

**FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED
PROSPECTING IN SEA CONCESSION AREA 7C BY TRANS
ATLANTIC DIAMONDS (PTY) LTD**

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**Appendix 10:
Pre-Consultation Meeting**

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Meeting Attendance Register **7C**

Date: **8 June**

Time: **15:00 - 17:00** Venue: **hondeklip saal**

Please Note: For the Symptoms Category please answer Yes (Y) or No (N) as to whether you have the symptoms (S) listed on the COVID sheet and also please list your temperature (T) upon arrival

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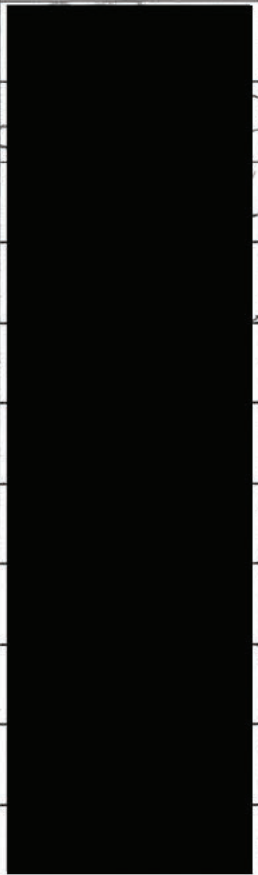
















Meeting Attendance Register ^{TC}

Date: 8 June

Time: 15:00 - 17:00

Venue: handling bagi soal

Please Note: For the Symptoms Category please answer Yes (Y) or No (N) as to whether you have the symptoms (S) listed on the COVID sheet and also please list your temperature (T) upon arrival

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		IAP	S: NO T:	36.3	
		Counsellor	S: T: NO	36.6	
			S: T: NO	36.7	
		WARD Community	S: NO T:	36.7	
		ISAKIES	S: T: -	36.2	
		Indonesian	S: T:	36.6	
		CDW	S: T:	35.9	
			S: T:	34.9	
Diana Mentoon	E: T: 7011090154089	-	S: T: NO	36.2	
	E: T:		S: T:		



Meeting Attendance Register **TC**

Date: 8 June

Time: 5:00 - 17:0

Venue: Honderd Hippelbaai 8001

Please Note: For the Symptoms Category please answer Yes (Y) or No (N) as to whether you have the symptoms (S) listed on the COVID sheet and also please list your temperature (T) upon arrival

Name	Contact Email/Tel	Organisation	Symptoms Y/N	Temp.	Sign
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		F. VISSER	S: T:		
		Marcus Cederik PLS	S: T:		
		S. Stehouder No. 1234	S: T:		
		Independent	S: T:	35.7	
		HEWAN	S: T:	35.7	
		G. HEWAN	S: T:	35.1	
		ANC	S: T:	35.1	
		ANC	S: T:	36.4	
		ANC	S: T:	36.7	

Meeting at Hondeklipbaai



AANSOEK OM PROSPEKTEERREGTE EN OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING OM TE PROSPEKTEER IN SEEKONSESSIEGEBIED 7C, LANGS DIE WESKUS DEUR TRANS ATLANTIC DIAMONDS

Datum: 8 Junie 2022 **Tyd:** 15:00 – 17:00

Lokaal: Gemeenskapsaal, Hondeklipbaai, Noord-Kaap

Aanbieder en Omgewingsassesserings-praktisyn: Cheruscha Swart – Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd

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

OPENBARE VERGADERING NOTAS

AFKORTINGS

Anchor	Anchor Environmental Consultants (Die Omgewingsassesserings-konsultante)
BAR	Basic Assessment Report – Basiese Assesseringsverslag
B&GPe	Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Partye
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment – Department van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing
DMHE	Department van Minerale Hulpbronne en Energie
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner – Omgewingsassesserings-praktisyn
TAD	Trans Atlantic Diamonds (Die aansoeker)

