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**APPENDIX 2.2:**

**NOTIFICATION LETTER AND  
BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

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4 August 2015

Dear Sir / Madam

**RHINO OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION SOUTH AFRICA - PROPOSED EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN TWO AREAS OFF THE SOUTH-WEST COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA (PASA REF NO'S: 12/3/292 ER AND 12/3/293 ER): PROJECT NOTIFICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

This letter and attached Background Information Document (BID) provides information of the applications by Rhino Oil and Gas Exploration South Africa (Pty) Ltd ("Rhino") to undertake exploration activities for oil and gas in two exploration licence areas off the South-West Coast of South Africa.

In this regard, Rhino has lodged separate applications for Exploration Rights over each of these two areas with the Petroleum Agency of South Africa (PASA) in terms of Section 79 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA), as amended.

In terms of Section 79 of the MPRDA, a requirement for obtaining an Exploration Right is that the applicant must comply with Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended, with regards to consultation and reporting. In terms of NEMA, the proposed project requires Environmental Authorisation as it triggers Activity 18 in Listing Notice 2 (GN No. R984). As such a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (hereafter termed "SEIA") process must be undertaken in terms of the EIA Regulations 2014. Rhino has appointed CCA Environmental (Pty) Ltd (CCA) to undertake two separate SEIA processes (one per application) to meet the relevant requirements of both the MPRDA and NEMA.

A BID providing preliminary project details has been compiled and distributed for a 30-day comment period from **5 August to 7 September 2015** (which makes provision for the two public holidays in August). A copy of the BID is enclosed for your information.

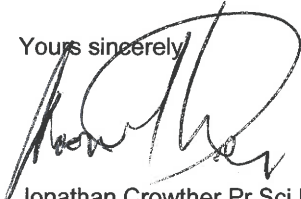
If you or your organisation would like to register as an interested and affected party and/or wish to raise any initial issues or concerns regarding either of these application processes, please make use of the attached Registration and Response Form and forward it to our Mr Jeremy Blood ([jeremy@ccaenvironmental.co.za](mailto:jeremy@ccaenvironmental.co.za)) by **no later than 7 September 2015**.

Notice is also hereby given that an Information-sharing Meeting will be held in **Cape Town on 20 August 2015**. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a basic overview of the Exploration Rights applications and allow an opportunity to raise any issues or concerns. The details of this meeting are provided below:

<b>Venue:</b>	Two Oceans Aquarium, Dock Road, V&A Waterfront: The Auditorium
<b>Time:</b>	17h30

Should you have any queries in this regard please do not hesitate to contact Mr Jeremy Blood.


Yours sincerely



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# APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION RIGHTS TO UNDERTAKE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN TWO EXPLORATION LICENCE AREAS OFF THE SOUTH-WEST COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

AUGUST 2015

### 1. INTRODUCTION

RHINO OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION SOUTH AFRICA (Pty) Ltd (“Rhino”) is proposing to explore for oil and gas in two exploration licence areas situated off the South-West Coast of South Africa (see Figure 1). In April 2015, Rhino lodged separate applications for Exploration Rights over each of these two areas with the Petroleum Agency of South Africa (PASA) in terms of Section 79 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA), as amended. PASA accepted both of these applications on 22 May 2015.

The two areas for which exploration rights are being applied are described below:

- *Inshore exploration licence area:* This exploration licence area includes various inshore blocks adjacent to the coast roughly between Saldanha Bay and Cape Agulhas. The area covers approximately 16 190 km<sup>2</sup> and extends from the coast out to a maximum water depth of approximately 350 m. The reference number relating to this application is 12/3/292 ER.
- *Offshore exploration licence area:* This exploration licence area (Blocks 3617 & 3717) is located approximately 190 km off the coast in water depths greater than 3 500 m. The area is approximately 13 279 km<sup>2</sup> in extent. The reference number relating to this application is 12/3/293 ER.

Rhino’s proposed initial three-year exploration programme for both exploration licence areas would include multi-beam bathymetry and 2D / 3D seismic surveys. These activities provide for the rapid collection of data and provide critical information regarding the exploration potential of these areas and would guide future exploration efforts.

