

FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING IN SEA CONCESSION AREA 11C BY TRANS ATLANTIC DIAMONDS (PTY) LTD

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Appendix 15: Extension of Public Participation and 2nd Meeting (Kotzesrus)

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From: Cheruscha Swart
Sent: Friday, 03 December 2021 18:15
To: nomfundo.magubane@dmr.gov.za
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Reference: (WC) 30/5/1/1/2/10384PR
Attachments: 1. Email to municipality Oct.pdf; 2. Email to municipality Oct.pdf; 3. Email to municipality Oct.pdf; 4. Email to municipality Oct.pdf; 5. Response from Municipality.pdf; 6. Letter from stakeholders 1.pdf; 7. Letter from stakeholders 2_Redacted.pdf; 8. Letter from stakeholders 3_Redacted.pdf; 9. Letter from stakeholders 4_Redacted.pdf; 10. Letter from stakeholders 5.pdf

Good day Ms N Magubane,

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Concession area: 11C

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As per our phone conversation, please find attached our letter of request in addition to emails from stakeholders as referred to in the letter.

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6 December 2021

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Regarding: Request for an extension on the submission of the Final BAR for Prospecting Rights in Concession area 11C

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Applicant: Trans Atlantic Diamonds

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Dr Ken Hutchings

Good day Ms N Magubane,

In light of recent requests received from stakeholders, we are herewith applying for an extension on the submission of the **Final Basic Assessment Report** for this application. The new date of submission being proposed is **15 February 2022**.

Our reasons for requesting an extension are as follows:

Over the past two weeks, we have received several emails and phone calls from stakeholders and landowners adjacent to Concession Area 11C, stating that they were not aware of the public participation process, nor the meeting that was held on 11 November 2021 in Doringbaai. This is despite our substantial efforts to reach all stakeholders that could potentially be affected by this application. Measures taken to reach stakeholders are briefly mentioned below:

- Several requests (via email and telephonically) were sent to the Matzikama and West Coast District Municipalities to source contact details of residents in the area adjacent to concession area 11C (Ward 8) (see attachment 1, 2, 3 and 4). Unfortunately, we did not receive any contact details for stakeholders from this area. Instead, we were referred to the fishing communities of Doringbaai, Lutzville and Koekenaap (please see attachment "5. Response from Municipality"). We were therefore not able to contact the communities/ farmers living in this area (that appeared to be sparsely populated agricultural/ rural land with the exception of the Tronox Namaqua Sands Mine-representatives of which were at the Doringbaai meeting held on the 11 November 2021), nor did we anticipate them to request an additional meeting and extension on the submission of their comments.
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suggestion. Unfortunately, these towns are still 50km south of concession area 11C and the adjacent coast where the farmers reside and they do not appear to have been notified.

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As per Regulation 3 (7) of the EIA Regulations, as promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), that states that ***"In the event where the scope of work must be expanded based on the outcome of an assessment done in accordance with these Regulations, which outcome could not be anticipated prior to the undertaking of the assessment, or in the event where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated, the competent authority may, prior to the lapsing of the relevant prescribed timeframe, in writing, extend the relevant prescribed timeframe and agree with the applicant on the length of such extension"***, we are requesting an extension based on the notion that we could not anticipate a request from stakeholders for an additional public meeting, to extend the period for public comment and hence delay submission of the Final Basic Assessment Report.

We agree that it would be fair to the community to grant such an extension and request for another public meeting.

We hope that you would consider this request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

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From: Cheruscha Swart
Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 16:21
To: beplanning@matzikamamun.co.za
Subject: FW: Communities and venue near 11C
Attachments: TA_Prospecting_Close up 11C.png; Concession area 11C Matzikama Western Cape.kmz

Good day Bernette,

I hope you are well.

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Cheruscha Swart

From: Cheruscha Swart
Sent: Friday, 22 October 2021 09:06
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Communities and venue near 11C
Attachments: TA_Prospecting_Close up 11C.png; Concession area 11C Matzikama Western Cape.kmz

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 26 October 2021 11:33
To: Cheruscha Swart
Subject: RE: Communities and venue near 11C

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Madam

The fishing communities of Doringbaai, Lutzville and Koekenaap will be affected by this development.

Kindly contact the Matzikama Municipality for contact details of community associations that may be affected by the proposal.

Matzikama Municipality officials concerned with Local Economic Development and/or Strategic Services will be able to assist you.

Matzikama Municipality Tel: 027 201 3300.

Regards

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Sent: 22 October 2021 09:06 AM
To: David Joubert; Estelle Bester; Collaborate Mailbox; Charles J Malherbe; Doretha Kotze; WCDM Correspondence
Subject: Communities and venue near 11C

Friday, 03 December 2021 13:40

Cheruscha Swart

Subject: REQUEST FOR PUBLIC MEETING IN WARD 8

Trans Atlantic Diamonds (The Applicant) has applied for the right to prospect diamonds; gemstones; heavy and industrial minerals; and ferrous, base and precious metals in sea Concession Area 11C. This is an offshore concession area that extends from just south Hoekbaai to just north of Baai Vals, and is approximately 40 km north of Strandfontein along the West Coast of South Africa

Goeie dag Cheruscha

Dit het onder ons aandag gekom dat daar aansoek gedoen word vir die reg op prospektering by 11 C in wyk 8 van die Matzikama Munisipaliteit.

Niemand het enige persoon in die gemeenskap genader oor die proses nie. Die publieke vergadering aangaande hierdie geleentheid is gehou in Doringbaai, wat amper 100km van ons af is en hier was ook geen kennisgewings van so 'n publieke vergadering deurgegee in die area nie.

Daarom wil ons as belanghebbendes beswaar maak teen die aansoek.

Ons vra dus of die datum vir die indiening van die finale verslag verleng kan word van Desember tot einde Januarie en dat daar in die tydperk 'n publieke vergadering in die gebied gehou word, sodat die inwoners in die omgewing behoorlik ingelig kan word.

Die onderstaande persone toestemming verleen om hulle besonderhede op 'n groep epos deur te stuur na julle. Alle persone op die lys moet asb as individue geregistreer word as geaffekteerdes en belanghebbendes. Hulle sal dan ook individueel reageer op enige kommunikasie wat hul rondom die saak ontvang. Ek tree net op as fasiliteerder om die proses te verhaas deur die besonderhede so deur te gee.

[illegible]

Baie dankie vir jou vriedelike samewerking.

Groete
Adèle Pool

Cheruscha Swart

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 02 December 2021 15:19
To: Cheruscha Swart
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]/Objection

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Goeie dag!

Hiermee wil ek, [REDACTED], beswaar aanteken teen

1. prospekter-aansoek in die Matzikama-streek.
2. Geen inligtingsvergadering met belanghebbendes in ons area nie.

Ek wil asb registreer as belanghebbende vir alle huidige en toekomstige prospekterings en mynaansoeke in die Matzikama en Kamiesberg area.

[REDACTED]

Baie dankie!

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 01 December 2021 15:21
To: Cheruscha Swart
Subject: mynregte aan namakwalandse kus.

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graag wil ek in eerste plek kapsie maak teen enige regte.dan wil ek vra dat as daar enige vergaderings gehou word dat ons boere en publiek wat naby aan kus waar bedrywigheide kan kom ook asb moet kennis kry of ook in kennis gestel te word.om vergaderings te kan bywoon en ingelig te kan wees. dankie [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 20 November 2021 16:06
To: Cheruscha Swart
Subject: Prospektering see konsessie 11C

Importance: High

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Ons verstaan daar is op 11 November 2021 'n openbare vergadering te Doringbaai gehou i.v.m. prospektering op konsessie 11C. Ons as inwoners van die omgewing dra geen kennis van so vergadering nie.

Ons het geen kennis van so vergadering gekry nie en is totaal oningelig, kan daar asb dringend 'n vergadering gereel word vir die inwoners en boere van die omgewing (Kotzesrus, Lepelsfontein en Bitterfontein) Die vergadering sal asb in Afrikaans moet wees aangesien 95% van die inwoners Afrikaans sprekend is.

Hoe gaan sulke prospektering die omgewing beïnvloeg?

Hoe gaan dit ons as boere in die omgewing se waterbronne beïnvloed?

Hoe gaan dit toerisme beïnvloed?

Hoe gaan dit die veiligheid van die inwoners in die omgewing beïnvloed?

Ons grond is 5km Noord van Konsessie 11, hoe gaan dit ons boerdery beïnvloed?

Van watter toegangsroetes gaan gebruik gemaak word?

Is daar impakstudies gemaak en waar kan ons daardie impakstudies besigtig?

Ons wil asb dringend registreer as belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party

Groete

[REDACTED]

Cheruscha Swart

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 November 2021 11:47
To: Cheruscha Swart
Cc: svduplessis18@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Public Participation Process: Prospecting in Sea Concession Area 11C

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Hi Cheruscha

I would like you to consider this point.

If Concession 11C is in the area of Ward 8/ Bitterfontein of the Matzikama I suggest you contact the farmers and local community in that area for a Public Participation meeting to be held to consult and inform the residents.

This was raised in the meeting last Wednesday 11.11.2021 at the Mariam Owies Saal in Doringbaai. I wholeheartedly agree with his opinion and I am sure that was the general consensus of the attendees.

14C is what affects Ward 2 and the surrounding farms, communities and fishermen to Donkinbay.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

15 Nov 2021, at 17:42, Cheruscha Swart <cheruscha@anchorenvironmental.co.za> wrote:

Geagte Belanghebbende,

Hiermee 'n herinnering aan die openbare deelname proses aangaande die voorgestelde prospekterwerk in Konsessiegebied 11C (sien asseblief die onderstaande e-pos wat op 28 Oktober 2021 uitgestuur is).

U kan die volgende direkte skakel gebruik om toegang tot die Basiese Assesseringsverslag (BAR) en aanhangsels, vir konsessie gebied 11C op ons webtuiste te verkry:<https://anchorenvironmental.co.za/node/483>

Die openbare deelnameproses en tydperk vir kommentaar lewer is ook verleng tot en met 17:00 op 10 Desember 2021.

