
From: Glenda Webster <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 14:45
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: registration of interested and affected party

I am a citizen of the Republic of South Africa and all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently impacts me.

*I strongly object to the actions taken and to be taken by Total Energies in the oceans from **Mossel Bay to Cape St Francis** –*

Glenda Webster

[REDACTED]



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From: Jeffery White <j[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 17:26
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Registration

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To whom it may concern.

I wish to be kept informed about all developments with regard to the proposed work program as an IAP.

I am most interested and think that I am already registered as such, but this has been going on for such a long time.

Name : Jeffery Alan White.

ID: [REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED].

Living [REDACTED] KZN 4180



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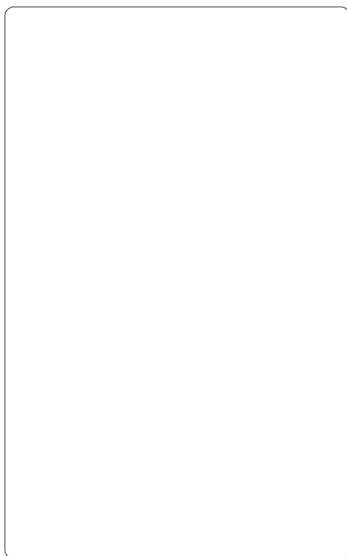
From: [REDACTED]
To: [TEEPSA EIA](#)
Subject: Objection to Total Energy's Gas exploration Mossel Bay to Cape St Francis
Date: Friday, 03 February 2023 13:21:29

To whom it may concern

I am a South African citizen and would like to register as an interested and affected party. The proposed Total Exploration project affects the health of the marine ecosystem which directly impacts on the health of all citizens. My objections include the following:

1. Exploration and Production will negatively impact marine, plant, bird and consequently human life.
2. Total Energies and partners are fully aware of this, in detail, and by the time real impact is apparent, the project is done, money pocketed, Total has moved on and the damage irreversible.
3. The risks of leaks, spills, blasts etc are unacceptable to even consider risking one. (see pg 7 of their brochure for more detailed risks [Brochure - Total Energies Draft Scoping Report](#))
4. Total Energies and their Partners, relinquish all responsibility, financial or otherwise, that may arise in the explored blocks after they're done with production and have moved out. This becomes the responsibility of the SA government.
5. They leave all their equipment, material etc on the seabed because it's too costly for them to remove.
6. The "reasons" of benefit to the economy, contribution towards alleviating the energy crisis, and job creation are fancy wrappings. The masses and the environment are worse off in the long run. Corrupt politicians, greedy and manipulative wealthy individuals and corporations are the designed benefactors and beneficiaries.
7. Impact on the Environment is Impact. Any response that states that an impact can be "managed", "minimised" or "mitigated" in any way, is intended as a deception.

Sincerely
Tereza Whittaker



From: Paul Wigley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 07:35
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: 1TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EISA) FOR THE PROPOSED OFFSHORE PRODUCTION RIGHT, ADDITIONAL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR BLOCK11B/12B - REF No: 12/4/13 PR

I would like to register as an interested and affected party to TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EISA) FOR THE PROPOSED OFFSHORE PRODUCTION RIGHT, ADDITIONAL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR BLOCK11B/12B - REF No: 12/4/13 PR

I think the ocean has been abused enough.
Let's not further destroy it.

Our future depends on becoming more sustainable not more extractive.

Regards
Paul Wigley
[REDACTED].

Subject: FW: Emailing 221215_TEEPSA-Block_11B12B-ESIA-_MeetingReplyForm_Eng_Final.pdf
Attachments: 221215_TEEPSA-Block_11B12B-ESIA-_MeetingReplyForm_Eng_Final.pdf

From: Gail Geraty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 03 February 2023 20:21
To: TEEPSA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>
Subject: Emailing 221215_TEEPSA-Block_11B12B-ESIA-_MeetingReplyForm_Eng_Final.pdf

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Registration, Comment and Public Meeting Reply Form

Draft Scoping Report: Thursday 01 December 2022 to Friday 03 February 2023

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Personal Information					
Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation / Department <i>(If applicable)</i>		
Mrs	Gail	Wild			
Contact Details					
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		[REDACTED] er		
[REDACTED]		Office			
		Home			
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?					
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
I will attend the following public meetings in 2023:					
16 January, Kwanonqaba Community Hall, Mayixhale St, Kwanonqaba, Mossel Bay	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	21 January, Seavista Hall, Geelbek Street, St Francis Bay	YES	NO
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18 January Thembalethu Community Hall, 66 Olympic Road, George	YES	NO	24 January, Feather Market Hall, 86 Baakens Street Port Elizabeth Central, Gqeberha	YES	NO
19 January, Khayeletu Community Hall, Mbethana Street, Knysna	YES	NO	25 January, Jauka Community Hall, Runeli Drive, Port Alfred	YES	NO
20 January, Piesang Community Hall, 7 Greenpoint Ave, Plettenberg Bay	YES	NO	26 January, Scenery Park Community Hall, 30 7 th Rd, Scenery Park, East London	YES	NO
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date		03.02.2023		
	Signature		Gail Wild		

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Stakeholder database reference number	
	Signature of data capturer

COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use additional pages.

I have the following comments regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

I am objecting to the Licensing because there is a strong economic, social, ecological and national and global argument against any activity that endangers our local and global ecosystem while seeking to exploit an energy source whose time has already passed because it has started to and will continue to destroy the viability of living space and our planet.

You are welcome to distribute this form to friends/colleagues who may be interested in the proposed project so that they also can register as an Interested and Affected Party.

Please return the Registration, Comment and Reply form to:

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd

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THANK YOU!

Subject: FW: Offshore production for Blocks 11B/12B by Total Enterprises.
Attachments: SKM_550i23020310000.pdf

From: Jiv <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 03 February 2023 10:30
To: TEEPSA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>
Subject: Offshore production for Blocks 11B/12B by Total Enterprises.

Dear Sir/Madam

Please see attached.

Kind regards,
John Wills.
Chairman
Jongensfontein Ratepayers Association.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation / Department (if applicable)
MR	JOHN	WILLS	TONGENSPONTEIN RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION.
Contact Details			
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Email / Fax Number
[REDACTED]	Office		[REDACTED]
	Home		
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?			
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please include my details on WSP's database to contact me about future projects in my area			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date	1 FEB 2023.	
	Signature		

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COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use additional pages should you so wish.

I have the following comments to make regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

ON BEHALF OF THE JONGENSFONTEIN
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION WE ARE STRONGLY
OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED OFFSHORE
PRODUCTION FOR BLOCKS 11B/12B BY
TOTAL ENERGIES.

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THANK YOU!

From: Andrew Witte <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, 31 January 2023 09:59
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Comments on Draft Scoping Report PROJECT NO. 41105306
Attachments: TotalEnergies EP Comments.pdf

Good Morning,

Please find attached my comments/questions on the Draft Scoping Report for the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) For the Proposed Offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Applications for Block 11B/12B.

Thank you,
Andrew Witte

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January 23

TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V.

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) For the Proposed Offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Applications for Block 11B/12B - REF NO: 12/4/13 PR

PROJECT NO. 41105306

Draft Scoping Report Comments

Andrew Witte
SubMarine Consultancy
Port Alfred

Page/Section	Comment/Questions
Section 2	None of the EAP's listed here were at the Port Alfred public meeting!
Section 4/7	My concern is that the need and desirability is disingenuous. Let's take the case of Mozambique where in 2021 Total withdrew from the liquefied natural gas (LNG) project near Palma on the Afungi peninsula. Mozambique has been riddled with conflict and corruption, and the LNG industry has resulted in economic distortion through promised economic benefits, which have not materialised. Its easy to sell the idea that NG can contribute to the energy crisis in a country where there is a huge deficit of power, and high unemployment but I am doubtful that the need is actually that great in the light that SA does not have the infrastructure, and the whole project is very localized to Mossel Bay. It is a concern that this is an economic distortion by TotalEnergies EP, together with its joint venture partners.
Pg 5 Sec 5 line 2	Full stop duplicated
Section 7	<p>One of the greatest issues noted, is the clear absence of sufficient baseline data in deep-sea ecosystems that TotalEnergies is exploring. There are many direct impacts from these activities including the infrastructure installation, which can result in sediment resuspension and burial by seafloor anchors and pipelines, typically a radius of ~100 m on from the installation on the seafloor, discharge of water-based and low-toxicity oil-based drilling muds which can extend over 2 kms, and ecological impacts at the population and community levels on the seafloor which can be in the order of 200–300 m from their source (Cordes et al. 2016). These impacts may persist in the deep sea for many years and likely longer for its more fragile ecosystems, such as cold-water corals (Cordes et al. 2016). I think this draft report needs to emphases this more as it is really only noted section 10.</p> <p>Concern also needs to be expressed towards the difficult conditions of this venture which increases the potential risk of accidents that may result in serious marine pollution. Sutton (2014) quotes a string of incidents—all suggesting an unfavourable trend in offshore oil and gas extraction, naming major companies such as Enbridge, Chevron, ExxonMobil, and Shell and the lists of incidents that have occurred. Again, I don't think enough emphases is made around this.</p> <p>A question, what is the noise generation during the drilling of wells and how far can this noise potentially travel? Could this potentially impact things like</p>

	<p>Also, there is a large body of research that shows that the drilling and extraction of natural gas from wells and its transportation in pipelines results in the leakage of methane, primary component of natural gas that is 34 times stronger than CO₂ at trapping heat over a 100-year period and 86 times stronger over 20 years (Myhre et al. 2013). How does TotalEnergies plan to mitigate these problems?</p> <p>References</p> <p>Cordes, E. E., D. O. B. Jones, T. A. Schlacher, D. J. Amon, A. F. Bernardino, S. Brooke, R. Carney, D. M. DeLeo, K. M. Dunlop, E. G. Escobar-Briones, A. R. Gates, L. Génio, J. Gobin, L. A. Henry, S. Herrera, S. Hoyt, M. Joye, S. Kark, N. C. Mestre, A. Metaxas, S. Pfeifer, K. Sink, A. K. Sweetman, and U. Witte. 2016. Environmental impacts of the deep-water oil and gas industry: A review to guide management strategies. <i>Frontiers in Environmental Science</i> DOI: .</p> <p>Myhre, G., D. Shindell, F.-M. Bréon, W. Collins, J. Fuglestedt, J. Huang, D. Koch, J.-F. Lamarque, D. Lee, B. Mendoza, T. Nakajima, A. Robock, G. Stephens, T. Takemura, and H. Zhang. 2013. Anthropogenic and natural radiative forcing. In <i>Climate change 2013: The physical science basis: Contribution of Working Group I to the fifth assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change</i>, edited by T.F. Stocker, D. Qin, G.-K. Plattner, M. Tignor, S.K. Allen, J. Boschung, A. Nauels, Y. Xia, V. Bex, and P.M. Midgley. Cambridge, England: Cambridge University Press, 659–740. Online at www.climatechange2013.org/images/report/WG1AR5_Chapter08_FINAL.pdf.</p> <p>Sutton, I. 2014. <i>Offshore Safety Management</i> Second. Elsevier. DOI: 10.1016/C2013-0-13063-2</p>
References	<p>I haven't checked all references but noted that Harris et al 2022 not in reference list but is used in text pg65. I suspect other references are missing so a check needs to be done on all references.</p>
General Editing	<p>I have noticed some general editing inconsistency eg some lists use full stops and others use semi-colons and others are a mix of colons, semi-colons, commas and full stops. There</p>
General Comment	<p>I recognise this is a scope report and is trying to review and identify the gaps in knowledge. I think more emphasis is needed on ecological aspects and spatial impacts of activities from drilling. But overall, I think that WSP has done a good job on this draft and commend the professional manner in which they have conducted themselves.</p> <p>I think importantly natural gas production will not solve the climate crisis, nor energy crisis in South Africa, but I guess its the "lesser evil" option compared to other fossil fuels. I just question the promises of prosperity that this is selling and the true impact that it will have on the ocean environment. The cost is definitely greater than this report suggests.</p>

From: Kayla <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, 04 February 2023 10:56
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Gas pipelines in the Outeniqua Basin

I hereby object to the testing for potential oil and gas sites within the Outeniqua Basin.

My grounds for objection are:

Seismic testing is harmful to tge whales & dolphins that reside in these waters. These creatures are a huge tourism draw card & harming them will almost certainly have a negative impact on the tourism industry which is a major income & employment generator along this coastline.

The inevitable leaks & spills should oil be discovered will be detrimental to the natural environment which would lead to a decline in fish stocks. This will affect the local population, many of whom rely on their fresh catch to sustain their families.

One should bear in mind that the profits from harvesting oil and gas go into the pockets of an elite few and do not benefit the local population in any meaningful way.

The environmental degradation has a long term effect that profit seeking corporations do not care about - as long as it's not on their doorsteps.

Sincerely

Kayla Wolfaardt

[REDACTED]
Plettenberg Bay

The Whale Shop

From: Nicky van Eck Zolezzi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 09:44
To: TEEPSA EIA
Cc: Nicky van Eck Zolezzi
Subject: TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V. - Application for Block 11B/12B

Please receive my comment on Total's plan to drill and build new gas pipelines off Mossel Bay in the Outeniqua Basin.

It concerns me for the below reasons. And therefore I object to thebTotalEnergies's application for Block 11B/12B

1. This area lies in the middle of the Agulhus Current which is a major highway for Whale and Sardine migration. It will effect their livelihood, and as a consequence effect out oxygen levels.
2. Borders on a Marine Protected area.
3. Karpowership are dangerous to ocean health.
4. Gas and Oil is a super high risk to the environment, tourism and other economic endeavours along coastline.
5. Contribute to green-house gases and release of carbon stores of seabed sediment.
etc etc
6. Tremendous sounds and air pollution caused.

Please confirm receipt of my objection.

Warm regards

Nicky Zolezzi

id-[REDACTED]

Mobile-[REDACTED]

Email-[REDACTED]

From: Sinegugu Zukulu <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 18:26
To: [REDACTED]; TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Re: Public comment about the proposed production

Dear Teepsa

I would like to voice my objection to the drilling or start of an operation to drill for oil and gas in our east coast for Total energies or for any body for that matter for the following reasons:

- 1) Our Indian ocean is home so some of the biggest migration of fish in the subcontinent such as whales.
- 2) The biggest shoal on earth which is composed of sardine run, sharks, birds, dolphins etc that all join a unique journey of sardine run. This journey creates sustainable revenue for our country.
- 3) Allowing this operation puts us on a path for a risk of oil spill. If an oil spill happens these following will be impacted; NWe as coastal communities are dependent on the ocean for many spiritual reasons such as Amatola (Traditional healers who use the ocean). Many African independent churches that use the ocean for baptismal ceremonies. Traditional healers Amagqirha use the ocean as part of training in coastal communities. Our ancient ancestors reside in the ocean. PROTECTION OF OCEANS FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION THROUGH TOURISM WOULD BE THE WAY TO BENEFIT ALL.
- 4) The time for reliance on fossil fuels is over and our country should move away. Coastal communities are the most vulnerable to climate change. We have seen how the recent floods killed mainly the poor. We need to move away from fossil fuels. This scheme will of cause enrich the few shareholders of total energy while impacting the lives of many who rely on the ocean.

Our Indian Ocean has got some of the highest number of endemic fish species that deserve to be protected for sustainable eco-tourism development.

NB: If I'm not registered as IAP please register me.

Regards

Regards

Sinegugu Zukulu (Mr)
Sinegugu Zukulu (Mr)

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Skype name: [REDACTED]

e-mail: [REDACTED]

From: Matt Zylstra <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 16:35
To: TEEPSA EIA; ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: I&AP Comment on Draft Scoping Report

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir / Madam,

As coastal and marine scientists / oceanographers previously and currently active on the Southern Cape, my wife and I would like to register as I & APs.

Notwithstanding the purported motivations, the need to secure energy generation and augment national energy supply etc, we nonetheless hold major concerns with this proposed Phase 3 operation. Such concerns are primarily related to the potential environmental impacts, especially given the sensitive location along the continental shelf and within the all important Agulhas current, the lifeblood of this sensitive ecosystem and utilised by many oceanic species, numerous of which are vulnerable or endangered. Additionally there are numerous social-economic and cultural concerns.

To their credit, TEEPSA acknowledges much in their Draft Scoping Report Non-Technical Summary and we reiterate these valid risks with particular concerns about:

- Ability of this sensitive coastline (about which much is still unknown) to absorb the impacts of operations, especially if any accidents occurred.
- Impacts on sea water and sediment quality at drilling sites and current drift of those.
- Impacts on plant and animal life on the sea bottom in areas where wells are drilled, or project infrastructure is installed;
- Attraction & incineration of individual birds (esp rare & vulnerable pelagic species) from well stem test flaring at the drillship, effluent impacts etc;
- Noise effects on marine life (especially cetaceans, but all marine life, given how far noise travels underwater) due to sound from construction related activities, and associated physical and behaviour disturbance;
- Sonar effects from continued survey activities, resulting in injury or mortality;
- Loss of small-scale/artisanal fishing grounds due to project infrastructures and their exclusion zones;
- Social unrest in coastal communities due to the perception of project negative impacts on fisheries combined with very limited local benefits; and
- Potential impacts on human cultural heritage and spiritual connections to the ocean and coastline, which is of sacred value to communities, especially along this coastline, with a long history of connection to the sea.
- The legacy of the operation site at the end of their lifespan. Rehabilitation of the site(s) (where possible) and retrieval of demersal (sea-floor) infrastructure is absolutely essential.

Perhaps I have missed it in all the documentation, but I would like to see a(n) (second) independent risk analysis plan of the above, with a matrix of the likelihood of the risks occurring, a severity rating if they did occur and the proposed mitigation measures in place. I would expect that the liability /responsibility of accidents rests with the TEEPSA consortium and does not get transferred to national/public liability.

We also note that if this is being partially motivated as a climate/future-proofing project, then all measures need to be put into place to minimise harmful emissions. The environmental impact of fossil fuels is widely acknowledged and, in 2023, we would expect that the strictest and most progressive measures are being implemented (including renewable energies) to mitigate or offset the pollution/emissions caused by all operations (from drill site to terrestrial site)

Unfortunately the track record of oil and gas operations - with destructive social-ecological legacies that I have witnessed first hand - does not lend me to easily endorse such projects, even with thorough the EIAs that otherwise read well. Too often, as we see public interest in the matter wane, extraordinary profits transferred to the (foreign) consortiums, environmental impacts 'swept under the rug' (especially in the relative 'invisibility' of the deep sea) and the legacy of social and ecological cleanup left with the impoverished coastal communities (and incapacitated governments), who have gained little benefit from the operations. Nor do we have much faith in the political representatives to hold operations to account.

My preferred outcome, given the number and magnitude of risks, is that this venture does not proceed off what is an incredibly important, sensitive and biodiverse coastline, and recognised internationally as such. I remain unconvinced of the risk-benefit - and whether the purported benefits to the local economy or even to a national energy supply that is in need of huge reform, will actually accrue, especially when it is mismanaged to the extent that it is.

If it were to still proceed and given this exploration is clearly going to be a lucrative undertaking, we would expect that strict

mitigation measures are enforced, that there is regular independent on-going monitoring of all operations or and that any clean-up is legally binding during and at conclusion of the projects lifespan.

Thank you for taking these matters onboard for future discussions.

Matthew Zylstra, PhD
SACNASP, Professional Natural Scientist (Reg. [REDACTED])

From: Rami Abiad <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 19 December 2022 11:24
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Proposed Offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Applications for Block 11B/12B

Hell,

I have read the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Proposed Offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Applications for Block 11B/12B.

Furthermore the Block 11B/12B joint venture is currently negotiating the gas offtake with potential customers in Mossel Bay. As I understood Total is working on the gas offtake agreement with PetroSA and/or Eskom with a State guarantee to reduce payment risk

Will this gas offtake agreement affect this application when it is signed, and will this happen (the signing) before the Public perusal period that ends 3rd of February 2023?

Sincerely
Rami

From: Caroline Ablitt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 03 February 2023 16:03
To: TEEPSA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>
Subject: S&EIA for block 11B/12B

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Mrs	Caroline	Abl. H			
Contact Details					
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Email / Fax Number		
[REDACTED]	Office		[REDACTED]		
	Home				
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I have the following comments regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

We should all be seeking to find
alternative energies. Our Planet
can no longer survive with so much
use and damage of fossil fuels.
Invest in our future not our
demise.

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THANK YOU!

Subject: FW: S & EIA Total Energies for Block 11B/12B
Attachments: Total Energy Wild Coast Feb 23.pdf

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 February 2023 21:15
To: TEEPSA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>; ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>
Subject: S & EIA Total Energies for Block 11B/12B

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find attached comment form for the above.

Cheers,
Pete Ablitt

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Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation / Department (If applicable)		
Mr.	Peter	Ablitt	/		
Contact Details					
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Email / Fax Number		
[REDACTED]		Office	[REDACTED]		
		Home	[REDACTED]		
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?					
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Please spend this money to invest in Alternative Energy Research. Fossil fuels have a limited future. What gives us the right to use it all up.

Please consider the planet not your pocket.

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THANK YOU!

From: Sabrina Adams <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 14:47
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection to oil and gas exploration

To whom it may concern,

I would like to raise my objection to Total's plan to drill and build new gas pipelines off Mossel Bay for the following reasons:

1. The planned area is an environmentally sensitive area which lies in the middle of the Agulhus Current that is a major highway for Whale and Sardine migration.
2. The planned area borders on a Marine Protected area.
3. Government officials stand to gain massively from the proposed x R8 billion annual income
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Please stop this!

Best,
Sabrina

From: Melissa Adey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 07:58
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection to Gas and oil Pipeline off Mosselbay

To whom it may concern

I hope this finds you and your family well.

My plea and objection to this project moving forward is to consider future generations and our fragile marine life.

Please, I wholeheartedly object to this going ahead.

Thank you may my voice be added and heard today.

Melissa

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Melissa Adey

Travel Specialist

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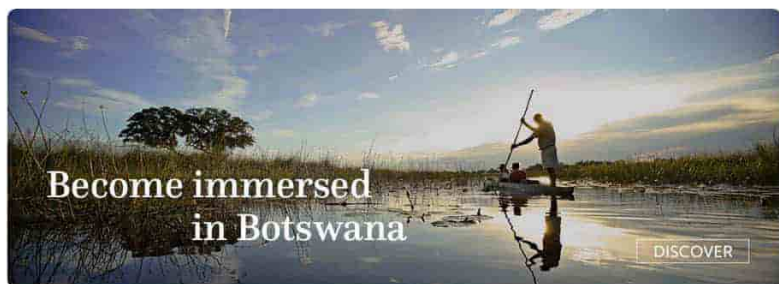
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From: Louis, Aldrich AC <[REDACTED]>

Sent: 11 January 2023 08:25

To: TEEPSEA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>; Adam, Mohamed M <[REDACTED]>; Hattingh, Johan CJ <[REDACTED]>; Stephens, Dylan DE <[REDACTED]>; Siebritz, Shoenay SA <[REDACTED]>; Griffiths, Gavin GA <[REDACTED]>; Lourens, Erwee E <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Total Energies Block 11B/12B Public Comment

Hello TEEPSEA/WSP

Regarding the **TOTALENERGIES EP SOUTH AFRICA B.V. | ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) FOR THE PROPOSED OFFSHORE PRODUCTION RIGHT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATIONS FOR BLOCK 11B/12B - REF NO: 12/4/13 PR**

See attached comment.

Kind Regards

Aldrich Louis | Senior Manager
ArcelorMittal South Africa

Saldanha Works
Private Bag X11, Saldanha, 7395

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MR	ALDRICH	LOUIS	ARCELORMITTAL
Contact Details			
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Email / Fax Number
	Office		
	Home		
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?			
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops			YES NO
Please include my details on WSP's database to contact me about future projects in my area			YES NO
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date	10 JAN 2023	
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COMMENT(S)

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I have the following comments to make regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

Energy, in particular gas and condensate should not simply be exported but local use and beneficiation should be prioritised. Also opportunities beyond gas-to-power should be explored, of which gas use in the steel industry for iron ore reduction is one such example and can contribute to the local decarbonisation of our steel industry.