ALGEMENE OPMERKINGS

- Soos deur die regering vereis, is COVID-19-protokolle nagekom. By aankoms is deelnemers gevra om die algemene Covid-19 vraelys te laat voltooi, hulle hande te ontsmet, seker te maak dat maskers gedra word, hulle temperatuur te neem en ver genoeg uitmekaar te sit.
- Cheruscha Swart, 'n omgewingskonsultant by Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd (Anchor), het almal verwelkom en die vergadering gelei.
- Simone Louw, ook 'n omgewingskonsultant by Anchor, het tegniese bystand gelewer en die minute van die vergadering geneem.
- Die vergadering is deur 34 belanghebbendes bygewoon.
- Cheruscha het verskeie onderwerpe bespreek, en deelnemers is na die aanbieding die geleentheid gebied om vrae te vra en kommentaar te lewer.

- Die gemeenskap het dit duidelik gemaak dat hulle teen die projek gekant is. Hulle is veral bekommerd oor die impak wat prospektering op hulle lewensbestaan, die omgewing en toekomstige generasies sal hê.

Die verloop van die vergadering was as volg:

1. Verwelkomings
2. “Housekeeping” reëls
3. Doel van die vergadering
4. Bekendstellings
5. Projekoorsig: Inligting soos uiteengesit in die Agtergrondinligtingsdokument is bespreek
6. Vrae
7. Afsluiting

1. VERWELKOMINGS

Me. Swart het almal om 15:15 verwelkom. In totaal het 34 mense die vergadering bygewoon.

2. “HOUSEKEEPING” REËLS

Deelnemers is die volgende gevra:

- Om seker te maak dat hulle die nodige dokumente by die ingang van die saal geteken het. Dit sluit die Covid-19 vraelys en bywoningsregister vir die vergadering in.
- Om alle vrae/ kommentaar aan Anchor te stuur deur ‘n metode van hulle keuse te gebruik (bv. per epos, telefonies of pos).
- Om alle vrae en kommentaar asseblief tot die einde van die voorlegging te hou.
- Om hulle selfone af te skakel om onderbreukings te vermy.

3. DOEL VAN DIE VERGADERING

Om aansoek te doen om prospekterregte moet omgewingsmagtiging ook verkry word. Die omgewingsmagtiging gee dan die aansoeker (prospekteerders) die reg om sekere aktiwiteite wat gepaard gaan met prospektering, uit te voer. Om omgewingsmagtiging te verkry, moet 'n Basiese Assesseringsproses uitgevoer word. Dit sluit in, onder andere, 'n assessering van die potensiële impakte van prospektering in daardie gebied, en ook 'n Openbare Deelnameproses en vergadering waartydens die gemeenskap hulle insette kan lewer en vrae kan vra oor die proses. Daar word ook 'n "Pre-Consultation" vergadering met die gemeenskappe gehou voor die spesialis- en impakstudies uitgevoer word. Die doel is om die gemeenskappe en ander geïnteresseerde en geïmpakteerde partye in kennis te stel van die projek en geassosieerde aktiwiteite en sodoende die gemeenskap se insette daarvoor te kry en vrae te beantwoord sodat hierdie in ag geneem kan word tydens die impakstudies. Die "Pre-Consultation" word ook as 'n geleentheid gebruik om kontakbesonderhede van ander belangrike gemeenskapvertegenwoordigers en organisasies te kry om hulle in kennis te stel van die proses en toekomstige openbare deelname proses. Al hierdie inligting en bevindings word dan saam met die vrae en kommentaar van die belanghebbendes in 'n verslag saamgestel en aan die Departement van Minerale Hulpbronne en Energie (DMHE) voorgelê. Lede is ingelig dat hierdie die Pre-Consultation meeting is en nie die amptelike openbare vergadering nie.

4. BEKENDSTELLINGS

Anchor Environmental Consultants is voorgestel as die Onafhanklike Omgewingsmaatskappy wat deur die aansoeker, Trans Atlantic Diamonds, aangestel is om 'n Basiese Assesering van die voorgestelde aktiwiteite uit te voer. Anchor doen werk reg oor Suid-Afrika en ook in verskeie lande in Afrika en Wêreldwyd. Hulle werk sluit onder andere in omgewingsstudies en evaluering, plant- en dieropnames, vissensusse, studies rakende die lewensbestaan van gemeenskappe, impakstudies vir beide die omgewing en gemeenskappe, Basiese Assesseringsprosesse en die ontwikkeling van omgewingswetgewing en bewaringsprogramme. Hulle studies fokus op verskeie habitate insluitende die see, vleilande, varswater en landelike gebiede.

