

BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING IN SEA CONCESSION AREA 14C BY TRANS ATLANTIC DIAMONDS (PTY) LTD

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Appendix 17: Comments & Responses Table

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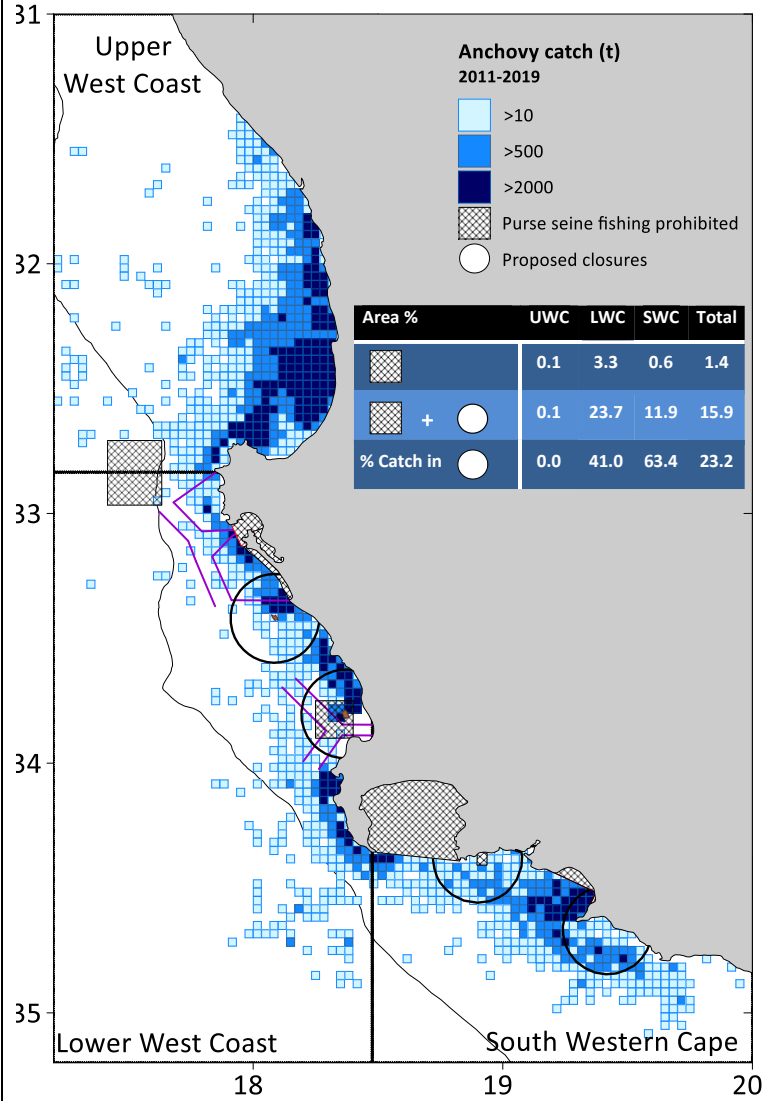
Comments and Response Table for Prospecting in Concession area 14C. Answers from the Applicant are shown in red

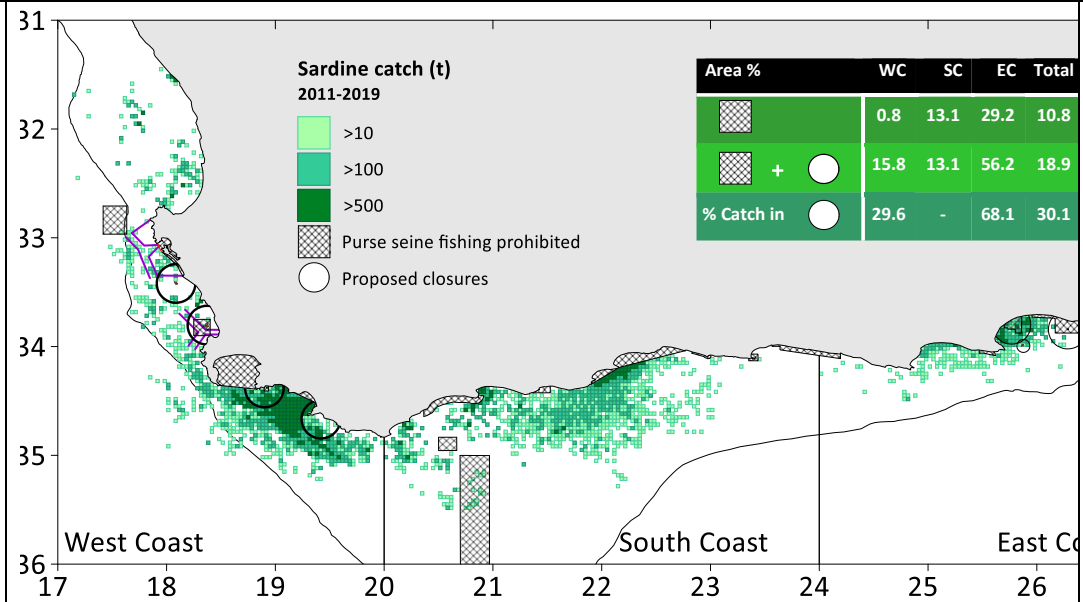
Stakeholder No	Affiliation	Comment	Response
Written Comments received and responses compiled throughout the Basic Assessment Process			
Stakeholder 2	Coastal Justice Network	Please kindly register me as an interested and affected party. Please kindly take note of the interest of the small-scale fishing communities and other coastal stakeholders and ocean users on the West Coast and make the notice accessible to them.	Thank you for registering as a stakeholder. We note your comment.
Stakeholder 10.	Department of Environmental and Geographical Science, University of Cape Town	Please note there are several coastal communities that would have an interest in and potentially be impacted by this application who do not have access to email or the internet. Please consider using other appropriate means of alerting them to this application.	Thank you for registering as a stakeholder, we have asked community representatives to notify community members about the upcoming meeting on Saturday the 12 th of March 2022 .
Stakeholder 24.	Biodiversity Conservation, Mainstreaming EIA Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge the receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the mentioned project. The directorate does not have any comments regarding the acceptance and acknowledgement of the applications. Kindly notify us as soon as the Basic Assessment report becomes available. Please note that all Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr	We have noted the correspondence below and will notify you as soon as the draft BAR becomes available at the email address stipulated below. Please let us know if you have any initial concerns regarding the prospecting application.
Stakeholder 27.		Please register myself and the Strandfontein Ratepayers Association as I&AP's. The two-e-mail addressed are: a_e_lyons@yahoo.co.uk strandfonteinsbv@gmail.com I would like my name to be posted with any comments I submit.	We have registered you as a stakeholder and you will receive all further communication and documentation regarding the proposed prospecting activity