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THANK YOU!

From: Natver Amtha <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 21:42
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Mossel Bay off shore exploration project

I am in favor of going ahead with this project as it will create huge, much needed employment and business opportunities for RSA. This will also make the country to a certain extent self sufficient in the supply of gas and other byproducts. There is also PetroSA close by that can be utilized with the runoff from these products. The area has for many years been used for the gas and oil exploration and has no negative incidents or effect offshore and on land up till now. I give a big thumbs up for a go ahead for the exploration in the area.

Sent from my iPad

Natver Amtha
Purchasing Director

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From: Julie Anderson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 15:14
To: TEEPSA EIA
Cc: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: Re: TEEPSA's proposed offshore Block 11B/12B development project
Attachments: EPSON015 signed letter.pdf

Included is a signed letter scanned as part of my application.

Sent from Julie Anderson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 02 Feb 2023, at 14:55, Julie Anderson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Plettenberg Bay regarding the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Application for Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa distributed on 15 December 2022 refers.

Attention: WSP Public Participation Office

Contents as follows:

My full Name Julie Anderson

My email address: [REDACTED]

My contact Number: [REDACTED]

Referring to the TEEPSA Block 11B/12B scoping public meeting presentation from the website

<https://www.wsp.com/en-za/services/public-documents>

1. Proximity to sensitive areas

There are two unexplained (greenish) colours in the key of the maps pages 11 and 64 of the

The platforms and existing wells are conveniently placed and grouped where these areas briefly part.

The block proximity is bordering on ie touching critical biodiversity areas with proposed exploration areas marked well into critical areas.

Whaling information from 1960 cannot possibly give us the information we require to indicate that the the two marine mammal species identified will be the only two most affected. Also The list of threatened, critically threatened and near extinction

species (pages 56-59 and page 53) is far too large to even consider allowing for any further exploration and or proposed production for the block under application and scrutiny. It would seem the block size has been determined by the sensitive areas that have been studied and borders (as in touches) these areas. The sensitive areas are marine areas and therefore cannot be subjected to a walled pool that will restrict movement, overlapping WILL occur and the entire block is simply too close to consider granting licenses.

Any and all of these marine protected and critical biodiversity areas should be given a much wider berth and the environmental departments of the government should not allow licenses to even begin processing if they fall within these areas. This is therefore the fault of the department responsible for marine protection to entertain and allow the applicant to further the process of applying. This would have saved the applicant and their predecessors billions of rands. The applicant could possibly lawfully argue that damages be paid by that department and also implicated is the department of energy and minerals as they signed off on the surveys supplying the data to the petroleum industry.

Every aspect of the area under consideration is fragile ecologically. It is widely known that disturbance in the ecology has DIRECT impact on communities reliant on ocean resources. It is also widely known that the population most affected is low income families who will be force below the poverty line. If this is acceptable to the Chairman, executives and shareholders of Total Energies then they should definitely proceed. It the notion that what they need in order to profit in any way has any affect as dire as poverty on any single family seems preposterous to the Chairman, executives and shareholders of Total Energies then they should abandon this application.

2. The unlawful seismic information gathered illegally in December 2021-2022 as well as all surveys that happened prior should be confiscated and not allowed to be used as part of the production process. It should be wiped from all memory and if exploration is what they need to confirm their suspicions that oil and gas exist there then they need to reapply to survey. The illegal seismic surveys cannot be reversed, the damage was done and future impact unknown but conveniently presumed to have none by the entire oil and gas industry.
3. What is so concerning is that rather than have a fully documented well presented safe and secure environment presentation, each new applicant for this block modifies their EIA based on the pushback they receive from the small (gaining momentum) environmentally concerned groups who relentlessly battle the giants of oil and gas. With most recent wins as court battles and the largest national environmental protest campaign encouraging concerned people of the country and the world the voice to say and then to stop further damage to the vulnerable environment heading for climate disaster.
4. Thank you for hearing the outcry and stopping the process (Regardless that it was by force of court order and not voluntary) this has allowed the applicant to obtain the necessary information to appease the affected parties. Undoubtedly Total energies were expecting an outcome in their favour but the more new applicants research the area, the more evident it is that this should definitely NOT proceed any further then it already has.

5. I propose the department of environment, forestry and fishery should immediately apply to have the now well researched area declared a world heritage site. Therefore no single other applicant will be allowed to consider to apply to any interfering activities listed in the table on page 67 ever. In fact I would go so far as to propose it be named the Total Energies Marine conservation area. (As a token of appreciation for all the environmental data made available in the process)
6. The application was not for nought, the push back from I&AP allowed for further studies and investigation. We could possibly see the marine protected areas of south africa increase considerably which will look like a win to the government departments concerned. It will be well received by the global community and demonstrate willingness to listen to citizens and protect the environment and most vulnerable coastal communities.

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Sent from Julie Anderson


[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation / Department (If applicable)
Mrs	Julie	Anderson	N/A
Contact Details			
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Email / Fax Number
[REDACTED]	None	Office	[REDACTED]
	None	Home	
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?			
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From: Richard Andrew <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 15:59
To: TEEPSA EIA; ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: Objection: oil and gas drilling in Mossel bay

To whom it may concern,

Please register me as an interested and affected party for this application

I would like to object to Total's plan to drill and build new gas pipelines off Mossel Bay for the following reasons:

1. The planned area is an environmentally sensitive area which lies in the middle of the Agulhus Current that is a major highway for Whale and Sardine migration.
2. The planned area borders on a Marine Protected area.
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6. The ESIA being done by WSP (A consulting firm that consults both on environmental and oil and gas drilling industry) - which is a huge **conflict of interest**.
7. There as been evidence of **serious misconduct** by the consulting firm: for the public participation meeting in George the consultants misadvertised the meeting the day before with a loud hailer telling the community of Thembalethu that they could come and sign up for jobs at the meeting. 400 people came with their ID books expecting to get a job.

regards

Richard Andrew (Wilderness, Western Cape)

From: Olivia Andrews <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 07:43
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection: Total's plan to drill and build new gas pipelines off Mossel Bay

To whom it may concern,

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Your sincerely
Olivia Andrews
Wilderness Heights
[REDACTED]

From: Sandi Cooper <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 11:29
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Total-11B and 12B
Attachments: Total-112B12B -1.pdf; Total-11B12B - 2.pdf

Please see attached registration documents as interested and affected party of the Total application for Block 11B and 12B.

Regards
S L Cooper
[REDACTED]

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MS	SANDI	COOPER				
Contact Details						
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			Home			
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?						
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COMMENT(S)

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I have the following comments regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

- 1. Notification of meeting in Plettenberg Bay was utterly inadequate.
 - 2. The area is in the Agulhas current path of migration for sardines, whales and others
 - 3. CO2 stored in the ocean bed that could be released, environmental issue
 - 4. High environmental risk to fishing and the environment, as well as tourism.
 - 5. Risk of corruption ever present
 - 6. The proposed site borders a marine reserve
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THANK YOU!

From: Bernadette Crewe-Brown <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 14:59
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Comment on Oil and Gas exploration and extraction 3 Feb 2023
Attachments: WPS EISA form completed with objections wsp 3 feb 23.rtf

Greetings,
Please find my comment on the proposal to explore our South African ocean for Oil and Gas extraction

Warm regards,

Bernadette (Berni) Crewe-Brown

[REDACTED]
Laudato Si' Content Producer and Presenter Radio Veritas South Africa
Care of Creation Justice and Peace Commission Facilitator
LSAP plan Global Working Group participant
Catholic Archdiocese of Cape Town
Climate Justice Coalition Steering Committee member



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Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Please include my details on WSP's database to contact me about future projects in my area			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
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COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use additional pages should you so wish.

I have the following comments to make regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

Our South African Ocean Biodiversity is slowly or perhaps not so slowly depleting.

The Abyssal Plains are the deepest ecosystem type in South Africa's oceans. South Africa's EEZ does not have deep water trenches, such as the famous Mariana trench that reaches a maximum depth of 13 000 m! Our abyssal ecosystems, spanning a depth range of 3500 to 6000 m, are largely unexplored. In the 1980's, one of South Africa's geologists, Professor John Roger, took the first photographs of abyssal and seamount ecosystems using a camera in a special underwater housing.

Abyssal ecosystems in South Africa are currently under limited pressure but this Total/Engen initiative to explore these areas for oil and gas resources and deep sea minerals such as manganese. Should such minerals be found in sufficient quantities, pressure on these ecosystems will increase substantially.

Proposed MPAs that represent abyssal ecosystems include Southeast Atlantic Seamounts MPA (Cape Basin Abyss) and Agulhas Front MPA (Agulhas Basin Abyss). Southwest Indian Ocean abyssal ecosystems (Natal Basin) will be considered in future protected area planning.

The loss of any species affects the Ecosystems and their services. It is apparent that the increasing red tide is due to species loss. The barren rocks and reefs, the lesser fish species is not only due to overfishing, it is due to the contaminants in the sea. These have and are continuing to occur through mining, pollution, chemical spills, and physical destruction of sea beds through exploration in search of minerals. This extensive initiative involves many levels of activity that will not be restored. The scientific proof is there, it is evident to all. The proof is there but our South African waters need to be analysed and present situations monitored and evaluated through regular and comprehensive research. This is not occurring.

It is our duty and our responsibility as human beings to protect our natural environment for the survival of the planet and humanity now and for generations to come.

Simplifying our lifestyles to lower our consumption and production is a Sustainable alternative to the use of Oil and Gas for energy.

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THANK YOU!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 04 February 2023 10:48
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Total drill and gas pipelines

To whom this may concern,

I object to the drills and pipelines from Total being placed off Mossel bay.
To go through with this is a reckless and harmful attack on our oceans and the animals within it.

Shell tried to harm our oceans for profit and now Total is now trying to do the same.
To allow this to happen would demonstrate blatant ignorance toward the environment (our only home) and the power of corporate greed.

I trust you will do the right thing and not allow this complete destruction to take place in our oceans.

Sent with deep concern,
Chelsey Curry.

From: Sue Davidoff <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 19:24
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Comment on Draft Scoping Report Block 11b_12b TOTAL ENERGIES EP SOUTH AFRICA

Dear WSP Consultants

As a resident of the Mossel Bay greater area, I totally object to the proposed production of oil and gas in block 11/12B – I am aware of the risk to the well being and integrity of the ocean and all the creatures who live in the ocean, and the interference of all those fishers dependent on local fishing for their income. Profit above ecology destroys our living oceans and is a violation of life.

Yours sincerely
Sue Davidoff

From: Andrew Day <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 12:50
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Oobjection to Total Energies Plans

To whom it may concern,

I am an interested and affected party.

I am an RSA Citizen and all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently impacts me.

I do not want profits to determine what happens to our earth.

We need to maintain our environment.

Andrew Day
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Tracy de Jager <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, 28 January 2023 10:08
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Object to TotalEnergies

To whom it may concern

I object to TotalEnergies obtaining the right to drill for gas along the coastline of Southern Africa. In the year 2023, when our planet is at such risk of POLLUTION and overheating, why would this even be considered?

I live in a community along this stretch of coastline and this will have an immediate effect on many household incomes. Many of these communities are in the fishing industry and the impact this will have on them would be devastating not only to them but to the whole community as a whole.

We have not yet even begun to recover from the effects of the COVID lockdown and economic loss, and our local fishing industry (which is a major provider of employment for this region) is being severely impacted by the effects of global warming - yet this is being touted as a good idea? No.

Tracy de Jager

#whostoleouroceans #thegreenconnection

#oceansnotoil

#hellochintsa

#environmentaljustice

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From: M de Haas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 15:34
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: RE: REMINDER: PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT | BLOCK 11B/12B BY
TOTALENERGIES EP SOUTH AFRICA B.V. REF. NO. 12/4/013

Importance: High

Good Day,

Thank you for your email reminding me about the need for my to submit comment by today, 3 February. I regret my delayed response, due to my having had to attend to various urgent issues in the past weeks.

Please record my total opposition to proceeding with exploration as per Draft Scoping Report for the TEEPSA Block 11B/128 ESIA, and confirm that my opposition to proceeding further has been recorded.

Kind regards,
Mary de Haas

From: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 11:44
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>
Subject: REMINDER: PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT | BLOCK 11B/12B BY TOTALENERGIES EP
SOUTH AFRICA B.V. REF. NO. 12/4/013

Dear Stakeholder

*This is a reminder that the public comment period on the Draft Scoping Report for the TEEPSA Block 11B/12B ESIA closes **today**, 03 February 2023.*

Please register as an I&AP and submit your comments if you have not done so already.

Kind Regards,

WSP Public Participation Office

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From: marc de melville : a people <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 09:30
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Proposed off shore drilling

To whom it may concern.

My objection to this heinous crime against our planet and the oceans fragile eco system is short and simple. This is NOT to happen. Our oceans are dying due to human greed and total disregard for our environment. Without our oceans as with out our forests,those who perpetuate such activities are not only killing our planet (a sentient being,life force)but also leading all inhabitants of this life giving planet,to our death. Without our oceans....we will certainly perish!!!!
My vote is NO !!!

Thank you
m.melville

From: Craig Derbyshire <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 13:01
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objections to Total Energies Plans

To whom it may concern

*I am an interested and affected party of the **Mossel Bay to Cape St Francis** project.*

I am an RSA Citizen, live along this coastline and all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently impacts me.

We must please not become desperate and pursue this avenue but rather seek out alternate avenues to ensure protection of our environment of this most beautiful country of ours.

*Kind Regards
Craig Derbyshire*

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Nasreen Dindar <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 14:56
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objections
Attachments: DOC-20230203-WA0025.-Copy.pdf

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	[REDACTED]		Home		
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?					
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
I will attend the following public meetings in 2023:					
16 January, Kwanonqaba Community Hall, Mayixhale St, Kwanonqaba, Mossel Bay	YES	NO	21 January, Seavista Hall, Geelbek Street, St Francis Bay	YES	NO
17 January, Mossel Bay Town Hall, 101 Marsh Street, Mossel Bay	YES	NO	23 January, Pellsrus Hall, 1 Harder Street, Jeffreys Bay	YES	NO
18 January Thembalethu Community Hall, 66 Olympic Road, George	YES	NO	24 January, Feather Market Hall, 86 Baakens Street Port Elizabeth Central, Gqeberha	YES	NO
19 January, Khayeletu Community Hall, Mbethana Street, Knysna	YES	NO	25 January, Jauka Community Hall, Runeli Drive, Port Alfred	YES	NO
20 January, Piesang Community Hall, 7 Greenpoint Ave, Plettenberg Bay	YES	NO	26 January, Scenery Park Community Hall, 30 7 th Rd, Scenery Park, East London	YES	NO
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COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use additional pages.

I have the following comments regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

I strongly object to any assessments and any Oil or gas exploration in and around the coastline of South Africa, Mossel bay and anywhere else around the globe.

The environmental damage done by Petrol companies during mining and exploration has been immense and unacceptable as well. The damage from oil spills have been devastating to entire eco systems one that recently comes to mind is the oil spill in Mauritius.

There are cleaner, greener and less harmful solutions to energy needs and they are plentiful. South Africa should be investing in Solar Power, Wind power and Hydro Power to safeguard our communities and our environment and not be going backwards into the dark ages where there is a complete disregard for all else except profits and corruption.

Everyone is aware of this and we shouldn't even have to be objecting to this.

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THANK YOU!

From: Cherie Roe Dirksen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 13:45
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Totals impact on SA ocean and ocean life

To whomever it may concern,

I am an interested and affected party.

I am an RSA Citizen and all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently impacts me.

Yours sincerely,

Cherie Dirksen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Helen Dodge <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 05:46
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Register as an interested and affected party

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Good day

I would like to register as an interested and affected party in the proposed offshore mining proposed by Total et al. Please contact me via email [REDACTED] or WhatsApp [REDACTED].

Offshore mining, whether for gas or other 'resources', poses direct and long-term threats to the well-being of our coastal environment, the multitude of living beings in the ocean and the many human economies that depend on a healthy ocean. As members of an advancing technological age, it behoves us to find less destructive ways to provide for our material needs... we can do better.

I object to the proposed project on every level and would encourage the applicants to apply their expertise to developing sustainable technologies, rather than destroying the environment for short-term gain.

Sincerely
Helen Dodge
The Green Net

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 23:30
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Total's application to mine a block of seabed offshore between Mossel Bay and Cape St Francis for gas.

Importance: High

To whom it may concern regarding the above subject:

I do not believe that Total Energies Exploration and Production SA can guarantee that they will not harm the sensitive ecosystems on the seabed, or the marine life in the area, threatened by the toxicity of the gasses both from the drilling and from probable leaks in the pipeline. Unless they can provide these guarantees, they should not be permitted to explore. Apart from which Total should be putting all its efforts into developing sustainable and renewable forms of energy because the extracting and the consumption of the gasses mined, will further pollute the sea and the atmosphere which is already overburdened. Our planet needs protecting and the oil companies like Total are turning a blind eye to this.

I am also very suspicious of WSP's neutrality in the matter.

TT Douglas-Jones (Mr)

[REDACTED]

From: Andre du Plessis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 17:05
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection to developing for gas in eider Mosselbsy sea badin

Dear WSP

Please register me as an intrrested party thst objects to the exploration of gas by TOTAL in the greater Mosselbay sea basin ad a marine sensitive area, conflict of interest, with fill future public participation

Rgds
R Andre du Plessis
CTown
[REDACTED]

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Subject: FW: TEEPSA ESIA: I&J Ringfence Shapefile
Attachments: RingfenceGreen_042022.kml

From: Kirsty Du Plessis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 18 January 2023 13:31
To: ZA - GLD - Teepa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>
Cc: Robert Landman <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: ringfence shape file

Good day,

Please find attached the demersal trawl "ringfence" fishing grounds shape file that we have on record.

Thanks,

Kirsten du Plessis
Assistant Business Insights Manager

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: Andre Du Plooy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 15:46
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: Drilling and blasting for oil in our ocean.

This must surely be seen as a no go as the shell company was prohibited from drilling in our ocean. Now another onslaught and this must be stopped at all cost. The cost of destroying our coastline will be stopped. Go to hell with all this rubbish as we are going to fight you all the way. This is purely enrichment of the fraudsters running our country.

From: G DP <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 13:38
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection to Total Energies' Ocean plans

Good day

I am an interested and affected party.

I am an RSA Citizen and all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently impacts me.

Gerhard du Plooy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Kind Regards / Vriendelike Groete

Gerhard du Plooy

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SUBJECT: SUBMISSION to the PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY TOTAL ENERGIES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS//INTLANGANISO ZIKA-TOTAL ENERGIES EZITHETHA NOLUNTU.

Preface//Intshayelelo.

a) As Mossel Bay Communities we shall not be spectators in the exploration of our oceans economy. //Njengabemi base-Mossel Bay zisakuthatha inxaxheba kuqoqosho lwamanxweme singabi ngababukeli.

b) The oceans in our shores presents an opportunity to government and investors to empower communities and transform our economy. //Ulwandle kumanxweme wethu lithuba lokuba urhulumente nabatyali zimali bakuxhobise uluntu kwaye kubekho inguqu ngokoqoqosho.

c) We shall be active participants and significant beneficiaries in the wealth creation and distribution. //Sizakuthatha inxaxheba kwaye sixhamle ngendlela ephucukileyo.

d) Whatever has been discovered in our shores must be produced here, packaged and retailed to end-user customers. //Yonke imveliso kumanxweme ethu mayisetyenzwe apha, ide ilungelo lentengiso kubathengi.

1. We support exploration of oil and gas discovery in our shores. //Siyalixhasa iphulo lokuphehlwa kwegesi neoyile kwinxweme lethu.

2. The exploration must be done with due regard to sea life and in an environmental sensitive way. //Indlela zokwenza lomsebenzi wokuphehla mazikhusele ubomi bezinto zonke eziphila elwandle.

3. Total Energies should invest in communities in terms of:// U-Total Energies makaphuhlise ubomi bentlalo ngalendlela:

3.1 Job creation//Ukudalwa kwemisebenzi.

3.2 Infrastructure Development//Ukwakhiwa kweziseko zophuhliso.

3.3 Education and training//Imfundo noqeqesho lwezakhono.

3.4 Health and Social Welfare//Ezempilo nentlalo-ntle.
3.5 Significant business Opportunities//Amathuba oshishino angawo.

4. As Black Entrepreneurs, we want to benefit throughout the value chain of procurement// Njengo-Somashishini abamnyama, kufuneka sixhamle kumathuba entengo nonaniselwano kuwo wonke amabakala.

5. A Mossel Bay Community Development Trust be set up as part of Social and Labour Plan to oversee Total Energies investment to the Greater Mossel Bay. //Makumiselwe iziko lophuhliso loluntu kwaye lomizamo ibandakanywe kwisicwangciso sentlalo namathuba engqesho.

6. Total Energies must invest in the creation of South African Factory for Oceans Economy// U-Total makaxhase ukusekwa komzi-mveliso ojongene noqoqosho lwaselwandle.

7. The South African Factory for Oceans Economy to be based in Mossel Bay to do amongst others the ff// Lomzi-mveliso woqoqosho lwaselwandle uzakwenza ezizinto.

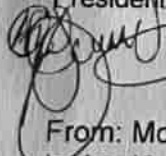
7.1 Ship manufacturing, repairs and maintenance// Ukwakhiwa nokulungiswa kwezikhophe.

7.2 Manufacturing and supply of marine equipment and supplies// Ukuveliswa kunye kwezixhobo zaselwandle nezinye neemveliso.

7.3 Provision of training and learners and certification of youth and other vulnerable groups//Ukubonelela ngoqeqesho nemfundiso neziqinisekiso kulutsha namanye amaqela asemngciphekweni.

7.4 The production, processing and downstream activities be undertaken in Mossel Bay to create jobs and grow the economy// Ukuphehla, imveliso nentengiso mazenzeke eMossel Bay ukuze kudalwe imisebenzi kukhuliswe uqoqosho.

Alisile Dyabaza
President



From: Mossel Bay Black Business Agenda
Isuka: Kwi-Mossel Bay Black Business Agenda.
Dated: 16 January 2023.

Email: [REDACTED]
Mobile: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: OPPOSING TotalEnergies plan!!!

From: Tonia Edgar <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 19:17

To: TEEPSA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>

Subject: OPPOSING TotalEnergies plan!!!

This is ANOTHER atrocity directed at the South African people. We are ALL dealing with SO much already, and now this corrupt, greedy government, is now supporting TotalEnergies through PetroSA, to drill off our beautiful coastline, in no less than than 10 places!!!! along a 120km stretch of ocean.

This was a similar move made by Shell and we SAcans, stood together, and supported the fragile communities that try to eke out a living from fishing. They deserve to do that in pristine oceans! Not oceans polluted by oil! Look at what has happened in Nigeria, in the delta! The locals were totally excluded (work is NOT and NEVER will be provided for the locals, as is 'promised') and they began stealing from the oil pipes and completely contaminated that once beautiful life-giving area.

The colonists skewed up years ago, going into countries they had NO business in, and now you short-sighted, money-grabbing, self-serving imbeciles, are doing it some MORE!! Back off and use your money and power to do

GOOD, KIND and UPLIFTING works for humanity. The world NEEDS that. Not what you people are preposing....

Please, make your legacy one that breaks the mold of just taking and leaving a trail of poverty and unhappiness behind. PLEASE 🙏

From: F Essrich <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 16:00
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Total Energies - Mossel Bay to Cape St Francis exploration

Please register me as an interested and affected party.

I object to this application to be granted for a number of reasons,
incl. the environmental impact of off-shore exploration and the conflict
with the overall strategy to end the use of fossil fuels due to their impact
on climate change and related disasters.