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CCA Environmental (Pty) Ltd (CCA) has been appointed by Rhino to undertake two separate SEIA processes (one per application) to meet the relevant requirements of both the MPRDA and NEMA. In order to avoid duplication and I&AP confusion, the public participation process will, where possible, be combined and undertaken in parallel. Thus this Background information Document (BID) has been prepared for both exploration licence areas and associated SEIA processes.

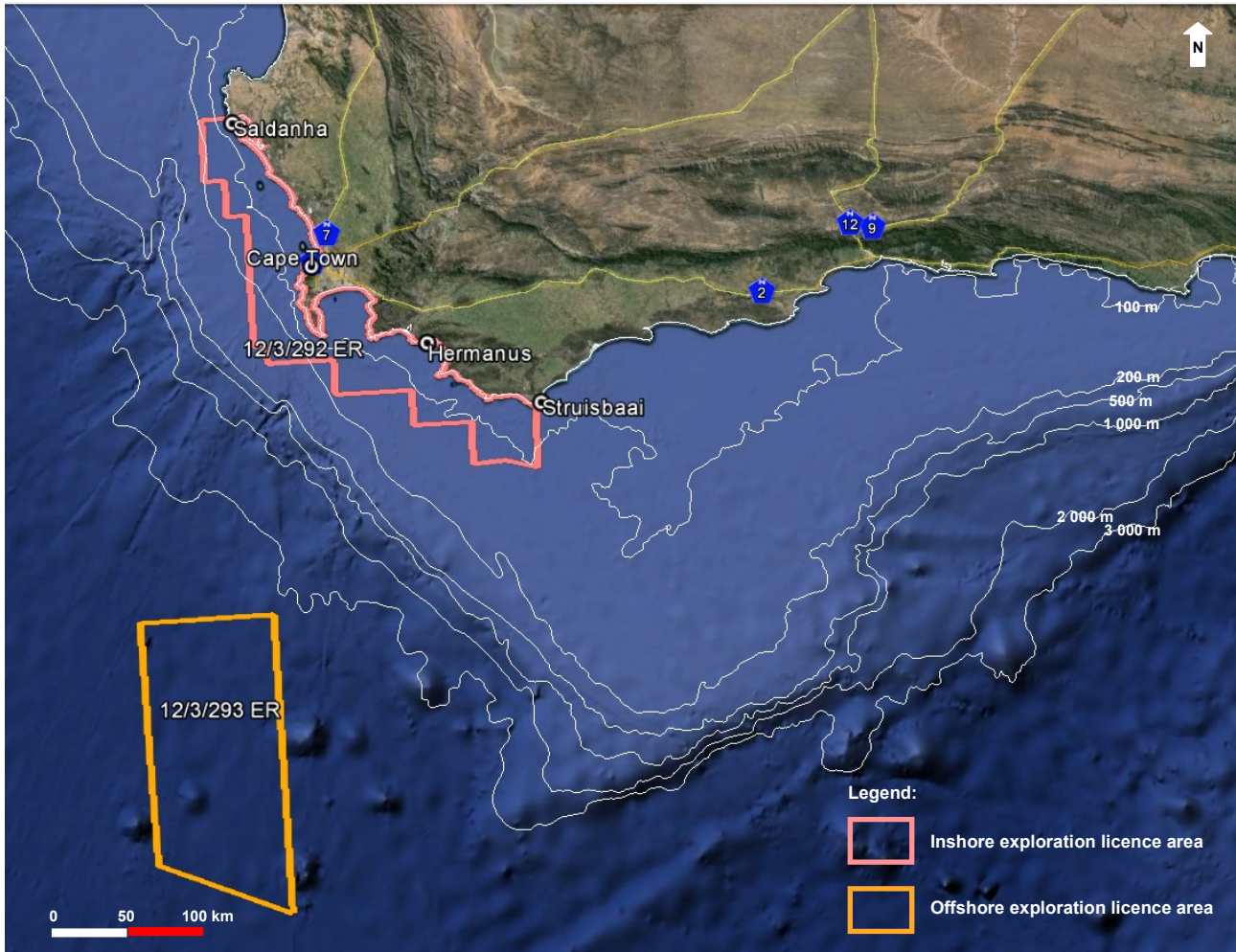
### 2. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This BID serves to:

- Inform I&APs that Rhino has lodged an application with PASA for an Exploration Right over each of two areas off the South-West Coast of South Africa;
- Provide a description of the proposed exploration activities;
- Highlight the key issues regarding the potential environmental impacts of the proposed activities;



- Provide a description of the proposed exploration well drilling operation and the SEIA process; and
- Provide I&APs with an opportunity to register on the SEIA process databases and provide initial comment on the proposed Exploration Right applications.