<p>Stakeholder 79.</p>	<p>Cederberg Municipality</p>	<p>Are you or the community you represent a user of this area? Coastal access, visiting the Doringbaai area</p> <p>If you think you or the community you represent might be affected by this project, please explain how or why you think this might happen? Yes, affecting the local community that is depending on the fishing industry to provide an income for them. The fish stock will be negatively affected by the geophysical survey and dredging.</p> <p>Are there any areas that you recommend should be specifically avoided during prospecting? Reef areas, fishing grounds, migratory routes</p> <p>Are you aware of any sensitive areas that should be avoided? The entire seabed is sensitive to dredging and drilling, disturbing the natural functioning of marine ecosystems.</p> <p>Are you aware of any other impacts that this project might have on the community or environment? Negatively affect both the community and environment by disturbing natural marine ecosystem functioning, altering seabeds, cause changes in migratory routes and breeding of fish. Cause a decline in fish stock, mortalities of marine mammals.</p> <p>Do you have any mitigation measures to propose? Do not continue with this prospecting right application. All local fisherman in the Doringbaai area must be informed and must comment.</p> <p>If you have any additional comment, questions, or concerns, please elaborate. Stop this prospecting right application process. This geophysical survey will be causing degradation of the environment and lead to marine species mortalities as well as disturbance of seabeds and reef functioning.</p>	<p>Thank you for these comments.</p>
<p>Stakeholder 389.</p>		<p>Please register me as an Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) for the prospecting application WC 30/5/1/1/2/10405PR, being for Sea Concession 14C</p> <p>My details are as follows: email address: cellphone number: interest in the matter: resident and farmer in the Matzikama municipal area</p>	<p>We have registered you as a stakeholder and you will receive all further communication and documentation related to the project.</p>

		It is my intention to submit my comments once the Draft BAR document has been issued and a public participation meeting has been held regarding this matter.	Please let us know if you have any initial concerns, comments or questions regarding the prospecting application.
Stakeholder 168.		<p>Registreer my asb. as 'n Belanghebbende & Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP) vir hierdie prospekterings-aansoek WC 30/5/1/1/2/10405 PR tov See-konsessie 14C</p> <p>My besonderhede is soos volg:</p> <p>e-posadres:</p> <p>selfoon-nr:</p> <p>belang in die saak: boorling en boer van die Matzikama-streek</p> <p>Ek sal kommentaar lewer binne die 30-dae publieke deelname periode, nadat die konsep-BAVerslag beskikbaar gemaak was, en die openbare vergadering plaas gevind het.</p>	<p>We have registered you as a stakeholder and you will receive all further communication and documentation related to the project.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any initial concerns, comments or questions regarding the prospecting application.</p>
Stakeholder 171.	<p>Road Use Management</p> <p>Department of Transport and Public Works</p> <p>Chief Directorate:</p> <p>Road Planning ,</p> <p>Western Cape Government</p>	<p>Received your application, our reference Job 29065.</p> <p>The matter is receiving attention and further communication will be addressed to you as soon as circumstances permit.</p>	Thank you for getting in touch with us.
Stakeholder 226	South African Pelagic Fisheries Association	<p>Are you or the community you represent a user of this area?</p> <p>Yes, fish in the area.</p> <p>If you think you or the community you represent might be affected by this project, please explain how or why you think this might happen?</p> <p>Commercial mining in this area will impact fishing and recruitment of small pelagic fish. Prospecting can be done out of season.</p>	A marine specialist study was undertaken to assess the status of the existing environment and the potential impacts of the proposed prospecting activity on fish stocks, marine mammals and

		<p>For those who are involved in fishing, please indicate what sector you belong to and whether you are a recreational/small scale commercial/subsistence/commercial fisher. Small pelagic. Please describe the location and details of you main fishing grounds. Refer attached maps.</p> <p>ANCHOVY AND SARDINE CATCH HISTORY</p>	<p>the organisms living on the seafloor. The outcomes of this assessment are included in the BAR, EMPr and will also be made available to stakeholders</p>
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In which months do you fish and what times of the day.

Mainly night-time. February to July.

Are there any areas that you recommend should be specifically avoided during prospecting?

Prospect outside these months.

Are you aware of any sensitive areas that should be avoided?

No.

Are you aware of any other impacts that this project might have on the community or environment?

Yes impacts on inshore fishers.

Do you have any mitigation measures to propose?

Prospecting can be done in the months of August to December just in case there are early recruits.

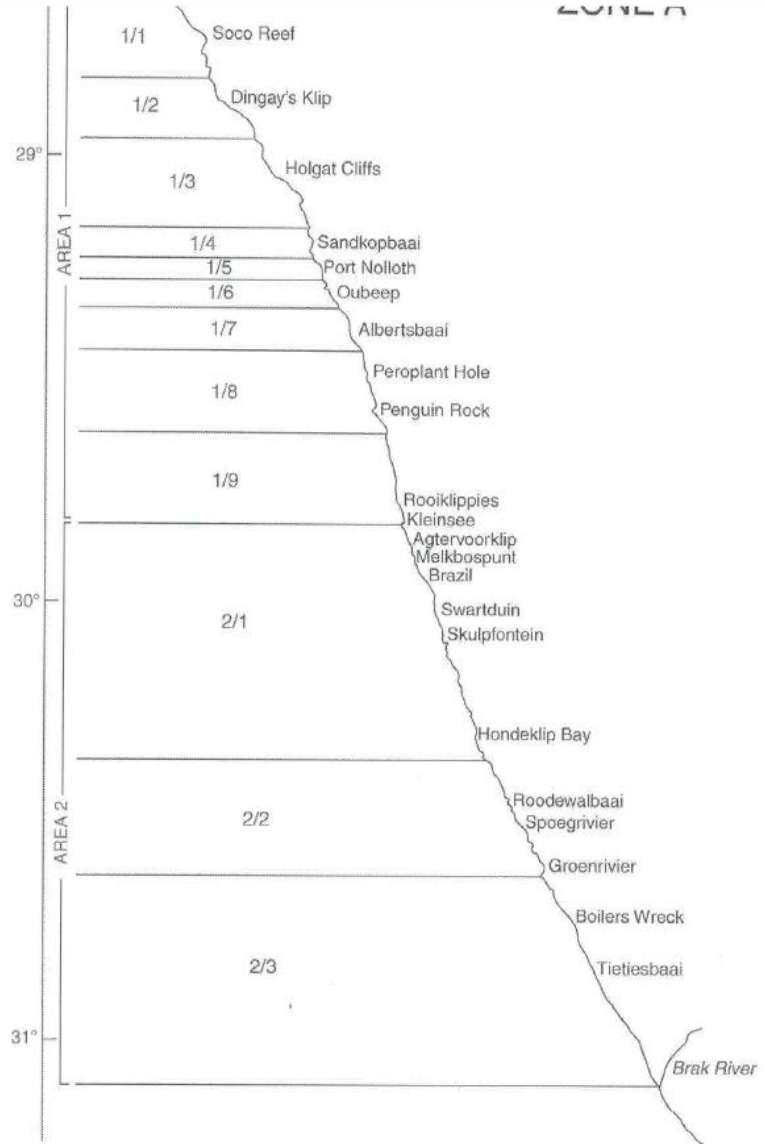
Do you know of any other persons, organisations or parties that should be notified?