With best regards,
Friedemann Essrich
[REDACTED], Potchefstroom, Rep. of S. Africa
C [REDACTED]



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Personal Information			
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Mr	Friedemann	Essrich	
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From: Deon Felton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 27 January 2023 14:31
To: TEEPSA EIA

I object to totalenergies being given the rights to drill or extract gas from our coastlines. believing that we have a very diversified coastline and this will impact negatively on it

Regards
Double D

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 14:35
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Interested/Affected Party / Stop Total energies activities in ocean Mossel Bay to Cape St. Francis

I hereby object to proposed activities on / in above stretch of Ocean as mentioned in Petition and as seen on Carte Blanche last year.

I am an interested / affected person. Damage to any eco-system has invariably an affect on all/other eco-system/s and has a negative cascading effect and affects animals and mankind directly/indirectly as science is proving and will then affect future generations. Natural environments should be left alone and not interfered with and the surrounding communities and all SA Citizens should have the right to have a say in what happens in the environment in which they live in or live close to or visit or which is part of our/their country. Any form of pollution produced or produced as by-product/s or produced by accident has the potential to or will have a negative effect on an environment.

Lisa Ferrarese
RSA Citizen

[REDACTED]

I am an RSA Citizen and all the affects the environment or ocean consequently affects me.

From: jill <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, 04 February 2023 14:07
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection to mining.

I, object to TotalEnergies being given the rights to prospect for and or extract oil or gas along the coastline of South Africa. I have seen the destruction of marine life at Tshani village on the Wild Coast when Shell were blasting.
Thank you

Jill Fish

Sent from my Galaxy

From: Kevin Fish <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 12:22
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Total Energies Objection

To Whom it may Concern,

I as resident of the East Coast of South Africa would like to formally state my objection to Total Energies being given the rights to prospect for and or extract oil or gas along the coast line of South Africa. As we have seen in numerous accidents around the world, the industry is not as safe as we are told or led to believe. The consequences of even the smallest accidental spillage are catastrophic. Examples include but are not limited to the recent Blue Water Horizon accident which occurred in the Gulf of Mexico and the undeniable affects that it has had on the environment.

Best Regards

Kevin Fish
Eastern Cape
South Africa

Objection to Total Energies drilling along South African Coast



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Taryn Fish <[REDACTED]>

To: TEEPSA EIA



Thu 2/2/2023 2:04 PM

To whom it may concern

My name is Taryn Aislinn Fish, my contact number is [REDACTED]. As a South African citizen, concerned about the environment and conservation of this country, I wholeheartedly object to Total Energies plan to drilling in our ocean. Oil and gas rig operation disasters at sea are often catastrophic, as we learnt through the Deepwater Horizon, Ocean Ranger, DS Seacrest, Mumbai High North, Bohai 2, Alexander L. Kielland and Piper Alpha disasters. We should be protecting our ocean, by not allowing big corporations to exploit our natural environment, especially considering their operations often cause death and destruction.

Best regards

Taryn Fish

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Subject: FW: TEEPSA rights: Objection
Attachments: 2023-02-02 - Registration as IAP & objection.pdf

From: Louise Flanagan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 02 February 2023 23:03
To: TEEPSA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>; ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>
Subject: TEEPSA rights: Objection

Good day

Attached is my form for registering as an IAP in connection with the TEEPSA application for production rights for Block 11B/12B, and my objection to this.

Many thanks.
regards

Louise Flanagan
[REDACTED]

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Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Applications for Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V.

Registration, Comment and Public Meeting Reply Form

Draft Scoping Report: Thursday 01 December 2022 to Friday 03 February 2023

Note: This is an opportunity to register as an I&AP for the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process. By registering as an I&AP on the proposed project, you agree to receive information about the proposed project during the statutory S&EIA process. You also agree to receive information about the S&EIA, public participation process and opportunities to contribute comments.

Personal Information					
Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation / Department <i>(If applicable)</i>		
Ms	Louise	Flanagan	N/A		
Contact Details					
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Email / Fax Number		
[REDACTED]	Office		[REDACTED]		
	Home				
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?					
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops				X YES	NO
I will attend the following public meetings in 2023:					
16 January, Kwanonqaba Community Hall, Mayixhale St, Kwanonqaba, Mossel Bay	YES	NO X	21 January, Seavista Hall, Geelbek Street, St Francis Bay	YES	NO X
17 January, Mossel Bay Town Hall, 101 Marsh Street, Mossel Bay	YES	NO X	23 January, Pellsrus Hall, 1 Harder Street, Jeffreys Bay	YES	NO X
18 January Thembalethu Community Hall, 66 Olympic Road, George	YES	NO X	24 January, Feather Market Hall, 86 Baakens Street Port Elizabeth Central, Gqeberha	YES	NO X
19 January, Khayeletu Community Hall, Mbethana Street, Knysna	YES	NO X	25 January, Jauka Community Hall, Runeli Drive, Port Alfred	YES	NO X
20 January, Piesang Community Hall, 7 Greenpoint Ave, Plettenberg Bay	YES	NO X	26 January, Scenery Park Community Hall, 30 7 th Rd, Scenery Park, East London	YES	NO X
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date		2 February 2023		
	Signature		[REDACTED]		

By registering as a stakeholder permission is hereby given in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act for your contact details to be held securely to keep you informed about this project. WSP Group Africa as a good corporate citizen complies to the POPIA and confirms that your details will be kept confidential and will not be shared with any third party without your prior consent, other than the lead authority should they request stakeholder details.

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Stakeholder database reference number	
	Signature of data capturer

COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use additional pages.

I have the following comments regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

See attached note.

You are welcome to distribute this form to friends/colleagues who may be interested in the proposed project so that they also can register as an Interested and Affected Party.

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THANK YOU!

Regarding the application by TotalEnergies EP SA and partners for production rights for Block 11B/12B (as outlined in your draft Environmental and Social Impact Assessment ref no 12/4/13 PR PUBLIC WSP Project No.: 41105306):

I wish to register as an interested or affected party.

I am a South African citizen and I am filing this objection in my personal capacity.

I strongly object to the application to convert the exploration rights into production rights.

The era of fossil fuel production should be ended and more appropriate energy sources explored instead. The destructive effects of the exploitation and use of fossil fuels are well known. South Africa has made international undertakings to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Developing gas resources will not contribute to this goal.

The risks of extensive, long-term or permanent environmental damage from fossil fuel energy generation are too high. Even limited damage would not be acceptable. Your ESIA draft scoping report acknowledges the challenging conditions: "The strong Agulhas Ocean current, coupled with the high wind and waves, make the harsh metocean conditions a challenge for especially the installation / construction phase of the project... It is considered as the second strongest surface current in the world." Your draft scoping report notes that the proposed pipeline will pass through a critical biodiversity area. These risks to the marine and coastal environment are unacceptable.

The ocean is not your playground, to use to extract resources for your own gain at will. This is a national resource and should be preserved.

The draft scoping report refers to the expected use of the product: "The outcome of the on-going commercial negotiations (including agreements for the sale of the gas) should determine the use of the gas. Some possible use scenarios include Gas to Liquids (GTL) or Gas to Power (GTP)."

I believe that South Africa should not be encouraging the use of gas-to-liquid or gas-to-power. There are strong indications that such huge infrastructure projects are encouraged by certain elements within government because of the potential for corrupt payments and wealth. This is particularly so when government is expected to be a significant customer for the end product or funder of essential infrastructure to enable the project.

The gas-to-liquid aspect of this project appears to be an attempt to provide a use for the financially disastrous state-owned PetroSA, which should be closed down as a waste of money and a drain on the fiscus (the EIA states that the gas and condensates would be sold to PetroSA). The gas-to-power aspect appears to be a blatant attempt to support the Karpowership generation projects, which stink of corruption due to the manipulated bid process, the unjustifiably long proposed 20-year "emergency" contract and the enormous and unaffordable cost.

It is well-known that renewable energy projects are now considerably cheaper than gas.

Put your money, expertise and energies into developing cutting-edge renewal technologies instead. We do not want our oceans put at risk.

From: Lorna Fuller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 14:15
To: TEEPSA EIA
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: TEEPSA Block 11B/12B ESIA

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Submission in response to the proposed offshore Production Rights and Environmental Authorisation Application for Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergy EP South Africa.

1. Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed offshore Production Rights and Environmental Authorisation Application for Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergy EP South Africa and I would like to use this opportunity to express our concern about the plans to invest further in new gas exploration and production in the time of climate emergency.

I oppose the further development of a gas industry in South Africa for the following reasons:

Climate change is already causing widespread disruption in every region in the world with around 1.1 degrees C of warming. Every tenth of a degree of additional warming will escalate threats to people, species and ecosystems. The latest assessment report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) clearly states that the limit of 1.5 degrees C is the scientifically confirmed minimum safe limit for our climate and survival, hence, climate action is needed urgently^[1]. In June 2021 the International Energy Agency published a study that clearly stated that the exploitation and development of new oil and gas fields must stop in 2021 if the world is to stay within safe limits of global heating and meet the goal of net zero emissions by 2050^[2].

Gas is NOT a more climate friendly fossil fuel.

Looking at the whole value chain of gas, methane can escape through so called “gas leaks” into the atmosphere at many different points in the supply chain. These emissions have routinely been underestimated by industry and governments. Methane has a far greater global warming potential than carbon dioxide. Over the next 20-year period – which is a crucial time period to respond to the climate emergency - the warming potential is 84–86 times greater.

Gas is NOT needed as a transition fuel.

Combinations of renewable energies and energy storage are either already cheaper or are expected to be cheaper within a few years. Developing a local gas industry will take time, so by the time the infrastructure is in place, renewables and storage will have become the most cost-effective option, and the gas infrastructure will be a stranded asset.^[3]

Gas will NOT solve the energy crisis.

Multiple experts agree that “Energy modelling shows that renewables are the quickest and cheapest way to get much-needed capacity onto the grid.”^[4] South Africa should act according to science-based evidence and invest in renewable energy sources as fast as possible.

Biodiversity risk

The proposed area is bordering on a Marine Protected Area and falls within the Agulhus Current which is a major route for migration of marine mammals and fish. Risks are unnecessarily high for the marine species that our local fishing communities and tourism relies on.

2. Conclusion

South Africa has signed the Paris agreement^[5] which agrees to limit climate change to under 2 degrees C and with **all efforts** to limit it to 1.5 degrees, hence there is no space for using further hydrocarbons beyond the currently discovered reserves. Fossil gas expansion is inconsistent with the Paris Agreement goals, and as a signatory to the Agreement **South Africa should not undertake any further investments in the development of new gas projects.**

Building a local gas industry will take a lot of time. Electricity generated by our massive sun and wind resources within our own borders is the most secure and sustainable way forward. Instead of producing and using more fossil fuels **South Africa should invest all they have in building a renewable energy industry.**

I Hope that WSP will take into account the comments and information provided in this submission.

Sincerely,

Lorna Fuller

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^[1] [IPCC_AR6_WGII_SummaryForPolicymakers.pdf](#)

² [No new oil, gas or coal development if world is to reach net zero by 2050, says world energy body | Fossil fuels | The Guardian](#)

³ [fossil_gas_factsheet_1.pdf \(panda.org\)](#)

⁴ [Gas power plans for Eskom not the solution to electricity crisis – Centre for Environmental Rights \(cer.org.za\)](#)

⁵ [South Africa signs Paris Agreement on Climate Change in New York | Department of Environmental Affairs \(dffe.gov.za\)](#)

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From: Cassandra Gamble <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 17:18
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: Re: REMINDER: PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT | BLOCK 11B/12B BY
TOTALENERGIES EP SOUTH AFRICA B.V. REF. NO. 12/4/013

My comment as a registered I&AP:

There is much money to be made for a small sector of our society by drilling in our oceans for oil. But this will be at the enormous expense of the majority of our people. And at huge expense to other species living in the oceans. It will negatively impact tourism, fisheries, and millions of people with a strong connection to the sea. It will negatively impact fishers, researchers, divers, and many other ocean-based activities. It will negatively impact migration routes for ocean species, which can have knock-on effects for ecosystems which are already under serious threat from human activity.

We are at a critical time in human history, the UN and many climate scientists are pointing out that we urgently need to phase out fossil fuels in order to maintain a liveable planet. New oil exploration is quite literally killing us.

Short term profit cannot outweigh long-term sustainability at this time.

The huge amount of money that would be invested in drilling our oceans is much better spent on renewable energy infrastructure to provide clean energy with much less environmental destruction; protecting our incredible natural resources for our essential tourism industries and the other many livelihoods that depend on healthy ocean ecosystems.

The risks of drilling are enormous, and the rewards far too unevenly distributed.

There is ample evidence that energy from sources other than fossil fuels can provide the power we need. There is also ample evidence that we need to stop new fossil fuel exploration immediately. And there is also ample evidence that this project would produce much more harm than good. It should not go ahead.

On Fri, Feb 3, 2023 at 12:25 PM ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com> wrote:

Dear Stakeholder

*This is a reminder that the public comment period on the Draft Scoping Report for the TEEPSA Block 11B/12B ESIA closes **today**, 03 February 2023.*

Please register as an I&AP and submit your comments if you have not done so already.

Kind Regards,

WSP Public Participation Office

From: veneta gent <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 08:53
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Gas pipeline at Mossel Bay

I object Shell wanting to put a gas pipeline at Mossel Bay.
Stop the industrialisation of South African oceans.
This is a marine sanctuary. Stop killing our sea life for greedy gain.
I strongly object.

Veneta Gent
Western Cape

From: Steve & Barbara Gettliffe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 January 2023 12:10
To: ZA - GLD - Teepa Esia
Subject: Total application to produce gas offshore from Mossel Bay: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good day

This is not acceptable with such a controversial EIA which has been brought to my attention.

Steve Gettliffe (WESSA)

From: Muriel Hau Yoon
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2023 3:13 PM
To: 'pa.deputymayor' ; 'Desiree du Preez' ; 'Sonia Veltman'
Cc: 'Pauline Grashoff' ; 'Juan Barnard' ; WESSA Eden ; [REDACTED] ; Olivia Andrews ; Kai Tikqoa Conservancy ; 'Uwe Putlitz'
Subject: Total application to produce gas offshore from Mossel Bay: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment

Hallo Paulette,

Thanks for your heads up on the public meetings which form part of the Scoping Report for Total's application to produce gas 120km offshore from Mossel Bay. (And to conduct seismic blasting at a later stage.)

On my way back from Groenkant this morning, I stopped over at the first meeting at KwaNonqaba and was dismayed to discover the following:

- The hall was jam-packed and overflowing with local residents, numbering over 400. They told me WSP, the environmental consultant, had gone around the township yesterday with a loud hailer inviting them to 'register for jobs'. So they all turned up en masse with their ID books this morning.
- There were about 30 questions from the floor – all relating to jobs. Not a single environmental concern was raised.

- A local lawyer, Gama Lunguni, welcomed Total's application 'wholeheartedly'. He then condemned the Bloom Association of the Netherlands who planned to stop the project, 'just as they had stopped Shell's seismic exploration'.
- Clearly, Total is sham-loading the Scoping process with signatures of township residents from Mossel Bay to St Francis Bay to claim that they had 'conducted an extensive public participation process'. Why else would they choose mainly township venues such as KwaNonqaba, Thembaletu and Khayaletu for the public meetings?
- The public meeting in George is scheduled for this **Wednesday, 18 January, from 5pm to 7pm at the Thembaletu Community Hall.**
- Total's application was pushed through over the December holidays. This in itself raises red flags. Deadline for comments is 3 February 2023.

Cheers,

Muriel

Muriel Hau-Yoon

Afrikom Strategic Communications

Groenkant Private Natuureservaat, Posbus [REDACTED], George-Oos 6539

Duineveld Kusvereniging / Duineveld Coastal Association

From: pa.deputymayor [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: 16 January 2023 04:26 AM

To: Desiree du Preez <[REDACTED]>; Sonia Veltman <[REDACTED]>; Muriel Hau Yoon <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Pauline Grashoff <[REDACTED]>; Juan Barnard <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Fwd: REMINDER: INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETINGS: Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V.
Ref. No. 12/4/013

URGENT INFO FOR YOU

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From: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>

Sent: Friday, January 13, 2023 5:06:40 PM

Subject: REMINDER: INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETINGS: Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V. Ref. No. 12/4/013

Dear Stakeholder

Best wishes for a prosperous 2023!

The invitation letter to the January 2023 public meetings for the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Application for Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa distributed on 15 December 2022 refers.

This email serves as a reminder of the public meetings that will be convened from Monday, 16 January 2023 until Thursday 26 January 2023, as follows:

Date	Venue	Time
16 January 2023	Kwanonqaba Community Hall, Mayixhale Street, Kwanonqaba, Mossel Bay	10h00 – 12h00 AND 17h00 – 19h00
17 January 2023	Mossel Bay Town Hall, 101 Marsh St, Mossel Bay Central, Mossel Bay	17h00 – 19h00
18 January 2023	Themba lethu Community Hall, 66 Olympic Road, George	17h00 – 19h00
19 January 2023	Khayelethu Community Hall, Ngcakani Road, Knysna	17h00 – 19h00
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25 January 2023	Jauka Community Hall, Runeli Drive, Port Alfred	10h00 – 14h00 AND 14h00 – 16h00
26 January 2023	Scenery Park Community Hall, 30 7th Road, Scenery Park, East London	17h00 – 19h00

PLEASE NOTE: An open house session will be held at the Piesang Community Hall, 7 Greenpoint Ave, Plettenberg Bay on Friday 20 January 2023 from 15:00 to 17:00.

The objectives of the public meetings are:

- To share information about TEEPSA's proposed offshore Block 11B/12B development project
- To provide information about the statutory Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment and public participation process that form part of the proposed Production Right and Environmental Authorisation process
- For I&APs to ask questions, raise issues of concern, contribute suggestions for enhanced benefits or alternatives, and identify potential impacts for consideration as part of the S&EIA

Please contact the WSP Public Participation Office for more information about the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment, to register as an I&AP or to attend the meetings:

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Tel: +27 (0) 11 254 4800, or

WhatsApp: 076 694 3842

Fax: +27 (0) 11 315 0317

Email: teepsaEIA@WSP.com / gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com

Download information from the WSP website: <https://www.wsp.com/en-za/services/public-documents>

Download information from the data-free website at: <https://wsp-engage.com/Total-11B12B/>

We would like to remind you that the public review period for the Draft Scoping Report will close on **Friday 03 February 2023**.

Please feel free to contact the WSP Public Participation Office should you have any questions or would like more information.

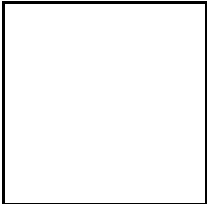
We look forward to your participation and hope to meet you at one of the public meetings.

Kind regards,

WSP Public Participation Office

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Paulette Stammer

PA to the Executive Deputy Mayor

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From: Rob Geyer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 09:20
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Register-Concerned-Affected-Party

Concerned and affected party.

Robert William Geyer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Public

project 11B & 12B

I Object to the development of oil and gas industry off the coast of South africa 11B & 12B as this is a short sighted endeavour especially considering the long term implications and the state of our environment both locally and globally.

Subject: FW: Affected Party Registration
Attachments: VanessaGibson.pdf

From: Vanessa Gibson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 25 January 2023 13:00
To: TEEPSA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>
Subject: Affected Party Registration

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Registration, Comment and Reply Form

Draft Scoping Report: Thursday 01 December 2022 to Friday 03 February 2023

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Personal Information			
Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation / Department <i>(If applicable)</i>
Mrs	Vanessa	Gibson	NA
Contact Details			
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Email / Fax Number
		Office	
		Home	
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?			
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops			YES
			NO
Please include my details on WSP's database to contact me about future projects in my area			YES
			NO ^{No}
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date	2023/25/01	
	Signature		

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Stakeholder database reference number	
	Signature of data capturer

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COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use additional pages should you so wish.

I have the following comments to make regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

Leave our environment alone. NO to all proposed off shore gas production and extraction.

You are welcome to distribute this form to friends/colleagues who may be interested in the proposed project so that they also can register as interested and affected parties.

Please return the Registration, Comment and Reply form to:

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THANK YOU!

From: Daisy Gidlow <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 07:42
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection to Mossel Bay Gas Pipelines

Good day

I object to gas pipelines being built or gas extracted off the coast of Mossel Bay. My reasons include but are not limited to the following:

- Handing the project over to PetroSA will not benefit local communities and relinquishes power to a corporation that does not have the majority's best interests at heart, nor the environment's.
- Risk of oil/gas spill is too high, and the negative impacts thereof are astronomical
- Interferes with the movements/migration of whale and fish species (thus severely detracts the health, safety and overall well-being of wildlife and, in turn, human communities who rely on them for sustainable food security and income)
- Borders a marine protected area which cannot be protected
- No meaningful effort is being made by the government or large corporations to invest and secure renewable and sustainable energy sources as promised
- Projects like these contribute to massive greenhouse gas emissions and other harm to the environment

Please please consider doing the right thing for the environment and it's inhabitants.

Kind regards
Dr Daisy Gidlow
Private individual
[REDACTED]

From: Rachel Gregorowski <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 14:54
To: TEEPSA EIA; ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: Objection to Total's plan to drill and build new gas pipelines off Mossel Bay

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Please note my objection

Kind regards
Rachel

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Rachel Gregorowski

[REDACTED] | [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: richard gregorowski <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 22:59
To: TEEPSA EIA; ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: Mossel Bay plan

To whom it may concern,

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From: Wessel Grobler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 13:26
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Total Exploration plans at Mossel Bay

I am an interested and effected party and live in George a mere 30km away
I am an RSA citizen and all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently impacts me and my family

I believe the exploration plan of Total will irreversibly harm the eco system of the ocean

I strongly object to their plans we need to protect the eco systems at all cost

Why are we even entertaining selling our ocean

Regards

wessel Grobler

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Elly Grossman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 14:35
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Fwd: Offshore drilling application

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Elly Grossman <[REDACTED]>
Date: Fri, 3 Feb 2023 at 13:53
Subject: Offshore drilling application
To: <teep-saEIA@wsp.com>

Kindly record my opposition to the above application on environmental grounds and that natural gas and petroleum products are being replaced with renewable resources.

Kindly add me as an interested party.

ES Grossman

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Prof ES Grossman
PO Box [REDACTED]
CANNON ROCKS 6186
SOUTH AFRICA
[REDACTED]

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Prof ES Grossman
PO Box [REDACTED]
CANNON ROCKS 6186
SOUTH AFRICA
[REDACTED]

From: Felicity Grube <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 15:49
To: TEEPSA EIA; ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: Registration and comments on TotalEnergies' S&EIA process for proposed offshore drilling in Block 11B/12B
Attachments: IMG_20230203_0002.pdf; IMG_20230203_0001.pdf



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Draft Scoping Report: Thursday 01 December 2022 to Friday 03 February 2023

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Personal Information					
Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation / Department <i>(if applicable)</i>		
MRS	FELICITY	GRUBE			
Contact Details					
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Email / Fax Number		
[REDACTED]		Office	[REDACTED]		
		Home	[REDACTED]		
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?					
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
I will attend the following public meetings in 2023:					
16 January, Kwanonqaba Community Hall, Mayixhale St, Kwanonqaba, Mossel Bay	YES	NO	21 January, Seavista Hall, Geelbek Street, St Francis Bay	YES	NO
17 January, Mossel Bay Town Hall, 101 Marsh Street, Mossel Bay	YES	NO	23 January, Pellsrus Hall, 1 Harder Street, Jeffreys Bay	YES	NO
18 January Thembaletu Community Hall, 66 Olympic Road, George	YES	NO	24 January, Feather Market Hall, 86 Baakens Street Port Elizabeth Central, Gqeberha	YES	NO
19 January, Khayelethu Community Hall, Mbethana Street, Knysna	YES	NO	25 January, Jauka Community Hall, Runeli Drive, Port Alfred	YES	NO
20 January, Plesang Community Hall, 7 Greenpoint Ave, <u>Plettenberg Bay</u>	YES	NO	26 January, Scenery Park Community Hall, 30 7 th Rd, Scenery Park, East London	YES	NO
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date		3 February 2023		
	Signature		[REDACTED]		

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⊗ The notification for the Plettenberg Bay was sent out on the morning of the meeting date, which is unacceptable and underhand.

For internal use to confirm capture of stakeholder details into the stakeholder database	
Stakeholder database reference number	
	Signature of data capturer

COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use additional pages.