Vriendlike groete

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Dear Stakeholder,

Herewith a reminder of the public participation process regarding the proposed prospecting work in Concession area 11C (Please see the e-mail below that was sent out on 28 October 2021).

You can use the following direct link to access the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and appendices for Concession area 11C on our website: <https://anchorenvironmental.co.za/node/483>

The public participation process and commenting period has also been extended until 17:00 on 10 December 2021.

Kind Regards

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From: Cheruscha Swart
Sent: Thursday, 28 October 2021 16:50
To: Cheruscha Swart <cheruscha@anchorenvironmental.co.za>
Subject: Public Participation Process: Prospecting in Sea Concession Area 11C

English notice follows the Afrikaans notice

Geagte Belanghebbende,

Onderwerp: Prospekteerwerk Deur Trans Atlantic Diamonds in Seekonsessiegebied 11C, tussen Kefferbaai en Skulpbaai Langs die Weskus

KENNISGEWING: AANSOEK OM PROSPEKTEERREGTE IN GEVOLGE DIE WET OP ONTWIKKELING VAN MINERALE EN PETROLEUMHULPBRONNE (28 VAN 2002) EN AANSOEK OM OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING VOLGENS DIE OMGEWINGSIMPAK-ASSESSERINGSREGULASIES, 2014 (AFGEKONDIG IN TERME VAN DIE WET OP NASIONALE OMGEWINGSBESTUUR (107 VAN 1998)):

U word hiermee uitgenooi om kommentaar te lewer op die voorgestelde aktiwiteit tydens die Openbare Deelname Proses en om die Openbare Deelname Vergadering by te woon

Trans Atlantic Diamonds Pty (Ltd) ('Die Aansoeker') het aansoek gedoen vir die reg om diamante; edelgesteentes; swaar- en industriële minerale; en yster-, basis- en kosbare metale in Seekonsessiegebied 11C te prospekteer. Hierdie konsessiegebied strek vanaf net suid van Hoekbaai tot net noord van Baai Vals, en is ongeveer 40 km noord van Strandfontein geleë langs die Weskus van Suid-Afrika.

Hierdie aktiwiteit gee aanleiding tot ander aktiwiteite, soos gelys onder die Omgewingsimpakassesseringsregulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig) en afgekondig in terme van die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (Wet No. 107 van 1998). Daar word dus van die aansoeker vereis om aansoek te doen om omgewingsmagtiging by die bevoegde owerheid, dit wil sê die Departement van Minerale Hulpbronne en Energie (DMHE), benewens die aansoek om prospekteerregte, voordat daar voortgegaan mag word met die aktiwiteite. Om vir omgewingsmagtiging aansoek te doen, moet 'n Basiese Assessering van die voorgestelde aktiwiteit en die potensiële impakte daarvan uitgevoer word, tesame met 'n Openbare Deelnameproses. Die bevindinge word dan as 'n Basiese Assesseringsverslag (BAR), saam met 'n omgewingsbestuur-program (EMPr), aan die DMHE en publiek voorgelê vir nasien en kommentaar. Die aansoeker het Anchor Environmental Consultants (Edms) Bpk aangestel as die Onafhanklike Omgewingsassesseringspraktisyn (EAP) om te help met die aansoek om prospekteerregte en omgewingsmagtiging en om 'n Basiese Assesserings- en Openbare Deelnameproses uit te voer.

'n Agtergrondinligtingsdokument, vraelys, spesialisstudies en konsep BAR sal gedurende die Openbare Deelnameproses elektronies op ons webtuiste beskikbaar wees

(<https://anchorenvironmental.co.za/>) en as hardekopieë by die Doringbaai e-sentrum, Doringbaai Biblioteek, Strandfontein Weskus Inligtingsentrum en Ebenhaeser Biblioteek beskikbaar wees. Die BAR verskaf besonderhede oor die aansoeker, prospekteraktiwiteite, spesialis bevindings, versagtinge omgewingsmaatreëls en omgewingsbestuur voorstelle as 'n EMPr.

Geïnteresseerde en Geïmpakteerde Partye word hiermee uitgenooi om te registreer, die BAR te hersien en kommentaar te lewer op die aansoek om prospekterregte en omgewingsmagtigings gedurende die Openbare Deelname Proses wat sal strek:

Vanaf: Woensdag 3 November 2021

Tot: Vrydag 3 Desember 2021 teen 17:00.

Stuur asseblief u kommentaar op die voorgestelde aktiwiteit **teen 17:00 SAT op 3 Desember 2021**. Na hierdie tyd sal geen kommentaar meer aanvaar word nie.

METODES OM KOMMENTAAR TE LEWER:

- 1) Voltooi die vraelys of stel u kommentaar op 'n gewone dokument saam en stuur dit aan die kontakpersoon hieronder per pos, e-pos (cheruscha@anchorenvironmental.co.za), telefonies, of handig dit by die Openbare Deelname Vergadering in.
- 2) Lewer u kommentaar tydens die Openbare Deelname Vergadering.

Verseker asseblief dat u naam, kontakbesonderhede, belangstelling in hierdie aktiwiteit (bv. inwoner, visserman) en metode waarop u gekontak wil word (foon/ WhatsApp/ e-pos/ pos, ens.), verskaf is.

U WORD OOK UITGENOOI NA DIE OPENBARE DEELNAME VERGADERING:

Datum: Donderdag 11 November 2021
Tyd: 18:00 – 20:00

Lokaal: Miriam Owies Gemeenskapsentrum, Haweweg 1, Doringbaai

Let daarop dat prospekterregte en omgewingsmagtigings om voort te gaan met prospekterwerk nog NIE toegeken is NIE.

Moet asseblief nie huiwer om met ons in verbinding te tree indien u enige vrae oor die voorgestelde projek of die openbare deelnameproses het nie.

Dankie

Vriendelike groete,

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Let asseblief daarop dat ons voldoen aan die Wet op die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting (POPI), ingevolge waarvan u persoonlike inligting nie sonder u toestemming of kennis versprei of openbaar gemaak mag word nie. Ons sal egter alle kommentaar van belanghebbendes aan die publiek beskikbaar stel, alhoewel dit anoniem sal bly.

Let daarop dat slegs geregistreerde belanghebbendes verdere korrespondensie sal ontvang. Ten spyte van voorsorgmaatreëls is daar verskeie e-posdiensverskaffers wat dalk u e-poskennisgewings as strooi-pos klassifiseer. Indien u wil registreer, voeg die volgende e-posadres by u kontakte om te verseker dat u toekomstige opdaterings oor hierdie projek kan ontvang: cheruscha@anchorenvironmental.co.za

English notice

Dear Stakeholder,

Subject: Inshore prospecting by Trans Atlantic Diamonds in sea Concession Area 11C, between Kefferbaai and Skulpbaai on the West Coast

NOTICE: APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTING RIGHTS IN TERMS OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (ACT 28 OF 2002), AND APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (PROMULGATED IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)):

You are herewith invited to comment on the proposed activity during the Public Participation Process and to attend the Public Participation Meeting.

Trans Atlantic Diamonds (The Applicant) has applied for the right to prospect diamonds; gemstones; heavy and industrial minerals; and ferrous, base and precious metals in sea Concession Area 11C. This is an offshore concession area that extends from just south Hoekbaai to just north of Baai Vals, and is approximately 40 km north of Strandfontein along the West Coast of South Africa.

This activity triggers Listed Activities in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998). The Applicant is therefore required to apply for Environmental Authorization (EA), in addition to prospecting rights, from the competent authority, i.e., the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE), to commence with the activity. To apply for EA, a Basic Assessment of the proposed activity and its potential impacts, along with a Public Participation Process, must be conducted. These findings will then be submitted as a Basic Assessment Report (BAR), along with an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), to the DMRE and to the public for review and comments. The Applicant has appointed Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd (Anchor) as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to assist with applying for prospecting rights, Environmental Authorisation and conducting a Basic Assessment and Public Participation Process.

A Background Information Document, questionnaire, specialist studies and draft BAR will be available electronically on our website at <https://anchorenvironmental.co.za/> and as hardcopies at the Doringbaai e-centre, Doringbaai Library, Strandfontein West Coast Information Centre and Ebenhaeser Library during the Public Participation Period. The BAR will provide details about the applicant, the prospecting activity, specialist findings, potential impacts, mitigation measures and environmental management recommendations as an EMPr.

Interested and Affected Parties are herewith invited to register, review the BAR and provide comments on the application for prospecting rights and environmental authorisation during the Public Participation Period which will extend from:

From: Wednesday 3 November 2021

To: Friday 3 December 2021 at 17:00.

Please provide your comment on the associated activity **before 17:00 SAT on 3 December 2021**. After this time, no more comments will be considered.

METHODS TO REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE:

1. Complete the questionnaire or compile your comment on a document of your choice and submit it to the contact person below via email (cheruscha@anchorenvironmental.co.za), post, telephonically or submit it during the Public Participation Meeting.
2. Attend and provide comment during the Public Participation Meeting.
Please ensure that your name, contact details, interest in this activity (e.g. fisherman, resident, etc.) and way in which you wish to be contacted (e.g. email, WhatsApp, phone, post, etc.) are provided.

YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING:

Date: Thursday, 11 November 2021

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Venue: Miriam Owies Community Hall, 1 Haweweg, Doringbaai

Please note that Prospecting Rights and Environmental Authorisation to commence with prospecting has NOT yet been granted.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions concerning the proposed project or stakeholder consultation process.

Thank you

Kind regards,

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We are compliant with the Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act according to which your personal information may not be distributed or made public without your permission or knowledge. We will, however, make all stakeholder comments available to the public, although these will be kept anonymous.