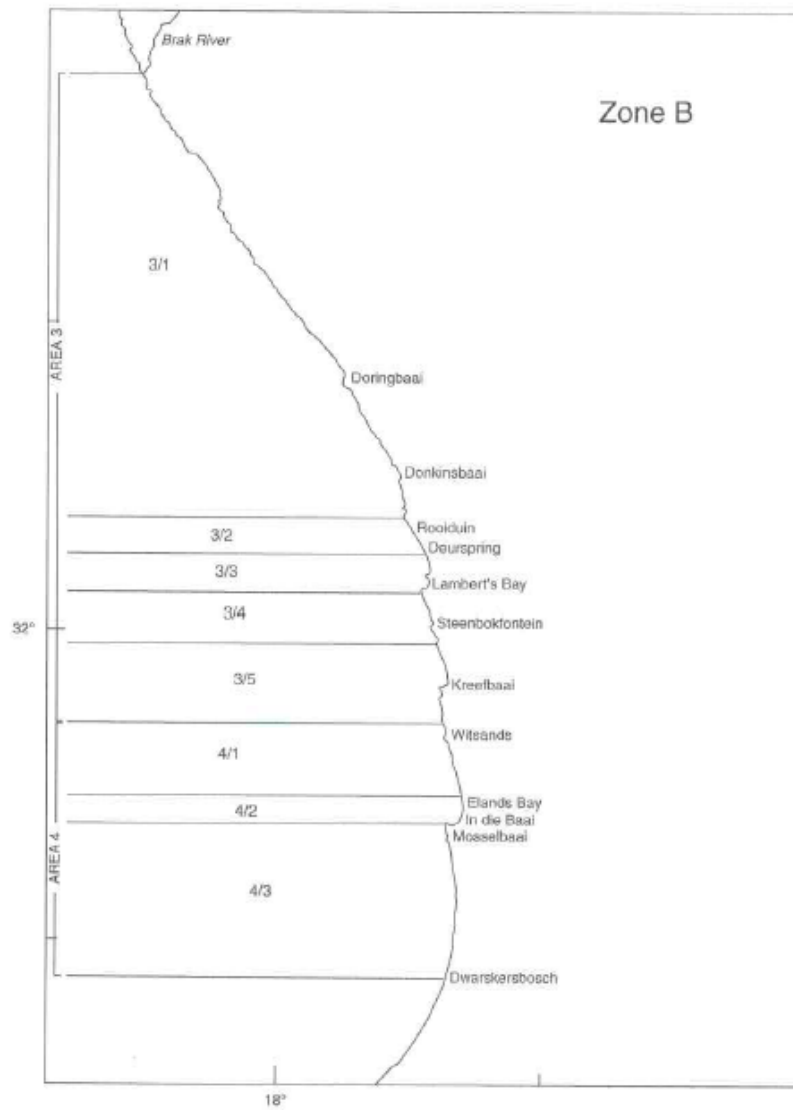
West coast rock lobster association.

Stakeholder 259.		Thank you for your email. I am unable to attend as I am cape town based. I will review the BID and forward any comments or questions that I have by the due date. Will I be able to access the presentation after the meeting?	Thank you for notifying us, any comments you provide would be appreciated.
Stakeholder 261.	West Point fishing Corporation, West Point Processors.	West Point Fishing Corporation, a fishing vessel company, and their processing facility, West Point Processors, two well-established participants in the fishing industry, share the views and opinions of the South African Pelagic Fishing Industry Association (SAPFIA) that was presented to you, on behalf of all their associates, of which we form part off.	Thank you for notifying us and your comments are duly noted.
Stakeholder 266	Directorate: Sustainable Aquaculture Management, Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment.	<p>The Directorate: Sustainable Aquaculture Management within the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) has reviewed the draft Background Information Document for the proposed prospecting in the offshore sea concession area 14C by Trans-Atlantic Diamonds (Pty) Ltd. The comments of the DFFE are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The DFFE, Branch: Fisheries Management has a mandate in the development and management of aquaculture in South Africa. 2. The proposed Trans-Atlantic Diamonds prospecting right concession 14C area overlaps with the southern section of new Western Cape sea-based aquaculture ranching concession area. 3. A call for interest was gazetted (GN 44636) on the 28th May 2021, by the minister of DFFE for those with an interest to conduct sea-based ranching of abalone along an approximately 7 km stretch of coastline between Doring Bay and Strandfontein Bay in the Western Cape (WC) (Coordinates, Point A 31°45'26.34"S; 18°13'25.35"E, Point B 31°49'14.43"S; 18°13'54.44"E). 4. There is currently an application from Doring Bay Abalone (Pty) Ltd for a "Right to Engage in Abalone Ranching and Stock Enhancement pilot project in terms of Section 18 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No, 18 of 1998)" ("ranching right") and it was assessed in terms of the "Criteria for allocating rights to engage in abalone ranching and stock enhancement pilot projects". Doring Bay Abalone (Pty) Ltd demonstrated compliance with all exclusionary criteria points as per Phase 1 of the 	The marine specialist report does consider potential impacts on the Doringbaai abalone farm and proposed ranching programme. Due to all drill sampling proposed for water deeper than 70m depth and some more than 60 km north of Doringbaai, significant negative impacts on this sector are therefore not anticipated

		<p>application process (Government Gazette 21 April 2011, No. 352 & 353). The applicant proceeded to Phase 2 (Balancing Criteria) of the application process in September 2021 which included demonstrating equity and job creation; capacity technical; future investment in the sector and environmental considerations.</p> <p>5. The Environmental Impact Assessment process for the proposed prospecting in concession area 14C should consider the already approved aquaculture ranching concession area for the Western Cape. The application should consider the necessary specialist studies, such as but not limited to Dispersion Modelling, Marine Ecological Assessment etc, to assess the impacts of proposed mining application on the approved abalone ranching concession area.</p> <p>6. The Department requests that the impact studies investigate about the potential impact of accumulation of heavy material from the mining activity in the sediments located near the ranching site which may settle in the sediment that will become suspended and accumulate in the flesh of the ranched abalone.</p> <p>7. Doring Bay Abalone which has an application for a ranching right at an advanced stage should be included as an Interested and Affected Party and should be engaged further on the overlaps and impacts.</p>	
Stakeholder 270.	West Coast Rock Lobster Association	<p>In which months do you fish and what times of the day (please indicate if this is different for different species). October to June Sunrise to 14h00</p> <p>Are you aware of any other impacts that this project might have on the community or environment? Yes impacts on inshore fishers and small pelagics</p> <p>Are you or the community you represent a user of this area? Yes. Fish for west coast rock lobster. October to June.</p> <p>If you think you or the community you represent might be affected by this project, please explain how or why you think this might happen? Inshore commercial mining in these areas will impact on fishing.</p>	<p>A marine specialist study was undertaken to assess the status of the existing environment and the potential impacts of the proposed prospecting activity on fish stocks, marine mammals and the organisms living on the seafloor. The outcomes of this assessment are included in the BAR, EMPr and will also be made available to stakeholders</p>