I have the following comments regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

- Drilling and building new gas pipelines off Mossel Bay and other Western Cape coastal areas will negatively — and probably irretrievably — affect whale and sardine migrations, and will impact all marine life, as seabed sediments are disturbed and noise and pollution result from drilling activities. The drilling block borders on a marine protected environment.
- South Africa committed to reach net zero emissions by 2050. This project completely contradicts that commitment.
- Certain government officials will benefit enormously from the proposed R 8 billion (+) annual income if this drilling project goes ahead. It will also ensure that other oil companies will follow suit.

You are welcome to distribute this form to friends/colleagues who may be interested in the proposed project so that they also can register as an Interested and Affected Party.

We do NOT need more fossil fuel programmes in or around South Africa to create more and more untold damage to this country and the global climate.

Please return the Registration, Comment and Reply form to:

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Tel: (011) 254 4800

Fax: (086) 582 1561

WhatsApp: 076 694 3842

E-mail: teepsaEIA@WSP.com / gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com

THANK YOU!

From: P M <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, 31 January 2023 19:08
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: I object to the ESIA for gas extraction by TOTAL

I TOTALLY object to the gas extraction by Total that is being proposed. Please add my objection to the thousands or millions you receive.

From: EBRAHIM HAFJEJEE <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 16:00
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: TOTAL ENERGIES EXPLORATION OFF MOSSEL BAY

I am an interested and object to Total Energies oil exploration between Mossel Bay and Cape St Francis - Total Energies please desist from messing with Our Ocean . Conserve the natural ecosystem / marine habitat for our future generations .

Sent from Ebrahim Haffejee , South Africa

From: allisonelove1 <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 11:13
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Support

Good day

I'd like to register my support to oppose Total's plan to drill and build new gas pipelines off Mossel Bay in the Outeniqua Basin.

With thanks and kind regards
Allison Hahn

From: Caroline Halvorsen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 11:25
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection to TotalEnergies

Good morning.

I object the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Proposed Offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Applications for Block 11B/12B – Draft Scoping Report for the client TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V.

Nothing is being done to protect wildlife or the planet and this will cause major damage.

From: Rita Hardaker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 08:51
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Drilling off Mosselbay

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

I wish to register as an objector to the proposed drilling by TOTAL along our coastline.

E. Hardaker [REDACTED]

From: Arnd Hardtke <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, 04 February 2023 08:31
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Register for petition agains Total Energy plans

I am an interested and - as living in Cape St. Francis - directly affected person. Given that I like to register for your valuable petition against Total Energy Plans..

Kind regards,

Dr. Arnd Hardtke
[REDACTED] Cape St. Francis
[REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]
E-Mail: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 13:20
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Total Energies Plans for offshore oil & gas projects - Registration as an I&AP

Good afternoon

I am an interested and affected party. I am a South African citizen and I am deeply concerned about climate change, and the effects that prospecting and drilling for oil and gas have, on both land and sea. As a country and a world, we should not be considering any new projects that concern fossil fuels, and especially not when the vast majority of the reward will not even go to South Africa, but will leave the country. It makes no sense that we should mess up our oceans and ocean life, run the terrible risks of spills, add to the greenhouse gases, and barely (if at all) benefit.

Jane Harley

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Txarani Harmse <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 16:28
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection to Outeniqua coastal drill by Total

I object to the proposed drill by Total for oil on the Outeniqua coast line near Mosselbay as it borders on a wild marine nature reserve and would contaminate and pollute the waters in that area which is also a major current for migrating whales.

Blessings,
Bianca Harmse

From: Pru Harrington <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 19:57
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Interested

Hello..

I am interested to tick the boxes to stop the greed for monetary gain..

Like we did with Shell..lets do it again...

Regards

Pru Harrington

From: Francois Harris <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 12:19
To: TEEPSA EIA; ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
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Kind Regards

Francois Harris

Tel: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 15:02
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT | BLOCK 11B/12B BY TOTALENERGIES EP SOUTH AFRICA B.V. REF. NO. 12/4/013

Sirs

I am a registered IAP and attended the public meeting in Knysna several days ago.

Every local political party delivered their prepared speeches from their soapboxes after which some of them left! Clearly not interested in TEEPSA's reply.

TEEPSA's presentation was thorough and well presented. The Chairman handled the meeting professionally and was calmness personified.

I fully support your proposed efforts.

Thank you and good luck.

Regards

Gordon Hayward

From: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia [mailto:gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com]
Sent: 03 February 2023 11:48
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>
Subject: REMINDER: PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT | BLOCK 11B/12B BY TOTALENERGIES EP SOUTH AFRICA B.V. REF. NO. 12/4/013

Dear Stakeholder

*This is a reminder that the public comment period on the Draft Scoping Report for the TEEPSA Block 11B/12B ESIA closes **today**, 03 February 2023.*

Please register as an I&AP and submit your comments if you have not done so already.

Kind Regards,

WSP Public Participation Office

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From: Paul Henderson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 15:57
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: TOTAL ENERGIES: OBJECTION

Hi

Please be advised that I wish to register as an interested and affected party.

I have been unable to find the registration form referred to in a communication made to me, and would be grateful if you could provide me with a copy thereof for completion.

Thanks and regards

Paul Henderson

From: Gwen Hillman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 16:11
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Mossel Bay to Cape St Francis - Stop Total Energies from messing with Our Ocean



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I am an interested and affected party.

I am an RSA Citizen and all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently impacts me.

Yours faithfully
Gwen Hillman

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Subject: FW: Registration Comment Reply Form_Eng-1
Attachments: 5_221124_TEEPSA-Block_11B12B-ESIA_RegistrationCommentReplyForm_Eng-1.pdf

From: Edna Hime <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 03 February 2023 12:52
To: TEEPSA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>
Subject: Registration Comment Reply Form_Eng-1

To whom it may concern, please find the attached form.

Kind regards,
Edna

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Personal Information				
Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation / Department <i>(If applicable)</i>	
Ms	Edna	Hime	N/A	
Contact Details				
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Email / Fax Number	
		Office		
		Home		
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?				
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
Please include my details on WSP's database to contact me about future projects in my area			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date	02/01/2023		
	Signature			

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Stakeholder database reference number	
	Signature of data capturer

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COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use additional pages should you so wish.

I have the following comments to make regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

The amount of oil spills from platforms, pipelines, tankers, and coastal facilities every year pose a serious risk to our coasts and oceans, and the economy.

Offshore drilling operations release toxic pollution into the air and water. How will this be prevented?

Drilling at the platform can release volatile organic compounds, greenhouse gases, and other air pollutants. How will this be prevented?

Even a small oil spill could devastate the crab population by killing its larvae. Will this be investigated?

A major spill could devastate our beaches and coastal inhabitants. How will this be prevented?

Will an independant external Environmental Control Officer monitor all the phases of this proposed activity?

When offshore drilling is introduced into a region, it jeopardizes commercial fishing, recreation, and tourism economies. How will this be mitigated.

What is the total GDP from tourism that is at risk with this proposed activity?

What carbon byproducts and other pollutants will be released into the air in the areas where they plan to drill.

Energy companies are using seismic testing to reveal where there could be potential oil deposits beneath the ocean's surface. Has seismic testing already been done?

The seismic blasts have been shown to decrease the number of zooplankton that live almost everywhere and form the backbone of the ocean's ecosystem.

The water that these animals live in is just as crucial to their survival as it is a source of oxygen for them.

How can the risk to the environment from offshore drilling perhaps be lowered to an acceptable level to mitigate the immense risks that come with it?

There was an oil leak/spill on December 2022 in Mossel Bay which proves that accidents happen and the effect is always negative.

You are welcome to distribute this form to friends/colleagues who may be interested in the proposed project so that they also can register as interested and affected parties.

Please return the Registration, Comment and Reply form to:

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THANK YOU!

From: Dave Holt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, 24 January 2023 17:40
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Registration as an I&AP and info request

Good day

I attended the 3pm meeting at Plettenberg Bay Community Hall on 20 January. When completing the attendance register I left blank the response to the question as to whether or not I wished to be registered as, having very little idea of what the meeting was about, I wasn't sure how to respond. I unfortunately had to leave the meeting early but when I asked for the page (I was about the 6th person to register) on which I had registered it too was floating around in the hall with the other issued to the multitude of taxed in late arrivals. I now request to be registered as an I &AP.

Just before I left, the WSP representative (Helen?), while addressing the meeting, advised that proper notice of the meeting had been given as this had been done in early December so as to ensure the required 30 day notice had been given as some 15 days in December were "dead days" - I can't remember the exact term she used. She also mentioned a number of ways in which the notice had been given but these weren't clear to me.

Can you please advise the dates and methods of advertising the notice of the meeting to be held in Plettenberg Bay on 20 January 2023. It seemed from the non-verbal actions of those who were present at the meeting before the influx of late arrivals that they, like me, only became aware of the meeting the day before as a result of a Facebook announcement. Others to whom I have asked the question subsequently have responded with blank looks and "what meeting, what are you talking about".

I look forward to receiving confirmation of my registration as an I &AP and the information giving the details of when and how notice of the meeting was communicated. If, for example, one of the methods was by newspaper advertisement, please advise the date(s) and in which newspaper(s) the advertisement was placed,

Thank you D A Holt, ID No [REDACTED], Address: [REDACTED], Plettenberg Bay. Cell No [REDACTED]

From: Bianca Hubbard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 26 January 2023 15:36
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Register for TEEPSA EAST LONDON

Bianca Hubbard.

teepsaEIA@WSP.com is the email address.

I object to TotalEnergies being given the rights to prospect for and or extract oil or gas along the coastline of South Africa. I believe it to be a huge danger for our natural marine life. And we are all meant to be heading towards renewable energies and sources.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 15:49
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: STOP TOTAL ENERGIES FROM MESSING WITH OUR PRECIOUS OCEANS

I am an RSA Citizen and all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently impacts me. Therefor consider me both interested and affected,

Must Add: Marjorie Grace Hughes [REDACTED]

Thank You

Marge Hughes

Marge Hughes

[REDACTED]
Kensington B
Randburg 2124
Cell [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

“What do you mean, he don't eat no meat? That's okay, that's okay. I make lamb.”
—Aunt Voula (Andrea Martin), *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*

From: Gerwin Intemann <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 14:54
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Object the Proposed Offshore Production Right

Good Day,

With this mail I am objecting the proposed offshore production right. As a citizen living in East London, I see the personal risk of pollution of the beautiful beaches and a health risk as a frequent ocean user. Furthermore, starting new offshore productions while we are failing to even keep a 1.5 °C global warming target achievable, is nothing else but ignorant. What will your children say?

Best Regards

Gerwin Intemann

[REDACTED]

From: Ronni Israelstam <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, 05 February 2023 12:49
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Total Energies petition

I am an RSA Citizen. I am an interested party and, although I live inland , this proposal that will affect South African ocean life will also affected me and fellow citizens and tourists.

Veronica Israelstam

Contact No : [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Email : [REDACTED]

From: Jean Janse van Rensburg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 15:21
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Petition against Total

I am interested and affected by this venture due to how involved and closely related I am to the natural elements, what ever they might be. I cannot stand by and watch them destroy our natural ecosystems for the mere fact of capital gains. It can always be done in a way that is better for all parties involved, and however that might cost them more money and make things more challenging in more ways than one, this is something that should absolutely be a prerequisite to being able to undertake such a venture - making sure thay the absolute least of amount of harm is done to our natural systems for everything needs to be in balance if we want to keep outlr beautiful earth functioning in the glorious way that it does.

Thank you

From: Susan Janssen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, 14 February 2023 21:21
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: TOTAL ENERGIES PROJECT Block 11B and 12B

To whom it may concern,

I, Susan Janssen of the Knysna district on the Garden Route, SAID [REDACTED], email address [REDACTED] phone +27 [REDACTED], here by object to the Total ENERGIES project in Block 11B and 12B.

These platforms pose a grave threat to our marine wildlife including birds and ecosystems.

TOTAL is a French company and the benefit of this exercise has not been determined for SA, therefore hardly any jobs will be created for locals.

The blasts used in the construction and running of these facilities has undeniable damage implications imposed on our wildlife and ecosystems, and later on our economic systems.

TOTAL energies and their partners will not take any responsibilities, financial or otherwise after they have finished with production and have moved out. This becomes the responsibility of the South African government. And the problem remains for the South African public and wildlife to deal with. On an ethical level this is unacceptable.

TOTAL energies plans to leave all their equipment and waste material on the seabed because it costs them too much money to remove.

I object on all levels, this must be stopped at all costs!

Yours truly,
Susan Janssen

From: Gesine Johansson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 26 January 2023 16:50
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection to TEEPSA oil and gas exploitation

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

I strongly object to TEEPSA getting the rights to exploit gas and oil along the southern coast of Africa. We need to save the rich wildlife in our oceans and rather invest in solar and wind energy.


Gesine Johansson

Registration. Comment and public meeting

Arnold Jones <[REDACTED]>

Thu 1/12/2023 9:15 PM

To: ZA - GLD - Teepa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>

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Registration

Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Applications for Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V.

Registration, Comment and Public Meeting Reply Form

Draft Scoping Report: Thursday 01 December 2022 to Friday 03 February 2023

Note: This is an opportunity to register as an I&AP for the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process. By registering as an I&AP on the proposed project, you agree to receive information about the proposed project during the statutory S&EIA process. You also agree to receive information about the S&EIA, public participation process and opportunities to contribute comments.

Personal Information

Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation / Department (if applicable)
MR	ARNOLD	JONES	

Contact Details

Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number	Email / Fax Number
[REDACTED]	Office	[REDACTED]
	Home	

Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?

Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops YES NO

I will attend the following public meetings in 2023:

Meeting Date and Location	YES	NO	Meeting Date and Location	YES	NO
16 January, Kwanonqaba Community Hall, Mayixhale St, Kwanonqaba, Mossel Bay		<input checked="" type="radio"/>	21 January, Seavista Hall, Geelbek Street, St Francis Bay	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
17 January, Mossel Bay Town Hall, 101 Marsh Street, Mossel Bay	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	23 January, Pellrus Hall, 1 Harder Street, Jeffreys Bay	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
18 January Thembaletu Community Hall, 66 Olympic Road, George	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	24 January, Feather Market Hall, 86 Baakens Street Port Elizabeth Central, Gqeberha	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
19 January, Khayelethu Community Hall, Mbethana Street, Knysna	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	25 January, Jauka Community Hall, Runeli Drive, Port Alfred	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
20 January, Piesang Community Hall, 7 Greenpoint Ave, Plettenberg Bay	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	26 January, Scenery Park Community Hall, 30 7 th Rd, Scenery Park, East London	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date	12/01/2023
	Signature	[Signature]

By registering as a stakeholder permission is hereby given in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act for your contact details to be held securely to keep you informed about this project. WSP Group Africa as a good corporate citizen complies to the POPIA and confirms that your details will be kept confidential and will not be shared with any third party without your prior consent, other than the lead authority should they request stakeholder details.

For internal use to confirm capture of stakeholder details into the stakeholder database	
Stakeholder database reference number	
	Signature of data capturer

COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use additional pages.

I have the following comments regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

- WHY DO PETROSA NOT REFIT ORIBI / ORYX OILFIELD
- WHAT HAPPEND TO THE IKHWEZI - F-09 PROJECT OF 2012

You are welcome to distribute this form to friends/colleagues who may be interested in the proposed project so that they also can register as an Interested and Affected Party.

Please return the Registration, Comment and Reply form to:

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd

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THANK YOU!

From: Thamsanqa Ashley Kanyuchi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, 03 December 2022 01:44
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Totals gas field public comment

Sir/madam

It's an insult to even consider this absurd proposal,45% to total energies 25% to Qatar petroleum and 20 to CNR international are you kidding me?if multinationals don't to play ball let them leave you mean to tell me south africa would get 5% ownership from this deal,and yet the taxman will worry about its diminishing tax collection when it wants to receive such ridiculous returns on a resource discovered off our shorelines,and then tax that's supposedly needed to be collected siphoned off by the same people who got more from this deal,the people of this land deserve more,if their gonna risk environmental armageddon and potential health risk let it be for more,citizens in these multinational homes get more and you want to offer us less on our own land,to them I say pack and leave.

From: Allan Kaplan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 20:28
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Comment on Draft Scoping Report Block 11b_12b TOTAL ENERGIES EP SOUTH AFRICA

Comment on Draft Scoping Report Block 11b_12b TOTAL ENERGIES EP SOUTH AFRICA

I totally object to the production of oil and gas from the ocean off the coast of Mossel Bay.
As a resident of the area, I object to the invasion of my coast, my people, my culture and my health.
I do not give my permission to any oil company to mine for anything off the coast of my homeland.

Sincerely
Allan Kaplan

From: Miila Kauppinen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 15:43
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: May I be informed about the proposed offshore drilling

Hello,

My name is Miila Kauppinen, I am a resident in the Craggs, the Garden Route. I would like to register as an interested party in the matter of the proposed offshore oil drilling in the bays off Garden Route.

Hope this is possible. I do not know enough about the matter yet to ask questions or comments in any way, and thus to receive more information and being able to be in the loop of the proposal would be wonderfully appreciated.

Kind regards,
Miila Kauppinen
[REDACTED]

From: Edwin Khomo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 21:46
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF TOTALENERGIES GAS EXPLORATION APPLICATION

Dear Sir/Madam

I hereby submit my support for the TotalEnergies Exploration Application. Please consider my motivation below herein.

SIGNIFICANCE AND THE IMPACT OF FUEL TO THE ECONOMY

Fuel is the lifeblood of the economy and a centrepiece for economic development.

If there is an increase in fuel price, the impact of that is felt throughout the entire economy. Such an increase-triggers increases in goods and services in all sectors and their value chains. This leads to, among others, increases in the cost of transportation of goods, transport fares for commuters, food price, medicine price, electricity price etc. Such price hikes then cause employees to demand higher wages or salaries when they negotiate with their employers due to a high cost of living. Such a state of affairs, among others, slows down economic growth, leads to higher inflation which will depreciate the local currency and also diminishes the ability of the country to create jobs.

On the contrary, if there is sustained decrease in the price of fuel, that will stimulate economic growth of the country. A sustained fuel price decrease will impact positively on the lives of the citizens, and amongst others, will yield to an increase in the productive capacity of a country, increase fiscas and also lead to job creation. This is because citizens will use less money on transportation, and thus, will have more of their disposable income and more buying power. As a result, the economy will grow, create more jobs and the government will collect more tax revenue. This will, amongst others, reduce the inflation and strengthen the value of the local currency and also help the country to attract Foreign Direct Investment, and will improve the economic outlook and rating status of a country.

If one considers countries especially in the Middle East, countries like Dubai and United Arab Emirates are good examples of countries whose socio-economic development advancement is hinged on the backbone of Oil & Gas discovery and exploration.

We believe that the seismic surveys off the shore of the Wild Coast in the Eastern Cape are pivotal and could lead to the discovery of Oil & Gas. Such a discovery is necessary in order to improve the socio-economic outlook and to boost the GDP of the Eastern Cape Province, and that of South Africa at large. South Africa is heavily relying on the import of crude oil for the local refineries. A discovery of Oil and Gas deposits could also reignite the domestic industry value chain and enable the industry to provide South Africa with a secure supply of fuel.

SEISMIC SURVEYS CONDUCTED IN THE WESTERN CAPE

Western Cape

In 2019, seismic surveys were conducted off the shore of Mossel Bay by TotalEnergies and that seismic operation continued in 2020 in tandem with a drilling campaign. The seismic surveys led to the discovery of the 'Bullfrog Well' off the shore of Mossel Bay, which is located in the Western Cape. This discovery is one of several highly anticipated exploration prospects of TotalEnergies and this discovery will, *inter alia*, boost the GDP of Western Cape and that of the country at large.

Mossel Bay

Mossel Bay is a pristine town within the Western spectacular seaside lifestyle, and fishing and tourism are local economic development key drivers of that area. There is a variety of marine life and sea mammals around the seashore of Mossel Bay, such as:

- The Cape Fur Seals which are found in large concentration in Seal Island which is in Mossel Bay which are a tourist attraction
- There are White Sharks and Shark Cage Diving activities in Mossel Bay
- There are a lot of Dolphins and also Orcas sightings in Mossel Bay
- There are Whales and Whale Watching Safaris in Mossel Bay which take place from July to October

Sea mammals like Seals, White Sharks, Dolphins, Orcas and Whales are still found in Mossel Bay after the 2020 seismic survey operation which was conducted by TotalEnergies.

Observation

Whereas, there were claims from certain interest groups that the seismic surveys would lead to irreparable harm to marine life such as dolphins, whales, seals etc, these claims turned out not to be true.

Instead, the following observations can be made:

- There was no irreparable harm caused to fishing and eco-tourism after the TotalEnergies 2020 seismic survey operations
- The seismic surveys led to the discovery of large oil reserves
- The discovery will, amongst others, contribute immensely to the Western Cape's GDP
- The seismic survey operation did not impact on the whale migration because whales descended from Antarctic to the warmer waters of South African Coast near Mossel Bay in 2020, 2021 and in 2023
- The Seal Island in Mossel Bay still has a large concentration of Cape Fur Seals, Shark Cage Diving activities, Dolphins and Orcas are still sighted after the seismic operations
- There was no court Interdict lodged to stop the TotalEnergies seismic surveys

The above observations demonstrate that the seismic survey operation did not cause any irreversible damage to sea mammals.

I hope you will find the above in order.

Kind regards

Edwin Khomo

Resident of Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha), Nelson Mandela Bay

From: George King <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 13:02
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection to Total Energies plans

Good day

I am an RSA Citizen aged 75 and all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently impacts me. I've experienced enough **in my long life of ocean pollution along the South African coast and elsewhere.**

George Tregunno King
[REDACTED]

From: Claire Kockott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 09:56
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: Re: Extraction of fossil fuels

Hi Office

I'd like to register my objections to any mining off the Coast of South Africa and starting with this TEEPSA block application between Mossel Bay and Cape St Francis.

I have Googled "images of oil and gas disasters at sea" and have seen for myself how common massive accidents are on big oil projects, how often there is no accountability, no clean up, no compensation. SURELY WE CAN NO LONGER STAND BY & ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN? This block is right on the Aghulus current, a major migratory route. Disturbance here is unacceptable. Keep fossil fuels in the ground. Work on domestic and community scale renewables initiatives rather. Our coast needs protecting.

#oceansnotoil

Regards Claire Kockott

Sent from my iPhone

> On 30 Jan 2023, at 11:46, ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com> wrote:

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> Dear Claire

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> Thank you for registering as an I&AP, your contact details have been added to the stakeholder database.

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> Kind regards,

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> Public Participation Office

> T+ 27 11 254 4800

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> From: Claire Kockott <[REDACTED]>

> Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 12:46 PM

> To: TEEPSA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>

> Subject: Extraction of fossil fuels

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> Please register my interest in this EIA Claire Kockott

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> Sent from my iPhone

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From: Faheemah Kolia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 20:23
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: TEEPSA Block 11b/12b Application - WSP public participation Registration of Interested and Affected Parties
Attachments: Total Energies Application - Petition Public Objection _ Comments List.xls; Total Energies Application - Petition Public Objection _ Signature List.xls

The Participation Officer

Please see attached lists containing the names of 6,805 (six thousand eight hundred and five) signatories and 155 comments that are to be included in your records of public participation as 6,805 (six thousand eight hundred and five) interested and affected parties.