Please note that only registered stakeholders will receive further correspondence. Despite precautionary measures that we have taken, our notifications could be categorised as spam by a number of email service providers. Should you wish to register, please add the following email addresses to your contacts to ensure that you receive future updates on this project: cheruscha@anchorenvironmental.co.za

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Sub-Directorate: Mine Environmental Management

The Directors
Trans Atlantic Diamonds (PTY) LTD
Office 1603 Portside
4 Bree Street
Cape Town
8001

Attention: Anthony Peter
Cell: 082 777 7077
Email: anthony@transaltanticgemsales.co.za

Dear Sir/Madam

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION LODGED IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) (NEMA) AS AMENDED, READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH REGULATION 19 OF NEMA: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (EIA) AS AMENDED BY (GN 326), FOR A PROSPECTING IN A SEA CESSION AREA FOR ZIRCONIUM ORE, ZIRCON (GEMSTONE), RUTILE (HEAVY MINERAL) SILVER, SAPPHIRE (GEMSTONE), RARE EARTHS, PMG, MONAZITE, IRON ORE, GOLD, GARNET (GEMSTONE), DIAMOND, TITANIUM : SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF VAN RHYNSDORP: WESTERN CAPE REGION.

Your letter dated **06 December 2021** requesting an extension of timeframes for the submission of the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), bears reference.

1. You indicated that due to several requests from Interested and Affected parties, and adjacent land owners additional time is requested to allow for more time to comment on the draft reports and have a consultation meeting as well, and address these comments and incorporate all the comments and recommendations in the final BAR.
2. In light of the above, you have requested an extension of timeframes for the submission of the final BAR/EMPr in terms of Regulation 3(7) of NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended), which states that:

In the event where the scope of work must be expanded based on the outcome of an assessment done in accordance with these Regulations, which outcome could not be anticipated prior to the undertaking of the assessment, or in the event where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated, the competent authority may, prior to the lapsing of the relevant prescribed timeframe, in writing, extend the relevant prescribed timeframe and agree with the applicant on the length of such extension.

3. Based on motivation provided, the Department thereof **accepts and grants** your request to extend the timeframes for the submission of the final BAR/EMPr by in this regard, you are requested to submit the final BAR/EMPr **on or before 15 February 2022**

NB: Regulation 45 of NEMA: EIA Regulations stipulates that “an application in terms of these Regulations lapses and a competent authority will deem the application as having lapsed, if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).”

Templates for the above mentioned documents can be obtained on the Department of Mineral Resources website (www.dmr.gov.za) or from this Regional office on request.

Kind Regards,

Regional Manager: Mineral Regulation

Western Cape Region

Date:

9/12/2021

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From: Cheruscha Swart
Sent: Thursday, 09 December 2021 12:40
To: Cheruscha Swart
Subject: Uitstel van Publieke deelname proses vir koonessie area 11C
Attachments: Xerox Scan_09122021092649.pdf

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As daar dalk nog enigiemand is wat julle dink ingeluit moet word, vra ek dat julle asseblief hulle kontakbesonderhede vir my aanstuur.

Vriendlike groete



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Sent: Thursday, 09 December 2021 16:48
To: Cheruscha Swart
Subject: 11C: Uitstel van Basiese Assesseringsproses/ Extension of Basic Assessment Process

Geagte Belanghebbende,

Uitstel van Basiese Assesseringsproses: Prospekterwerk in Konsessiegebied 11C

Ek wil u graag inlig dat die Departement van Minerale Hulpbronne en Energie (DMRE) uitstel toegestaan het vir die indiening van die Finale Basiese Assesseringsverslag met betrekking tot prospektering in Konsessiegebied 11C. Die doel van die uitstel is sodat 'n Openbare Vergadering in die tweede week van Januarie 2022 in die area aangrensend aan 11C gehou kan word. Ons beoog om die vergadering in Kotzesrus te hou. Die tydperk vir kommentaar op die Basiese Assesseringsverslag word dus ook verleng en sal teen ongeveer 21 Januarie 2022 eindig. Die amptelike datums en besonderhede van die vergadering sal volgende week bevestig word.

Vriendelike groete

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Dear Stakeholder,

Extension of Basic Assessment Process: Prospecting in Concession Area 11C


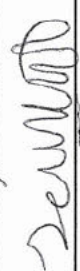







I would like to inform you that the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) has granted extension for the submission of the Final Basic Assessment Report with regards to prospecting in Concession area 11C. The purpose of the extension is to allow for a Public Meeting in the second week of January 2022 in the area adjacent to 11C. We intend to hold the meeting in Kotzesrus. The period for commenting on the Basic Assessment Report is therefore being extended and will end by approximately 21 January 2022. The official dates and details of the meeting will be confirmed next week.

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Meeting Attendance Register - Covid Register

Date: Monday, 17 January 2022 Time: 18:00-20:00 Venue: NG Church, Kotzesrus, Northern Cape

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1.	Verwelkoming
2.	“Housekeeping” reëls
3.	Bekendstellings
4.	Doel van die vergadering
5.	Voorlegging
5.1	Agtergrond
5.2	Projek aktiwiteite
5.3	Sensitiwiteit van die area 11C
5.4	Verbruikers in die area 11C
5.5	Impakstudies 11C
6.	Versagtingsmaatreëls
7.	Vrae
8.	Afsluiting



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Wie

- Onafhanklike Omgewingsmaatskappy
- Suid-Afrika, Afrika en lande Wêreldwyd

Wat

- See, Vleilande, Varswater, Land
- Omgewingsstudies en evaluerings
- Plant- en dieropnames
- Lewensbestaan van gemeenskappe
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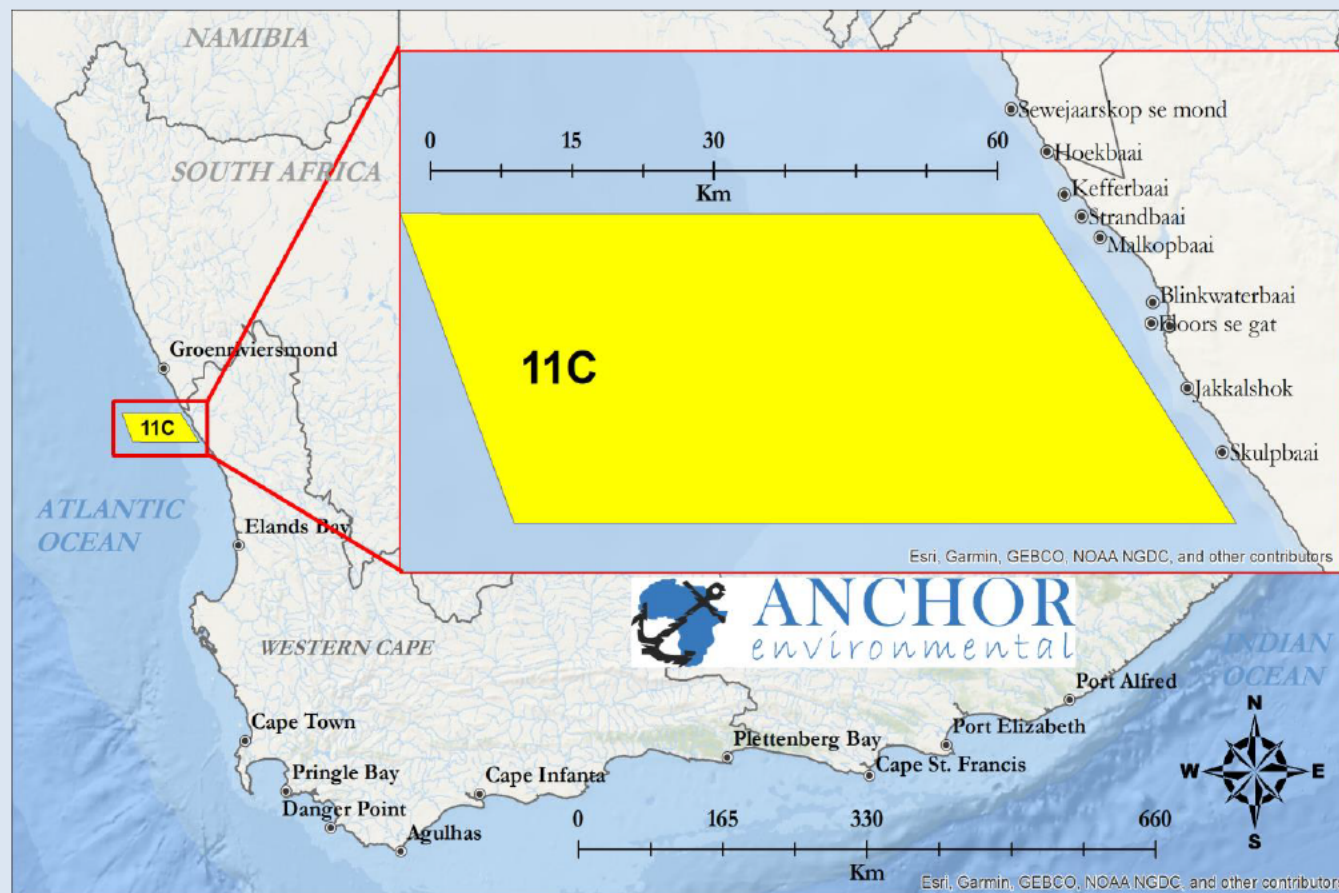


Trans Atlantic Diamonds

- Gelisensieërde ongeslypte diamanthandelaar
- Sedert 1986
- Onafhanklike, aanlyn diamantverkoopkanaal
- Verbind kopers en verkopers
- Bied 'n verkoopoplossing vir produsente, klein ambagsmynwerkers en verskaffers
- Goed bekend met meer as 30 jaar ondervinding in die diamantbedryf



BASIESE ASSESSERINGSPROSES: AANSOEK OM PROSPEKTEERREGTE EN OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING OM TE PROSPEKTEER IN SEEKONSESSIEGEBIED 11C



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Basiese Assesseringsproses – Prospektering: Konsessie 11C