		<p>For those who are involved in fishing, please indicate what sector you belong to and whether you are a recreational/small scale commercial/subsistence/commercial fisher.</p> <p>West Coast Rock Lobster</p> <p>Please describe the location and details of you main fishing grounds.</p> <p>Refer attached maps.</p>	
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Stakeholder 291.	West Coast District Municipality	<p>Are you or the community you represent a user of this area? No</p> <p>If you think you or the community you represent might be affected by this project, please explain how or why you think this might happen? As the Manger: Air Quality for the West Coast District Municipality, it is required that this office is aware and kept informed of any activity taking place within the West Coast municipal area.</p>	
Stakeholder 389.	Masifundise Development Trust	<p>1. Introduction Masifundise is an organisation that works towards the empowerment and capacity building of small-scale fishing communities across South Africa, with a vision of a just society based on the principles of food sovereignty with an emphasis on securing the social, economic, climate, and environmental justice for small-scale fishing communities. We believe that the voices of those who use and depend on ocean resources to support their lives and livelihoods should be included and prioritised in decision-making processes that affect them. Please find below Masifundise’s comments on the BAR and the Public Participation process for the above prospecting application.</p> <p>2. Comments and Concerns</p> <p>2.1. Public participation process</p> <p>The public participation process as required by NEMA as well as the EIA regulations state that all Interested and affected parties must be given an adequate opportunity to participate in these processes. Additionally, I&APs must have the correct understanding, as well as the skills and capacity that are needed in order to participate fairly and effectively. NEMA and the guidelines also require that disadvantaged and poor communities are able to participate in these EIA public participation processes and that information is made available in an accessible format, and in the appropriate language. Furthermore, the NEMA regulation 41(2)(e) requires that "participation by potential or registered interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all potential</p>	<p>We will be having a formal public meeting in the near future. We will be sure to invite these stakeholders.</p> <p>A marine specialist study was undertaken to assess the status of the existing environment and the potential impacts of the proposed prospecting activity on fish stocks, marine mammals and the organisms living on the seafloor. The outcomes of this assessment are included in the BAR, EMPr and will also be made available to stakeholders</p>

		<p>or registered interested and affected parties are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the application or proposed application".</p> <p>It is the EAP's responsibility to identify the most appropriate method of public participation for the particular context, including accounting for persons with disabilities and those who are illiterate. In this case, members of the local small-scale fishing communities, especially those who benefit from marine resources and rely on it for food and livelihoods, should have been notified and provided an opportunity to give input to this process.</p> <p>In the case of this prospecting application, awareness of the first public meeting would have been a challenge for many small-scale fishers in these communities. The public participation meeting so far is only taking place in Doringbaai, thereby excluding the fishers of nearby communities such as Papendorp and Ebenhaeser, and even Lamberts Bay in the South. Despite the fact that the Sea Concession Area 14C does not fall in line with these communities, the impacts on the water column as well as the species in the area will also impact the fishers in these communities. It is therefore important that these communities are included in the public participation process, that their concerns and comments are included in the process, and that they are assisted in accessing these meetings through transport cost support. The public participation to date has been insufficient.</p> <p>2.2. Need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Area</p> <p>The BID for this project does not provide an acceptable explanation or understanding of the context of the diamond mining application, especially in light of the recent increases in prospecting and mining applications and operations along the entire West Coast region of South Africa. The BID also does not consider the potential cumulative impacts of the activities proposed in this application when combined with other prospecting, mining, and other development activities along the coast on the marine environment and ecosystem function, especially in terms of the migration of fish. There are also impacts on fisheries resources and the communities that rely and depend on these resources for food and livelihoods that are not considered in light of potential</p>	
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		<p>cumulative impacts. The communities in this area rely on the annual snoek run for a large portion of their annual income. Sea Concession Area 14C stretches out into the area in which the snoek migrate down on the coast.</p> <p>Finally, the lack of assessment of cumulative impacts does not account for the potential impact on benthic macrofauna, marine megafauna, seabirds, prehistoric heritage, marine archaeological and palaeontological resources, as well as access to the oceans for local communities as well as tourists.</p> <p>It is requested and recommended that a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the entire West Coast is conducted prior to the acceptance of further prospecting and mining applications.</p> <p>2.3. Socio-economic Impacts:</p> <p>The BID does acknowledge that there will be socio-economic impacts on the fishing industry. It is important that the BAR does an in-depth dive into what these potential impacts are, especially on the marginal and poor small-scale fishing communities. These communities rely on the health of the ecosystem to put food on their tables. These impacts need to be carefully considered.</p> <p>The BID also states that these prospecting activities will result in regional and local benefits. However, in many cases of mining and prospecting on the coasts of South Africa, the job creation is minimal. In addition, the jobs that are created are not available for the local unskilled and semi-skilled workers that exist in the community, and labour is generally brought in from outside of the community. How many realistic jobs will this project create for the local community?</p>	
Stakeholder 390.	The National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (NDPWI)	<p>The notice to attend the meeting was received too late. I am responsible to provide comments on these mining/prospecting applications on behalf of my department, the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (NDPWI) and would like to place it on record that NDPWI has received the invitation only a week prior to the meeting. Furthermore that the meeting has been convened at a much unappropriated time. It is not possible for government departments that is situated in Cape Town to attend PPP meetings on a Friday evening.</p>	Thank you very much for your comments and input. These will be taken into consideration.

		<p>You are therefore requested to render an apology at the meeting for NDPWI and also to please place it on record that NDPWI were not sufficiently informed well in advance about the meeting. Furthermore I would like to recommend that you arrange another open day meeting during a week and that your meeting should start from 14:00 to allow officials from government department sufficient time to drive through to attend the meeting. As one of the larger role players wrt land in that area I will also have to inform the Department of Mineral Resources that we are not satisfied with the time of the meeting and the short notice provided to attend.</p>	
Stakeholder 391.	Road Planning Transport and Public Works, Western Cape Government	This Branch offers no objection to the granting of the prospecting rights.	Thank you for your response.
Stakeholder 392.	Town and Regional Planner, West Coast District Municipality	<p>Kindly register the West Coast District Municipality as an Interested & Affected Party for the proposed Sea Concession 14C prospecting right application.</p> <p>Issues to be addressed during assessment include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Impact of prospecting activities on marine environment and fishing resources 2. Impact of sound levels from acoustic equipment on marine marine and migratory species such as, whales, dolphins, west coast rock lobster, invertebrates, fish and birds. 3. Impact of prospecting on livelihoods of coastal communities. 4. Discharge of sediment into the environment. 5. Land based infrastructure required for the proposed prospecting. 	<p>Thank you for your response. It is duly noted and we will register you as a stakeholder</p> <p>There is limited to no impact on the livelihoods as shown by the limited to low impact on the environmental assessment report in relation to sea life.</p>