Please record the Petition in your records, link below

<https://www.change.org/search?q=mossel%20bay%20to%20Cape%20St%20Francis&offset=0>

Thanking you
Faheemah Kolia
[REDACTED]



Virus-free. www.avg.com

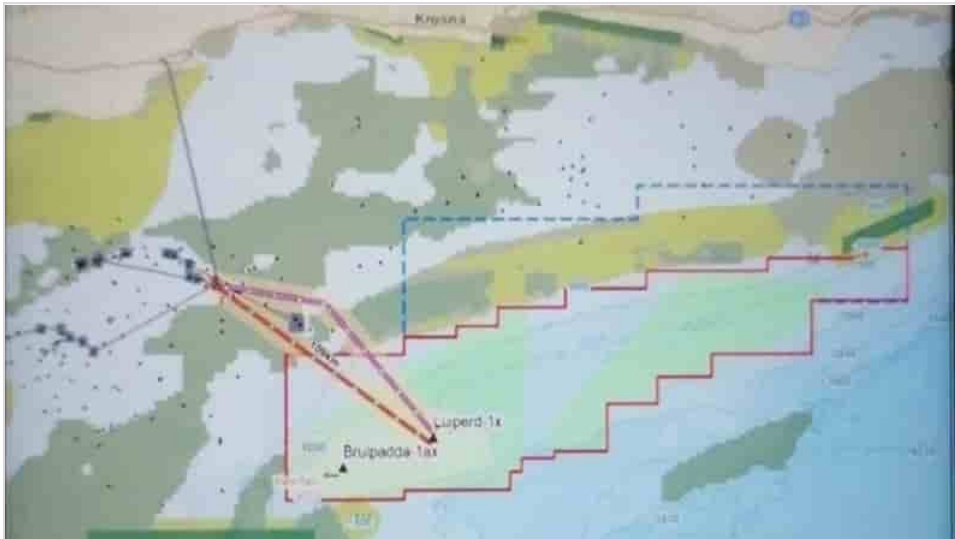
From: Faheemah Kolia via Change.org <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 17:39
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: New petition to you: Mossel Bay to Cape St Francis - Stop Total Energies from messing with Our Ocean

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WSP Group Africa Pty Ltd: you've been listed as a decision maker

Faheemah Kolia started a petition on Change.org and listed you as a decision maker. Learn more about Faheemah Kolia's petition and how you can respond:



Faheemah Kolia is petitioning WSP Group Africa Pty Ltd (WSP Public Participation Office)

Mossel Bay to Cape St Francis - Stop Total Energies from messing with Our Ocean

Total Energies intends to dig for gas and explore 12,000 sq km of South Africa's Oceans from Mossel Bay to Cape St Francis Their project Impact Assessment Scoping Report ...

[View the petition](#)

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. View the petition: [Learn about the petition and its supporters.](#)

You will receive updates as new supporters sign the petition so you can see who is signing and why.

2. Respond to the petition: [Post a response](#) to let the petition supporters know you're listening, say whether you agree with their call to action, or ask them for more information.

3. Continue the dialogue: Read the comments posted by petition supporters and continue the dialogue so that others can see you're an engaged leader who is willing to participate in open discussion.

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This notification was sent to teepsaEIA@WSP.com, the address listed as a decision maker.

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Name	City	State	Postal Code	Country	Date	Comment
tayyiba mayet	Johannesburg		1827	South Africa	2023/02/01	"I believe in LIFE"
Penny Brand	Florida			South Africa	2023/02/01	"I don't believe using up our lands resources is a good thing to do."
Heather Kohler	Durban			South Africa	2023/02/01	"The sea should be protected."
Aqeela Hoosen	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/01	"When nature is viewed as a source of profit and gain, this has serious consequences for society..."
Shakira Mohamed	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/01	"We can't afford further damage to our already fragile earth."
fouad bhayat	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/01	"I believe that what Total Energies are doing is totally irresponsible for our precious environment based on their own acknowledgement and the effects will be disastrous on our government as well as the ocean and protected areas ..."
Muhammed Vallee	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/01	"This should be stopped"
Pedro De Albuquerque	Cape Town		8001	South Africa	2023/02/01	"Total already destroyed Mozambique delta (animals and flora) in the Mocimboa da Praia area.They will do exactly the same in S.A."
Shariff Khan				South Africa	2023/02/01	"Don't destroy our planet"
ANWARI HARNEKAR	Johannesburg		2041	South Africa	2023/02/02	"It's the right thing to do"
Essak Natalwala	Boksburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"I believe in preserving the costal shore"
Yunus Mohamed	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Exploration and Production will negatively impact marine,plant, bird and consequently human life. Total Energies and partners are fully aware of this, in detail, and by the time real impact is apparent, the project is done, money pocketed, Total has moved on and the damage irreversible. The risks of leaks, spills, blasts etc are unacceptable to even consider risking one. (see pg 7 of their brochure for more detailed risks Brochure - Total Energies Draft Scoping Report Total Energies and their Partners, relinquish all responsibility, financial or otherwise, that may arise in the explored blocks after they're done with production and have moved out. This becomes the responsibility of the SA government.And they get to leave all their equipment, material etc on the seabed because it's too costly for them to remove. The "reasons " of benefit to the economy, contribution towards alleviating the energy crisis, and job creation are fancy wrappings. The masses and the environment are worse off in the long run. Corrup"
sonja willan	cape town	Arizona	7201	US	2023/02/02	"It is the right thing to do"
Alpheus Moropane	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Cause i believe in this"
Patricia Norris	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"PE Norris"
Louisa Van der Westhuizen	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Our beautiful coastline is at stake and money is all that matters to them. They only pretend to care about ecosystems etc."
Joleen Robinson	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Our ocean is one of our biggest assets as a country and to the environment. To go drilling and ruin it would cause so many problems for not only our tourism economy but also the environment"
Diseko Ntsepe	Theunissen			South Africa	2023/02/02	"let's please look after our environment, especially our coastline.i say NO to destroying our planet."
Barend Kruger	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Preserve our beautiful coastline and nature!"
Akinyi Olang	Nairobi			Kenya	2023/02/02	"maintaining our eco systems is very very important"
RICHARD Cammell	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"I'm sick of the money grabbing oil companies destroying the environment"
Anne and Neil Knott	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"We are signing because we demand climate justice, inter-generational justice, racial justice, gender justice, environmental justice NOT ecocide"
Carl Hammersen	WESTVILLE			South Africa	2023/02/02	"I am not signing because this is just delaying the complete collapse of this planet.Think of wars, floods, droughts, threat of nuclear attacks, starvation, population growth, unemployment, cyber attacks, corruption, global warming, crime in general, a dysfunctional judicial system, incompetent,
Jackie Trytsman	Johannesburg		2190	South Africa	2023/02/02	"uneducated, unethical and corrupt leaders will put the final touch to this disastrous situation"
Leandra Holmes				South Africa	2023/02/02	"Jackie Trytsman"
storm hawman				South Africa	2023/02/02	"The ocean and sea life is more important than making some fat cats more money"
Sam Perumal	Johannesburg		2197	South Africa	2023/02/02	"This is a terrible and destructive plan. We NEED to be protecting and conserving our natural environment, NOT further destroying and exploiting it. DO NOT GO AHEAD WITH THIS HORRIFIC PLAN, PLEASE!"
Eulande Thompson	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"I agree with this petition"
Ronica Coetzee	Mossel Bay			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Hands off our oceans"
elaine harris	somerset west			South Africa	2023/02/02	"I want to save our ocean"
Janine Wessels	Pretoria		2	South Africa	2023/02/02	"Please don't harm our environment, which will harm our food supply and damage and destroy our natural resources We have very smart people. Let's find environmental and sustainable solutions instead of satisfying people's greed."
Charles Cammell	Johannesburg		2169	South Africa	2023/02/02	"I care"
Rheese Van Der Merwe	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"I'm opposed to any new fossil fuel development. We have no choice but to go green."
Linda Weiland	Johannesburg		2194	South Africa	2023/02/02	"Because our coastline and it's animal inhabitants need to be protected from harmful petrochem exploration and production!"

Name	City	State	Postal Code	Country	Date	Comment
Patrick Magill	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"We need to preserve our oceans for future generations..."
Jansen ena	Amsterdam		1017RW	Netherlands	2023/02/02	"This is wicked!"
Marlene Maree	Witbank			South Africa	2023/02/02	"M. Maree"
Vivienne Gericke	Durban			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Will they never stop trying to destroy our seaways"
Rose Hare	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"our oceans and marine life are valuable"
Renato Araujo	Brooklyn	New York	11201 US	US	2023/02/02	"It's important"
J Granig	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"This will cause unacceptable environmental damage"
anita weldeman	Johannesburg		2000	South Africa	2023/02/02	"STOP THE DISREGARD FOR THE OCEANS. EARTH IS A CLOSED SYSTEM. EVERYTHING IS IN BALANCE."
Belinda Ormond	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"I believe Yotsi should pay to rehabilitate the coastline and take all equipment with them"
Jacqueline De Villiers	Plettenberg Bay		T-48uh	South Africa	2023/02/02	"Our eco systems need to be protected 自然環境を保護"
Shineen Klein	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"I agree"
Dari Orlien	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Enough is enough! No to toxic robbing of natural resources and killing the precious balance of life! We have incredible amount of sunshine in this country ready to be used!"
Neil Frye	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"You cannot honestly believe that you giant corporations can simply go-ahead and destroy this outstanding natural environment any longer!!!"
Berine Geldenhuys	Kimberley			South Africa	2023/02/02	"High time!"
Carin Nagel	East London			South Africa	2023/02/02	"There won't be anything left of our ecosystem if it's going on like this"
Michael Hand	Cape Town		7100	South Africa	2023/02/02	"We need to protect our beautiful coastline"
Piet De Vos	Middelburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"We must save our marine life"
Estelle Crane	Durban			South Africa	2023/02/02	"This would destroy the wildlife in our oceans, which the Environment Minister should not allow exploration, he/she is supposed to be at the head of taking care of the Wildlife on land and Sea. Not looking at the \$ signs from foreign investors."
Lynette Mullins	George			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Our ocean and marine life matter"
Jantjie Oosthuizen	Cape Town		8001	South Africa	2023/02/02	"If we kill the world, we kill ourselves!"
Darryl Accone	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Total has no respect for nature, the environment and people. To see the destruction of communities and loss of human life that Total typically brings in its wake, look no further than Cabo Delgado province in Mozambique. Stop these French energy colonisers and exploiters!"
Renee Leger	Port Elizabeth			South Africa	2023/02/02	"I care for the ocean and environment"
Arlene Nolan	Cape Town		7441	South Africa	2023/02/02	"Stop messing with our Oceans. I would love my children to enjoy it fully!!?"
Lynn Pike	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Pls stop messing with the ocean pls"
Michelle Starling	Durban			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Leave our coastline alone ... stop destroying our natural eco system !!!"
Peter Tuffin	Cape Town		7405	South Africa	2023/02/02	"I want to be on the right side of history."
Denise Basson	Durban			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Marine life is so important"
Natalie De Villiers	Plettenberg Bay			South Africa	2023/02/02	"This would cause immediate and long term damage to the marine life, bird life and coastal environment, which in turn would devastate local communities and businesses causing many job losses, as well as a collapse of the eco tourism trade and all the suppliers and contractors to the tourism and recreational industry."
Mohamed Allie Khan	Lenasia		1820	South Africa	2023/02/02	"Enough already"
Hilana Steyn	Plettenberg Bay		6600	South Africa	2023/02/02	"It is paramount that we protect our ocean life."
Patrizia Stevens	Plettenberg Bay			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Nature needs to be given a chance. We aren't leaving any inheritance to our children."
ANNETTE JOYCE	Plettenberg Bay			South Africa	2023/02/02	"That will destroy the coastline"
Natalie Leschinsky	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"I'm sick and tired of international companies raping our resources. Save our coastline, don't let it be destroyed."
Charles Campbell	Benoni			South Africa	2023/02/02	"We need to save our environment for future generations. Stop all mining"
Michael Beggs	Kynsna			South Africa	2023/02/02	"We don't need the environmental tragedy that this will bring to our coastal region."
Khan Mohamed	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Don't mess with the ocean Please"
Catherine Harvey	Port Elizabeth			South Africa	2023/02/02	"To save our coastline and all maritime ne life"
R Ahmed	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"It is unacceptable that our natural environment be abused for profit by anyone, especially multinationals that have a poor record regarding safety, human rights and safeguarding the environment. Stop the rape!"
Peter Calitz	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"It is vital that our coastline be protected"

Name	City	State	Postal Code	Country	Date	Comment
Andre Roothman	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"The greed of oil and gas companies is killing the planet and all on it and refuse to take responsibility for armageddon. Shareholders must not be co-opted into this demonic self-sabotage without considering alternative, less destructive energy sources."
Clive Norman	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"We need to go for renewable energy. Until government has proved that corruption is under control, no extra money should go to them."
Jennifer Brebner	Somerset West			South Africa	2023/02/02	"We do not want ANYBODY to mess with our oceans!!! Just leave our oceans alone!"
Jean Jansen Van Rensburg	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"It is irresponsible and must be stopped."
Luke Viok	Plettenberg Bay			South Africa	2023/02/02	"This will wreak havoc on our coastline and marine life. The environmental knock on effects will be devastating. Alternative options need to be explored with lesser impact"
Dana Yerushalmy	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Big business just wants to destroy our oceans. WE MUST STOP THEM FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS"
Judy Van der Merwe	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Judy vd Merve"
Paul Grobler	Pretoria			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Stop the destruction of our planet"
Hannie van Wieringen	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Hannie van Wieringen"
Hendrik van Blerk	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Find a sustainable less destructive alternative."
Allan May	Middelburg			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Go fuck up your own back yard and keep out of SA."
Desfree Thomson	Western Cape	Western		South Africa	2023/02/02	"Because what they want to do is wrong."
Pieter Jooste	Durban	Cape		South Africa	2023/02/02	"It is just a money making project for the company with no direct benefit to SA"
Peter Bowland	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"I want to save our environment"
jeanine rymers	pretoria			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Of the environmental impact"
Dorothy Kennedy	Durban			South Africa	2023/02/02	"It is a dreadful idea. Our beautiful coastline and sea life is too precious and should be preserved at any cost."
David & Heather Zeller	Durban			South Africa	2023/02/02	"The total disregard for the marine life and the creatures who inhabit these zones and have done so since time immemorial before Total was even dreamed of is appalling, cruel, ruthless and totally (not to put too fine a point on it) demonic."
Lorna Emanuel	Durban			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Our oceans need to be protected not plundered"
Grant Gibor	Cape Town		8005	South Africa	2023/02/02	"Totally against the exploration for oil, gas or other along our coast line"
Biza Just	Vereeniging			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Its just wrong"
Melanie Hall	London		EC2V	UK	2023/02/02	"Total Energies are potentially going to destroy our fragile environment. Hands off, Enough now!"
Tim Hollis	George			South Africa	2023/02/02	"I care for the protection and conservation of our natural ecosystems and they deserve to be reserved for future generations in the near and distant future, from the world over. As a Geologist I understand the repercussions of LPG gas extraction for fresh water stocks and our local estuary and marine life, and the slightest negligence or human error can cause devastating pollution of these natural water stocks, particularly ground water reserves."
Lindy Schlosz				Maldives	2023/02/02	"Despicable !"
Jeffrey Knickelbein	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"I don't trust Total."
Barbara Du Toit				South Africa	2023/02/02	"Let them go dig in their own back yard..."
Sivvy Setowski	Nelspruit			South Africa	2023/02/02	"Our coastline must be protected"
Claire Newcombe-						
Jakeman	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/02	"I don't believe in profit over ecology!"
Elizabeth Morris	Johannesburg		2041	South Africa	2023/02/03	"It's enough! Stop destroying the environment. It's not yours to destroy."
Mariette Carstens	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/03	"The Ocean is our number one support on earth for survival, it deserves our attention and support"
Berenice Kilfoj	Perth		6001	Australia	2023/02/03	"I'm concerned about the environmental impact it will have on marine life in all its forms."
Derek Drew	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/03	"Leave our oceans alone, surely there are other options for fuel"
Celia Scribante	Jozini			South Africa	2023/02/03	"I object to any drilling or pipelines between Mosselbay and St. Francis."
Nikki Gouws	Witbank			South Africa		"I am objecting to the licensing because there is a strong economic, social, ecological and national and global argument against any activity that endangers our local and global ecosystem while seeking to exploit an energy source whose time has already past because it has started to and will continue to destroy the viability of living space and our planet."
Melissa Adey	Nelspruit			South Africa	2023/02/03	"The ocean needs protecting."
Paula Slabbert	Plettenberg bay			South Africa	2023/02/03	"I love nature"
Melissa Watson	Port Elizabeth			South Africa	2023/02/03	"We need to preserve our beautiful coastline and act responsibly with regards to the oceans ecosystems"

Name	City	State	Postal Code	Country	Date	Comment
Dee Cranswick	St Francis Bay			South Africa	2023/02/03	"I am objecting to the licensing because there is a strong economic, social, ecological and national and global argument against any activity that endangers our local and global ecosystem while seeking to exploit an energy source whose time has already past because it has started to and will continue to destroy the viability of living space and our planet."
Tiago Rebelo	Plettenberg bay			South Africa	2023/02/03	"It has been proven in other African countries that exploitation of natural resources in this way is destructive to both the environment and the people."
Justine Louw	Johannesburg		2091	South Africa	2023/02/03	"Exploration and Production will negatively impact marine, plant, bird and consequently human life!"
Terry-Ann Jacobs	cape town			South Africa	2023/02/03	"Stop destroying the earth"
Greg Nottingham	Randburg		2194	South Africa	2023/02/03	"The damage they would cause is unimaginable. Total Energies should rather be focusing on finding a clean fuel which does not have a negative impact on the environment."
Laura Butler	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/03	"I don't want the oceans polluted and marine life destroyed"
Ruan Sevier	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/03	"R.Sevier"
com Pienaar	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/03	"The environment and oceans must be protected. Nature is very important, also important for people who rely on fishing for income"
Maria du Toit	randburg			South Africa	2023/02/03	"We should not allow people to mess with our natural resources, stop it now"
Joan Fredericks	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/03	"I wish for a better and good life for all of GOD'S creations. 茨"
Noel Chapman	George			South Africa	2023/02/03	"Greedy oil companies must be stopped from destroying our natural resources for the gain of their shareholder and not our country."
Lindsay Mariani	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/03	"Amazes me that the WEF is hell bent on eliminating petrol vehicles, but these companies are permitted to destroy the environment where and whenever they choose. They must be stopped."
Susan Brown	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/03	"I live on this planet and we ALL need to care of it, please"
Debi Chandler	Benoni		1505	South Africa	2023/02/03	"There is enough destruction to our planet without any more. We have exceptional marine life in this area which will be decimated"
Marianne Dekkers	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/03	"Don't destroy the eco system that God created"
Leandri Osborne	Jeffreys Bay			South Africa	2023/02/03	"Our coastline is pristine, but it isn't without its challenges. We don't need anyone or anything to add more challenges to it staying healthy pristine. Stop trying to exploit and ruin the little bit of good and healthy ecosystems/resources still left in this world."
Janice Claassen	Humansdorp			South Africa	2023/02/03	"The damage to sea life and ultimately us on land, is not reversible!!"
Judith Nankana				South Africa	2023/02/03	"What total energies is intending to do is totally irresponsible, our environment is already fragile due this is unacceptable."
David Fritz	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/03	"I object to our oceans and marine life being messed with to satisfy the greed of a few who mill put money in their own pockets from this project!"
Natalie hobbs	George			South Africa	2023/02/03	"Don't want this to ever take place. Leave our oceans!!"
Jacobus du Plooy	Rayton			South Africa	2023/02/03	"To mine in our ocean is step to pollute the whole Ocean we must look to the future of our offspring"
Tarryn van Wyk	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/03	"We need to put an end to the ruination of our oceans"
Eric Sundstrom				South Africa	2023/02/03	"This will completely destroy the ecology and has a very negative impact on the coastal environment"
Maria W Smith	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/03	"We have seen on other places on earth what happens if you dont protect your natural resources. We do not support Shell. Leave our oceans alone."
Natalie Scott	Port Elizabeth			South Africa	2023/02/03	First our 5 five devastated and now you going after our ocean. NO!!!!"
VElizabeth Swart	Cape Town		8001	South Africa	2023/02/03	"The negative effect on marine and coastal life is irreplaceable. Unacceptable to even consider this, ha e we not progressed to preservation instead!?"
Stefnie Hatzimichael	Johannesburg	Western Cape	2153	South Africa	2023/02/03	"Please stop the greed that messes up SA environment totally!!"
Lauren Sweet	george		6560	South Africa	2023/02/03	"Save the environment for the future!"
Malcolm Lyle	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/03	"I am concerned about our ecology and ecosystems"
Iris Steyn	Plettenberg Bay			South Africa	2023/02/03	"I want to protect our precious coastline"
Alicia Concannon	Sedgefield			South Africa	2023/02/03	"Our oceans have been damaged enough. We have to change the way we live in our world. We have to stop destroying our ecosystems. We have to use renewable energy."
Michael Demos	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/03	"I believe the damage to the environment is very real and will have a negative effect on all living beings."
Cleone Cull	Port Elizabeth		6001	South Africa	2023/02/03	"Total does not care about ocean."
Peter Loveland				South Africa	2023/02/03	"Destruction of ecology of our sea for the benefit of Total shareholders and countries other than South Africa - the paying of lip service to world climate change incentives and promises- no trustworthy research done that that takes into account both the consequences and the potential unintended consequences- follow the money to the corporate / it is yet another face of colonialism"
				South Africa	2023/02/03	"Our pristine coastline and oil exploration are a disastrous mix."

Name	City	State	Postal Code	Country	Date	Comment
Tracy Robas	Plettenberg Bay			South Africa	2023/02/03	"The Ocean can't speak for itself"
Diana Butlin	Plettenberg Bay		60062	South Africa	2023/02/03	"What a disaster for our precious environment." "The environment is incredibly valuable and highly fragile and needs to be protected. This is being pushed by greed and will harm those who live in the area for decades to come. It will be a real few who will benefit"
Deena van Niekerk	Johannesburg			South Africa	2023/02/03	"It's my right"
Greg Whitaker	Cape Town		7945	South Africa	2023/02/03	"It's my right"
Karin Coetzee	Steelpoort			South Africa	2023/02/03	"Karin Coetzee"
Jan Odendaal	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/03	"It will save our ocean and sea life"
Edward Walker	Port Alfred			South Africa	2023/02/03	"I believe our oceans have more value through tourism than through unmitigated destruction in search of natural mineral resources mining." "This is just to make some big corporates even richer to the detriment of the world's less fortunate inhabitants. There are enough fossil fuels available to last mankind still for many years. These outside companies do not need to damage our seas for their benefit. Maybe there is someone in government with a vested interest in this venture. No permission should be even considered before this has been clarified. How much more money do these people need. Stop this craziness before the"
Eudora Bpouwer	Port Elizabeth			South Africa	2023/02/03	"The exploration will act negatively on marine life the natural route of dolphins and whales in the area of Cape St Francis. Will also impact negatively on the local fishing industry. The company also after the mining is completed also leaves all the mining equipment on the seabed. Huge risk of oil spills and pollution. The masses and environment will never benefit. Only the company and the corrupt politicians and wealthy corporations will benefit. The biggest loss is the sea and all that habitat therein and the fishing industry"
Elizabeth Du Preez	Cape Town		7700	South Africa	2023/02/03	"I believe there are other options."
Christa Croukamp	Cape Town			South Africa	2023/02/03	"Cannot allow them to destroy our oceans for their own enrichment"
Wynand Pretorius				South Africa		

From: Gabriella Kovacich <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 08:58
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection

This is a VERY strong objection against TOTALS plan to create a pipeline off Mosslebay!!!!

There is no doubt that this is a destructive initiative with only one objective , MONEY!!!
When in reality the devastating effects on environment, sea creatures, been on whale and sardine run routes, there is no way thos is acceptable or even be considered, protecting the ocean and the vicinity of marine protected area are of utmost importance and should be our priority

Once you destroy this world NO MONEY can bring it back, these creatures have as much right to live their lives safely in peace, who are we to destroy and cause suffering

Do what is right, greed will not feed future generations , destroying nature will not serve future generations.. PRESERVATION is our only way forward.
Tourism brings a lot of money to our country, people come BECAUSE of nature, once it's gone we loose this national income of international currencies entering our country and Rand value will drop!!!
We already facing high carbon/ emitions affecting weather patterns & causing global warming and many natural disasters why would anyone get permission to contribute to more green house gasses and release of carbon from ocean bed ??? Money??

