Notice available at [www.eims.co.za/public-participation](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation).

Please include the project reference number 1595 in all correspondence.

**KENNISGEWING MET BETREKKING TOT GELEENTHEID OM DEEL TE NEEM AAN OMGEWINGSMACTIGING AANSOEKPROSES VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE TETRA4 3-D SEISMIESE OPNAMEPROEIE, IN DIE VIRGINIA STREEK, VRYSTAAT, SUID-AFRIKA.**

Tetra4 (Edms) Bpk (hierna verwys as die aansoeker) het Environmental Impact Management Services (Edms) Bpk (EIMS) as die Omgewingsbeoordelingspraktisyn (EAP) aangestel 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) en wysigings in ooreenstemming met die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur- NEMA (Wet 107 van 1998) Gelyste aktiwiteite: (GNR 983)-Aktiwiteite 21C, 21D. Bykomende gelyste aktiwiteite en/of watergebruik kan tydens die proses geïdentifiseer word.

Na die suksesvolle aanvang van Cluster 1-gasproduksie in 2022, het Tetra4 aansoek gedoen vir relevante omgewingsgoedkeuringe om die aardgasbedryfgebied binne die goedgekeurde produksiegebied en rondom die Cluster 1-projek, aangewys as Cluster 2, uit te brei. Hierdie Cluster 2-toepassingsgebied het 'n totaal van ~27 500 hektaar beslaan, wat met 'n groot deel van die Cluster 1-gebied ooreenval.

Die Cluster 2-gebied bestaan uit verskillende produksieputtrassekte waar boorwerk kan plaasvind met min of geen spesifieke boorplekke, wat 'n mate van onsekerheid skep vir grondeienaars. Om hierdie onsekerheid te versag en grondeienaars met spesifieke boorplekke te voorsien, stel Tetra4 voor om 'n 3D-seismiese opname oor die Cluster 2 gebied te onderneem wat 'n hoër resolusie ondergrondse geologiese profiel sal bied en Tetra4 in staat sal stel om gasplasing in die ondergrond te visualiseer en sodoende meer akkurate identifikasie van voorgestelde boorplekke op spesifieke eiendomme moontlik te maak.

EIMS sal die prosedures volg wat in die Omgewingsimpakbeoordeling (OI) Regulasies (GN 982 van 2014, soos gewysig) omskryf word vir die onderneem van 'n Basiese Assesseringsproses. In ooreenstemming met Hoofstuk 6 van die OIS 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 as 'n B&GP geïdentifiseer en geregistreer word en dat u kommentaar vasgeleë word, dien asseblief u naam, kontakbesonderhede, die rede vir u belangstelling, skriftelik of telefonies teen nie later nie as 14 Desember 2025 by EIMS in. Let asseblief daarop dat slegs geregistreerde B&GP'e ingelig sal word oor toekomstige projekinligting en geleenthede vir deelname. Deur as 'n I&AP te registreer en/of kommentaar te lewer, stem jy in tot die insameling en verwerking van jou persoonlike inligting volgens die EIMS-privatheidskennisgewing beskikbaar by [www.eims.co.za/public-participation](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation).

Sluit asseblief die projekverwysingsnommer 1595 by alle korrespondensie in.

**TSEBISO E MABAPILI LE MONWETLA OA HO KENYA LETSOHO LITS EBETSONG TSA HO FANA KA TUMELLO EA TIKOLOHO BAKENG SA KOPO EA HO ETSA FATLUSISO EA SEISMIC EA TETRA4 3-D SEBAKENG SA VIRGINIA, PROFINSENG EA FREE STATE, AFRIKA BOROA.**

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Selophoa sa 2 EA se lumellelise li-transets tse fapaneng tsa tlhahiso moo ho cheka ho ka etshahlang ka libaka tse fokolang tsa ho cheka tse bakileng ho se tsebe hantle ho beng ba mabu. Bakeng sa ho fokotsa ho se tsebe hona le ho fa beng ba mabu libaka tse lihlophathiso tsa ho cheka, Tetra4 e fana ka tlhahiso ea ho etsa lipatlisiso tsa litshinyeho tsa lefatše tsa 3D sebakeng sa Cluster 2 se tla fana ka qeto e phahameng ya joloji le ho nolofalletsa Tetra4 ho bona ho beoa ha khase ka ts'ara lefatše mme ka hona ho nolofalletsa ho khetholla ka nepo libaka tsa ho cheka tse rerloeng meahong e ts'eng.

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Ka kopo kenyelletsa nomoro ea ts upiso ea projekte 1595 lengolong lohle.

