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ATTENTION: INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

Dear Sir / Madam

MOONSTONE DIAMOND MARKETING (PTY) LTD– ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS FOR PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATIONS FOR OFFSHORE SEA CONCESSION 13B, WEST COAST (DMRE REFERENCE: WC: WC30/5/1/1/3/2/1/10335PR: NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO RESUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR EA AND CONTINUATION OF EIA PROCESSES

On behalf of Moonstone Diamond Marketing (Pty) Ltd (Moonstone), notification is hereby given that the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) has, in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002 (as amended), read with the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (as amended) (“NEMA”), accepted the final Scoping Reports prepared for Prospecting Right application for offshore Sea Concessions 13B on the 5th of November 2021. As part of the Scoping Report acceptance, the DMRE confirmed that the EIA process may proceed in accordance with the tasks set out in the “*Plan of Study for EIA*” as set out in the Scoping Report.

However, as the legislated timeframe for the submission of the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report for each application to the DMRE has since lapsed, Moonstone are required to submit a new application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for each Prospecting Right Application.

In accordance with Regulation 21(2) of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended), Moonstone may continue with the EIA process for each application, subject to compliance with the requirements set out in sub-regulations 21(2)(a) – (d), provided that the EIA Report (which must be subjected to a 30-day public and authority review and comment period) is submitted within a period of two years from the date of the acceptance of the Scoping Report. Accordingly, all existing registered Interested and/or Affected Parties will be notified in due course of the availability of the EIA Report for the legislated 30-day review and comment period.

In light of the above, SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (SLR) has been appointed by Moonstone as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and intends, on behalf of Moonstone as the applicant, to resubmit the applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in support of the above-mentioned Prospecting Right applications.

Should you have any queries on the above, or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact SLR (moonstone13B@slrconsulting.com).

Yours sincerely



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