Watch your backs humanity these people really don't care about anything other than THEMSELVES!!!

I pray that all involved choose to do what is right & not destroy this beautiful planet, our home...in the name if greed and amassing wealth for a small handful of people who really don't care about the rest of the population and OUR beautiful world

STOP THIS MADNESS!!!!

God Bless ALL
Gabriella

From: Gary Kritzinger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, 14 February 2023 19:49
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia; TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection to the Total project in blocks 11B and 12B.

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To whom it may concern,

I, Gary Kritzinger of the Knysna district on the Garden Route, SA ID # [REDACTED], email address [REDACTED], phone number [REDACTED] *hereby object to the Total Energies project in Block 11B and 12B.*

These platforms pose a grave threat to our marine wildlife including birds and ecosystems. Total is a French company and the benefit of this exercise has not been determined for SA, therefore hardly any jobs will be created for locals. The blasts used in the construction and running of these facilities has undeniable damage implications imposed on our wildlife and ecosystems, and later on our economic systems.

Total energies and their partners will not take any responsibilities, financial or otherwise after they are finished with production and have moved out. This becomes the responsibility of the South African government. And the problem remains for the South African public and wildlife to deal with. On an ethical level this is unacceptable.

Total Energies plans to leave all their equipment and waste material on the seabed because it costs them too much money to remove.

I object on all levels, this must be stopped at all costs

Kindest regards,

Gary Kritzinger

From: harry lancaster <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 14:14
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection

I am an interested and affected party.

I am an RSA Citizen and all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently impacts me.

We have to leave a legacy for our children and their children. Everything is not all about making a buck!

Harry Lancaster [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]

From: Norma <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 17:31
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Mossel Bay to Cape St Francis - Stop Total Energies from destroying our Oceans and mining for gas

I, Norma Patricia Levin am an interested and affected party.

I am an RSA Citizen and object in the strongest possible terms to Total Energies mining the coast for gas and using seismic testing to do so.

Seismic testing is extremely harmful to sea life and gas is a fossil fuel.

Fossil fuels are destroying our planet but BIG GAS and corrupt governments don't care.

My contact details are

Cell: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

. CELL: [REDACTED]

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From: Rosie Diane <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, 04 February 2023 00:08
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Comments re: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Proposed Offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Applications for Block 11B/12B – Draft Scoping Report REF NO: 12/4/13

From
Marilyn Lilley -I&AP

Comments re:

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Proposed Offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Applications for Block 11B/12B – Draft Scoping Report

REF NO: 12/4/13

Total Energies EP South Africa B.V.

to
Contact person (WSP Consultant):
WSP PP Office
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+27 11 254 480
: 076 694 3842

For the following reasons and concerns I do not believe that the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Proposed Offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Applications for Block 11B/12B should be granted.

Total and accumulative GHG emissions

1. There will be vast related onshore infrastructure development with various plants required to process the gas for export.

2. What are all the various industrial infrastructures that will be required to be constructed onshore to process the oil/ gas landing by pipeline from offshore and including pumping onto the export vessels?

3. What will the total greenhouse gas emissions be for all the various related onshore industrial infrastructures for the total duration of a production permit?

4. What will the total greenhouse gas emissions be for all the various related offshore infrastructures required for the duration of a production permit, including all flaring, venting, fugitive emissions, use of diesel etc, emissions from vessels required in developing offshore production infrastructures, including total ghg emissions for vessels transporting the oil/gas for export to and from South Africa for the duration of a production permit?

Power/ electricity requirements

1. How much power would be needed for all the related onshore infrastructures for the total duration of a production permit?

2. Where will all this power be sourced for the permit duration?

Details required please.

3. South Africa does not have enough power with rolling blackouts with many various negative impacts on the public and business, and no solution in the near future to increase power output to satisfy the needs of SA and the public.

4. I believe that before any production permits are considered these issues need to be considered and answers given to the SAfrican public.

5. The possible impacts on the ocean and the wide diversity of marine life in the area including migrating whales are of great concern to me.

6. The possibility of pipeline and other offshore drilling and production related infrastructure leaks, spills explosions, with sea, environment, air contamination, and impacts on marine life are of great concern to me.

Environment, social

1. The possibility of onshore leaks, spills, explosions from related onshore infrastructures impacting communities, environment, air, health are of great concern to me.

2. The possible impacts on small scale fishers and fishing communities both onshore and offshore are of great concern to me.

3. The health and environmental impacts of toxic gasses from oil and gas infrastructures onshore and offshore eg emissions flaring, venting, spills, explosions, on the environment, health and global warming.

4. .How and where will all the toxic radioactive flow back be disposed off? What will the total flow back be for all the wells to be drilled?

Is fracking included as per the 'deviated' wells?

5. All the Constitutional Rights of South Africans must be upheld.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Marily Lilley

From: Bev Lloyd <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 26 January 2023 14:28
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: To Objection to the Proposed Total Oil Drilling

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Good Afternoon

Please may I ask you if you can assist with further information regarding the proposed Total Oil's involvement with off shore drilling in the Eastern Cape. In particular in Port Alfred and Kenton On sea

Many thanks

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Bev Lloyd

Mobile: [REDACTED]

E Mail: [REDACTED]

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From: Janet Longman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 13:58
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Registration as interested party

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As a South African Citizen all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently impacts me.

Exploration and Production will negatively impact marine, plant, bird and consequently human life. Our oceans are precious, and cannot be replaced, and our fishermen need an undisturbed environment to carry out their work.

Janet Longman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Doug Macdonald <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 21:48
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection

Sirs,
As a SA citizen, surfer and ocean lover I am an interested and affected party objecting to Total Energies Plans.
Anything that even slightly negatively impacts our ocean and environments consequently impacts me, never mind the vital economic generation we all need from tourism.
Furthermore I believe my grandchildren and their children have a right to unharmed oceans and environments.

Yours,
Douglas Macdonald
cell: [REDACTED]
email: [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone
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From: Dawn Macgregor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 16:52
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: OBJECTION

I hereby lodge my OBJECTION to TotalEnergies' plan to drill new wells and lay pipelines in the area between and offshore from Mossel Bay to Cape St Francis.

My objections: a blowout, accidental release or spillages will be catastrophic to marine life plus the regional industries of tourism, fisheries and recreational industries; offshore oil and gas exploration has a major negative impact on green gases and hence climate change, and more desirable and viable energy alternatives have not been fully considered. Deep water coral beds will be smothered by operational waste. Fish spawnings will be negatively impacted by toxic waste and emissions. CSEM surveys pose a risk to elasmobranch species (incl sharks, rays, skates). Noise and pressure emissions impact negatively and widely on marine turtles, mammals and cetaceans.

Dr DZA MACGREGOR

[REDACTED]

POORTJIES

PLETTENBERG BAY.

From: Joanne Macgregor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 16:46
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection to TotalEnergies' plan - OUtenuqua Basin

To Whom it may concern:

I hereby lodge my OBJECTION to TotalEnergies' plan to drill new wells and lay pipelines in the area between and offshore from Mossel Bay to Cape St Francis.

My objections:

1. a blowout, accidental release or spillages will be catastrophic to marine life plus the regional industries of tourism, fisheries and recreational industries;
2. offshore oil and gas exploration has a major negative impact on green gases and hence climate change; and
3. More desirable and viable energy alternatives have not been fully considered.
4. Deep water coral beds will be smothered by operational waste.
- 5.. Fish spawnings will be negatively impacted by toxic waste and emissions.
6. CSEM surveys pose a risk to elasmobranch species (incl sharks, rays, skates).
7. Noise and pressure emissions impact negatively and widely on marine turtles, mammals and cetaceans.
8. The are is situated in the Agulhas current - a major route for Whale and sardine migration; and
9. It borders a sensitive and protected marine protected area. There is no way of ensuring this reserve stays uncontaminated in the event of spillage or other-origin pollution from drilling and exploration activities.
10. If this venture is permitted, it will set a precedent for the wholesale exploitation of energy reserves off our coastline, which will catastrophic to marine and coastal life, and adjacent industries.

Yours faithfully

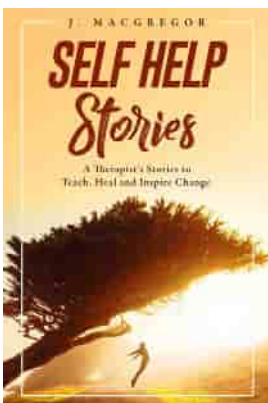
Joanne

Joanne Macgregor

(Author, Psychologist)

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 16 January 2023 13:23
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Registration form as a Stakeholder
Attachments: Stakeholder Registration Block 11&12B.Signed.pdf

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Good day Sir/Madam,

Please see my comments and recommendation in the attachment.

Kind Regards,

Mzwandile Py Majola
Project Manager

[REDACTED]
Qhamokuhle 678 Trading
"Solution Driven Construction"



Self Sufficient Entity (678)



Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Application for Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V.

Registration, Comment and Reply Form

Draft Scoping Report: Thursday 01 December 2022 to Friday 03 February 2023

Note: This is an opportunity to register as an I&AP for the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process. By registering as an I&AP on the proposed project, you agree to receive information about the proposed project during the regulatory S&EIA process. You also agree to receive information about the S&EIA, public participation process and opportunities to contribute comments.

Personal Information			
Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation / Department <i>(If applicable)</i>
MR	Mzwandile Pilot	MAJOLA	QHAMOKUHLE 678 Trading
Contact Details			
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Email / Fax Number
██████████	██████████	Office	██████████
	██████████	Home	██████████
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?			
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES NO
Please include my details on WSP's database to contact me about future projects in my area			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES NO
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date	16 January 2023	
	Signature	██████████	

For internal use to confirm capture of stakeholder details into the stakeholder database	
Stakeholder database reference number	
	Signature of data capturer

By registering as a stakeholder permission is hereby given in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act for your contact details to be held securely to keep you informed about this project. WSP Group Africa as a good corporate citizen complies to the POPIA and confirms that your details will be kept confidential and will not be shared with any third party without your prior consent, other than the lead authority should they request stakeholder details.

COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use additional pages should you so wish.

I have the following comments to make regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

1. I Mzwandile P Majola support this initiative driven by Total and hope that Total will at all times keep the community of Mossel Bay as well as all the other regions where affected posted with all developments and feedbacks.

2. As noted in the Draft Scoping Report Non-Technical Summary share with us today, this is a joint venture comprising TotalEnergies EP SA.B.V, QatarEnergy, Canadian Natural Resources and a South African consortium. In the meeting it was never disclosed the %share among the partnership. However as it was also mentioned that there negotiation to be held with PetroSA and businesses, and also it was never clear that the years to unfold the project before production is too long (2027) This is my recommendation: PetroSA and the government MUST enter into an agreement to start with the refurbishment/plant repairs/shutdown for a period of 3 years (2023-2026) This will elivate employment crisis in the area while TEEPSA make sure that all required permits are in place.

3. Also part of making sure that local small business are playing a part in the process in particular.....,Prepare us to play part in the procurement of equipment/consumables.

You are welcome to distribute this form to friends/colleagues who may be interested in the proposed project so that they also can register as interested and affected parties.

Please return the Registration, Comment and Reply form to:

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THANK YOU!

PM

From: Brigitte Manitz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, 04 February 2023 08:58
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Register for petition agains Total Energy plans

Hello,

I am an interested and directly affected person, living in Cape St. Francis.
Given that I like to register for your valuable petition against Total Energy Plans.

Kind regards,

brigitte manitz

[REDACTED] cape st. francis, 6312, ec (south africa)

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mailto:[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: I&AP form
Attachments: 221215_TEEPSA-Block_11B12B-ESIA-_MeetingReplyForm_Eng_Final.pdf

From: Thabiso Manne <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 11 January 2023 12:17
To: TEEPSA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>
Subject: I&AP form

Regards,

Thabiso Manne
Director: Phofu Industries Pty(Ltd)
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Registration, Comment and Public Meeting Reply Form

Draft Scoping Report: Thursday 01 December 2022 to Friday 03 February 2023

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Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation / Department <i>(If applicable)</i>		
Mr	Thabiso	Manne			
Contact Details					
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Email / Fax Number		
[REDACTED]	Office		[REDACTED]		
	Home				
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?					
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops				x YES	NO
I will attend the following public meetings in 2023:					
16 January, Kwanonqaba Community Hall, Mayixhale St, Kwanonqaba, Mossel Bay	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21 January, Seavista Hall, Geelbek Street, St Francis Bay	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17 January, Mossel Bay Town Hall, 101 Marsh Street, Mossel Bay	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23 January, Pellsrus Hall, 1 Harder Street, Jeffreys Bay	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18 January Thembalethu Community Hall, 66 Olympic Road, George	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	24 January, Feather Market Hall, 86 Baakens Street Port Elizabeth Central, Gqeberha	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19 January, Khayelethu Community Hall, Mbethana Street, Knysna	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25 January, Jauka Community Hall, Runeli Drive, Port Alfred	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20 January, Piesang Community Hall, 7 Greenpoint Ave, Plettenberg Bay	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26 January, Scenery Park Community Hall, 30 7 th Rd, Scenery Park, East London	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date		11 January 2023		
	Signature		[REDACTED]		

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From: Deidre Mans <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 10:32
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: #Totaldestruction should not be allowed

The gasline off Mossel bay should be stopped.

D. Mans

From: Kobus Marais <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 27 January 2023 14:16
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: NO SHELL

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

I Kobus Marais herby voice my concern to Shell blasting up our coastline being a transkei resident we have enough on our hands with poachers and illegal fishing trawlers SAY NO TO SHELL

From: Nadia Mathewson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 09:06
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Licensing

to whom it may concern

I am objecting to the licensing because there is a strong economic, social, ecological and national and global argument against any activity that endangers our local and global ecosystem while seeking to exploit an energy source whose time has already past because it has started to and will continue to destroy the viability of of living space and our planet.

Regards
Nadia Mathewson
Sent from my iPhone

From: Dylan McGarry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 15:19
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Comments and questions for the TEEPSA Block11B/12B ESIA process

To whom it may concern,

My name is Dr. Dylan McGarry, a senior researcher at the Environmental Learning Research Centre (ELRC) at Rhodes university. I am an educational sociologist, with a speciality in supporting knowledge holders in translation protocols and instruments for expressing their Ocean Intangible Heritage.

I am writing to be included in future correspondence regarding the Teepsa ESIA and to raise my concerns.

I specifically would like further information on how cultural heritage of coastal communities along the coast would experience impacts through the exploration activities planned for Block 11b/12b. Many communities have articulated and clearly laid out the ways in which oil and gas exploration will impact them in the previous court cases against Shell in 2022, and through other outputs. We also created a [summary short film](#) and [radio play](#) which articulates these concerns, with a [summary short film](#) which articulates these concerns and questions. So far from what I see in the documents shared, these concerns are not included.

Also I would like to see the list of participants that will be consulted as cultural knowledge holders. I managed to see the Cultural Impact Assessment for the other TEESPA 5/6/7 of Cape Point, and it only covers some concerns of Khoisan communities, but does not expand on the potential impact on other cultural groups, especially small scale and artisanal fishers, who over the past four years of collaborative research with customary rights holders and other knowledge holders have expressed clear concerns, will these small scale fisher communities and other coastal users be consulted and included in this assessment, these activities and livelihood strategies are not just economic practices but deeply connected to cultural heritage.

Please can you explain how these communities are going to be included in this Block 11/12b assessment?

In your public presentations it was discussed that you would consider the socio-economic impacts of these activities in relation to fisheries, especially to loss of fishing grounds. Colleagues of ours in Ghana have published and shown the many ways in which artisanal and small-scale fishers have lost fishing grounds and areas due to Oil and Gas activities, and how will this proposed oil and gas exploration affect directly with their fishing activities.

Sincerely,

Dylan

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[Dylan McGarry \(PhD\)](#)

Senior Researcher
Educational Sociologist & Artist
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www.transgressivelearning.org
www.empatheatre.com
www.oneoceanhub.org
[Environmental Learning Research Centre](#)
Rhodes University, South Africa
South Africa Tel: [REDACTED]

From: Elisa McRae <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 07:49
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: No pipeline !! Please 🙏

Please please don't approve this pipeline ... no money is worth further destruction of our planet ... for what? For a few more years of wealth for this generation?

What about the next generation? Or your children's children??

What about these beautiful whales 🐳 who have been here for melenia? Who will protect them if not you? They don't even know what is happening and will suffer which will have a terrible knock on effect for the planet and us.

Please don't go ahead with this, my heart is hurting and begging you please 🙏

Live Your Best Life
El McRae
Lifestyle & Business Coach
Helping mums scale their business
and create balance in their lives

Fwd: Registration as interested and affected party

Dani&Anika Meyer <[REDACTED]>

Fri 12/2/2022 10:20 AM

To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>

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From: **Dani&Anika Meyer** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, Dec 1, 2022 at 12:35 PM

Subject: Registration as interested and affected party

To: <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>

Good day

Please see the attached registration form.

Thank you

Anika Meyer

Aston Bay, South Africa






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Personal Information			
Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation / Department <i>(If applicable)</i>
Mrs	Anika	Meyer	
Contact Details			
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Email / Fax Number
		Office	
		Home	
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?			
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please include my details on WSP's database to contact me about future projects in my area			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date	1 December 2022	
	Signature		

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COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use additional pages should you so wish.

I have the following comments to make regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

At this time I wish to register as an interested or affected party. I will study the draft scoping report which has become available today, and provide a detailed comment following that. I will submit my comments before 3 February 2023.

You are welcome to distribute this form to friends/colleagues who may be interested in the proposed project so that they also can register as interested and affected parties.

Please return the Registration, Comment and Reply form to:

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Tel: (011) 254 4800
Fax: (086) 582 1561
WhatsApp: 076 694 3842
E-mail: teepsaEIA@WSP.com

THANK YOU!

From: Chris Meyer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 18:03
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: Re: REMINDER: PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT | BLOCK 11B/12B BY
TOTALENERGIES EP SOUTH AFRICA B.V. REF. NO. 12/4/013

I vote against the drilling

On Fri, 3 Feb 2023, 02:25 ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia, <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com> wrote:

Dear Stakeholder

*This is a reminder that the public comment period on the Draft Scoping Report for the TEEPSA Block 11B/12B ESIA closes **today**, 03 February 2023.*

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Kind Regards,

WSP Public Participation Office

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From: Chris Meyer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 11 January 2023 14:13
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Registrasie vorm. C Meyer
Attachments: IMG20230111141000.jpg; IMG20230111140953.jpg

Hiermee voltooide registrasie vorm om toekomstige inligting te ontvang.

Chris Meyer

WSP

Bestekopname- en Omgewingsimpakevalueringproses (B&OIE-proses) vir die beoogde afluandige Produksiereg en Aansoek om Omgewingsmagtiging vir Blok 11B/12B deur TotalEnergies EP Suid-Afrika B.V.

Registrasie-, Kommentaar- en Antwoordvorm

Konsep Bestekopnameverslag: Donderdag, 1 Desember 2022 tot Vrydag, 3 Februarie 2023

Let wel: Hierdie is 'n geleentheid om as 'n B&GP vir die Bestekopname- en Omgewingsimpakevalueringproses (B&OIE-proses) te registreer. Deur as 'n B&GP vir die beoogde projek te registreer, stem u in om inligting oor die beoogde projek tydens die verpligte B&OIE-proses te ontvang. U stem ook in om inligting oor die B&OIE- en openbare deelnameproses te ontvang en om geleenthede te kry om kommentaar by te dra.

Persoonlike inligting

Titel	Voornaam	Van	Organisasie/Departement (Indien van toepassing)
Mr	Christiaan	Meyer	Kleinbooi Belasting Betalers Vereniging

Kontakbesonderhede

Selfoonnommer	Landlyn-kontaknommer	E-pos/Faksnommer
[Redacted]	n/a	[Redacted]
	n/a	[Redacted]

Wil u as 'n belangstellende en geaffekteerde party registreer?

Registreer my asseblief as 'n belangstellende en geaffekteerde party (B&GP) vir hierdie projek sodat ek verdere inligting en kennisgewings kan ontvang namate die projek ontwikkel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JA	NEE
Sluit asseblief my besonderhede op WSP se databasis in om my oor toekomstige projekte in my gebied te kontak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JA	NEE

Ingevolge die OIE-regulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig) maak ek enige regstreekse sake-, finansiële-, persoonlike- of ander belang wat ek dalk mag hê in die goedkeuring of weiering van die aansoek bekend:	Datum	Handtekening
	2023/01/11	[Signature]

Vir interne gebruik om te bevestig dat die belanghebbende se besonderhede in die databasis vasgelê is	
Belanghebbende se Databasis-verwysingsnommer	Handtekening van datavaslegger

Deur as 'n belanghebbende te registreer, word toestemming hiermee ingevolge die Wet op die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting gegee dat u kontakbesonderhede veilig gehou kan word om u op hoogte te hou oor hierdie projek. WSP Group Africa, as 'n goeie korporatiewe burger, voldoen aan die Popi-wet en bevestig dat u besonderhede vertroulik gehou sal word en nie met enige derde party gedeel sal word sonder om eers u toestemming te kry nie, met uitsluiting van die hoofowerheid, sou hulle belanghebbende se besonderhede versoek.

KOMMENTAAR

U is welkom om ekstra bladsye te gebruik as u wil.

Ek het die volgende kommentaar om te lewer betreffende hierdie beoogde projek en/of die openbare deelnameproses:

*Beveiligingsmaatrek oor die see lewe.
Dit is afhanklik van Mopie en Wylie
op toerisme aantreklikheid.
Is belang dat dit die vrese te gaan weg
wat op groot invloed op die weerter
gaan is*

U is welkom om hierdie vorm aan vriende/kollegas te versprei wat dalk in die beoogde projek kan belangstel sodat hulle ook as belangstellende en geaffekteerde partye kan registreer.

Besorg die Registrasie-, Kommentaar- en Antwoordvorm asseblief terug aan

WSP Group Africa (Edms.) Bpk.
OPENBARE DEELNAMEKANTOOR

Posbus 6001, Halfweghuis 1685

From: Rodney Michaels <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 27 January 2023 14:42
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection

Good day

“ I object to TotalEnergies being given the rights to prospect for and or extract oil or gas along the coastline of South Africa. I believe it to be.....(fill in your reason)
Thank you

From: Pat Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 6:59 PM
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>
Subject: RE: REMINDER: PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT | BLOCK 11B/12B BY TOTALENERGIES EP SOUTH AFRICA B.V. REF. NO. 12/4/013

Hi Antoinette

Goodness! I'm so grateful that you picked that up and let me know – thanks so much. I have been away and obviously wires got crossed, but the extension to the comment period gives the opportunity to sort it out - hopefully tomorrow.

Thanks again and all the best.

Pat Miller

Dr Pat Miller

Tel: ([REDACTED])

Cell: ([REDACTED])

From: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>
Sent: 07 February 2023 10:08 PM
To: p[REDACTED]; ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>
Subject: RE: REMINDER: PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT | BLOCK 11B/12B BY TOTALENERGIES EP SOUTH AFRICA B.V. REF. NO. 12/4/013

Dear Dr Miller

Thank you for your submission. I noted that the submission is addressed to SLR Consulting and comments are about the proposed Block 5/6/7 project. This project is related to the proposed production right and environmental authorisation application for TotalEnergies' proposed offshore Block 11B/12B project. The Block 11B/12B ESIA team can pass on your comments to TotalEnergies, but we regret that comments about other projects cannot be included in the Block 11B/12B ESIA.

You are welcome to resubmit your comments, perhaps an incorrect attachment accidentally accompanied your email.

The comment period has been extended until Tuesday the 14th of February 2023, so there is still time to rectify the submission.

You are welcome to contact me should have any questions.

Kind regards!

Antoinette Pietersen

From: Pat Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 19:15
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>

Subject: RE: REMINDER: PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT | BLOCK 11B/12B BY
TOTALENERGIES EP SOUTH AFRICA B.V. REF. NO. 12/4/013

Thank you for the reminder. My submission is attached for your attention.