Trans Atlantic Diamonds is voorgestel as die aansoeker. Hulle is 'n gelisensieërde, ongeslypte diamanthandelaar wat al sedert 1986 in die diamantbedryf betrokke is. Hulle is 'n onafhanklike, aanlyn diamantverkoopkanaal wat kopers en verkopers met mekaar verbind en 'n verkoopoplossing vir produsente, klein ambagsmynwerkers en verskaffers bied. Hulle is goed bekend in die diamantbedryf en het meer as 30 jaar ondervinding.

5. PROJEKOORSIG

Die doel van die voorlegging is om meer inligting oor die Basiese Assesseringsproses, prospekterwerk, potensiële impakte en versagtingsmaatreëls aan die gemeenskap te gee. Dit sal belanghebbendes in staat stel om die projek beter te verstaan en so betekenisvolle kommentaar te lewer. Die volgende onderwerpe is bespreek:

- Agtergrond van die projek
- Projek aktiwiteite
- Versagtingsmaatreëls

6. VRAE EN KOMMENTAAR

- Die deelnemers is bedank dat hulle na die voorlegging geluister het en die vloer is oopgemaak vir vrae en kommentaar.
- Cheruscha het ook gevra vir insette vanaf die gemeenskap in terme van wat hulle wil hê in ag geneem moet word deur die spesialiste en die EAP, watter belangrike organisasies en mense gekontak moet word en wat hulle wil hê Anchor moet doen van hulle kant af.
- Daar is vir die deelnemers toestemming gevra of hulle op bandopname opgeneem mag word. Hulle het ingestem.
- Deelnemers is gevra om hulle self en hulle organisasie voor te stel.
- Die gemeenskap het saamgestem dat die vergadering nie woordeliks getranskribeer hoef te word nie, maar dat 'n opsomming van die belangrikste opmerkings en bekommernisse voldoende sal wees.

Vraag/ kommentaar

- Prospektering, veral boorwerk, sal modder produseer, wat 'n impak op die gebied se visbronne sal hê, en die gemeenskap stel voor dat 'n ander metode gebruik moet word om verswakking van watergehalte te voorkom.
- Die gemeenskap is ontevrede met die mynbedryf aangesien vorige mynmaatskappye beloftes aan die gemeenskap van Hondeklipbaai gemaak het, net om daardie beloftes te verbreek en die gemeenskap te laat vaar nadat die mynboubedrywighede voltooi is. Gevolglik is die gemeenskap mislei deur maatskappye soos Transhex en die De Beers-groep, en hulle wil nie weer mislei word nie. Vir die rede vra hulle deursigtigheid van alle prosesse betrokke vanaf die projekaansoek tot die finale besluitproses, en versoek dat alle beloftes aangeteken en nagekom moet word.
- Verskeie gemeenskapslede het hul teenstand teen die prospektering verklaar.