<p>Stakeholder 393.</p>	<p>Natal Deep Sea Angling Association</p>	<p>It is obvious that for NDSAA to attend such public participation meeting, the locality of the meeting poses a problem for us. However, i have made myself conversant with the topic, and taken note of the possible negative impacts that you willingly supplied in your overview document.</p> <p>From Natal’s side, two areas concern us most.</p> <p>Firstly, the statement that there would be archaeological degradation to a degree. How is this degree defined or measured.</p> <p>Secondly the impact on fishing and the economic loss. Again, how is this loss to be measured, and for what duration is this loss expected to continue. Surely if small subsistence type activity is affected, some degree of financial assistance should be forthcoming.</p> <p>The affected marine transport routes and safety zone requirements are all understood.</p> <p>Lastly, the fact that the South African government considers these activities, yet they offer very little opportunities of employment nor limited local investment opportunities, seems to be order of the day and is a very questionable and sensitive issue.</p> <p>For the record, we would appreciate feedback on the possible degree of impact on both the fishing and archaeological aspects. Natal is aligned to South African deep sea angling association, which has angling provinces in the north and down in the western areas, hence our concerns.</p>	<p>Thank you very much for your helpful comments and input. These will be taken into consideration and communicated.</p> <p>A marine specialist study was undertaken to assess the status of the existing environment and the potential impacts of the proposed prospecting activity on fish stocks, marine mammals and the organisms living on the seafloor. The outcomes of this assessment are included in the BAR, EMPr and will also be made available to stakeholders.</p> <p>There is limited impact during the prospecting phase and it is still determined if there is a resource. Once established we look into this matter further.</p>
<p>Stakeholder 394.</p>	<p>Tourism Development and Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Hope you are doing well. I have unfortunately been on sick leave and see that you requested the Comments for Sea Concession Area 14 C in by yesterday already. Would you please accept my comments latest by Tuesday 23 March as Monday is a public holiday?</p>	<p>Please also note that this is a Pre-Consultation for initial comments and that you will still have time to submit comments during the official 30-day public participation</p>

		Hope to hear from you soon.	<p>process which will commence on 6 April 2022.</p> <p>I hope Tuesday at 13:00 will give you enough time to submit comments.</p>
Stakeholder 395.	Doringbaai private citizen	<p>What will the local community gain in terms of social development?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth gaining in this process 2. Scholarship for learners 3. Tertiary education, bursary to develop their studies. 4. Teenage pregnancy 5. Support to institutions (school) 6. Bring down early school 	<p>Thank you very much for your helpful comments and input. These will be Communicated to the client.</p> <p>We are still busy with the prospecting phase and it is still to be determined if there is a resource. Once established we will look into community uplift programs and social development.</p>
Stakeholder 396	Green Connection & Ubuntu Rural Youth Movement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The way you arranged and advertised this meeting was wrong. The law requires that sufficient notice be given, such as e.g. Posters, newspaper, radio. Based on this, we as a community demand that this meeting is only an information session and not a Pre-consultation. 2. Who did you contact to arrange this meeting? 3. You say that the applicant wants to determine if this is the right area to mine. How does the applicant know if 14C is the right area to mine and why are we only finding out about this application now? How long have you known about this application? 	<p>1. Pre-Consultation is the beginning of the process. We submit the application and the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) then has 2 weeks to review it and decide whether to accept or reject it. Once the department has accepted the application, the EAP has 30 days to inform the stakeholders of the application and arrange a consultation with the</p>

			<p>community and other stakeholders. The purpose of the Pre-Consultation is to inform the communities and other interested and affected parties of the project and associated activities and thus get the community's input on it 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 collect contact details of other important community representatives and organizations to inform them of the process and future public participation process. All this information and findings are then compiled together with the questions and comments from the stakeholders and submitted to the DMRE in a report. Members have been informed that this is the Pre-consultation meeting and not the official public meeting. The public meeting is still going to be properly advertised. We would like you</p>
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			<p>to give us suggestions for this. E.g. Advertise on the radio. We're still going to advertise the meeting and process in the newspapers one to two weeks ahead of time. We have already had posters made that we will put up today and tomorrow in Doringbaai, Papendorp, Ebenhaeser, Koekenaap, Strandfontein and Lutzville to let the community know about the process and meeting. This is the beginning of the process. The Department accepted the application on 21 February 2022 and Anchor was notified on 24 February 2022. The following week we started contacting community leaders / representatives to ask them to help us inform the community of this Basic Assessment Process and today's meeting.</p> <p>2. We contacted the people who were introduced to us by the government, certain organizations and other community representatives. It is very difficult to get contact</p>
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			<p>details and that is why we are here to first hold an initial meeting with the people and also collect contact details. This meeting is therefore the starting point.</p> <p>3. The applicant does not yet know if this is the right area to mine and is why they first apply for prospecting rights. They take sediment samples which are then analysed by specialists to determine which minerals / metals / precious stones occur in concession area 14C and what the quality and quantity of these minerals are. This will determine whether it will be worthwhile to mine in this area in the future.</p> <p>Happy with above paragraph</p>
Stakeholder 305	Youth Leader	<p>What is going to happen here affects me and all of us and is why we are interested in being here.</p> <p>1. As we understand it, you were hired to do the job for a company on their behalf. If we had hired you, you would have done the environmental assessment for us. You are paid by them and for this payment you must give results that count in their favour.</p> <p>2. The fact that they have applied for prospecting rights in concession 14C shows that they already know what is happening here. We know because we see here are research boats coming to investigate. Unfortunately, we just cannot see the names of the boats and so we do not know who the company is. We know what they are looking for here. We do not have sonars that can scan the area, but we know how prospecting works</p>	<p>1. In certain other countries such as Djibouti, the government is responsible for the costs of the impact studies and the environmental consultants. Unfortunately, the South African government does not have the budget to bear the costs of such studies. Furthermore, the community</p>