**Figure 1:** Location of Rhino's two Exploration Right application licence areas off the South-West Coast of South Africa (after Google Earth).

### 3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed exploration programmes in both exploration licence areas would commence with acquisition and collation of existing data. Thereafter multi-beam bathymetry and 2D/3D seismic surveys would be conducted to identify potential target areas for future exploration. The proposed activities associated with the exploration programme are described further below.

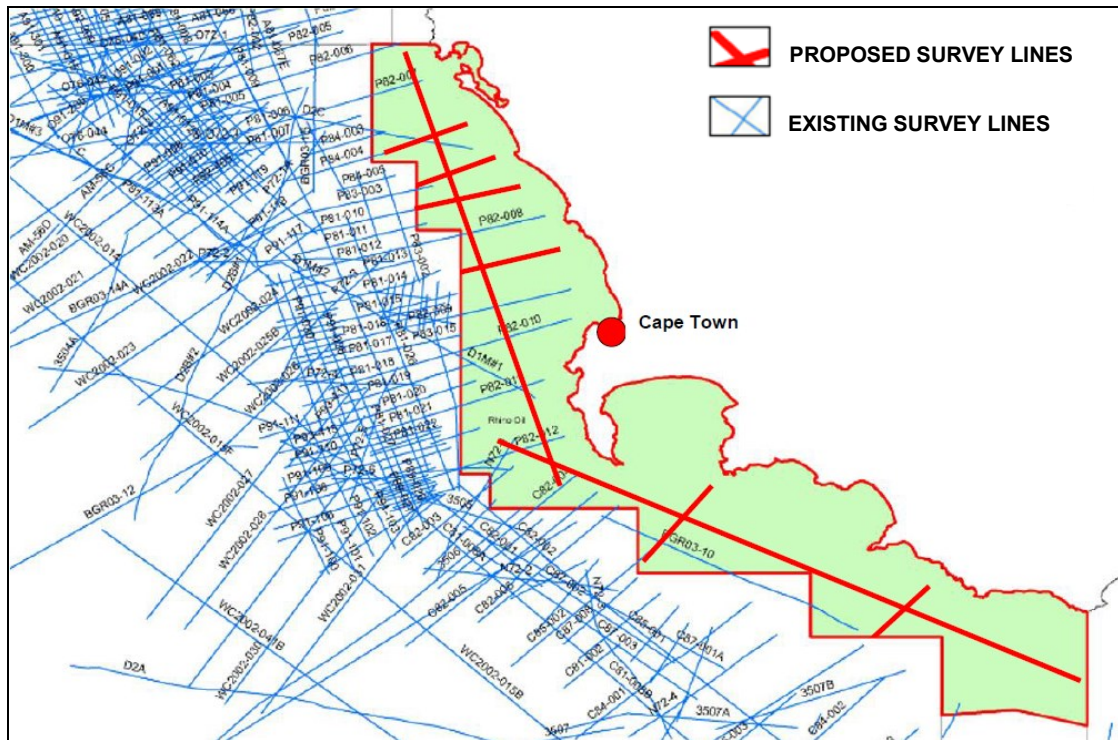
#### 3.1 MULTI-BEAM BATHYMETRY

The proposed multi-beam bathymetry survey would be conducted to provide an accurate measurement of seafloor depth and is planned to only take place along the proposed seismic survey target lines (see Section 3.2 below). The location of the survey lines are shown in Figure 2. It should be noted that no multi-beam bathymetry survey acquisition would be undertaken within a 10 km buffer off the coast. For the offshore exploration area, two alternative survey programmes are being considered by Rhino at this stage (see Figure 3).