- Die gemeenskap het versoek dat alle toekomstige kennisgewings by die munisipale saal (dienspunt) opgerig moet word, en nie by die polisiestrasie waar hulle die huidige kennisgewing van die voorafkonsultasievergadering gesien het nie.
- 'n Gemeenskaplid het voorgestel dat TAD en die gemeenskap 'n 50/50-vennootskap kan vorm, en bygevoeg dat hulle versekering sal benodig dat die voorgestelde aktiwiteite die gemeenskap sal bevoordeel.
- Die gemeenskap is bekommerd oor die gemeenskap se sosio-ekonomiese status nadat TAD die gebied verlaat en hul aktiwiteite voltooi het (m.a.w. 'n instandhoudingsplan nadat hulle hul aktiwiteite voltooi het is versoek).
- Die myne bevoordeel die gemeenskap op geen manier nie en skep geen meningvolle geleenthede vir die gemeenskap nie. Die beskikbare geleenthede laat nie toe dat hul arbeidsmag in diens geneem word nie.
- Die gebied se visbronne is reeds uitgeput, en mynbou- en eksplorasiëaktiwiteite sal die probleem vererger.
- Voordat enige aktiwiteit moet begin, sal die gemeenskap die resultate moet sien (d.w.s. voordele vir/beleggings in die plaaslike gemeenskap).
- Die gemeenskap het 'n sterk kulturele verbintenis met die see, en die see se hulpbronne ondersteun hul lewensbestaan.
- Trans Atlantic Diamonds is deur die gemeenskap gevra om te verklaar watter maatskappy vir prospekterregte aansoek doen. Hulle vra of dit die maatskappy wat in 2017 of 2021 gestig is wat aansoek doen, aangesien hierdie twee verskillende maatskappye verskillende eienaars het.
- Verskeie lede van die gemeenskap het kommer uitgespreek oor die vergaderingregistrasies en vrese uitgespreek dat Anchor die register kan verander en lieg, soos ander maatskappye in die verlede gedoen het. Gevolglik vra hulle ook vir deursigtigheid en wettigheid in alle kommunikasie tydens die prosesse vir openbare deelname.
- Die boorwerk sal die plaaslike visbevolking afskrik.
- Die gemeenskap sukkel reeds om visserspermitte te bekom, en hulle is bekommerd dat wanneer mynbou begin, die probleem nog erger sal word.
- Die gemeenskap wil weet wat die impak op die besluit om toekenning van prospekterregte sal wees as die gemeenskap die aansoek teenstaan. Hulle wil ook weet wat die waarborg is dat hulle besware wel aan die Departement voorgelê gaan word.
- Die gemeenskap is bekommerd oor die impak van die watergehalte op menslike gesondheid as gevolg van prospekterverwante booraktiwiteite.
- Die gemeenskap versoek dat TAD 'n video verskaf van alle aktiwiteite wat tydens die operasionele fase sal plaasvind. Hierdie versoek sal die gemeenskap help om te verstaan wat die projek behels en moontlike gepaardgaande omgewings- en sosio-ekonomiese impakte. Byvoorbeeld, 'n video van die bentiese omgewing voor die aktiwiteite begin en die tipe prospektergereedskap wat gebruik gaan word moet verskaf word.

Ten slotte, is drie primêre bekommernisse deur die gemeenskap uitgelig:

Eerstens is die gemeenskap veral bekommerd oor die potensiële impak van die voorgestelde prospekteraktiwiteite op die gebied se watergehalte. Tweedens, voordat die eenaar van Trans Atlantic Diamonds nie na Hondeklipbaai toe gekom het nie, sal die gemeenskapslede nie toelaat dat enige prospekteraktiwiteit plaasvind nie. Derdens is die kennisgewing- en deelnametydperke te kort, en die aansoek- en belanghebbendeprosesse moet verleng word weens 'n gebrek aan tyd vir inligting om die hele gemeenskap te bereik, en die wetgewings prosesse moet aangepas word nog voordat konsultasiefirmas betrokke raak.

7. AFSLUITING

Die deelnemers is bedank en die vergadering is beëindig.

**APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTION RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION TO PROSPECT IN
SEA CONCESSION AREA 7C, ALONG THE WEST COAST BY TRANS ATLANTIC DIAMONDS**

Date: 8 June 2022 **Time:** 15:00 – 17:00

Venue: Community Centre, Hondeklipbaai, 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. Upon arrival, participants were asked to complete the general Covid-19 questionnaire, disinfect their hands, make sure to wear masks, take their temperature, and sit far enough apart.
- Cheruscha Swart, the Environmental Assessment Practitioner and consultant at Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd (Anchor), welcomed everyone.
- Simone Louw, also an environmental consultant at Anchor, provided technical assistance and took notes at the meeting.
- The meeting was attended by 34 stakeholders.
- Cheruscha discussed various topics and participants were given the opportunity to ask questions and comment after the presentation.