		<p>and even do prospecting sometimes. We are therefore aware of what is happening here and who is entering our area to investigate.</p> <p>3. We do not want the process to continue. Clearly, the executives of this company are arrogant because they know that the community and the majority of people are against this process, and yet they continue to do so. Do they consider the community? We do not seem to be able to rely on them, because they do not seem to take our interests into account. The few people who will get a job through prospecting mean nothing. Yes, there may be some people here who may be in favour of the process as there may be job creation, but I'm not saying we want prospecting and mining to continue. This is a risk for all of us.</p> <p>4. The abalone farm has been here for about 10 years now. What if the boat breaks or starts leaking and all that oil / fuel runs into the sea and affects the abalone and farm? Where does all the waste produced by the boat go (gases, oil, solid waste, wastewater, debris from the soil samples tailings)? We are endangering (dooming) the work of the fishermen. For my part, it is a 100% "no". They should not come in here.</p> <p>There is no guarantee they can give to say exactly what they are going to do during prospecting / mining over the next 20 years or all the activities they are going to do. Mining is a greater risk to the fishermen, community and next generation than it will ever be an asset. Mining is not going to benefit us. We are not looking for money from them. Thanks, but we're not looking for them here. Please give them the message.</p>	<p>cannot be expected to bear these costs. It is only fair that it is the responsibility of the company that wants to prospect, to bear any costs, including paying an environmental company to do impact studies and get input from the community.</p> <p>Also note that EAPs are legally obliged to act independently during these studies. They are therefore required to sign a declaration stating that their report is based on scientific information. We as environmental consultants do not take this responsibly lightly and do our best to gather the most accurate information. The final decision regarding the prospecting rights lies with the DMRE and not with the environmental consultants.</p> <p>2. We take note of your comments.</p> <p>3. We take note of your comments.</p> <p>4. We take note of your comments.</p>
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<p>Stakeholder 398</p>	<p>Doringbaai Resident</p>	<p>Of Doringbaai, born in Doringbaai, whose ancestors are from Doringbaai. Where my history comes from. I am a native of Doring Bay.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There has been such a meeting here before and this is the same presentation as last time. 2. I went to see who Trans-Atlantic Diamonds is. Where they came from, they have already exhausted the resources. Where does this company come from? From overseas I assume ? I see their eye is on the West Coast. If it's not the one thing they want to mine, it's the other thing. Or it is oil. Are they a BEE company? Trans-Atlantic Diamonds is the South African middleman for overseas mining companies who want to mine here. The overseas companies find BEE companies in South Africa to apply for prospecting and mining rights on their behalf. The capitalists behind the whole plan are overseas companies. They have one focus, and it is about capital (money). 3. They come out to come take. Because they do these things they do, they prevent us from continuing our heritage and our heritage is going to die out completely. In 20 years, the fuel is exhausted and then what are they going to do? This is a continuous thing that is happening here. Mining is never going to stop. My grandchildren are not going to have anything left of this environment. 4. The fishermen here have been fishermen for 50 years. These activities will cause the fish to become scarcer. What are the fishermen going to do because fishing is all they know? The possibility exists that the activities may have a negative effect on the lobsters and fish. Is this company going to compensate those who suffer under it in terms of money and food they lose? How will the company accommodate them and cover their losses and provide them with an income? 5. If the applicant starts disturbing the seabed, it cannot return to its natural state. It cannot be rehabilitated. What are you going to do about it? They drill deep into the sea floor. 6. You need to go back to your people and say this is not a meeting. The community was not aware of the meeting. You have to go back and then advertise the process all over again and do the thing right. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes, this is a similar presentation with the same background information as the previous submission. 2. This is Trans-Atlantic Diamonds' first prospecting application and they have never prospected or mined in the past. The Directors are all South African citizens, and their offices are in the Cape. However, there are also offices overseas and they trade diamonds between different countries. They are not associated with the Australian company that came here to mine. Yes, they are a BEE company. Whether they are affiliated with another mining company, I have to confirm with them. 3. We take note of your comments. 4. I cannot answer on behalf of Trans-Atlantic Diamonds and will therefore pass this information on to them so that they can give you an answer during the official meeting. 5. Studies that monitor the impact of mining on the
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			<p>when mining may take place in the future</p> <p>6. We want to know what you want us to do. We contacted the community representatives and asked them to inform the community about the pre-consultation. At the previous meeting you said the community and fishermen were not consulted before the impact studies were done and they were not given the opportunity to comment. Now we arranged a meeting even before the studies have started and before the official meeting and invited people to give us input and contact details of people who need to be contacted, but still, this is not sufficient. Where should we then start? What is the first step we need to take after the DMRE has informed us that the application has been approved and we need to approach the community? This is what we're trying to do here right now. We arrange a meeting to get contact details to hear how we should</p>
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			<p>approach the community and inform them about the process and meeting. This is not yet the official consultation process.</p>
<p>Stakeholder 322</p>	<p>Fisherman</p>	<p>1. The sonar and frequencies will have a big impact on the fish and drive the fish away. This is going to be the same as Denel where they tested the bombs in the sea. This had major consequences for the sea and fish populations. Now the fishermen must go 100 miles into the sea to find fish. There are hundreds of applications for oil and gas and minerals out there. They now want to come and blast, dig, etc. And it's going to have the same impact.</p> <p>You should go to the Department that approves these applications and say we are not looking for mining and prospecting here. There are applications all along the coast which means that along the entire length of the coast there will be prospecting and mining.</p> <p>Whether you're talking about prospecting or mining, it's all mining. These are just different levels of mining and both have impacts. Trans Hex came and banned us from certain areas and said we were not allowed to enter their concession area. There are many concession areas in the area (e.g. Brand's Bay) where they have pumped the area empty. The areas are now void of any marine life. Our fear is that this is going to be the same story. The area is also going to end up with no marine life.</p>	<p>1. I understand your concept about the bombs, but the consequences cannot be compared to prospecting. We understand that there are many prospecting and mining applications / activities and we take note of your concerns about this. Please note that they will not prospect or mine on reefs where lobster and many species of fish occur. They avoid these areas and any other important and sensitive areas. Please also note that they will not necessarily prospect or mine over the entire concession area. A section is usually selected within the concession area where prospecting or mining takes place. This will have to be confirmed with the geologist.</p> <p>We also want to make it clear that we are environmental consultants who also do not</p>

			<p>want to see the environment deteriorate and people lose their livelihoods. We must also be realistic and realise that the world is advancing. We are all consumers and the everyday products we use must come from somewhere. Nevertheless, there must be a balance between progress and the protection of the environment and community. As environmental consultants, we need to consider all of these things. We need to assess the pros and cons of prospecting for South Africa, consumers, the environment and the community. We therefore do not take sides, but collect and assess all the scientific facts, information and the community's concerns, and submit these in a report to the DMRE. They then make the final decision in terms of approving or rejecting the application. Unfortunately, we cannot prevent the prospecting or mining. We can provide the DMRE with all the information</p>
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			and facts as accurately as possible. We are here today to ask you to give us your concerns and input so that all the facts can appear in the report.
Stakeholder 400	Organization: Resident & Fisher Folk Women	<p>1. Wisdom is better than fine silver and gold. We in Doringbaai are not highly educated, we did not go to University, we do not have a scientific degree, but we received wisdom from the Lord and nature and the sea taught us.</p> <p>The people who want to come here do not know all the finer detail and works of the sea and seafloor here in Doringbaai. They can get a picture with the sonar and the samples they take, but they will never really know this area. Even with all their scientific wisdom, they will never really know the area. This knowledge and detail comes with experience and years of working and living in the area. It's mother nature and she works the way she wants.</p> <p>My father was also a fisherman and I learnt a lot from him. I especially learned a lot about the sea. I take all this knowledge and store it in my heart and pass it on to my children and grandchildren who will one day pass it on to their children. I learnt that there are three streams. If something goes wrong with the boat and it breaks or leaks, even if it is far outside Doringbaai, it will affect Doringbaai. The middle current pushes everything that the sea does not want ashore where my child and grandchild swim. We are not in a position to have swimming pools so this is their pool.</p> <p>I do not see in your presentation that you have identified potential problems and possible solutions. You should have a table with possible problems that may occur and the possible solutions to them. The people here can tell you what the dangers are going to be</p>	1. Thank you very much for this comment. We ask that you please also put it in writing for us so that we can include it in the report.
Stakeholder 305	Youth Leader	<p>1. With all these applications, how many mining vessels are going to be on the water at one time?</p> <p>2. As I understand it, they can be anything here from 5 years to 30 years.</p> <p>3. And as I understand it, they are going to take samples over that whole concession area. So they are going to be busy back and forth across the concession area for months.</p>	1. There are only a handful of these vessels available in Southern Africa that will do all the prospecting / mining activities. So there will only be a few vehicles at sea at a given time.