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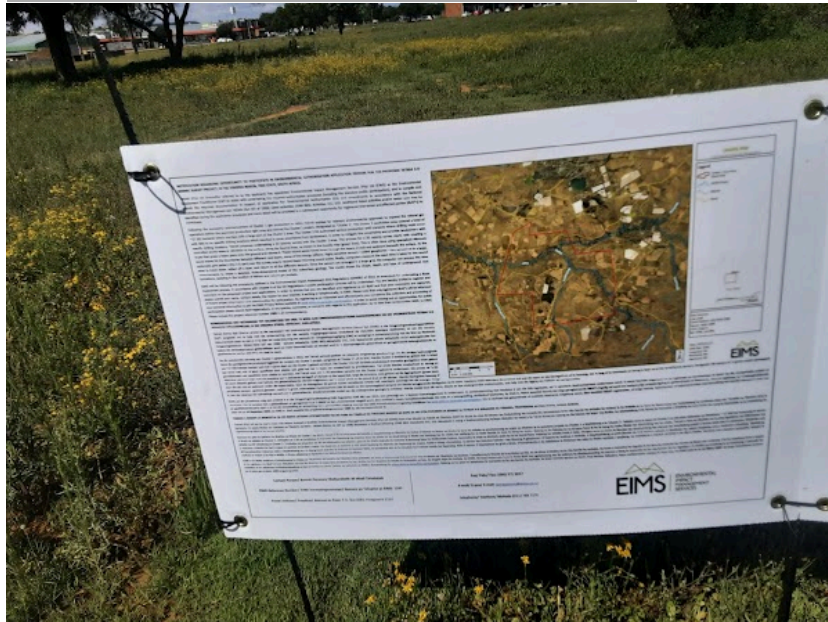


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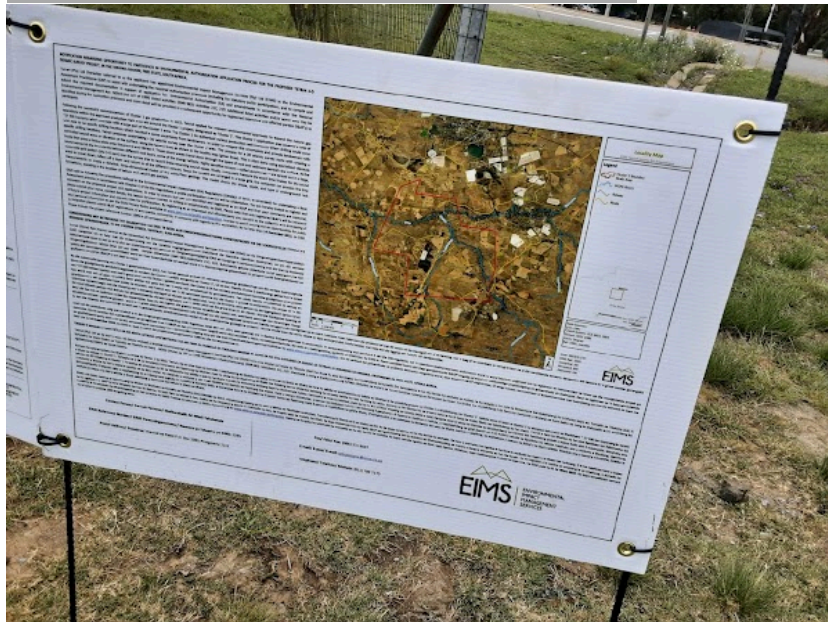
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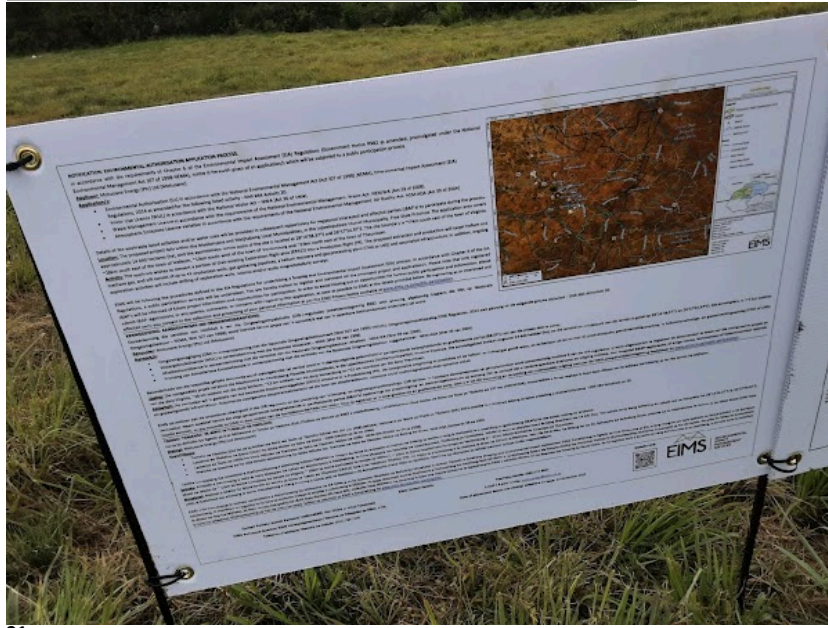


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# Comments and Responses 1595 Tetra4 Seismic EA Amendment

## Thami Hadebe

Date 2025/11/21 Method Email

### Comment

Dear Sir/Madam Your wayleave application with project reference number 1595/JJ/mts dated 20 November 2025 has reference. Transnet Pipelines, a division of Transnet SOC Limited, is not affected by the proposal. Your awareness of the existence of Transnet's pipeline servitudes and concern for their integrity is highly appreciated. This authorisation shall be valid for 48 months from the date – 21 November 2025. Yours Sincerely,

### Response

Good day \*\*\*, Thank you for the email, it has been noted.