WAT IS PROSPEKTERING

- Die soek na waardevolle hulpbronne soos diamante of metale
- Eerste stap in mynbouproses
- Bevestig hoeveel van 'n hulpbron in die area is en die kwaliteit
- Bepaal of dit die moeite werd is om in die area te myn

Omgewingsmagtigings
d.m.v. basiese
assesseringsproses

1. Aansoek om prospekterregte ± 1 jaar

2. Prospektering

± 1 – 5 jaar

Omgewingsmagtigings
d.m.v.
Omgewingsimpak
assessering

3. Aansoek om mynbou regte

± 1 – 2 jaar

4. Mynbou

± 20 jaar



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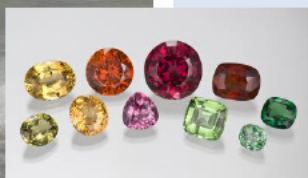
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DIAMONDS

- **Aansoeker:** Trans Atlantic Diamonds
- **Aasoek:** Prospekterregte
- **Bevoegde Owerheid:** Departement van Minerale Hulpbronne en Energie (DHME)
- **Regulasies:** Die Wet op Ontwikkeling van Minerale en Petroleum-hulpbronne
- **Hulpbronne:** Diamante, edelgesteentes, minerale, metale
- **Areas:** Konsessiegebied 11C



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Die gebruik van hierdie minerale

Platinum, goud en silwer: katalitiese omsetters; medisyne (kankerbehandeling, rumatoïede artritis, pasaangeërs, tandinplantings, prostese); in IT (selfone, skootrekenaars, rekenaars); om glas te maak en in brandstof

Diamante: motorbedryf om voertuie te maak; in sny- en boorgereedskap; chirurgiese gereedskap en instrumente (x-straalmasjiene, tandartsbore, medisyne, kankerbehandeling, weefselingenieurswese) en IT.

Granate: konstruksiebedryf; in verf en beton

Skaars Aarde Elemente: IT; windturbines en verdedigingstegnologieë

Ilmeniet en rutiel: bronne van titaan en titaanoksied om liggewig, sterk metaal-alloys te vervaardig om onderdele en gereedskap te maak insluitend londerdele vir IT en vliegtuie, sporttoerusting en kunsmatige gewrigte

Sirkoon: high accuracy optics; keramiek en in konstruksiemateriaal

Ystererts: masjinerie, gereedskap, skepe, voertuie, vliegtuie, brûe, geboue en elektriese motors.

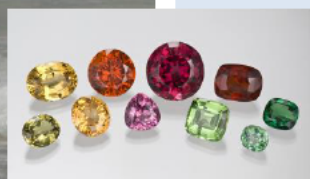


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- **Vereis:** Omgewingsmagtiging
- **Regulasies:** Omgewingsimpak-assesseringsregulasies
Die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur



- **Metode:** Basiese Assesseringsproses
- **Resultate:** Basiese assesseringsverslag (BAR)
- **Wie:** Onafhanklike Omgewingsassesseringspraktisyn (EAP)
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BASIESE ASSESSERINGSPROSES

Stap 1: Indien van aasoeke om prospekterregte en omgewingsmagtiging

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Stap 3: Impakstudies

Stap 4: Saamstel van verslag met resultate

Stap 5: Sirkuleer Konsep BAR vir amptelike 30-dae kommentaar tydperk

Stap 6: Openbare Deelname Vergadering

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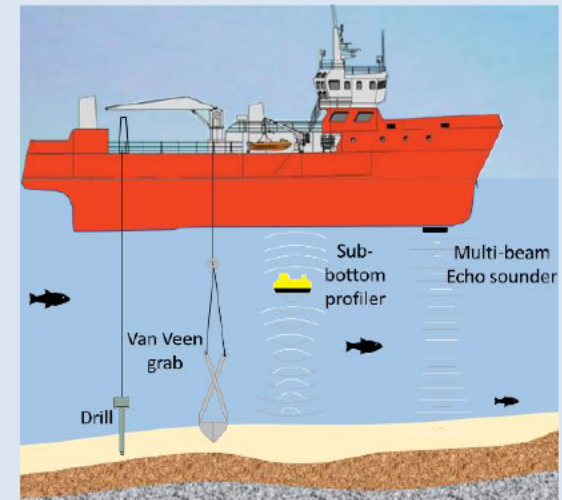


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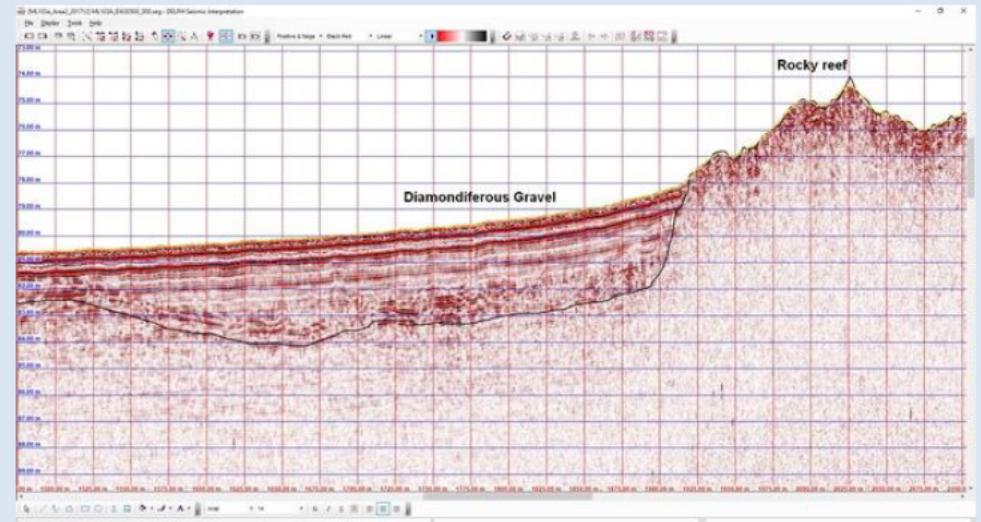
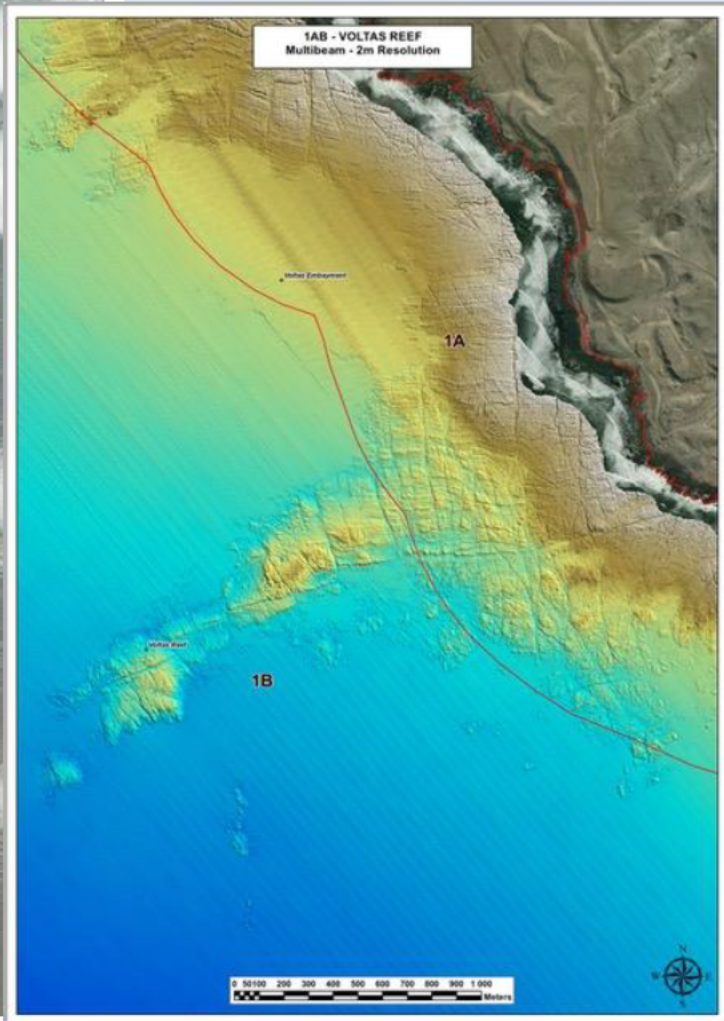
1. Geofisiese Opname

- “Multibeam Echo Sounder” en Topas “Sub-Bottom Profiler”
- Klankgolwe word na seebodem gestuur
- Seine bons terug na die ontvanger
- Om 'n beeld van die seebodem te skep
- Rotstipes van belang identifiseer
- Toepaslike boormetode, boorterreine en ontwerp van mynbouvaartuig



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- Beelde wat geskep word deur Multibeam Echo Sounder en TOPAS Sub Bottom Profiler



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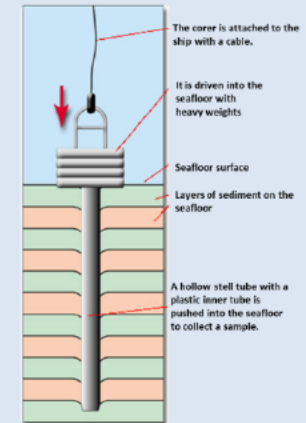
2. Van Veen Grab (grypmosters):

- Klein seediertjies (wurms, mossels en krappies) op en in seevloer te ID
- Monitor omgewing en enige verandering



3. Kernmonsters:

- Vibracore, Gravity Core, Sonic Core
- Dring seevloer binne
- Versamel grondmonsters
- Inligting oor struktuur van seevloer
- Ontwerp van boorwerktuig & mynbouvaartuig



