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4 March 2016

ATTENTION: LAND OWNER/STAKEHOLDER/I&AP

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF 30-DAY REVIEW OF REVISED DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: APPLICATION FOR AN EXPLORATION RIGHT FOR PETROLEUM ON VARIOUS FARMS IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS OF FRANKFORT, HARRISMITH, HEILBRON, KROONSTAD, LINDLEY, REITZ, SENEKAL, VENTERSBURG & VREDE IN THE FREE STATE, MPUMALANGA & GAUTENG PROVINCES (12/3/294 ER)

The above-mentioned project refers.

Further to the correspondence dated week of 25 January 2016, , you are notified that SLR Consulting (Pty) Ltd, on behalf of Rhino Oil and Gas Exploration South Africa (Pty) Ltd, has revised the draft Scoping report and it is now available for public review.

The purpose of the Scoping report is to identify the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed exploration project and to present the 'plan of study' for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The draft Scoping report has been prepared to document the method and findings of the scoping process undertaken to date. All comments and issues raised by I&APs as well as minutes of meetings that were held are included in the <u>revised</u> draft Scoping report. The draft Scoping report is being made available to I&APs to provide opportunity for review and comment on any aspect of the proposed project and the findings of the scoping process. Copies of the report have been placed at:

Name and Location	Physical Address
Steynsrus Public Library	Steyn Street, Steynsrus, 9515
Reception at Steynsrus Local Municipality-	13 Van Riebeek Street, Steynsrus, 9515
Registry Office	·
Steynsrus Local Co-operative OVK	28 Steyn Street, Steynsrus, 9515
Petrus Steyn Library	C/O Church and Groenewald Street, Petrus
	Steyn, 9640
Reception at Petrus Steyn Local	C/O van Rensburg Street and Groenewald
Municipality	Street, Petrus Steyn,9640
Petrus Steyn Local Co-operative VKB	C/O van Rensburg Street and Botha Street,
	Petrus Steyn,9640
Vrede Public Library	C/O Prinsloo and Kuhn Street, Vrede, 9835
Reception at Vrede Local Municipality	C/O Prinsloo and Kuhn Street, Vrede, 9835

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Vrede Local Co-operative VKB	32 Church Street, Vrede, 9835
Reception at Villiers Public Library	24 Main Street, Villiers, 9830
Villiers Local Co-operative VKB	3 Main Street, Villiers, 9840
Oranjeville Public Library	John Voster Street, Sasolburg, 1947
Reception at Oranjeville Local Municipality	Civic Centre, Fichardt Street, Sasolburg, 1947
Oranjeville Local Co-operative VKB	C/O Malan and Steyn Street, Oranjeville, 9416
Heilbron Public Library	C/O Steil and President Street, Heilbrom
Reception at Heilbron Local Municipality	C/O Steil and President Street, Heilbron
Heilbron Local Co-operative VKB	31 Paradys Street, Heilbron, 9650
Frankfort Public Library	JJ Hadebe Street, Frankfort, 9830
Reception at Frankfort Local Municipality	JJ Hadebe Street, Frankfort, 9830
Frankfort Local Co-operative VKB	13 Barret Steet, Frankfort, 9830
Standerton Public Library	C/O Mbonani Mayisela and Dr Beyers Naude, Standerton, 2430
Reception at Standerton Local Municipality	C/O Mbonani Mayisela and Dr Bayers Naude Street, Standerton, 2430
Standerton Local Co-operative Farmers Union BKB	17 Krog Street, Standerton, 2430

In addition, the <u>revised</u> draft scoping report is also available to download from the SLR ftp site. To do so, please visit: <u>ftp.slrconsulting.co.za</u>.

Username: 1013151012 Password: wiutgf783e32

Navigate to the Folder called: REVISED Draft Scoping Report.

An electronic copy of the Scoping report can be emailed or provided on CD on request. The executive summary of the report is also available in Afrikaans and Sotho and can be emailed, faxed or posted to you.

The <u>revised</u> draft Scoping report will be available from **4 March 2016 until 8 April 2016** (30 calendar days). If you would like to comment on the document or have any queries please ensure that these reach us on or before the deadline. Comments on the Scoping report should be submitted to:

Matthew Hemming (Project Manager) and/or JC Pretorius (Public Participation) by:

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Comments received will be used to update the Scoping report and copies of all the comments will be included with the Scoping report when submitted to the Petroleum Agency South Africa (PASA). Note that the scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment process is regulated by the EIA Regulations (GNR 982, 8 December 2014) and the final Scoping report has to be submitted to PASA by no later than 20 April 2016.

Please also pass this notice onto any other persons whom you know reside in or near to the exploration right application area. We welcome all comments or queries.

Yours faithfully

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