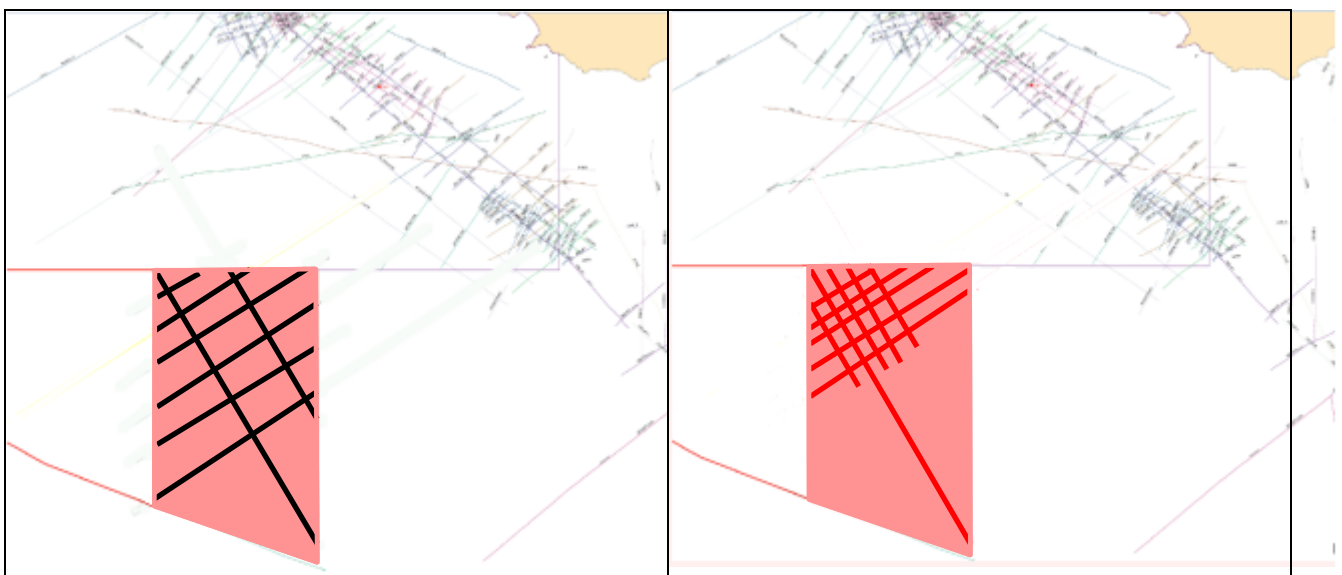
The survey vessel would be equipped with a multi-beam echo sounder to obtain swath bathymetry and a sub-bottom profiler to image the seabed and the near surface geology in the immediate vicinity of each core

and test location (see Section 3.4 below). The multi-beam system provides depth sounding information on either side of the vessel's track across a swath width of approximately two times the water depth. The multi-beam echo sounder emits a fan of acoustic beams from a transducer at frequencies ranging from 10 kHz to 200 kHz and typically produces sound levels in the order of 207 db re 1µPa at 1m. The sub-bottom profiler emits an acoustic pulse from a transducer at frequencies ranging from 3 kHz to 40 kHz and typically produces sound levels in the order of 206 db re 1µPa at 1m. This system produces a digital terrain model of the seafloor (see Figure 4).

It is anticipated that data acquisition would take in the order of 15 to 20 productive days per exploration area to complete at a vessel speed of 4 knots.

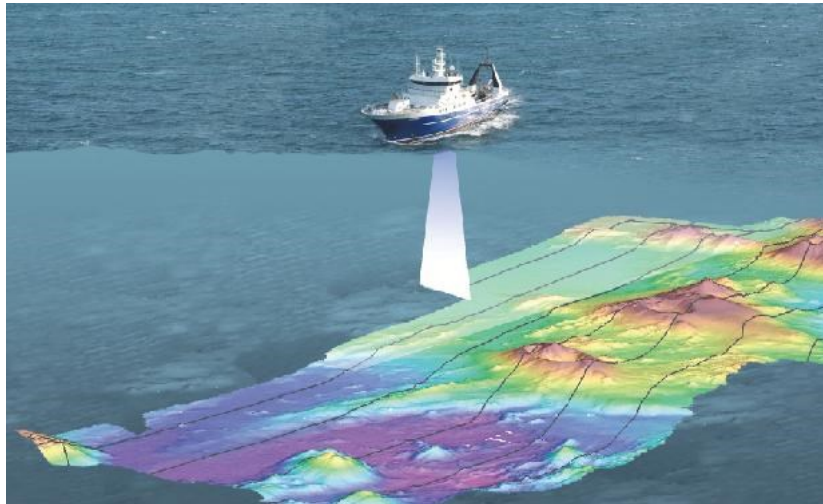


**Figure 2** Indicative multi-beam bathymetry and seismic survey lines in the inshore exploration licence area.



**Figure 3** Indicative alternatives for the multi-beam bathymetry and seismic survey lines in the offshore exploration licence area.





