

**APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTION RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION TO PROSPECT IN
SEA CONCESSION AREA 10B, ALONG THE WEST COAST BY TRANS ATLANTIC DIAMONDS**

Date: 7 June 2022 **Time:** 16:30 – 17:00

Venue: Kotzesrus Church Hall, Kotzesrus, Northern Cape

Presenter and Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Cheruscha Swart – Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd

Assistance: Simone Louw – Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd

MEETING NOTES

ABBREVIATIONS

Anchor	Anchor Environmental Consultants (The EAP)
BAR	Basic Assessment Report
I&APs	Interested and Affected Parties
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
DMRE	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
TAD	Trans Atlantic Diamonds (The applicant)

GENERAL REMARKS

- As required by the government, COVID-19 protocols have been adhered to.
- Cheruscha Swart welcomed the participants.
- Simone Louw, also an environmental consultant at Anchor, provided technical assistance and took notes at the meeting.
- The meeting was attended by only two stakeholders.
- Cheruscha discussed various topics and participants were given the opportunity to ask questions and comment after the discussion.

1. WELCOME

Me. Swart welcomed everyone at 16:30. Only two people attended the meeting.

2.PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

To apply for prospecting rights, environmental authorisation must also be obtained. The environmental authorisation then gives the applicant the right to carry out certain activities associated with prospecting. To obtain environmental authorisation, a Basic Assessment Process must be performed. This includes, among other things, an assessment of the potential impacts of prospecting in that area, as well as a Public Participation Process and meeting during which the community can provide input and ask questions about the process. A Pre-Consultation meeting is also held with the communities before the specialist and impact studies are carried out. The aim is to inform the communities and other interested and affected parties of the project and associated activities, to get the community's input and answer questions so that these can be taken into account during the impact studies. The Pre-Consultation is also used as an opportunity to obtain contact details of other important community representatives and organisations to inform them of the process and the official public participation process. All this information and findings are then compiled together with the stakeholder questions and comments in a report and submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE). Members have been informed that this is the Pre-Consultation meeting and not the official public meeting.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Anchor Environmental Consultants has been appointed by the applicant (Trans Atlantic Diamonds) as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner, to conduct a Basic Assessment of the proposed activities. Anchor does work all over South Africa and also in various countries in Africa and Worldwide. Their work includes environmental studies and evaluations, plant and animal surveys, fish surveys, studies on the existence of communities, impact studies for both the environment and communities, Basic Assessment Processes and the development of environmental legislation and conservation programs. Their studies focus on various habitats including the sea, wetlands, freshwater and rural areas.

Trans Atlantic Diamonds is the prospecting rights applicant. They are a licensed, uncut diamond dealer who has been involved in the diamond industry since 1986. They are an independent, online diamond sales channel that connects buyers and sellers and provides a sales solution for producers, small tradesmen, and suppliers. They are well known in the diamond industry and have more than 30 years of experience.

4. PROJECT OVERVIEW

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the community with more information about the Basic Assessment process, prospecting work, potential impacts and mitigation measures. This will enable stakeholders to better understand the project and thus make meaningful comments. Background Information Documents were circulated to all participants and the following topics were discussed:

- Background of the project
- Project activities
- Mitigation measures

5. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

- The participants were thanked for listening and the floor was opened for questions and comments.
- Cheruscha also asked for input in terms of what they want to be considered by the specialists and the EAP, what important organizations and people need to be contacted and what they want Anchor to do on their part.
- Permission was requested from the participants to be recorded on tape. They agreed.

Question/ Comment

- Waterval Namakwaland is a campsite situated on a farm adjacent to the concession area and extends from the Mouth of Ruitersvlei to Skulpbank. Camping grounds were previously called Strandfontein 559 for reference to see where it is on a map. The farm owner of this campsite wanted to know what the land impacts will be as a result of the prospecting activities? They further own camping spots along the coast (directly facing the concession area) and is concerned about visual and other repercussions on her tourism business, such as surfing-related activities
- In December, an elephant/leopard seal was spotted in the local area, and mitigating measures must be put in place to avoid harming marine mammals like the seal recorded in the summer.
- The Waterval farm owner requested a direct link of the notice, report and summary of the meeting.

6. CLOSING

The participants were thanked and the meeting was adjourned.