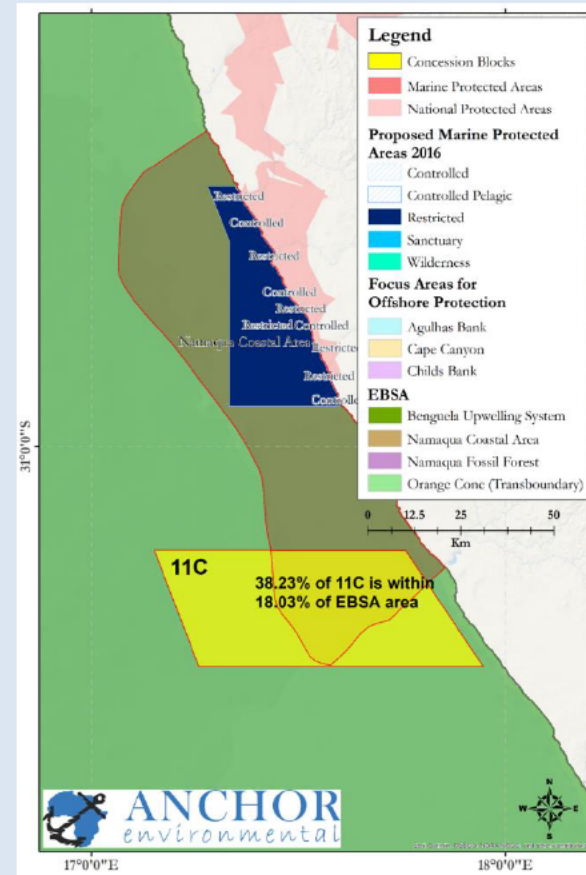
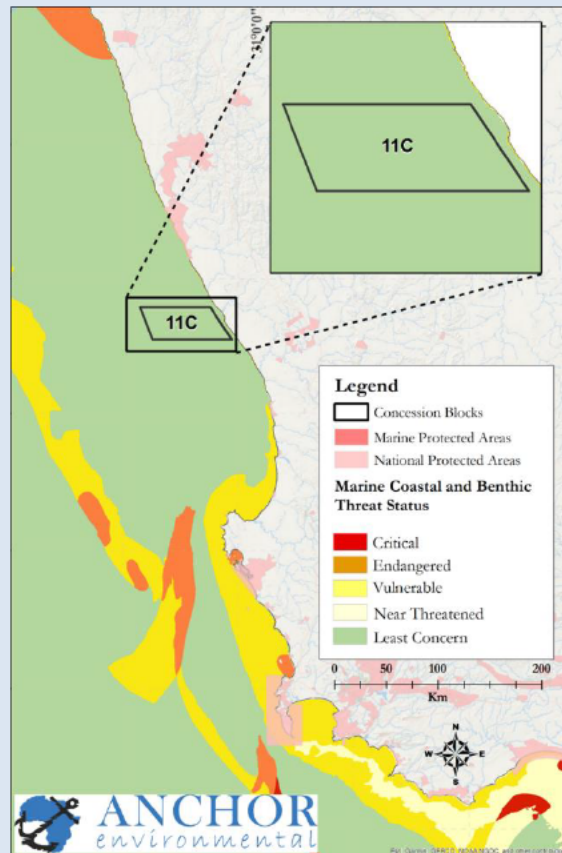
4. Boor:

- Teikenareas to ID en te ondersoek
- Grawe grond uit seabodem
- Grondmateriaal word op vaartuig verwerk
- Uitskot sal oorboord gegooi word
- Ontwerp van die mynbouvaartuig



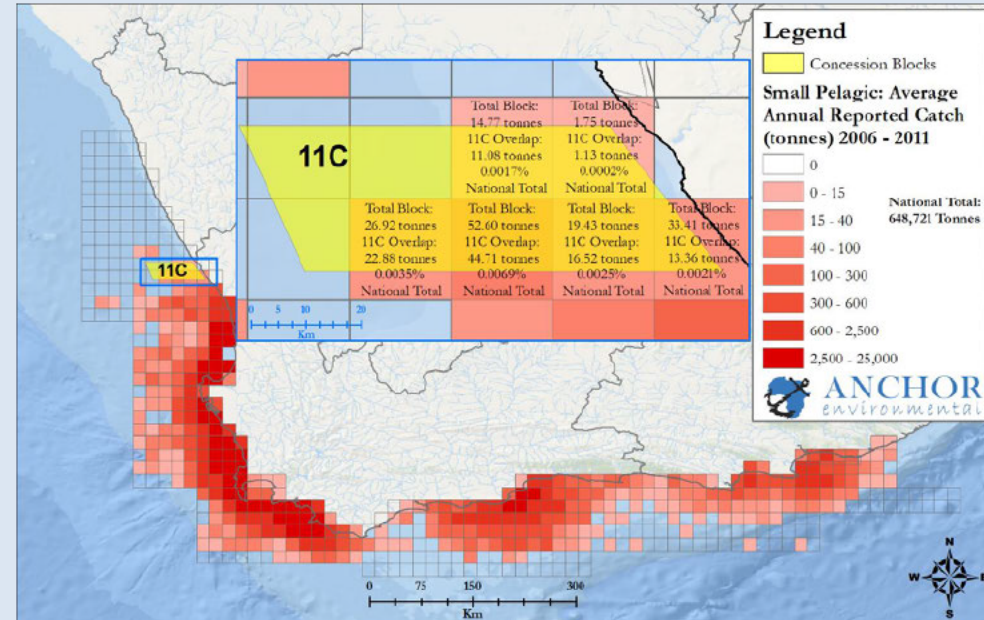
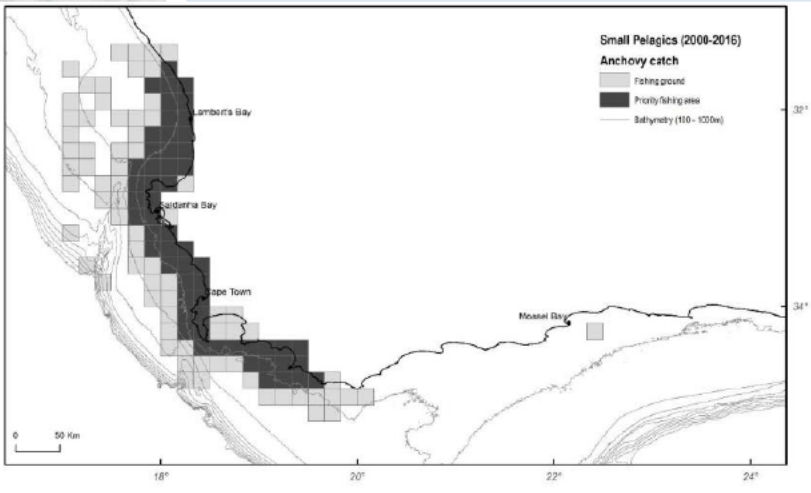
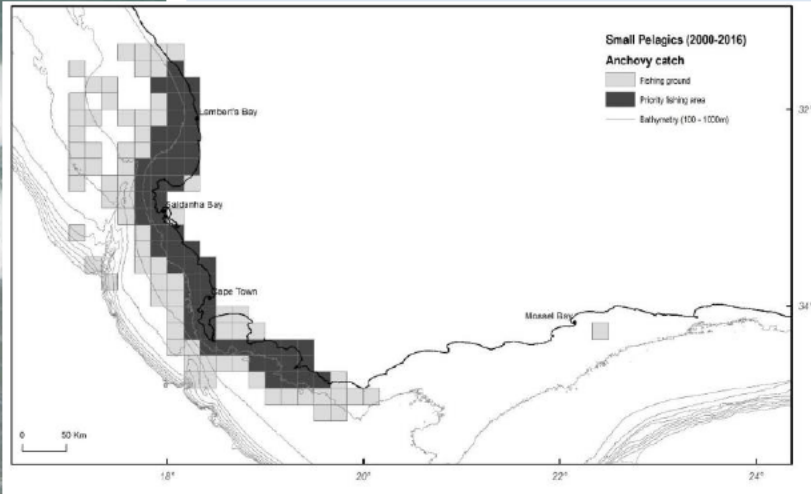
SENSITIWITEIT VAN AREA 11C

- Nie deel van 'n Marein Protected Area (MPA) nie
- Groot gedeelte val binne toekomstige EBSA – fossil forest
- Is van “Minste Bekommernis – Least Concern”