**Figure 4:** Illustration of a vessel using multi-beam depth/echo sounders (<http://www.gns.cri.nz/>).

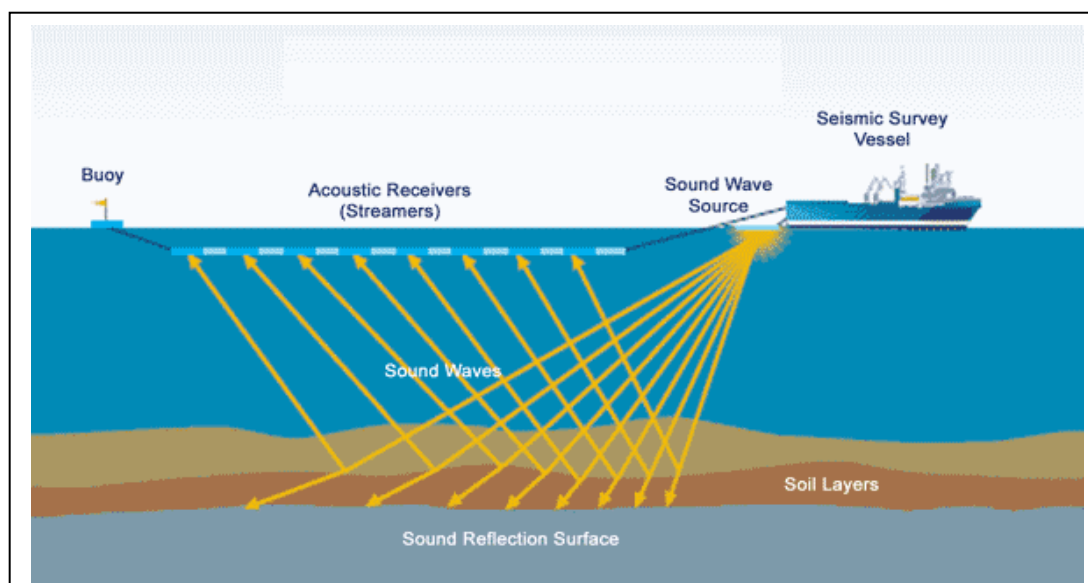
### 3.2 SEISMIC SURVEYS

#### Introduction

Seismic surveys are carried out during oil and gas exploration activities in order to investigate subsea geological formations. During seismic surveys, high-level, low frequency sounds are directed towards the seabed from near-surface sound sources towed by a seismic vessel. Signals reflected from geological interfaces below the seafloor are recorded by multiple receivers (or hydrophones) towed in a single or multiple streamer (see Figure 5). Analyses of the returned signals allow for interpretation of subsea geological formations.

Seismic surveys are undertaken to collect either 2D or 3D data. 2D surveys are typically applied to obtain regional data from widely spaced survey grids (tens of kilometres) and infill surveys on closer grids (down to a 1 km spacing) are applied to provide more detail over specific areas of interest. 3D surveys are typically applied to promising petroleum prospects to assist in fault interpretation, distribution of sand bodies, estimates of oil and gas in place and the location of exploration wells.

For this investigation Rhino is proposing to undertake acquisition of a 2D seismic survey within both exploration areas. A 3D seismic survey is also being considered for the offshore exploration licence area.



**Figure 5:** Principles of offshore seismic acquisition surveys (from fishsafe.eu).

### **Extent, duration and timing**

The proposed 2D seismic surveys would comprise a number of low density spaced survey lines covering the majority of the exploration areas (see Figures 2 and 3). As for the proposed multi-beam bathymetry survey, no seismic survey acquisition would be undertaken within a 10 km buffer off the coast. The inclusion of a 10 km buffer is based on previous seismic applications off the South and East coasts. The proposed 2D seismic survey would be minimum of 160 km and 200 km in total length for the inshore and offshore exploration licence areas, respectively. Once the initial 2D surveys have been undertaken the data would be analysed.