- The community has made it clear that they are opposed to the project. They are particularly concerned about the impact that prospecting will have on their livelihoods, the environment and future generations.

The course of the meeting was as follows:

1. Welcome
2. “Housekeeping” rules
3. Purpose of the meeting
4. Introductions
5. Project Overview: Information as outlined in the Background Information Document was discussed
6. Questions
7. Closing

1. WELCOME

Me. Swart welcomed everyone at 15:15. A total of 34 people attended the meeting.

2. “HOUSEKEEPING” RULES

Participants were asked the following:

- To make sure that they have signed the necessary documents at the entrance of the hall. This includes the Covid-19 questionnaire and attendance register for the meeting.
- To send the questions / comments back to Anchor using a method of their choice (e.g. by email, telephonic or post) .
- Please keep all questions and comments until the end of the submission.
- To turn off their cell phones to avoid interruptions.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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

6. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

- The participants were thanked for listening and the floor was opened for questions and comments.
- Cheruscha also asked for input from the community 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.
- Participants were asked to introduce themselves and their organization.
- The community agreed that the meeting does not have to be transcribed verbatim, but that a summary of the main comments and concerns would suffice.

Question/ Comment

- Prospecting, particularly drilling will produce mud, which will have an impact on the area's fish resources, and the community strongly suggests that another method be utilized to avoid water quality deterioration.
- The community is dissatisfied with the mining industry since previous mining companies made promises to the community of Hondeklip Bay, only to break those pledges and abandon the community after the mining companies had left. As a result, the community has been misled by companies such as Transhex and the De Beers group, and they do not want to be misled again, so they are requesting transparency of all processes involved from the project application to the final decision process, and request that all promises must be recorded and followed through.

- Several community members of the community have stated their opposition to the prospecting.
- The community requested that all future notices must be erected at the at the municipal hall (service point) as opposed to the police station where they saw the current pre-consultation meeting notice.
- A community member suggested that TAD and the community could form a 50/50 partnership, , adding that they would need insurance and that the proposed activities would benefit the community.
- The community is concerned about the community's socioeconomic status after the TAD has left the area and completed their activities (i.e., a maintenance plan after they have completed their activities).
- The mines benefit the community in no way and create no known opportunities for the community and the opportunities available does not allow their workforce to be employed.
- The area's fish resources are already depleted in the area, and mining and exploration activities will exacerbate the problem.
- Before any activity is to begin, the community would need to see the results (i.e., benefits/investment for the local community).
- The community has a strong cultural connection to the ocean, and the ocean's resources support their livelihoods
- Trans Atlantic Diamond has been asked by the community to clarify which company is asking for prospecting rights. They inquired as to whether the company that was founded in 2017 or 2021 will be applying as these two different companies have different owners.
- Several members of the community expressed worries about the meeting registrations, expressing fears that Anchor might alter the register and lie, as other companies have done in the past. As a result, they're also asking for transparency and legality in all communications and during the public participation processes.
- The drilling will scare away the local fish population.
- The community is already having trouble obtaining permits, and they are fearful that when mining begins, the problem will become even worse.
- The community want to know what the impact is if the community opposes the application, and what the guarantee is if the community objects to the activity.
- The community is concerned about the impact of water quality on human health as a result of prospecting-related drilling activities
- The community requests that TAD provide a video of all activities that will take place during the operational phase. This request will aid in the community understanding what the project entail and potential environmental and socio-economic impacts. For example, a video must be provided of the benthic environment before the activities commences and after which include the prospecting tools that will be used.

In summary, three primary concerns were highlighted by the community.

First, the community is particularly concerned about the potential impact of the proposed prospecting activities on the area's water quality.

Second, before the proprietor of Trans Atlantic Diamonds comes to Hondeklip Bay, the community members do not allow any prospecting activity to take place.

Third, the notice and participation periods are too short, and the application and stakeholder processes need to be prolonged due to a lack of time for information to reach the entire community, and the processes need to be adjusted even before consulting firms are involved.

7. CLOSING

The participants were thanked and the meeting was adjourned.