			<p>2. The prospecting work must be completed within 5 years, although it does not take that long. It can take anything from a few weeks to a few months to complete. It can be completed within the first year or over the five-year period. I can not comment on the mining at all now as it is not the process in question.</p> <p>3. Prospecting is not carried out over the entire concession area. The geologist selects a specific area within the concession area where samples will be taken according to the data they collect during the sonar. 3. Unfortunately, I cannot comment right now on exactly how big the area will be, or where in the concession area the target area will be. This will be confirmed with the geologist.</p>
Stakeholder 404	Organization: Resident of Doringbaai	<p>1. What worries me is that the people who are going to prospect here are not going to invest anything in the community. There is not going to be much job creation. Oceana came at one time and they came to get rich here. Then one day they decide they are done and close the factories and all the people lose their jobs and they take their salaries along too. I had big plans to go study, but then I could not, because I had to help my family to earn an income, after they lost their jobs.</p>	<p>1. I cannot answer on behalf of Trans-Atlantic Diamonds in terms of job creation and investment, but as I understand, Trans-Atlantic Diamonds wants to give the community a percentage of</p>

		<p>What will happen after the prospecting is that the people will no longer be able to fish. They will not have an income, nor will there be job creation for them as they will mostly use skilled people. If they cannot guarantee our community that they can repay any income that our people will lose or invest in our community, then they cannot come here to prospect.</p>	<p>the income they earn from mining. Please also note that Trans Atlantic Diamonds does not receive any revenue during prospecting, as no mineral extraction takes place. An income is only obtained during the mining process. So, one can only invest in the community during mining. Mining is not yet in question here and so I will not comment further on this. Trans Atlantic Diamonds wants to train local people from the area as crew members for the ship during prospecting and mining. However, it will only be a handful of people from Doringbaai and the surrounding towns and the positions will not be permanent as the prospecting will only take about 30 days. This is something that Trans Atlantic Diamonds will be able to further comment on.</p> <p>We are still busy with the prospecting phase and it is still to be determined if there is a resource. Once established we</p>
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			will look into community uplift programs and social development.
Stakeholder 313	Resident & Coastal Links	<p>It has been made very clear that this is an information session and that the next session will be an official meeting with a presentation.</p> <p>1. I would like to know what you base you socio-economic study on? Is it based on general information as obtained by the Municipalities and reports, or was a study done?</p> <p>If we as a community say it's fine for them to come and prospect, also want people from our community to be appointed.</p> <p>2. What happens to the minerals and diamonds they find in the samples during prospecting? They do not throw them back into the water, do they? Who monitors this and makes sure they do not sell them?</p> <p>3. Are you only talking to the community of Doringbaai or have you informed the people of other towns about this meeting as well?</p>	<p>1.The information is obtained from reports as published by the Matzikama Municipality, national census survey reports (Stats-SA database) and other published sources.</p> <p>Information about the fisheries is obtained from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. We requested the most recent data, but unfortunately it takes a minimum of six months to receive the data. It is not possible at this stage to collect accurate fishing data ourselves. Such surveys require a collaborative approach by the fishing community and various fisheries. It is not possible for the environmental consultants to collect such data within one basic assessment process. We call on the DMRE and DFFE to conduct an integrated joint</p>

			<p>survey to collect fisheries data on a monthly basis and to make the data available to environmental consultants and specialists.</p> <p>Do you as community currently have such a database where you record the catches of each day / week in Doringbaai?</p> <p>2. In terms of the diamonds found during prospecting. I cannot speak on behalf of TAD, and will confirm the answer with them, but as far as I am aware, the diamonds may not be sold. There will be a Scientific Officer on board who will have a responsibility to ensure that regulations are complied with. The Scientific Officer will report to the DMRE.</p> <p>3. We have informed people of Papendorp and Ebenhaeser of this meeting as well as all the government departments and stakeholders that are on our database. We will be distributing notices and posters at Papendorp, Koekenaap, Ebenhaeser and Lutzville to also inform the</p>
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			<p>people there about the public participation process and the meetings that will be held on 12 April 2022 in Doringbaai and 13 April 2022 in Ebenhaeser. This pre-consultation meeting is more for the people who live in the immediate vicinity of the concession area.</p>
Stakeholder 394.	Organisation: Resident	<p>First of all, I just want to say that we understand that you are only here to come and pass on the information to us and get our input.</p> <p>I have questions here that you should please give to the applicant so that they can give us comprehensive answers during the official meeting 12 April 2022.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What job creation / benefits will it bring to the local community? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will there be social development or scholarships for learners to develop their skills? • Will contributions be made to schools and other organizations? • This can all contribute to lowering school leavers and teenage pregnancies. 2. Is there an Integrated Environmental Study that will be done? 3. Then you asked who you should contact. With whom are you going to find out who the designated people are to represent the community of Doringbaai and have the final say? 4. The community is very uninformed about the rights they have regarding prospecting. 5. When you prospect / mine, you disturb the seabed and sediment is discarded back onto the seafloor and changes the habitat. 6. I understand and respect what you have come here for and understand that not everything will have an impact on the coastline 7. Can you please explain the abbreviations better, because there are many that you use. 8. What is the safety plan / contingency plan, should something happen? 9. In the long run, this project might work, and may have benefits for the community, but it will depend on many factors such as safety, sustainability of the project in terms 	<p>Thank you for the questions. It will be passed on to TAD so that they can provide complete answers to these on 12 April 2022. What I can say is that they want to provide an opportunity for members of the community to be trained to fill certain positions on the vessel. Then they also want to invest a percentage of the income they earn during mining in the community .</p> <p>We are still busy with the prospecting phase and it is still to be determined if there is a resource. Once established we will look into community uplift programs and social development.</p>