After data analysis further possible target areas may be identified for the offshore exploration licence area for 3D seismic surveying.

Although survey commencement would ultimately depend on a permit award date, availability of seismic contractors and other factors, it is anticipated that the survey would be undertaken during the summer of 2016/2017 and would take on the order of 15 to 20 productive days to complete per area. The summer period has specifically been selected in order to avoid the main cetacean migration / breeding period from June to December, as well as ensuring optimal sea state and weather conditions.

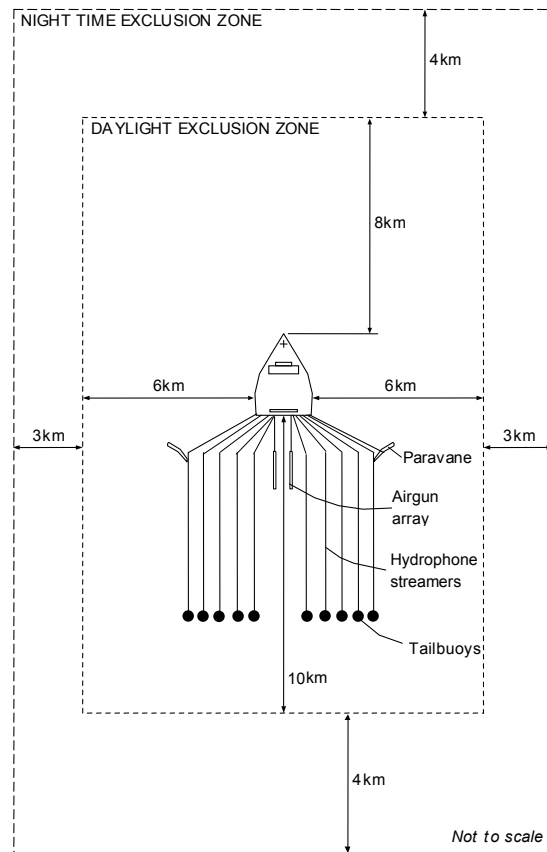
### **Survey methodology and airgun array**

The seismic vessel would travel along transects of a prescribed grid within the survey area that have been carefully chosen to cross any known or suspected geological structure. During surveying, the seismic vessel would travel at a speed of between four and six knots (i.e. 2 to 3 metres per second).

The seismic survey would involve a towed airgun array, which provides the seismic source energy for the profiling process, and a seismic wave detector system, usually known as a hydrophone streamer. The anticipated airgun and hydrophone array would be dependent on whether a 2D or 3D seismic survey is undertaken. The sound source or airgun array (one for 2D and two for 3D) would be situated some 80 m to 150 m behind the vessel at a depth of 5 m to 25 m below the surface. A 2D survey typically involves a single streamer, whereas 3D surveys use multiple streamers (up to 12 streamers spaced 100 m apart). The array can be up to 12 000 m long. The streamer/s would be towed at a depth of between 6 m and 30 m and would not be visible, except for the tail-buoy at the far end of the cable. A typical 3D seismic survey configuration and safe operational limits are illustrated in Figure 6.

### **Exclusion zone**

Under the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS, 1972), a vessel that is engaged in surveying or towing operations is defined as a “vessel restricted in its ability to manoeuvre” which requires that power-driven and sailing vessels give way to a vessel restricted in its ability to manoeuvre. Vessels engaged in fishing shall, so far as possible, keep out of the way of the seismic survey operation. Furthermore, under the Marine Traffic Act, 1981 (No. 2 of 1981), a vessel (including array of airguns and hydrophones) used for the purpose of exploiting the seabed falls under the definition of an “offshore installation” and as such it is protected by a 500 m safety zone. It is an offence for an unauthorised vessel to enter the safety zone. In addition to a statutory 500 m safety zone a seismic contractor would typically request a safe operational limit (that is greater than the 500 m safety zone) that it would like other vessels to stay beyond. Typical safe operational limits for 2D and 3D surveys are illustrated in Figure 6. Support vessels are usually commissioned as ‘chase’ boats to ensure that other vessels adhere to the safe operational limits.



**Figure 6:** Typical configuration for a 3D seismic survey operation. Safe operational limits applicable to both 2D and 3D surveys are also shown.

