

APPENDIX 1
DEA'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE FSR



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ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING/IEA ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION WELL DRILLING PROGRAMME IN THE ORANGE BASIN DEEP WATER LICENSE AREA OFF THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA, IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE AND IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) dated September 2014 and received by the Department of Environmental Affairs (herein referred to as "this Department") on 03 November 2014 and the additional information dated 18 December 2014 and received by this Department on 05 January 2015, submitted in terms of the requirement of Regulation 29 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2010 refers.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated September 2014 and the additional information dated 05 January 2015 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2010. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 30(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2010.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2010.

- The application form must be amended to include the correct listed activities. The Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.

Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department together with the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This includes but not limited to the Western Cape Government: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Northern Cape Government: Department of Environment and Nature Conservation, Namakwa District Municipality, West Coast District Municipality, Saldanha Bay Local Municipality, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Namibian Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication, South African Maritime Safety Authority, Matzikama Local

Municipality, Richard Byrnes (International Environmental and Marine Services), SAMSA, Northern Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism, SANBI and Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coast.

Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final EIR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments with the final EIR.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 67 with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations, and regulations 56 and 57 with regard to the allowance of a comment period for interested and affected parties on all reports submitted to the competent authority for decision-making. The reports referred to are listed in regulation 56(3a-3h).

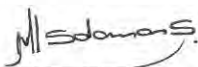
Please ensure that the Final EIR includes at least one A3 regional map of the area as well as locality maps in the final EIR illustrating the different proposed alignments and positions of the above ground exploration well drilling programme. The maps must be of an acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:

- Maps relatable to one another;
- Cardinal points;
- Co-ordinates;
- Legible legends;
- Indicate alternatives and
- A3 size locality map of the area.

You are requested to submit two (2) copies of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the Department and at least two (2) electronic copies (CD/DVD) of the complete final report with the hard copy documents.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



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