## Mr Paul Lado

Date 2025/12/01 Method Email

### Comment

Good evening Could I be registered as an IAP for this project. Thanking you,

### Response

Good day\*\*\*, This Message serves as confirmation of receipt, and you have been added into the database if I&APs. You will receive all further communication regarding this project. For any further queries and/or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Date 2025/12/01 Method Email

### Comment

Good evening Could I be registered as an IAP for this project. Thanking you,

### Response

Thank you.

## Mikaella Bodeux

Date 2026/01/06 Method Email

### Comment

I hope this finds you well. Please can you kindly register me as an I&AP on this project. Kind regards,

### Response

Good day Mikaella, Thank you for your email. Please note that you have been added onto our database as an I&AP, you will receive all project related communication from this point going forward. For any further queries and/or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Ms Judy Bell

Date 2025/11/20 Method Email

### Comment

### Response

# Comments and Responses 1595 Tetra4 Seismic EA Amendment

## Ms Judy Bell

Hi Please register me as an IAP Thanks Judy Bell

Good day Judy, Thank you for your email, and apologies for the delay in response. You have been added to our database, and you will receive all further notifications regarding the proposed project from this point going forward. For any further queries and/or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Canny Mothapo

Date 2025/12/17 Method Email

### Comment

Good day, I trust that you are well. The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) :Aviation Environmental Protection (AEP) Department has no comments regarding the proposed Tetra 4 3-D Seismic Survey Application and its associated Infrastructure. However, please note that should the project include any temporary or permanent structures of height, a formal obstacle assessment may be required for the proposed development. To lodge an application, kindly refer to the list and contact details of the approved obstacle assessment service providers available on the SACAA website: [www.caa.co.za/industryinformation/obstacles/](http://www.caa.co.za/industryinformation/obstacles/). Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me. Kind regards,

### Response

Good day Vhakhudo, Thank you for your email, it has been received with thanks. Your suggestion will be taken into consideration.

## Ms Andrea Seibritz

Date 2025/11/20 Method Email

### Comment

Good day Please include the following emails to the I&AP datat base for the proposed application: Andrea@solagroup.co.za iap@solagroup.co.za

### Response

Good day Andrea, Thank you for your email, and apologies for the delay in response. Please note that you have been to our database, and you will receive all further communication regarding this proposed project. For any further queries and/or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Elmar Roberg

Date 2025/11/21 Method Email

### Comment

Hi P;ease add me to the list.

### Response

Good day Elmar, Thank you for your email. You have been added to our database, and you will receive all further communication regarding the proposed project from this point going forward. For any further queries and/or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

# Comments and Responses 1595 Tetra4 Seismic EA Amendment

**Elmar Roberg**

Date 2025/11/21 Method Email

Comment

If you need access contact the following for approval: • \*\*\*\* • \*\*\*\* with kind regards,

Response

Good day \*\*\*, Thank you for the information provided, it has been forwarded to the relevant people.

**Keneuwe Mabe**

Date 2025/11/21 Method Email

Comment

Good day Can I kindly request that you provide our office with the .kmz file of the locality map of both cluster 1 and 2 of this project. Regards,

Response

Hi \*\*\*, I hope our call the other day helped with clearing a few things up. Attached is the KMZ for phase 2. We do not have access the phase 1 KMZ, please kindly request it from Tetra 4

**Mr John Van Wyk**

Date 2025/11/21 Method Email

Comment

Good day, Please register me as I&AP for the attached project and share all the documents? Kind regards,

Response

Good day \*\*\*, Thank you for your email, and apologies for the delay in response. You have been added to our database, and you will receive all further information regarding the proposed project from this point going forward. Additionally, please find attached documentation related the proposed project as requested. For any further queries and/or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Date 2025/12/08 Method Email

Comment

Morning, Thank you. I see there is overlap with HGM's Joel Mining right. Before any activity is undertaken on HGM property or mining right, Tetra needs to engage with HGM. Kind regards,

Response

Good day, Thank you for your email. Your message has been forwarded to the Project Manager. Should there be a response further than this communication it will be forwarded to you when it is ready.

**Mr GP Kriel**

Date 2026/01/07 Method Email

Comment

Good day, Please register me as an interested and affected party for the above project. Kind

Response

Good day, Thank you for your email, please note that you have been added onto our database

# Comments and Responses 1595 Tetra4 Seismic EA Amendment

**Mr GP Kriel**

regards,

as an I&AP. You will receive all project related communication from this point going forward. For any comments and/or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Ms Milani Nieuwoudt**

Date 2025/11/27 Method Email

**Comment**

Good afternoon \*\*\*, May I please be registered as an I&AP for the Tetra4 project and to be informed of future project information and opportunities for participation. Kind regards,

**Response**

Good day \*\*\*, Thank you for your email, you have been added onto our database and will be receiving all notifications about the proposed project from here going forward. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further queries and/or concerns.