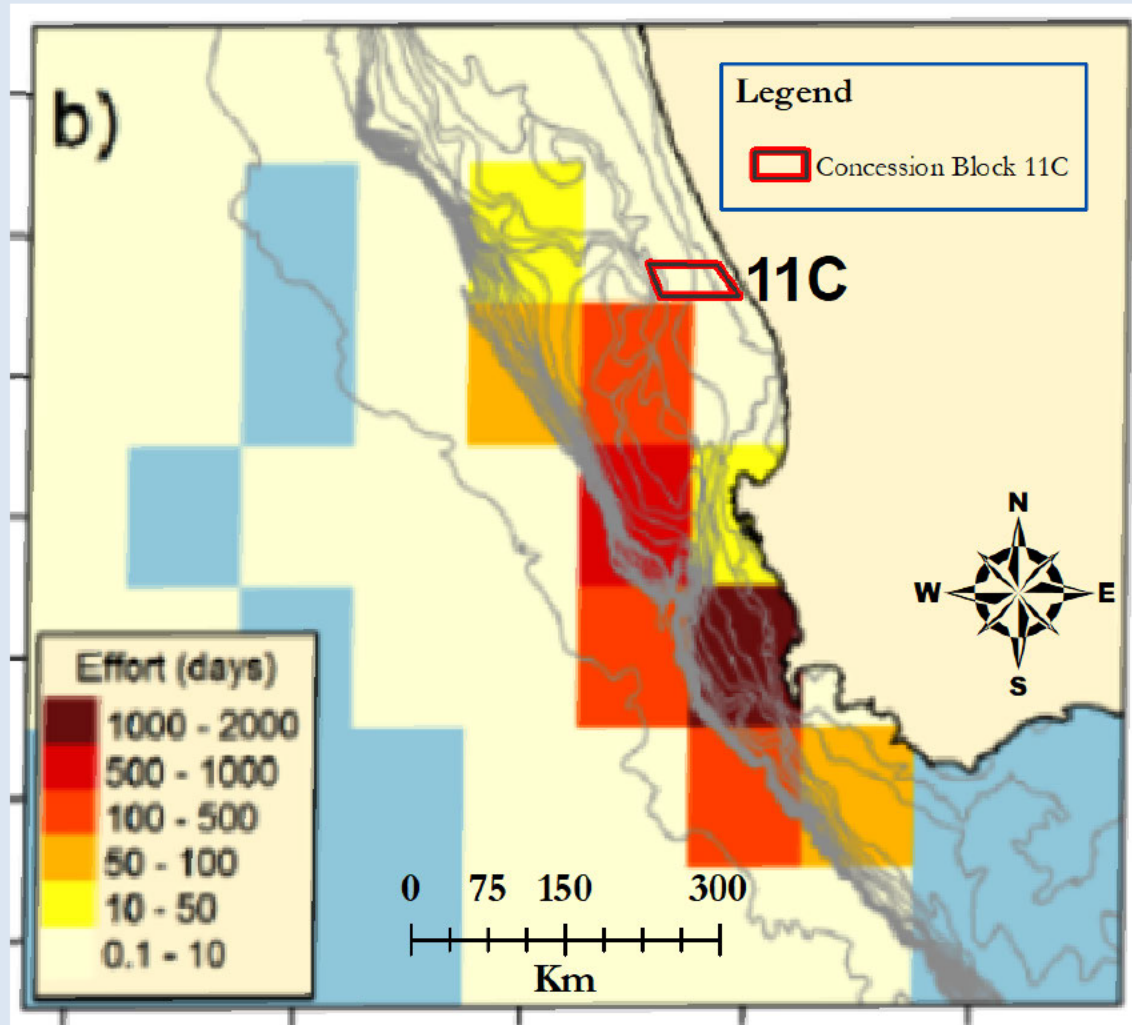
VERBRUIKERS EN VISSERYE 11C

KLEIN PELAGIESE VISSERYE



VERBRUIKERS EN VISSERYE 11C

TUNA VISSERYE



A vertical photograph of a beach. The image shows the ocean with waves breaking onto the shore. The water is a deep blue-green color, and the waves are white with foam. The beach is visible at the bottom of the frame, with wet sand reflecting the light. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

Legend

Concession Blocks

Commercial Linefish:
Average Annual Reported Catch (tonnes) 2006 - 2011

0
0 - 1
1 - 2
2 - 3
3 - 4
4 - 8
8 - 20
20 - 1,000

National Total:
12,195 Tonnes

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0 80 160 320
Km

IMPAKSTUDIE 11C

Mariene, vissery en sosio-ekonomies

Negatief

- Seismiese versteuring op ongewerweldes, seeskilpaaie en vis (Onbeduidend)
 - mariene soogdiere (Medium)
 - seevoëls (Laag)
- Megafauna botsings met vaartuie (Baie Laag)
- Versteurings a.g.v. sampling en grondafval (Laag)
- Fyn sediment stofwolke (Baie Laag)
- Vrystelling van afval (Baie Laag)
- Impak op visserye (Onbeduidend)

Positief

- Streeks voordele (Laag positief)
- Plaaslike voordeel (Onbeduidend positief)



IMPAKSTUDIE 11C

Erfenis

Negatief

- Prehistoriese hulpbronne (Baie laag)
- Paleontologiese hulpbronne (Baie laag)
- Argeologiese hulpbronne soos skepsswrakke (Geen)

Positief

- Preserveer enige fossiele en artefakte wat gevind word in museum



IMPAKSTUDIE 11C

“No-go” Opsie

D.w.s. om nie met prospektering voort te gaan nie:

Positiewe impak van hierdie opsie

- Geen effekte op die omgewing nie (Laag)

Negatiewe impak van hierdie opsie

- Verlies aan geleentheid om vas te stel of hulpbronne in die konsessiegebied voorkom of nie (Laag)
- Verlore ekonomiese geleenthede (Laag)
- Verlies aan geleentheid om wetenskaplike- en omgewingsinligting in te samel



IMPAKSTUDIE OPSOMMING 11C

- 16 Negatiewe impakte
- Een positiewe impak (ekonomies)
- Twee van negtiewe impakte kan na positief verander word

Beduidenheid	Negatief voor versagting	Negatief na versagting	Positief na versagting
Onbeduidend	7	10	Geen
Baie Laag	6	3	2
Laag	2	1	Geen
Medium	1	Geen	Geen
Hoog	Geen	Geen	Geen



VERSAGTINGSMAATREëLS

- Neem “Marine Mammal and Seabird Observer (MMSO)” aan diens
- Gebruik “Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM)”
- Stel skakelbeampte aan as tussenganger tussen belanghebbendes en TAD
- Doen opnames wanneer visvangpogings laag is en buite soogdier migrasieseisoen
- Beperk vaartuigspoed (moet nie 12 knope (22 km/uur) oorskry nie)
- Ontwikkel 'n afvalbestuursplan
- Personeel moet omgewings- en erfenishulpbronbewustheidsopleiding ondergaan
- Voldoen aan alle relevante wetgewing, regulasies en riglyne
- Bewaar enige fossiele, organiese materiaal of skeepswrakke wat gevind word en stel die South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) in kennis



Dankie!



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Basiese Assesseringsproses – Prospektering: Konsessie 11C



PROSPECTION RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR SEA CONCESSION AREAS 11C, ALONG THE WEST COAST BY TRANS ATLANTIC DIAMONDS

Date: 17 January 2022 **Time:** 18:00 - 20:00

Venue: Kotzesrus NG Church, Kotzesrus, Northern Cape

Chairman: Cheruscha Swart - Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Dr Kenneth Hutchings - Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

GENERAL REMARKS

- As mandated by the government, COVID-19 protocols were adhered to. Upon arrival participants were asked to complete the general Covid-19 questionnaire that was provided, temperature recorded, asked to disinfect their hands, ensure that masks are worn, and were socially distanced
- Cheruscha Swart, an environmental consultant at Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd (Anchor), welcomed everyone, made introductions, and chaired the meeting. Safiyya Sedick, also an environmental consultant at Anchor, took minutes.
- The meeting was attended by about 12 stakeholders, most of whom are farmers
- A presentation was given by Cheruscha
- Several topics were discussed, 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 and that they are particularly concerned about the impact that prospecting could have on the environment and how it will affect future generations.

The course of the meeting was as follows:

1. Welcoming
2. Housekeeping rules
3. Introductions
4. Purpose of the meeting

5. Presentation
 - 5.1 Project Background
 - 5.2 Project activities
 - 5.6 Sensitivity of the area 11C
 - 5.7 User groups in area 11C
 - 5.8 Impact studies for 11C
6. Questions
7. Closure

1. WELCOMES

- Cheruscha Swart welcomed the participants
- She introduced herself as an environmental consultant and Safiyya as her colleague. Both work at Anchor

2. “HOUSEKEEPING” RULES

Members were informed that the Background Information Documents and Basic Assessment Reports (BAR) are available at the link they were provided. Copies were also made available during the meeting so that participants could peruse the documents if they so wished.

Participants were also requested:

- To make sure they have signed the necessary documents at the entrance of the hall. This includes the Covid-19 questionnaire, and the attendance register for the meeting.
- To complete the questionnaire regarding the prospecting work, or to comment on their method of choice and then send the questions and or comments back to Anchor using a method of their choice (eg, by email, telephone or post) .
- To please keep all questions and comments until the end of the presentation.
- To comply with Covid regulations and wear their masks.

- To turn off their cell phones to avoid interruptions.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Anchor Environmental Consultants has been appointed by Trans Atlantic Diamonds as Independent Environmental Consultants to conduct a Basic Assessment for a prospecting rights application for the offshore sea concession 11C. Anchor has extensive experience within the environmental sector and conducts work across South Africa as well as several other African countries and at an international level. Their work includes environmental studies and evaluations, biodiversity surveys, environmental impact studies which includes Basic Assessment Processes and the development of environmental legislation and conservation programs. Their studies focus on various habitats including the marine, 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. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

To apply for prospecting rights, environmental authorisation must be obtained. This means that a Basic Assessment Process of the proposed prospecting activities as well as the potential impacts thereof must be conducted. As part of this process, a Public Participation Process and meeting must also be held. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the communities and other interested and affected parties of the proposed project, its associated activities and impacts and to receive their input on the proposed project. All this information, including stakeholder questions and comments, is compiled in a comprehensive report and submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) for decision-making.

5. PRESENTATION

The purpose of the presentation is to provide more information on the BAR, prospecting work, potential impacts, and mitigation measures. This will enable stakeholders to better understand the project and provide meaningful comments. The following topics were discussed.

- Background of the project
- Project activities
- Sensitivity of the area
- User-groups in the area
- Impact studies

5.1. PROJECT BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION TO THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Maps of the concession area 11C, indicating the location of the proposed prospecting work along the coast were displayed. Concession area 11C extends from just south of Keffer Bay to just south of Skulp Bay and is located just below the northern border of the Western Cape.

- **What is prospecting:**

Exploration is the search for valuable resources such as diamonds or metals and the first step in the mining process. It is important to note that this is not classified as mining. The purpose of prospecting is to determine the quantity and quality of a resource in an area. This information is used to determine if it is economically feasible to mine in that area in the future. Mining tools, mining vessels and labor cost are expensive and it is therefore important to first conduct a thorough investigation before any mining can begin.

- The process that must be followed before mining may begin is a long process. The steps are as follows:

1) Application for prospecting rights

The application for prospecting rights can take about a year. Prospecting rights can only be obtained by applying for environmental authorisation. Again, this can only be obtained by performing a Basic Assessment Process.

2) *Exploration*

If prospecting rights and environmental authorisation are granted, the next step is the prospecting itself. Prospecting rights are granted for a period of five years, although they can be extended to eight years. The prospecting work itself can take anything from a few months to a few years to complete.