		<p>of the environment (environmental conservation), job creation and benefits for the community.</p> <p>10. We know that the activities are very technical and complex and that the community do not necessarily have the technical skills to do the work, but is there capacity for the company to train and hire a local person?</p> <p>11. Is the community going to gain anything if there is mining here? What does the community get back for what they give up?</p>	
Stakeholders 399 & 406	Sisterhood	<p>1. You must ensure that your public participation process is done in full and that you inform all the people in Doringbaai of the process. Everyone should be given the opportunity to participate. You have to advertise on the radio, in the newspaper, distribute notices etc. You have to hire the local young people to spread the notices between the neighbourhoods. This way you spread the word in Doringbaai and also help the youth to earn some money.</p> <p>There was a lot of confusion about the current meeting and not everyone was aware of it. The way you informed the community was therefore not sufficient. A few people spread it on Doringbaai's Social media page. All that people ask is that they are properly informed of the meetings.</p> <p>The fishermen are out at sea all week to provide for their families and just want to rest on a Friday night. This is their only time to rest. You therefore cannot expect people to attend a meeting on a Friday night.</p> <p>We are there to assist them and help fight this process. We are already raising money to appeal against the prospecting rights. If we find any gap in your report or the public participation process it will be used in court in their favour.</p> <p>2. There is a lot of concern about the impacts that these activities will have on marine life. The sound waves that will travel through the sea, the waste products, etc. What we hear from the majority of people here is that the community does not want prospecting in their area. They do not want mining operations in the area. Leave what is in the earth in the earth.</p> <p>3. Even if it is a South African company, it does not matter. Most of these companies are international companies and their way of gaining access to South Africa is by appointing and using a BEE company to apply on their behalf.</p> <p>4. We hear you say that our resources have to come from somewhere, but most of the community here rides bicycles, walks or uses public transport and is not dependent on</p>	<p>1. Thank you for your comments and input. We will follow your advice and appoint local young people to distribute the notices. Unfortunately, we are given very little time to inform the community, arrange a meeting and put together a report. These were therefore the only days we had available to hold a meeting. We thought it would be better to have a meeting on a Friday and Saturday, as people work during the week and are too tired to attend a meeting in the evening during the week. It's good to know that people do not want to attend a meeting on a Friday night. We have made sure that the official meeting (12 April 2022) does not fall over the weekend.</p>

		<p>fuel. Besides, we have to move away from oil because of climate change and its negative consequences. Where are all these earthquakes, tornadoes and natural disasters happening? Where the people impact and disrupt the earth</p> <p>5. We would like you, as independent environmental consultants, to look at the studies where people have been disadvantaged due to prospecting / mining and put this into the report to show that these activities will have a negative impact on the community. The future of the community, the environment, the habitat and the fish are threatened. If I could see such a study from you, I would believe that you are independent. You need to do a study that looks at the bigger picture. These companies have money and do not care about the community.</p> <p>You have to consider the impact on lobster and snoek, because that is the people's livelihood and income. The research used is very general and outdated. Efforts must be made to obtain current and accurate data. The constitution of South Africa does not say that mining is "core business", core business is "to make sure that the poor are uplifted". The core business is neglected and there is no effort to do the research.</p> <p>6. We cannot trust the government because it sells our people's birthright and existence. It does not care what the community says. We cannot wait for the government to make a decision, the independent environmental process we are doing now must capture the concerns, questions and comments as accurately as possible and be submitted to the government.</p> <p>7. We understand what you are saying about the short timeline and that this should be discussed with the DMRE as you are not given enough opportunity to do a proper public participation. This is something we are going to discuss with the DMRE.</p>	<p>2. We take note of your comments.</p> <p>3. We take note of your comments.</p> <p>4. We take note of your comments.</p> <p>5. Thank you for this input. As independent environmental consultants, we take the information and studies as provided to us by the specialists, as well as our own research, and submit it to the department. Unfortunately, there is no time within the short period that the DMRE gives us to do such a large-scale study. Such a study is what we would call a Strategic Environmental Assessment and requires a collaborative approach by various government departments, fishing organizations, universities and researchers. This is not something that one Environmental Consultant can do within one basic assessment process.</p> <p>6. We take note of your comments.</p> <p>7. We think it would be good if such comments from the</p>
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			public were addressed to the DMRE
Stakeholder 322	Fisherman	<p>1. Do not get me wrong, we understand that it can provide money for the unemployed youth, but you should actually do the work yourself. Actually, you have to pay all of us to attend the meeting. Do not come with cash rewards, shares, etc., because when you promise people money, that is when the corruption starts. I will, however, see who I can get to distribute the notices.</p> <p>2. The communities that were affected by the bomb tests at Denel have to go 100 miles into the sea to look for fish, and the petrol is now expensive, R24 / liter. And then one does not even get the catches you are looking for. This mining is going to affect the community just as adversely.</p> <p>3. EMG should have fishing data.</p> <p>4. The small-scale fishermen sail 5km or more to go fishing. They do not just catch fish close to shore.</p> <p>5. The government imposes this short timeline on you and then you impose it on us. Talk to the government to extend the timelines</p>	Thank you. We take note of your comments.
Stakeholder 305	Youth Leader	Can the people also mine with this application if it is approved?	No, the mining rights application is a separate process. Mining rights are only applied for after prospecting has been completed. This process also takes longer to complete.

<p>Stakeholder 115</p>	<p>NDPWI</p>	<p>The above-mentioned invitation has bearing. The notice to attend the meeting was received too late. I am responsible to provide comments on these mining/prospecting applications on behalf of my department, the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (NDPWI) and would like to place it on record that NDPWI has received the invitation only a week prior to the meeting. Furthermore that the meeting has been convened at a much unappropriated time. It is not possible for government departments that is situated in Cape Town to attend PPP meetings on a Friday evening. You are therefore requested to render an apology at the meeting for NDPWI and also to please place it on record that NDPWI were not sufficiently informed well in advance about the meeting. Furthermore I would like to recommend that you arrange another open day meeting during a week and that your meeting should start from 14:00 to allow officials from government department sufficient time to drive through to attend the meeting. As one of the larger role players wrt land in that area I will also have to inform the Department of Mineral Resources that we are not satisfied with the time of the meeting and the short notice provided to attend.</p>	<p>Thank you for getting in touch with us. The email below refers to a pre-consultation stakeholder meeting, one which precedes the official public participation process. Our intention was to receive any initial concerns from stakeholders before the start of the official public participation process. The stakeholder consultation report following this meeting will reflect, as requested, an apology for NDPWI and the reason for this as stated below. The official 30-day Public Participation Meeting will begin in April (date to be confirmed) and a Public Participation meeting will be held during this time. There will also be opportunity to comment on the Draft BAR during this time. We have noted your concerns regarding the timeframe within which the notice for the meeting was sent and the preferred day and time for the meeting and will take this into</p>
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