#### 4. KEY ISSUES TO BE INVESTIGATED

The following key issues and potential impacts have been identified in relation to the proposed exploration activities and will be addressed in the SEIA:

- Noise effects on marine fauna from the multi-beam bathymetry and seismic surveys;
- Effects on the fishing industry, including effects on fish behaviour, fish catches and cessation or displacement of fishing activities, as a result of noise effects and presence of survey vessels;
- Interference with marine recreational facilities and transport routes;
- Impact on tourism and recreation as a result of noise effects and presence of survey vessels; and
- Waste discharges to sea and atmosphere.

#### 5. SEIA PROCESS

The SEIA process has the following important objectives:

- To provide a reasonable opportunity for I&APs to be involved in the study;
- To ensure that all potential key environmental issues and impacts that would result from the proposed projects are identified;
- To identify feasible alternatives related to the project proposals;
- To assess potential impacts of the proposed project alternatives during the different phases of project development;
- To present appropriate mitigation or optimisation measures to minimise potential impacts or enhance potential benefits, respectively; and
- Through the above, to ensure informed, transparent and accountable decision-making by the relevant authorities.

The SEIA process consists of a series of steps to ensure compliance with these objectives and the EIA Regulations 2014 as set out in GN No. R982. The process involves an open, participatory approach to ensure that all impacts are identified and that decision-making takes place in an informed, transparent and accountable manner.

A diagrammatic representation of the SEIA process is presented in Figure 6.

## **5.1 SCOPING PHASE**

The key steps in the Scoping Phase where you can participate and provide input include:

- the distribution of BID (this document) for a 30-day comment period;
- attend Information-sharing Meeting (see Section 6 below regarding the details of the proposed information sharing meeting); and
- the distribution of a Scoping Report for a 30-day comment period.

All comments received during these steps will be assimilated and responded to in a Scoping Report. The Scoping Phase will culminate in the submission of the Scoping Report to PASA for acceptance.

## **5.2 EIA PHASE**

The purpose of this phase is to gather information and to undertake specialist studies to address the key issues identified during the Scoping Phase. The specialist information and other relevant information is then integrated into an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which will present the findings of the specialist studies, provide an assessment of the impacts of the proposed project and recommend management actions to enhance positive benefits or avoid/minimise potential negative impacts. The specialist studies identified thus far and their Terms of Reference are listed below.

### **Marine Faunal Assessment**

- Provide a general description of the local marine fauna and benthic biodiversity of the proposed exploration area based on current available literature;
- Identify, describe and assess the significance of potential impacts of the proposed exploration activities on the local marine fauna, focussing particularly on marine mammals and turtles, but including generic effects on fish and pelagic and benthic invertebrates; and
- Identify practicable mitigation measures to reduce any negative impacts and indicate how these could be implemented in the implementation and management of the proposed project.

### **Fisheries Assessment**

- Describe the fishing activities expected in and around the proposed exploration area;
- Undertake a spatial and temporal assessment of fishing effort in the proposed exploration area; Assess the significance of potential impacts of the proposed exploration activities on the fishing activities in terms of estimated catch and effort loss; and
- Identify practicable mitigation measures to reduce any negative impacts on the fishing industry.

The EIR will be made available for a 30-day comment and review period, after which it will be revised and submitted to PASA for decision-making.

## 6. YOUR INVITATION TO REGISTER AND COMMENT

If you or your organisation wish to register as an I&AP on the project databases and/or wish to raise any issues or concerns regarding the proposed projects, please make use of the attached Response Form and forward it to CCA (see contact details below) **no later than 7 September 2015**.

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<b>Location:</b>	Cape Town
<b>Venue:</b>	Two Oceans Aquarium, Dock Road, V&A Waterfront: The Auditorium
<b>Time:</b>	17h30

It should be noted that all registered I&APs will be notified when the Scoping Reports are available for review and comment.