3) *Application for mining rights*

If the applicant has decided that he does want to mine in an area, the next step is the application for mining rights. Once again, environmental authorisation must be applied for. The process to be followed is not a Basic Assessment Process, but an Environmental Impact Assessment Process. This process is more complicated than that of a Basic Assessment process and also takes longer i.e., about two years.

4) *Mining*

Mining rights are usually granted for about 20, 25 or 30 years. Mining companies may also decide to stop mining earlier if the resource starts to decline.

- **Project Background:**

- Trans Atlantic Diamonds is the applicant applying for prospecting rights in sea concession area 11C.
- The Competent Authority is the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE), to whom the documents and report are submitted. The DMRE is responsible for making the final decision in terms of allocating prospecting rights.
- The Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act is triggered when applying for prospecting rights.
- The resources in question include diamonds, precious stones, minerals and metals.
- To apply for prospecting rights, the applicant must apply for environmental authorisation.
- An environmental authorisation triggers The National Environmental Management Act and Environmental Impact Assessment regulations.
- To obtain environmental authorisation, a Basic Assessment Process must be performed. The results of this process are detailed in a comprehensive report known as the Basic Assessment Report (BAR). This process is conducted by an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP). In the case of this application, Anchor Environmental Consultants is the EAP.

- **The Basic Assessment Process**

The Basic Assessment Process is briefly described:

Step 1: Submit application for prospecting rights and environmental authorisation to the DMRE.

Step 2: Compile a list of potential interested and affected parties (I & APs) and invite them to register as I & APs for the project. Inform the I & APs that the applications have been submitted. During this time, the I & APs are given the opportunity to comment on the application.

Step 3: At this point, independent specialists are enlisted to conduct impact assessment studies. In the case of this application, a Heritage, Marine & Fisheries, and Social Impact Study were conducted.

Step 4: The EAP compiles a Draft BAR which includes a description of the environment, proposed activities, potential impacts on the environment and community, mitigation measures to reduce identified impacts and an Environmental Management Program (EMPr).

Step 5: The EAP makes the Draft BAR available to the public for commenting during the official 30-day Public Participation process.

Step 6: A Public Participation Meeting is organized and hosted by the EAP. I&AP's are invited to attend as in the case of this meeting in Kotzesrus.

Step 7: Any comments received are addressed and incorporated into the Final BAR where they may also be used to inform recommended mitigation measures and the EMPr.

Step 8: The Final BAR is submitted to the DMRE for decision-making.

Step 9: The DMRE is required to make a decision on whether to grant or reject environmental authorisation within 107 days of receiving the application. If I & APs are unhappy with the environmental authorisation made by the DMRE, they can appeal this decision within 14 days of receiving the outcome.

5.2. THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING ACTIVITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

The use of these minerals

Next, the use of these minerals in everyday life was discussed.

Gold, platinum, silver, diamonds and other gemstones, and other precious metals are not only used in the manufacturing of jewellery, but also in a plethora of other areas. They are most commonly used as catalytic converters, in modern medicine (treatment of cancer, rheumatoid arthritis and other diseases, pacemakers, dental implants, prosthesis), in information technology (cell phones, laptops, computers), in the automotive industry, in the construction of machinery, tools, ships, vehicles, aircrafts, bridges, buildings, and electric motors, to make glass and in fuel, to name but a few of the uses.

Diamonds are also an important commodity in the global economy that has grown from approximately 1 million carats in the late 1800's to 176.7 million carats in 2005 and is now considered a billion-dollar industry. It is deemed important for South Africa's economy.

Next, the proposed activities of the prospecting were discussed.

- **1. Geophysical survey**

- A "Multibeam Echo Sounder" and "Topas Sub-bottom Profiler" will be used to perform the geophysical survey. Sound waves (or signals) are transmitted to seabed which rebound to the receiver and create an image of the seabed. The information is used to identify rock types of interest and to determine the appropriate drilling method, drilling sites and design of the mining vessel.
- The images of the seabed created by the geophysical instruments are further used to identify target areas or areas to be avoided, such as reefs.
- Images created by the Multibeam Echo Sounder and Topas Sub Bottom Profiler are shown on the slide.

- **2. Van Veen Grab (sediment sampling):**

This activity can be performed at the same time as the seismic survey. A Van Veen Grab is a device used to collect sediment samples that would inform the animal and plant communities living on the seabed. Small marine animals such as worms, mussels and crabs that live on and in the sea floor are identified. The information is recorded to establish a baseline of the ecological environment before any prospecting begins. Surveys are usually conducted annually during prospecting and mining. The results are analysed to determine the extent to which the environment has changed during prospecting and mining.

- **3. Core samples:**

A Vibracore, Gravity Core and or Sonic Core is used for this activity. A core looks almost like a hollow piece of pipe. It penetrates the sea floor and collects sediment samples which will inform the structure of the sea floor and the appropriate design of the drilling tool, mining vessel and identifies areas of interest where mining can take place in the future.

4. Drill:

Sediment samples will also be collected using a special drilling rig to identify and investigate target areas for future mining. The drill digs sediment out of the seabed, processed on the vessel and debris thrown overboard. This information will also be used to inform the design of the mining vessel.

5.6. THE SENSITIVITY OF THE AREA 11C

The concession area is located below the border of the Northern and Western Cape. There are not really any towns near this concession area.

The concession area is not located in an MPA. A large part of the area does fall within an area that may form part of an EBSA in the future. The area is known for its "fossil forest". It is an underwater area containing fossilized yellowwood trees. The reason why they want to make it an EBSA is because it is suspected that there may be unique features or ecosystems in the area, although studies need to be conducted first to confirm this.

5.7. THE CONSUMERS IN THE AREA 11C

1) Small pelagic fisheries

The different types of fisheries in the area were investigated.

Concession area 11C is located in the northern part of the Western Cape and in the deep sea where the pelagic fishing boats operate. Only a portion of the concession area overlaps with fishing grounds. Regardless, pelagic catches in these parts account for less than 0.001% of national catches. It is therefore not a very important area for small pelagic fisheries.

2) Tuna fishing

Tuna fishing boats work in the deeper water. No catches were reported for tuna fisheries in concession area 11C. There may be a chance that tuna is caught in the area, but the available data do not indicate any tuna catches within the concession area.

2) Traditional line fisheries

Line fishing was reported only in the North and Southwest and south of Concession 11C. No line fishing was reported in the concession area itself. The concession area is very far from the nearest harbour and about 50km north of Doring Bay. It is too far for small fishing boats to sail to this area.

5.8. IMPACT STUDIES 11C

1) Impacts on the marine environment and fisheries

The following negative impacts were identified and assessed:

- Seismic disturbance on invertebrates, sea turtles and fish. The assessment indicated that this impact would be “Insignificant”, meaning that seismic activities would not really have any impact on these organisms.
- Seismic disturbance on marine mammals. The assessment indicated that this impact would be “Medium”. There must therefore be a marine mammal observer on the vessel during prospecting to ensure that this impact is reduced to “Low”.
- Seismic disturbance on seabirds. The assessment indicated that this impact would be “Low”.
- Megafauna collisions with vessels. The assessment indicated that this impact would be “Very Low”.
- Disturbances due to sampling and soil waste. The assessment indicated that this impact would be “Low”.
- Fine sediment dust clouds. The assessment indicated that this impact would be “Very Low”.
- Release of waste. The assessment indicated that this impact would be “Very Low”.
- Impact on fisheries. The assessment indicated that this impact would be “Insignificant”, meaning that it would not really have an impact on fisheries in the area.

Again, it was found that the impacts of seismic activity on marine mammals will be the highest impact. The impact on fisheries will be insignificant in this case as the area is not a very important fishing area.

• 2) Socio-economic impacts

The positive socio-economic impacts of prospecting on the local community and on the greater region were assessed and the following were found:

- The assessment indicated that regional benefits would be “Low”.

- The assessment indicated that local community benefits would be "Insignificant", meaning that prospecting would not really have any benefits for the local community.

The reason for this is because the vessel comes directly from Cape Town and never docks at a local port. No stock or services will be obtained at any local towns and therefore there will be no inflow of money into those towns.

• 3) Impacts on Heritage Resources

The negative impacts on the following heritage resources have been identified and assessed:

- Prehistoric resources - The heritage assessment indicated that this impact would be "Very Low".
- Paleontological resources - The heritage assessment indicated that this impact would be "Very Low".
- Archaeological resources such as shipwrecks - No impact on the resource is expected as the two shipwrecks (Zulu Coast 1 and Meteren) identified in the area are not located within the concession area and therefore will not be affected.

Prospecting can also have a positive effect - Fossils, artifacts and other heritage resources may be found during prospecting and would not otherwise have been discovered. If such resources are found, they must be preserved and sent to a museum.

• No-go option

The "no-go" option is the option not to continue with prospecting.

The positive impact of this option includes:

- No negative effect on the environment and the impact assessed as "Low".

The negative impacts of this option include:

- The loss of opportunity to determine whether a diamond resource is present in the concession area. Here, the impact was assessed as "Low".
- Lost economic opportunities. The impact was assessed as "Low".

- The 11C concession area is located just below the Northern border of the Western Cape, with little to no towns within its proximity.
- The concession area is not located within an MPA. However, a large part of the area does fall within an area that may form part of an EBSA in the future. The area is known for its "fossil forest" and is an area known to contain fossilized yellowwood trees. It is suspected that there may be unique features or ecosystems in the area which prompts an EBSA status but would first require an extensive investigation to confirm..
- It was once again emphasized that all the information was discussed in detail in the reports.
- Sixteen negative impacts due to prospecting has been identified and includes impacts on the environment, fisheries and community.
- The impact of seismic activity on marine mammals has been found to be the highest and most worrying as the impact has been assessed as "Medium" prior to mitigation and "Low" with implementation of the proposed mitigation measures.
- The assessment indicated that the impact on fisheries will be "Insignificant" as the prospecting will only take place for a short period of time and will not really overlap with fisheries in the area.
- It is important to note that all the negative impacts can be reduced to "Low" (in the case of impacts on marine mammals), "Very Low" or "Insignificant" if mitigation measures are applied.
- Prospecting can also have benefits in terms of heritage resources, provided the resources are preserved and sent to a museum.
- Prospecting can also have a positive socio-economic benefit for the region.

6. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

The stakeholders were thanked for listening to the presentation and the floor was opened for questions and comments.

Stakeholder	From where to where does the concession area extend along the coastline.	The 11C concession is sea based and does not abut the shoreline. A map and the coordinates of the concession is provided in the BAR.
Stakeholder	It looks to me that this report is the final report and that it has already been submitted to the Department for approval. How far has the application been progressed without the community input?	No this was not the final report. The report that you have access to is still the draft report. It contains information regarding the project and activities as well as potential impacts. You will have until 24 January 2022 to

		review this report and provide your input. We will then incorporate your comments into the Final Basic Assessment Report and use your input to inform the Environmental Management Report. These reports will then be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy for review.
Stakeholder	What is the extent of the concession area and how will it be accessed?	The concession area is offshore and will be accessed by a survey vessel probably from the Port of Cape Town. it will not be accessed from the land.
Stakeholder	How have the sea kelp harvesting concession holders been taken into account? Have you consulted with them?	Thank you for this comment. The reason for these types of meetings is so that the community can inform us about projects/ activities in their area that might be affected. We have reviewed the kelp harvesting activities and included the impact assessment in the Final Bar. Below follows a response as extracted from the Final BAR.
Stakeholder	Where were you guys when the impact studies were conducted. Did you not come here yourself to do the studies? Were the impact studies conducted here on the terrain?	The concession area is offshore.

Stakeholder	This activity affects our community. You should have made more effort to contact us. It will not be correct to prospect here because you did not inform the community about the prospecting. That is unacceptable	The prospecting offshore is not anticipated to have community impacts. Potential impacts on commercial fishing sectors have been assessed.
Stakeholder	Are the same people who are prospecting doing the impact studies?	No, independent specialists were appointed to conduct the Specialist impact assessments studies. In addition, the information used to conduct the assessments were obtained using publications from various independent universities, departments, researchers and scientists.
Stakeholder	What studies are there that prove that prospecting will have no impact. Where did you get your information and conclusions from? Are these studies you used available to us? We do not want to search for these studies. You have to send all of these studies to us and present us with the scientific evidence for your findings. The company that is doing the prospecting is not going to give us that type of information	The information used to conduct the assessments were obtained using publications from various independent universities, departments, researchers and scientists. All of the studies have been assessed and taken into consideration by the specialists and have been included as part of their assessment. These assessments have been summarised in the Basic Assessment Report. It is therefore not necessary to read each publication as there are hundreds. The specialist study was prepared to include all the necessary information and impacts pertaining to concession area 11C. Unfortunately, downloading and

		<p>sending you all of these individual references is logistically not possible. Many of them can only be read online and some are only available as hardcopies.</p>
Stakeholder	<p>You only have an idea of what the impacts might be, you are not 100% certain. After doing the baseline surveys and you find that prospecting will have a negative impact on the environment, what are you going to do? Continue with the prospecting? Or say the prospecting is conducted and you find it had a negative impact, how are you going to correct the negative impacts.</p>	<p>Monitoring will be done to determine if there was indeed an impact on the benthic community, however, as this survey is considered short-term and extends over a small portion, results will probably not show any difference in community structure. You will not be able to exactly pinpoint where communities have been removed. Such impacts or changes in community structure are usually only evident after numerous prospecting/ mining events in the same area over many years, and changes will only become evident once more than one monitoring study has been conducted.</p>
Stakeholder	<p>All of us here knows what the impacts of prospecting is on the environment. We know what it looks like afterwards. You say the environment will rehabilitate itself, but we don't know that. Nature does not always work that way. It can take decades. You say that impact studies have been done and that monitoring will be done, but we don't know that. How can we be sure? It is the same company that wants to prospect that is doing to be doing the monitoring surveys. '</p> <p>We don't hold you accountable as we know you are the environmental consultants. But we want to know who will be responsible for the consequences? Because if the company is gone they area gone and then we sit with the damage and. And how are we going to know if it the area has been rehabilitated or not.</p>	<p>A Scientific Officer (SO) will be appointed to monitor the activities and enforce the EMPr. Regular auditing will be conducted by the SO to ensure compliance of all activities with the EMPr. An external environmental audit will also be conducted by and independent Environmental Control Officer who will report all findings to the Department of Mineral Resources</p>

	<p>Will Feedback from the prospecting be communicated with the community during and after the process.</p> <p>Will the auditing report be shared with the community?</p> <p>Who are they using for the auditing? Because if it is a person employed by the company, they will not share the negative impacts or auditing report with us.</p>	<p>and Energy. These documents will be made available to the public.</p> <p>Environmental Monitoring will also be conducted after the prospecting activities to determine the state of the environment.</p>
Stakeholder	<p>This is our environment that is still in pristine condition. It is still like it was when I was a child. We don't want it to be damaged. I want my grandchildren to also see and experience this environment as it is now.</p>	<p>We take note of this comment.</p>
Stakeholder	<p>Was the Swart Tobie (Black Oyster Catcher) taken into account in the marine specialist study as it is a species of conservation concern</p>	<p>The black oyster catcher (Swart Tobie) is a coastal shore bird that does not occur in the pelagic offshore marine environment. It is thus highly unlikely that this bird will be present within an area that is 5km offshore. No negative impacts on the Black oyster catcher resulting from prospecting activities in Concession area 11C are therefore anticipated.</p>
Stakeholder	<p>What happens once the EBSA is declared? Will prospecting stop?</p>	<p>This area is currently being proposed as an area that might have features considered Ecologically and Biologically Significant, although it has not yet been declared as such. EBSA's area chosen based on expert opinion collated during regional workshops and have not necessarily been validated by means of sampling/ground-truthing. EBSA's are flexible</p>

		<p>due to the dynamic and complex nature of the marine environment. This means that an EBSA can be moved over time and their boundaries can change. The EBSA designation does not bring any management measures or restriction of activities – it is simply recognition of an area’s biological or ecological significance. Once this EBSA is declared, the relevant authorities will be consulted to confirm the relevant actions to be taken.</p>
Stakeholder	<p>What percentage of these prospecting studies that you have done have been approved by the Department? Because you said that you have done these studies worldwide.</p>	<p>Anchor is primarily involved with conducting Specialist Studies as part of monitoring surveys and baseline assessments. This is Anchor’s second Basic Assessment Process for a Prospecting right. Both applications are still ongoing and have not yet been sent to the Department for review. No prospecting rights applications conducted by Anchor have, to date, been accepted or rejected as the process is still ongoing.</p>
Stakeholder	<p>Can you please clarify how the impact studies work? Do you come here and do sampling and conduct surveys? Are the impact studies conducted locally?</p>	<p>The information used to conduct the assessments were obtained using publications from various independent universities, departments, researchers and scientists. All of the studies (references at the end of the specialist studies) have been assessed and taken</p>

		into consideration by the specialists and have been included as part of their assessment. It is therefore not necessary to read each publication as there are hundreds. The specialist study was prepared to include all the necessary information and impacts pertaining to concession area 11C.
Stakeholder	How deep will the drill go into the seafloor?	The drill will only penetrate the soft top layer of sediment and gravel on top of the hard seabed for analysis and will not go into the hard rock layer.
Stakeholder	Was Anchor involved with the seismic surveys in KZN (Shell)? Is this the same seismic equipment that Trans Atlantic will be used?	No, Anchor was not involved with the Shell application and seismic survey. No, seismic surveys for oil and gas exploration typically use air gun arrays as the resource is usually deep below the sea floor. This prospecting application is primary for diamonds and other near surface minerals. Lower intensity multi beam echosounder and sub bottom profiler, ship mounted acoustic equipment will be used, as described in the project description of the BAR

Stakeholder	What happens if the drill into the seafloor and hit an oil pocket? Or can they see where oil and gas will be located from the results of the seismic survey?	Oil and gas deposits are found much deeper than the proposed drill sampling for diamonds and other near surface deposits.
Participant	It feels like we as a community are responsible for sourcing all the information and for reading all the documents to understand the activities. We don't want to source and read all the information. You have to come to us and explain it to us.	The information used to conduct the assessments were obtained using publications from various independent universities, departments, researchers and scientists. All of the studies have been assessed and taken into consideration by the specialists and have been included as part of their assessment. These assessments have been summarised in the Basic Assessment Report. It is therefore not necessary to do your own research or to read each publication. The purpose of the Background Information, the presentation and the public meeting is to present you with the most important information which is sufficient for you to comment on the application. Should you want more detail regarding the activities, you can refer to the Basis Assessment Report (BAR) which has all of the relevant information. The Final Basic Assessment Report has a summary at the beginning which also summarises the most important points in the BAR.

	Will there be any employment opportunities due to this project as there are many unemployed individuals in this region.	<p>11) Below is a projection of the potential employment opportunities that could be created as a result of the prospecting operation. Please note that these can change and will not necessarily be sourced from the local community. These might be sourced across South Africa.</p> <p>Once TAD have reached the start-up phase, and can apply the preferential procurement policy, TAD will be in a better position to more accurately reflect and achieve the specified targets and predict the spend on capital goods, consumables, suppliers and number of employees.</p>
	How long is prospecting rights granted for?	Five years.
	Why was the community not informed?	<p>Note that we contacted the Matzikama Municipality to source the contact information of farmers and communities in the area. Although we contacted the municipality via phone and email numerous times, we were not able to obtain contact details for farmers in the area. Due to the new POPI Act, people are also reluctant to give out contact information. This area is very sparsely populated with many</p>

		private roads not for public use which would have made it logistically unfeasible to drive to the area to locate farmhouses to source contact details
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7. CLOSURE

The meeting officially ended after which some of the participants stayed behind and interacted with members of the Anchor team.

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