All the best

Pat Miller

Dr Pat Miller



From: ZA - GLD - Teepa Esia <gld.teepesaesia@wsp.com>

Sent: 03 February 2023 11:43 AM

To: ZA - GLD - Teepa Esia <gld.teepesaesia@wsp.com>

Subject: REMINDER: PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT | BLOCK 11B/12B BY
TOTALENERGIES EP SOUTH AFRICA B.V. REF. NO. 12/4/013

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WSP Public Participation Office

gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com

Dear Sir/Madam

Public comment on draft scoping report for Block 11B/12B by Total Energies EP SA: ref 12/4/013

Climate change is fast approaching a point where large tracts of the planet will be uninhabitable by humans. We are living through a “great extinction”, this one of our own making. It has been caused in major part by the extraction and burning of fossil fuels such as oil and gas.

If there is any hope of mitigating the damage we have caused through our actions, it must be predicated on a halt to these practices – at the very least, a halt to the search for new sources of oil and gas. To consider exploring for such new sources is a cynical flogging of a very nearly dead horse in the service of human greed.

Antonio Guterres, the Secretary General of the United Nations, describes proposals such this one succinctly when he says **“investing in new fossil fuel infrastructure is moral and economic madness”**.

It is disingenuous at best to describe the proposal as mere exploration, which will not necessarily lead to extraction but will provide a picture of what reserves of oil and gas exist. No corporation or conglomerate will undertake exploration unless they are reasonably certain that their investment will bear fruit at some time.

This certainty is afforded by the political decision-making landscape of energy supply in South Africa. The authoritative minister is an unabashed fossil fuel supporter. This is in large part due to support given to the ruling party by the fossil fuel industry; he is an influential senior member of that party.

“Spin” around the continued use of fossil fuels, such as being an essential part of the “just transition” to cleaner energy sources, does not stand up to the lightest of scrutiny.

South Africa's energy situation at the time of writing staggers from bad to worse with dire consequences for the economy. The country is almost wholly dependent on coal and incapable of operating its fleet of power stations at anything approaching acceptable levels of efficiency. The sector is beset with countless entrenched problems, ranging from corruption to skills shortages and an anachronistic approach to implementing new technologies, and is on the verge of total collapse.

The country is in urgent need of an immediate boost to provision coupled with an expansion of the transmission network. No amount of spin can alter the fact the most effective way to accomplish this will be through solar, wind and other green and sustainable technologies. Progress in renewables has been fast and continues apace, with associated cost reductions. Events are sure to overtake this proposal.

However, the bureaucratic processes under which the proposal is housed means that approval of the ESIA will in all likelihood be given. If so, it will certainly be appealed and is highly likely to end up in court. Commenting in detail on the legislated aspects of the Scoping Report is akin to assessing the rearrangement of the deckchairs on the Titanic.

Suffice it to say that if it does go ahead it will cause massive disruption to an extremely sensitive marine environment. This marine environment is one on which a large community of subsistence fishers depend.

The proposed project is neither needed nor desirable. It should be shelved until such time as a proper investigation into the ability of renewable technologies to supply South Africa's energy needs is undertaken – and then sent to the glue factory along with the dead horse.

Yours sincerely

Dr Pat Miller



From: Wendy Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 16:38
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Planet Over Profit

To All Concerned

I'm an interested and affected party.

I'm a SA citizen and all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment impacts me, impacts the entire planet.

Any action that does not promote environmental sustainability and protection for all species, belongs in the past.

In the words of Mary Oliver

"I would say that there exist a thousand unbreakable links between each of us and everything else, and that our dignity and our chances are one. The farthest star and the mud at our feet are a family; and there is no decency or sense in honouring one thing, or a few things, and then closing the list.

The pine tree, the leopard, the (Platte) river and ourselves-we are at risk together or we are on our way to a sustainable world together.

We are each other's destiny"

Thank you for your time and for your long term, respectful vision.

Sincerely,

Wendy Jane Miller
[REDACTED]

From: Elaine Mills <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 15 February 2023 00:53
To: TEEPSA EIA; ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: PROPOSED OFFSHORE PRODUCTION RIGHT FOR BLOCK 11B/12B REF NO: 12/4/13 PR
Attachments: TEEPSA Block 11B_12B Comment.docx; TEEPSA Block11B12B Form.pdf
Importance: High

To: The Environmental Impact Assessment Practitioner WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd

Date: 14 February 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT THE PROPOSED OFFSHORE PRODUCTION RIGHT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATIONS FOR BLOCK 11B/12B
REF NO: 12/4/13 PR
COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

Environmental authorisation for TotalEnergies EP South Africa (TEEPSA)'s proposed offshore Block 11B/12B production should be refused because it will seriously harm the environment and communities.

The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the proposed project is deeply flawed because it does not take into account its full climate change impacts, or its harmful effects on marine life and ecosystems, as well as its social costs and external liabilities.

Oil and gas exploitation

Oil and gas usage from TEEPSA's proposed production operations will result in significant greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions, which will adversely affect human health and well-being as well as the environment.

It is likely to adversely affect food availability and affordability and result in loss of property due to sea-level rise, along with the direct impacts of catastrophic weather events and the associated deterioration in physical and mental health and well-being.

Environmental impacts are likely to include increased temperatures, worsening and prolonged droughts, longer and more intense heatwaves, increases in extreme weather events, increased ocean acidity, decline in ecosystems and habitat, and increased rates of species extinction.

Given all this, the exploitation of oil and gas resources, and specifically as proposed in this application, is not needed or desirable.

Globally, the proven reserves of oil and gas far exceed what can be used without causing catastrophic climate change. There is already sufficient proven oil to supply over double the GHG emissions consistent with 1.5°C, whilst already proven gas resources are nearly three times more than the 1.5°C budget.

As a party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, South Africa has committed to limiting the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C. South Africa is not, however, on track to meet these commitments.

According to the Climate Action Tracker, "South Africa's climate policies and commitments need substantial improvements to be consistent with the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C temperature limit." If all countries followed South Africa's "insufficient" approach to climate mitigation, "warming would reach over 2°C and up to 3°C." Approving more oil and gas projects, including offshore exploration and production, would push South Africa further away from achieving its international climate commitments.

The phase-out of oil and gas is urgently needed to avert the climate crisis, to protect and promote the state's obligations to provide basic necessities such as water, food and shelter. Given this, the exploitation of oil and gas is not needed, is undesirable, is locally and globally irresponsible, is contrary to South Africa's international climate change and biodiversity commitments, and contravenes the state's obligations under section 24 of the Constitution, which states: "Everyone has the right to: an environment which is not harmful to their health or well-being."

Marine impacts

The ESIA must use appropriate methods for modelling the impacts of a well blowout and other operational and unexpected spills or leaks of methane and gas condensate into the environment.

As it stands, its modelling of the consequences of a blowout is inadequate, especially as scientific studies show that methane leakage poses the threat of serious or irreversible harm to individual species and marine ecosystems. Methane also causes depletions in oxygen levels and acidification when dissolved in the marine environment. The ESIA does not yet detail how impacts during Humpback whale and Southern Right Whale migration periods will be mitigated, nor does it detail how operational spills and leaks will be mitigated during spawning periods. These are critical for a full assessment.

While current data is available on species distribution and abundance of cetaceans in Block 11B/12B for two baleen whale species, the humpback whale *Megaptera novaeangliae* and southern right whale *Eubalaena australis*, almost all data is limited to the nearshore continental shelf. Indeed, the majority of information available on the seasonality and distribution of large whales is based on commercial whaling data from the 1960s.

Given this lack of baseline information, a precautionary approach should be taken, such that where the impacts of production cannot be accurately predicted, the activity should not be authorised.

In the Draft Scoping Report, the IUCN status and endemism of the African Penguin is downplayed. The ESIA should include an in depth review of this population given the dramatic decline over the last two decades.

Renewable energy alternatives

The draft scoping report justifies the need for natural gas production "as one element in the mix of technologies that will secure energy generation capacity going forward" - "a bridge on the path from reliance on fossil fuel to carbon-neutrality" and complementary to renewable energy sources.

The report also touts the project's socio-economic benefits in the form of jobs related to operating the FA Platform and associated infrastructure and the PetroSA GTL refinery, which would use the gas and condensates from the project.

Yet, the "general purpose" of the activity can be achieved through renewable energy, such as offshore wind. Investing in a renewable energy project like an offshore wind farm would yield socio-economic benefits without posing the threat of harmful oil spills that are expensive to clean up. Total currently has 10 projects in its offshore wind portfolio. Unlike oil and gas production, which is limited by the location of existing reserves, wind turbines may be able to occupy a greater percentage of Block 11B/12B.

Offshore wind projects also create jobs spanning several occupations and roles, with a concentration in the manufacturing and supply chain. Alternatively, Total could explore opportunities to invest in renewable projects on land. Given the potential of renewable energy to meet the purposes of oil and gas exploration, the ESIA should consider renewable energy projects as alternatives.

The report focuses heavily on detailing the economic and social benefits that South Africa would forego should the project not proceed, without an accounting of the environmental, climate, and social harms that would be avoided. Instead, the ESIA should fairly represent the costs and benefits of choosing not to proceed with the project.

It would be prudent for the ESIA to report on history of the compliance, incidents, spills and failures and any other environmental harm that have occurred across the globe, associated with operations by TOTAL E & P South Africa B.V., Qatar Petroleum International Upstream LLC, CNR International (South Africa) and Main Street 1549 (Pty) Ltd

Negative socio-economic impacts

The ESIA should clearly identify and map out fishing grounds used by small-scale or artisanal fishers to ensure that project activities will not interfere with them and thus the fishers' livelihoods. Some of the impacts which should be specifically examined include those from spills or changes to the behaviour of resident marine species due to project activities, which may reduce accessibility to or abundance of target species.

Food security and food sovereignty

The ESIA fails to consider impacts on food security and food sovereignty, especially in relation to livelihoods that may be impacted by the proposed production and related activities. A right to food perspective is critical in this assessment.

Block 11B/12B is just one of countless hydrocarbon exploration and extraction applications offshore South Africa that will have hugely detrimental implications for people's constitutional rights – their livelihoods, heritage and health rights – but also for marine life and ecosystem.

If all the pros and cons in terms of the impact to the people, the environment and on climate change are properly considered, the inevitable conclusion is that oil and gas resources must stay in the ground.

Yours sincerely

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Please include my details on WSP's database to contact me about future projects in my area			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date	14/02/2023	
	Signature	[REDACTED]	

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Stakeholder database reference number	
	Signature of data capturer

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THANK YOU!

From: Moeksie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 06 February 2023 12:07
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objections to TOTAL

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

I absolutely object to TOTAL Energies scratching in our oceans.
Have human beings not done enough damage to our planet?

One day, when there are no fish in our rivers, no birds in our skies and no animals roaming our veld, we will realise THAT YOUR CAN'T EAT MONEY.

Stop already, you greedy bastards ... you are ruining everything that is precious on this Earth

From: Deirdre Moser <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 11:48
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Re Objection - Total - Mossel Bay Pipe Line



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OBJECTION -
Good day - I would like to
OBJECT to the TOTAL
Energies ES SA BA, plan to
drill & build new gas
pipelines , Mossel Bay in the
Outeniqua Basin .
Thank you .
Deirdre Moser

11:37 ✓✓

From: Annemarie Muller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 07:52
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Oil drilling

Good day

I wish to object in the strongest terms against the proposed drilling at Mossel bay. Past research has shown that there is not so much oil as thought previously.

It will endanger wildlife, further enhancing the loss of habitat we currently have. Furthermore, South Africa has of the most beautiful scenery in the world drawing tourists, real income.

No stop this madness! South Africans are sick and tired of mismanagement, irregular spending with no long term planning and foreseeing the implications of governments actions. The country does not belong to government.

Anne-Marie Muller
ID: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 17:37
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Declaration as an interested and affected party objecting to Total Energies

I am an interested and affected party.

I am an RSA Citizen and all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently impacts me.

Name: Claire Mullins

Tel: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

In light of the government's partiality and abandonment of its duty of care of our environment, yet again, it falls to civil society and the judiciary to prevent it and Total Energies from wreaking destruction on our delicate marine environment. I am an interested and affected party as a citizen who wishes to conserve and preserve it.

From: Nick Munday <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 09:47
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Register as Interested and Affected Party

To: WSP

Ref: Total Energies Gas Exploration – Mossel Bay to Cape St Francis

Block 11B/12B project

I object to the application for several reasons, predominantly:

1. Damage to the marine environment and impact on its various ecosystems
2. Lack of any material benefit in terms of sustainable job creation or any other sustainable benefits
3. Short-term and anthropocentric perspective that perpetuates the use of fossil fuels and their attendant emissions

Kindly register me as an Interested & Affected Party.

I represent myself as a local resident in proximity to the affected area.

My details are as follows:

Name: Nick Munday

Location: St Francis Bay

Contact number: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From: Anthea Myburgh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 18:56
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Total Energies - interested party registartion

Hello

I am responding with regards to the proposed ocean pillaging at Mossel Bay.

I am both an interested and affected party. This would be disastrous should it be allowed – we have just stopped Shell and now Total want to do the same. For the same reasons as Shell was stopped, this has to stop.

The site is on the southern right whale migration route and will have disastrous effects on their life.

This will affect tourism for thousands of KM each way as this is in the Agulhas current and will destroy sensitive marine life.

This will affect the local fisherman who rely on the ocean for their lively hood and to feed their families.

Tourism will be affected due to this destruction of the ocean life.

This must not be allowed – not Shell, not Total, nor any other company. Leave our oceans alone!

Regards, Anthea Myburgh

Anthea Myburgh

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From: Rachelle Napier <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 00:38
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Gas Pipelines in Mossel Bay

I hereby object to the building of gas pipelines in Mossel Bay by Total SA.
Please South Africa, wake up to the disaster awaiting our magnificent coastline and the
destruction of animal life in the process.

Rachelle Napier

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 16:42
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection to total sea exploration

I am an RSA Citizen and all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently impacts me.

Hoosain Narker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Reinette Nel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 18:50
To: TEEPSA EIA; gld.teepsaesia@wps.com
Subject: PETITION AGAINST TOTAL

Good day

Kindly note what our Lord who made the universe says in Isaiah 24:4-6 about polluting and harming His creation. I trust that you will really take this to heart because that is what you are planning by your project. Regards Reinette Nel Mossel Bay [REDACTED]

“The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers, the exalted of the earth languish. The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt.”

From: Margaret Neunborn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 20:04
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Total Energies Offshore Drilling Application Mossel Bay to St. Francis

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Flag Status: Completed

Please register me as an Affected and Interested Party in this matter.

We cannot in 2023 allow foreign oil interests to drill off our coastline, when the fragility of the balance of marine life along South African coastlines is put at risk purely for the benefit of these interests and a connected few locals.

This is an outdated and retrogressive energy resource, and the oil companies involved, after all this time, have not managed to control their mining activities to avoid terrible "accidents" which would become the clean up burden of this third world country - the oil companies and their onshore enablers just walk away.

South Africa's oceans are not theirs to exploit and damage, they are for to be cherished for the future, for future generations to know their beauty and the marine wonders of our shores.

I cannot bear the arrogance of these hit and run companies, and the mirage of job creation foisted upon citizens of this country.

from

Margaret Anne Neunborn

M25 Mbona KZN [REDACTED]

From: laetitia antonites <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 07:59
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: stop !

do not touch our oceans damage the ecosystem-laetitia antonites

Sent from my iPhone

From: Georgia Argyropoulos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 15:27
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: Re: REMINDER: PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT | BLOCK 11B/12B BY
TOTALENERGIES EP SOUTH AFRICA B.V. REF. NO. 12/4/013

I say no to fracking and the destruction of wild habits.

On Fri, 03 Feb 2023, 2:50 pm ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com> wrote:

Dear Stakeholder

*This is a reminder that the public comment period on the Draft Scoping Report for the TEEPSA Block 11B/12B ESIA closes **today**, 03 February 2023.*

Please register as an I&AP and submit your comments if you have not done so already.

Kind Regards,

WSP Public Participation Office

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Attachments: 221215_teepsa-block_11b12b-esia-_meetingreplyform - submitted by Samantha Bailey.pdf; Comments by Samantha Bailey on TotalEnergies' proposed offshore production and additional exploration for Block 11B and 12B.pdf

From: Samantha Bailey <[REDACTED]>

Sent: 03 February 2023 12:41

To: TEEPSA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>; ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>

Subject: Comment on TotalEnergies' proposed offshore production and additional exploration for Block 11B/12B, Ref No: 12/4/13 PR

Hi There,

Please find attached my submission using the "Registration, Comment and Public Meeting Reply Form" and also copied into the attached PDF for easier reference.

Regards,
Samantha Bailey

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I, Samantha Kate Bailey, a citizen of the Eastern Cape with email address [REDACTED], hereby register my objection to TotalEnergies' proposed offshore production and additional exploration for Block 11B/12B, Ref No: 12/4/13 PR based on the following concerns:

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		Home			
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	Signature		[REDACTED]		

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THANK YOU!

From: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 09:13
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: FW: Registration and objection to Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Applications for Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V.

From: Melissa Baird <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 1:22 PM
To: TEEPSA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>; ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>
Subject: Registration and objection to Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Applications for Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V.

Good day

The pdf application form you have on the website is not editable so I can not complete it.

For the record here are my details and I am registering to object to the proposed plans:

Name: Melissa Baird
Email address: [REDACTED]
Fax/Land line - n/a
Mobile number : 072 104 7536 - this is not to be used for any other purpose than this registration

Registering as an interested and affected party and request information to be sent to this email address

Comments:

Offshore drilling has many unaccounted for environmental risks that have long lasting impacts. It takes a teaspoon of oil to pollute a litre of water, so how can potential and likely oil spills be prevented? What happens if there is an oil spill, who pays for the destruction of the marine ecosystem that science has already proven is at unparalleled risk from human activities and pollution? This coast line is home to many local fishermen and small tourist businesses that rely on access to the unspoiled marine eco system for their livelihoods and well being. If an environment and its people are likely to be negatively impacted - in any shape or form - this should be enough to re-address this prospecting application until all questions are answered and guarantees are in place. Renewable energy sources are far more able to supply local community energy requirements, create jobs for skilled and semi-skilled labour without the threat of severe environmental damage. There are other viable alternatives.

Kindly let me know my objection and registrations have been received and noted.

Yours sincerely
Melissa Baird

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From: elizabeth balcomb <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 January 2023 13:10
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia
Subject: Re: REMINDER: INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETINGS: Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V. Ref. No. 12/4/013

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I wholeheartedly oppose any offshore exploration or drilling by Total.

from
Elizabeth Balcomb

On Fri, Jan 13, 2023 at 5:06 PM ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com> wrote:

Dear Stakeholder

Best wishes for a prosperous 2023!

The invitation letter to the January 2023 public meetings for the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Application for Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa distributed on 15 December 2022 refers.

This email serves as a reminder of the public meetings that will be convened from Monday, 16 January 2023 until Thursday 26 January 2023, as follows:

Date	Venue	Time
16 January 2023	Kwanonqaba Community Hall, Mayixhale Street, Kwanonqaba, Mossel Bay	10h00 – 12h00 AND 17h00 – 19h00
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From: Jolene Banuelos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 07:58
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: bjection to Total building gas pipeline off Mossel Bay in South Africa

To whom it may concern,

My family and I object to Total's plan to build gas pipelines off Mossel Bay. This would be detrimental to the marine wildlife in the area, not to mention the whale and sardine migration. The area borders on a protected marine area. Gas and oil are high risk to the environment, tourism and the coastline. This is a bad idea all around, and we are in opposition to it.

Regards,

Jolene Banuelos

From: Marina Barkhuizen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 02 February 2023 10:29
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: NO TO OFF SHORE DRILLING

I am TOTALLY against the idea of off shore drilling.

Marina Barkhuizen

From: Russell Barry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 27 January 2023 23:43
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: South African Coastline

I object to TotalEnergies being given the rights to prospect for and or extract oil or gas along the coastline of South Africa. I believe it will have a catastrophic impact on the environment and especially the marine life.

Regards,
Russell

From: Gisela Bean <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 07:12
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection againsts Total ocean pipeline in Mossel Bay

To whom it may concern,

Please register my absolute objection against the proposed Total oceanic pipeline in Mossel Bay.

As a concern South African citizen and resident of the Garden Route it is my duty and right to object to this blatant destruction of our natural resources and eco system.

Gisela Bean
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 04 February 2023 01:10
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: PetroSA and TotalEnergies' gas project

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Our government has much to answer for, especially to the citizens of South Africa. This atrocity only adds to the sad and desperate state of what is happening in South Africa today. In supporting TotalEnergies via PetroSA, to drill off our coastline only adds to the government's continued greed and corruption. This drilling is planned for no fewer than 10 sites, along our 120km stretch of ocean.

This was a similar move made by Shell and we SAcans, stood together, and supported the fragile communities that try to eke out a living from fishing. They need and deserve to do that in pristine oceans! Not oceans polluted by oil! Look at what has happened in the Nigeria delta! The locals were totally excluded (work is NOT and NEVER will be provided for the locals, as is 'promised') and they began stealing from the oil pipes and completely contaminated that once beautiful life-giving area.

The citizens of South Africa, especially those who historically, have had to endure political, social and economic devastation over many years, deserve better treatment from the government. Why not use the financial resources to do good; plan for the future in such a way that does no harm – to our environment and to the people who deserve to live in environments that will sustain them into the future. What is being proposed is tantamount to the destruction of our natural environment at the cost of our coastline and our citizens. Stop being short-sighted, money-grabbing and self-serving! It is time to set a positive example to the people of South Africa and indeed the world! The government has the power and resources to do GOOD, SHOW KINDNESS and work for the UPLIFTMENT of humanity. The world NEEDS that. What is being proposed is only going to cause further devastation in the long run!

Please, make your legacy one that breaks the mold of just taking and leaving a trail of poverty and unhappiness. Consider the legacy you will be leaving.

L Bekker

From: Marietjie Bell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 8:54 PM
To: ZA - GLD - Teepsa Esia <gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com>
Subject: S&EIA process - Total Energies EP South Africa B.V.

Hello

Please find attached my registration form as I&AP.

Kind regards,
Marietjie Bell

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Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Applications for Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V.

Registration, Comment and Public Meeting Reply Form

Draft Scoping Report: Thursday 01 December 2022 to Friday 03 February 2023

Note: This is an opportunity to register as an I&AP for the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process. By registering as an I&AP on the proposed project, you agree to receive information about the proposed project during the statutory S&EIA process. You also agree to receive information about the S&EIA, public participation process and opportunities to contribute comments.

Personal Information						
Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation / Department <i>(If applicable)</i>			
Mrs	Marietjie	Bell	La Finca Tranquila			
Contact Details						
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Email / Fax Number			
[REDACTED]			Office	[REDACTED]		
			Home			
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?						
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops					YES	NO
I will attend the following public meetings in 2023: We were NOT made aware of this project soon enough to attend the public meetings and herewith object to the project due to the biodiversity impact.						
16 January, Kwanonqaba Community Hall, Mayixhale St, Kwanonqaba, Mossel Bay	YES	NO	21 January, Seavista Hall, Geelbek Street, St Francis Bay	YES	NO	
17 January, Mossel Bay Town Hall, 101 Marsh Street, Mossel Bay	YES	NO	23 January, Pellsrus Hall, 1 Harder Street, Jeffreys Bay	YES	NO	
18 January Thembalethu Community Hall, 66 Olympic Road, George	YES	NO	24 January, Feather Market Hall, 86 Baakens Street Port Elizabeth Central, Gqeberha	YES	NO	
19 January, Khayeletu Community Hall, Mbethana Street, Knysna	YES	NO	25 January, Jauka Community Hall, Runeli Drive, Port Alfred	YES	NO	
20 January, Piesang Community Hall, 7 Greenpoint Ave, Plettenberg Bay	YES	NO	26 January, Scenery Park Community Hall, 30 7 th Rd, Scenery Park, East London	YES	NO	
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date		3 February 2023			
	Signature		[REDACTED]			

By registering as a stakeholder permission is hereby given in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act for your contact details to be held securely to keep you informed about this project. WSP Group Africa as a good corporate citizen complies to the POPIA and confirms that your details will be kept confidential and will not be shared with any third party without your prior consent, other than the lead authority should they request stakeholder details.