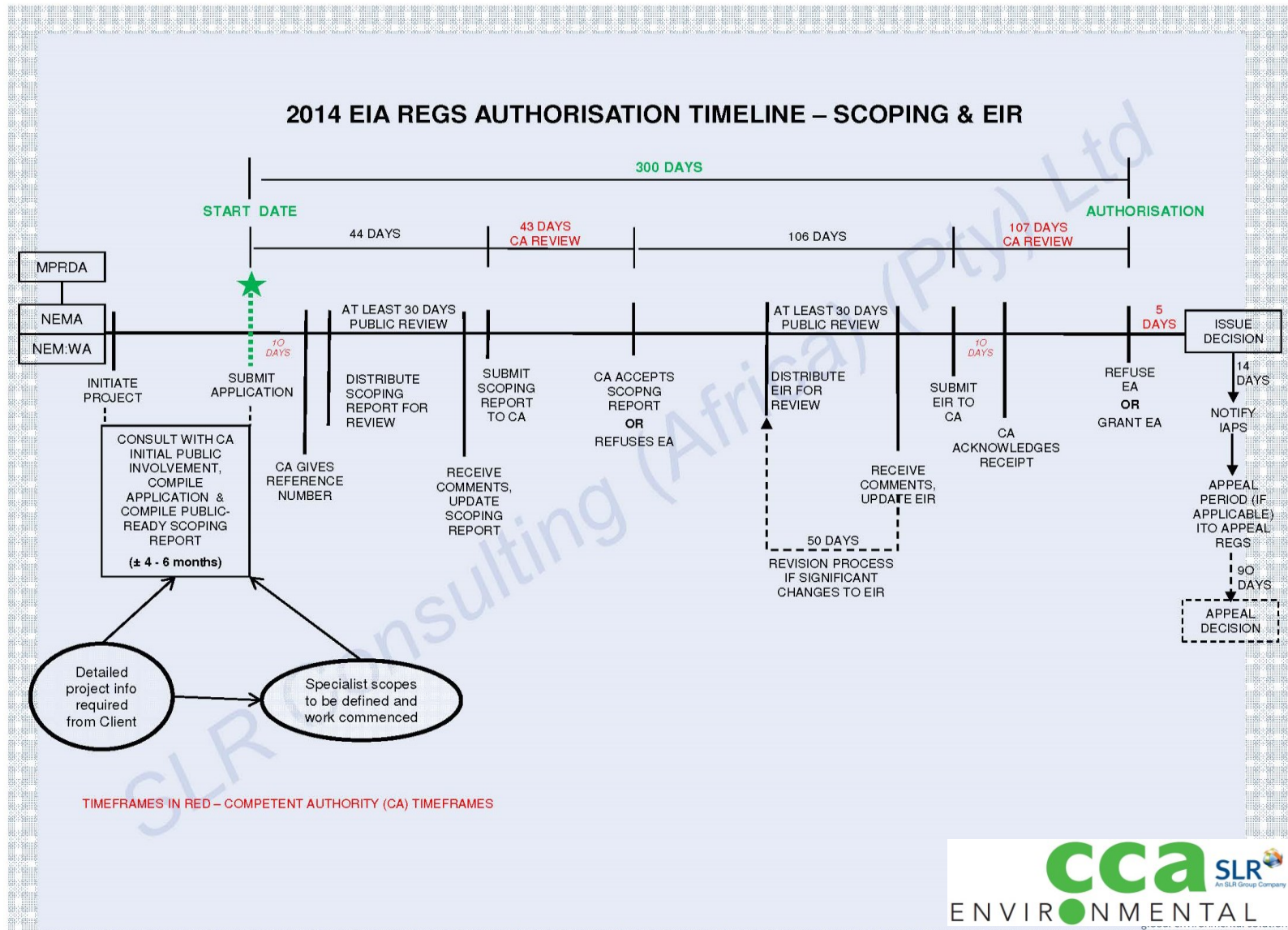


Figure 7: Diagrammatic representation of the SEIA process.





**APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION RIGHTS TO UNDERTAKE OIL AND GAS  
EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN TWO AREAS OFF THE SOUTH-WEST COAST OF  
SOUTH AFRICA**

(PASA REF NO'S: 12/3/292 ER AND 12/3/293 ER)

**INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY (I&AP) REGISTRATION AND RESPONSE FORM**

**Would you or your organisation like to become a registered I&AP and continue to receive information on the proposed projects? Please indicate area of interest below.**

Inshore licence area:

Offshore licence area:

Both:

**Name :**

**Organisation:**

**Postal address:**

**Email address:**

**Telephone number:**

**Fax number:**

**Do you or your organisation have any issues or concerns regarding the proposed exploration activities? If yes, please provide details below:**

Inshore licence area:

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Please forward to:  
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**Comments must reach  
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7 September 2015.**

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