For internal use to confirm capture of stakeholder details into the stakeholder database	
Stakeholder database reference number	
	Signature of data capturer

COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use additional pages.

I have the following comments regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

I have a major concern with the impact of the offshore drilling and seismic work on the local biodiversity. The Western Cape draws a lot of tourism and should not consider projects that are detrimental to sensitive biodiversity areas.

On a further note, why are we considering gas instead of focussing on solar or even nuclear energy?

I herewith therefore want to raise my objection against this project.

I have spoken to several people in our community who are also not up to speed with this project and its impacts.

Please consider a further round of meetings to address concerns.

If the project do go ahead, what measures will be in place to protect the pipeline structures from vandalism? We have train tracks and electrical cables being stolen on a daily basis, how safe are the pipelines from damage?

You are welcome to distribute this form to friends/colleagues who may be interested in the proposed project so that they also can register as an Interested and Affected Party.

Please return the Registration, Comment and Reply form to:

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THANK YOU!

From: Titia Bester <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 16:37
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Stop Total energies off shore exploration

To whom it may concern

I, Titia Bester, object strongly to the proposed off shore exploration in our ocean. It is tremendously harmful to all sea life that will also affect us all in the future. There have already been conservation experts that have all the info needed to show exactly how harmful it is. You can do more studies to provide you with the necessary information before doing the seismic impact.

Thank you.

Titia Bester

From: Wilfried Bohm <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 13:12
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Total Energies plan - Interested & Affected Party

To the WSP Public Participation Office

Re: **Plans by Total Energy for exploration off the Southern Cape coast.**

Please note me down as the following: I am an interested and affected party. I am an RSA Citizen and all that negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently impacts me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Wilfried Detlef Bohm

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Patrick Bond <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 18:00
To: gld.teepsaesia@wsp.com; teepsaEIA@wsp.com
Subject: Re: Please record me as Interested and Affected Party: BLOCK 11B/12B -,REF NO: 12/4/13 PR
Attachments: Bond 2023 comment on 5_-221124_TEEPSA-Block_11B12B-ESIA-RegistrationCommentReplyForm_Eng-1.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hello,

About two months ago, I requested to be considered an I&AP on anything you are working on in South Africa. My concerns are that WSP is not doing professional work on climate-related aspects of fossil fuel exploration, and your silence confirms that this is an inadequate, unsatisfactory process you are leading. My further criticisms of the ESIA are attached. Please acknowledge your receipt of these concerns.

Thanks,

Patrick Bond

On 12/5/2022 7:07 AM, Patrick Bond wrote:

> I'm a Johannesburg resident concerned about climate change.
>
> Please confirm you have added me to the IAP list for all activities
> associated with gas or oil exploration and exploitation, thanks.
>
> Patrick Bond

On 12/2/2022 2:28 AM, Patrick Bond wrote:

> Greetings, please consider me an IAEP. If there are any applications
> underway which WSP is involved in, please send me details.
>
> Thanks,
>
> Patrick



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Registration, Comment and Reply Form

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		Home		
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?				
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please include my details on WSP's database to contact me about future projects in my area			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date	3 February 2023		
	Signature	████████████████████		

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COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use additional pages should you so wish.

I have the following comments to make regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

I am a University of Johannesburg sociologist (a distinguished professor), specialising in public policy and environmental economics. I am writing in particular about the implications of the proposed exploratory well drilling for South Africa's climate politics. (The views expressed below are personal, not institutional.) I hold a PhD in Geography and Environmental Engineering from Johns Hopkins University (1993), having earlier studied economics at Swarthmore College and the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance. I also have engaged in many South African policy processes, having drafted the *Reconstruction and Development Programme White Paper* (1994) and many others. I also work closely with civil society organisations in South Africa, Africa and across the world.

I consider the public participation process to be, already, inadequate, since my requests to be put into the WSP/Total I&AP database and informed of the steps to be taken (in emails of 2 December 2022 and 5 December 2022), were simply ignored.

I am particularly interested and affected, as are *all South Africans, and indeed the world's citizens*, by the climate components of Total's proposed fossil fuels production process. I also believe it is important to question whether Total and its managerial leadership – as well as allied local firms – are “fit and proper” for work of this sort.

In making the case for further fossil fuels in the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), WSP/Total relies upon a National Business Initiative (NBI) study of gas, one which downplays the massive methane-leakage problems associated with gas, rendering the methane released 80 times more potent than CO₂, as well as Social Cost of Carbon and Methane externality liabilities, as well as climate sanctions (the “Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism”) that will be progressively imposed on South African exports by Western trading partners in coming years. Here is WSP/Total's reflection on that report:

“Just Transition and Climate Pathways Study for South Africa (NBI) - concluded that gas is needed for South Africa's decarbonisation strategy to support transitions in the power, synfuels, industry and transport sectors. South Africa also needs to develop its local resources as infrastructure to import Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) is limited.”

The obvious implicit standpoint of WSP/Total in the ESIA is that from the 2019-20 successful exploration process, there will now be production: extraction, processing, refining, transport, combustion and waste disposal. Yet damaging sources of greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants are partially acknowledged in the ESIA, and then they are immediately downplayed:

Potential impacts on air quality and climate change of air emissions including greenhouse

gases (GHGs) generated by the Project: During operations air emissions will be emitted by various sources: drillship, specialized vessels, support vessels, flaring, etc. Potential actions to address the potential impacts include for instance: minimize potential air emissions during Project Design; conduct air emissions modelling and GHG calculations as part of the ESIA to assess potential project impacts; and identify specific mitigation measures if required.

What is utterly unsatisfactory, at this point – fully four years after the February 2019 fossil fuel discoveries – is that a proper study of climate implications *has still not occurred*. Instead, such analysis is only proposed for the future:

10.1.1 CLIMATE CHANGE AND AIR QUALITY STUDY

The climate change risk assessment will assess the effects of the Project’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions on climate, and the vulnerability of the Project to predicted climate changes. This will include the assessment of a set of feasible alternatives to the proposed Project.

10.1.1.1 Legal Context

The study will be contextualised within national climate change/GHG legislation (e.g., GHG reporting regulations and proposed Climate Change Act) and global commitments. There will be further consideration of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), and DEAT’s Long Term Adaptation Scenarios conducted for the Third National Communication under the UNFCCC.

10.1.1.2 Baseline Assessment

The baseline assessment will comprise an analysis of the global context (i.e., the global atmosphere as the receiving environment) based on IPCC reporting of global emission trajectories and impacts. Additionally, the study will be contextualised within the national to local contexts in terms of climate change projections, considering expected changes in carbon dioxide levels and ocean acidity, air and water temperature, precipitation patterns, the rate of sea level rise, storm intensity, and wave regime, all of which could have implications for the Project.

10.1.1.3 Climate Change Impact Assessment

The project impact assessment will provide a clear designation of study boundaries, the identification of GHG emissions sources, and the selection of emission factors (with reference to IPCC, 2006, and South Africa’s Draft Methodological Guidelines for Quantification of GHG Emissions). Emission estimation will follow for Scope 1 (direct), Scope 2 (imported electricity generation), and Scope 3 (indirect) emissions. The impact of cumulative emissions will be assessed relative to South African and global inventories. Climate change impact mitigation will be considered, with reassessment of impacts under a mitigated scenario.

10.1.1.4 Air Quality Specialist Opinion

The air quality specialist opinion will consider for emission sources and associated pollutants identified in exploration activities, and the likely severity of emissions. It is anticipated key sources will comprise fuel combustion in generators and other equipment used for the drilling units and vessel emissions.

10.1.1.5 Climate Change Risk Assessment

This assessment will consider Project exposure to climate changes (changes in carbon dioxide levels and ocean acidity, air and water temperature, precipitation patterns, the rate of sea level rise, storm intensity, and wave regime), the Project sensitivity to such, and any potential climate change adaptations. There will be further assessment of transitional risks, e.g., proposed carbon taxes.

This is entirely unsatisfactory, to kick the can down the road, *because preliminary estimates of climate and associated economic damages are feasible, and would lead to a very different conclusion than what WSP/Total have provided*.

The economic impacts of further fossil fuel exploration could be enormous because, as the Makhanda High Court ruled on 1 September 2022, when it mandated a full – not salami-sliced –

analysis of the impacts of gas and oil exploration, extraction, processing, transport, combustion and disposal: “the processes are discrete stages in a single process that culminates in the production and combustion of oil and gas, and the emission of greenhouse gases that will exacerbate the climate crisis...”

The point of Total’s production is ultimately to extract and process methane gas for South African consumption. The ESIA allegation that Total is committed to carbon neutrality is impossible to believe:

Climate and carbon neutrality ambition

Total supports the objectives of the Paris Agreement, which calls for the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and its goal of limiting the average rise in planetary temperatures to well below 2°C from pre-industrial levels. Total also supports the objective set out in the Paris Agreement of achieving global carbon neutrality – i.e. net zero emissions, which is the balance between GHG emissions and anthropogenic removals in the form of sinks and reservoirs, such as forests, carbon capture and storage facilities. Total has set an ambition of reaching carbon neutrality (net zero emissions) by 2050 in Europe, from the production to the use of the energy products sold to its customers (Scopes 1, 2, 3 as defined by the GHG Protocol) and the objective of 60% or more reduction in the average carbon intensity of energy products used worldwide.

Consistent with the National Environmental Management Act’s “polluter pays” foundational principle, it is vital for WSP/Total to properly cost the entire project, by including discussion of the potential adverse effects of consequent greenhouse gas emissions using different scenarios, as is done in the pages below. (If on the other hand, there is an intent by Total to use the gas and oil for *non-combustible* purposes in which hydrocarbons are extracted to provide lubricants, synthetic materials, necessary plastics, pharmaceutical products, etc, then this should be clarified. The assumption from the application’s discussion of gas and oil use, however, is that the product is aimed at providing energy through hydrocarbon combustion.)

The following pages assume gas condensate deposits will be found and combusted, because if there was not a strong possibility of that outcome, there would be no formal production process.

Failure to calculate climate implications through gas life-cycle analysis

Consider the economics behind a life-cycle analysis of Total’s energy extraction strategy. As is well known, methane – the main ingredient (usually 90%) in both Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) – is released during a wide variety of processes between exploratory drilling and final combustion. The exploratory phase, including seismic blasting, is part of a life-cycle of natural gas that is vital to account for, so as to quantify the total emissions in at least five stages:

- “upstream” gas production, including seismic blasting, exploratory drilling, extraction, processing and transport;
- liquefaction;

- tanker or pipeline transport;
- regasification; and
- power plant operations when the gas is burned to generate electricity.

The Natural Resources Defense Council illustrates these steps as follows:

UPSTREAM: Extraction of gas at the well, processing, and domestic pipeline transport; occurs in exporting country; greenhouse gas emitted: predominantly methane.

LIQUEFACTION: Gas is cooled to -162 degrees Celsius to reduce its volume and convert it to liquid form; occurs in exporting country; greenhouse gas emitted: almost all carbon dioxide.

TANKER TRANSPORT: Liquefied natural gas is loaded onto an LNG tanker and transported to its destination port; occurs on the high seas; greenhouse gas emitted: mostly carbon dioxide.

REGASIFICATION: Liquefied natural gas is re-warmed to convert it to a gas; occurs in importing country; greenhouse gas emitted: mostly methane.

POWER PLANT OPERATIONS: Gas is burned in a power plant to generate electricity; occurs in importing country; greenhouse gas emitted: almost all carbon dioxide.¹

WSP/Total must undertake to measure greenhouse gas emissions associated with each stage, including methane leakage at well heads, in storage, and in transport through pipelines that in this region are often poorly maintained or subject to vandalism and petroleum-product theft. While the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regularly made estimates about greenhouse gas emissions from such sources, in August 2021 new research showed that the source-based estimates were only half the amount of methane release that were picked up in satellite imaging and atmospheric measurement, in studies by Stanford University analysts in *Nature Communications*.²

Full economic costing

The WSP/Total analysis provides no estimates as to how much methane gas is potentially available in the relevant blocks, and has no information about the market value, and the environmental costs of likely externalities. In contrast, a 10% owner of the Block 11B/12B stake claimed to an investment analyst,

“Discovered deposits are estimated by the government at 3.4 trillion cubic feet of gas and 192 million barrels of condensate; AEC says over a billion barrels of oil equivalent have been discovered.”

The context is important. The extremely large gas reserves anticipated to be found both offshore and onshore South Africa, should be considered as a major potential source of greenhouse gas emissions, especially if more than 13 trillion cubic feet (tcf) of gas are capable

¹ Christina Swanson, Amanda Levin and Amy Mall, *Sailing to Nowhere: Liquefied Natural Gas Is Not an Effective Climate Strategy*, Washington, DC: Natural Resources Defence Council (2021).

<https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/sailing-nowhere-liquefied-natural-gas-report.pdf>

² Rutherford, J.S., Sherwin, E.D., Ravikumar, A.P. *et al.* Closing the methane gap in US oil and natural gas production emissions inventories. *Nature Communications* 12, 4715 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-25017-4>

of being extracted:

- 8 tcf in the Orange Basin
- 2 tcf in the Bredasdorp Basin
- 3 tcf in the Outeniqua Basin
- discoveries that are likely in the Witwatersrand and Durban-Zululand basins

To illustrate the costs that are associated with just one particular comparative site, the Transkei-Algoa blocks on the Indian Ocean, consider three factors: the oil-barrel equivalent of estimated gas reserves; the market value price of that gas; and the estimated Social Cost of Carbon associated with these amounts.

1) First, there may be the equivalent of a billion barrels of oil in the Transkei-Algoa blocks: Impact CEO: “We would not be investing in the way that we are looking to invest in the area if we could not see a billion-barrel potential.”³

2) Second, the international market value of natural gas has zigzagged dramatically, ranging in 2022 from \$3.80 to \$9.30 per million British thermal units (MMBtu), and in November 2022 priced at around \$7.20/MMBtu.⁴

Price of natural gas, 2013-22



There are 4.5 MMBtu per barrel-equivalent. If in the Transkei-Algoa blocks – like Block 11B/12B – there are a billion barrels of oil (equivalent) to be extracted, the 4.5 billion

³ James Gavin, “Shell takes stake in Impact’s Transkei & Algoa offshore blocks,” *African Energy*, 10 September (2021), <https://www.africa-energy.com/news-centre/article/south-africa-shell-takes-stake-impacts-transkei-algoa-offshore>

⁴ <https://tradingeconomics.com/commodity/natural-gas?user=analyst14639>

MMBtus would be worth \$32.7 billion, or R570 billion (i.e., nearly 10% of annual 2021 GDP of \$320 billion). That would be potential gross income. But as for net income, there are major costs to extraction, still to be determined by local drilling conditions, fixed capital costs, operating expenses, liabilities for local ecological damage, taxes and royalties.

3) Local ecological damage can be considered priceless, especially in the event not only of exploratory drilling, but a full platform or pipeline rupture in the Agulhas Current, so it is difficult to estimate such costs. However, we do have some estimates of greenhouse gas damage to apply.

Assume that methane is 80 times more potent as a greenhouse gas (in a 20-year period) than CO₂. Indeed the biggest externalised environmental cost of all is the impact of the combustion of methane on climate. A barrel of gas generates 236 kg of CO₂-equivalents when burned, or 0.26 tons. So if there are a billion barrels of gas available in the Transkei-Algoa blocks, we can assume something close to 260 million ton-equivalents of greenhouse gas emissions.

The Social Cost of Carbon – i.e. an assessment of damages per ton – is hotly contested. Barack Obama’s administration assessed it at \$51/ton but that is expected to rise dramatically in 2022 revisions. The IMF estimates \$60/ton. The European Union currently has an Emissions Trading Scheme price closer to \$100/ton. But the latest research by scientists suggests \$3000/ton is more accurate.⁵

If we set the Social Cost of Carbon at \$3000/ton, and there are 260 million tons of CO₂-equivalents that could be released from all the gas to be extracted in Transkei-Algoa alone, the Social Cost of Carbon would be \$780 billion. Set against the gross (not net) income from a billion barrels claimed by the Impact CEO above, valued at \$32.7 billion (before costs are subtracted), this extraction obviously doesn’t make sense if we take seriously full cost accounting.

Comparisons in this exercise, where the applicant (Total’s regular South African and Namibian partner Impact) acknowledged likely deposits of a billion barrels, are appropriate if we take the billion barrel numeraire, so that if there is \$32.7 billion in gross income and the Social Cost of Carbon associated with that extraction is \$780 billion, then the damage being done for every barrel equivalent extracted, is 23 times the net income.

Further calculations not yet undertaken in Total’s exploratory proposal

In addition to a missing Social Cost of Carbon estimate, other shortcomings are obvious. Natural capital accounting and the National Environmental Management Act’s commitment to the

⁵ Kikstra, J., P. Waidelich, J. Rising, D. Yumashev, C. Hope and C. Brierley 2021. The social cost of carbon dioxide under climate-economy feedbacks and temperature variability, *Environmental Research Letters*, Volume 16, Number 9. 6 September, <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-9326/ac1d0b>

polluter pays principle are not taken seriously. It is imperative for the WSP/Total exploration assessment to undertake full cost accounting on even the roughly-estimated CO₂-equivalent emissions that are implied by any oil and gas exploration, extraction, processing, transport, combustion and waste disposal. No such estimates are attempted.

Ironically, WSP/Total makes a claim about what its ESIA intends to accomplish:

During this phase, a detailed assessment of the potential impacts will be undertaken. The assessed impacts will cover the effects of the proposed development on numerous capitals, such as natural capital, human capital, financial capital, and institutional and political capital. All economic impacts identified will be assessed and categorised in line with the rating provided by the environmental specialist.

But there is no attempt to address these various ‘capitals’ much less contend with the adverse impacts. To illustrate the danger of omitting natural capital, the Gaborone Declaration – signed in May 2012 by South African Environment Minister Edna Molewa – recognised “the limitations that GDP has as a measure of well-being and sustainable growth.” The signatories committed to “integrating the value of natural capital into national accounting and corporate planning.”⁶ For the sake of planning oil and gas extraction, WSP/Total must take the Gaborone Declaration’s mandate seriously, *not ignore it*.

There are additional costs that WSP/Total should be considering, including the associated infrastructure to process, transport and combust natural gas for South Africa’s grid (since the Total application rests upon LNG’s potential use as a “transitional” fuel to be deployed by Eskom or private suppliers such as Karpowerships. But a recent estimate by the International Institute for Sustainable Development of infrastructural costs associated with the most basic attempts to provide methane gas infrastructure – including gas plants, floating storage and regasification units, LNG terminals and pipelines – is in the \$13-17 billion range.⁷ Were such infrastructure built (without cost and time overruns, corruption and other economic, social and environmental drawbacks that bedevil South Africa the mega-projects), it would quickly assume the status of a “stranded asset,” insofar as the broader costs of such investments to the rest of the economy – especially exporters – would soon become obvious.

The claim that gas is a “transition” or “bridge” fuel was debunked yet again by a *Bloomberg* reporter in a February 2022 article entitled, “The case against methane emissions keeps getting stronger,” warning of the dangers of CH₄ emissions, which in the critical next 20 years are measured as at least 80 times more potent a greenhouse gas than CO₂.⁸ The urgent need to

⁶ Gaborone Declaration. Gaborone Declaration for Sustainability in Africa. Gaborone, Botswana 12 May (2012), <http://www.gaboronedeclaration.com/>

⁷ Richard Halsey, Richard Bridle and Anna Geddes, “Gas Pressure: Exploring the case for gas-fired power in South Africa,” London, March (2022), <https://www.iisd.org/system/files/2022-03/south-africa-no-need-for-gas.pdf>

⁸ Akshat Rashi, “The Case Against Methane Emissions Keeps Getting Stronger,” *Bloomberg*, 15 February (2022), <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-02-15/the-case-against-methane-emissions-keeps-getting-stronger>

reduce methane emissions by at least 45 percent during the 2020s so as to prevent global warming in excess of 2 degrees is not in question, for example at the United Nations Environment Programme, which records important public health co-benefits: “switching away from gas would reduce carbon dioxide and volatile organic compound emissions” that are causes of additional threats to public health.⁹

One argument on behalf of gas rests upon the back-up role played in the event of cloudy or windless days, and at night. For this purpose, however, already 2724 MW are available to Eskom in the form of pumped storage capacity in which water is lifted uphill by energy during the day, allowing for hydropower to generate electricity on its way down. (For context, demand on a typical winter day is rarely above 30 000 MW, hence at full capacity, pumped storage can provide 9 percent of the grid’s power already).¹⁰ In addition, the mining and smelting firm that has been Eskom’s largest consumer, Anglo American (with current iron ore, platinum and diamond mining), has committed to using 100 percent renewable energy by 2030.¹¹ Anglo’s deal with Electricité de France Renewables calls for 3 to 5 GW of solar, wind and storage.¹² And the single largest Eskom customer, BHP Billiton’s South32 subsidiary – for its Hillside smelter (aluminium) at Richards Bay – is seeking zero-carbon alternatives including energy storage.¹³

The climate-sanctions implications of ignoring full cost accounting

One simple reason to carry out such accounting is the point made by President Cyril Ramaphosa on October 11, 2021, explaining the danger to the economy of further fossil fuel development. Ramaphosa referenced the “Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism” (CBAM) that will be imposed by Western importers of South African goods, in his Presidential letter advocating a low-carbon economy and Just Transition for affected workers and communities:

⁹ United Nations Environment Programme and Climate and Clean Air Coalition, “Global Methane Assessment: Benefits and Costs of Mitigating Methane Emissions,” Nairobi (2021), <https://www.unep.org/resources/report/global-methane-assessment-benefits-and-costs-mitigating-methane-emissions>

¹⁰ Pumped storage is defined by Eskom, as “A lower and an upper reservoir with a power station/pumping plant between the two. During off-peak periods the reversible pumps/turbines use electricity to pump water from the lower to the upper reservoir. During periods of peak demand, water runs back into the lower reservoir through the turbines, generating electricity.” The 2724 MW already available in three pumped storage schemes – Ingula, Drakensburg and Palmiet – does not include Cape Town’s 180 MW Steenbras municipal pumped storage capacity. <https://www.eskom.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/2021IntegratedReport.pdf>

¹¹ Karl Gernetzky, “Anglo American inks agreement as it eyes 100% renewable power in SA,” Business Day, 18 March (2022). <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/companies/mining/2022-03-18-anglo-american-inks-agreement-as-it-eyes-100-renewable-power-in-sa/>

¹² Dieketseng Maleke, “Mining company Anglo American signs contract with French renewable energy specialist EDF,” Business Report, 22 March (2022), <https://www.iol.co.za/business-report/companies/mining-company-anglo-american-signs-contract-with-french-renewable-energy-specialist-edf-22f14bce-d0ca-4a4c-a518-06977be96e72>

¹³ Charlotte Matthews, “South32 plans to end Eskom dependence as energy deregulation gathers pace,” MiningMX, 19 August (2021), <https://www.miningmx.com/news/energy/47231-south32-working-on-plans-to-end-eskom-dependence-as-energy-deregulation-gathers-pace/>

“As our trading partners pursue the goal of net-zero carbon emissions, they are likely to increase restrictions on the import of goods produced using carbon-intensive energy. Because so much of our industry depends on coal-generated electricity, we are likely to find that the products we export to various countries face trade barriers and, in addition, consumers in those countries may be less willing to buy our products.”¹⁴

Others in the private sector have similar worries. Isaah Mhlanga, chief economist at AlexanderForbes, wrote in May 2022 that

“SA must cut carbon emissions quickly – to protect its own economy: Carbon taxes will be applied and markets will be closed to those goods that have a high carbon content... SA will need to decarbonise faster to protect its exports, and thus economic growth. This is necessary because it’s a matter of time before carbon taxes are levied on all sorts of goods, and markets will be closed to those goods that have a high carbon content. Even though SA has not contributed the largest share of carbon emissions by global standards, it must adjust at the fastest rate possible, not necessarily to be a leader in efforts to move to net zero, but to protect its economic interests.”¹⁵

The largest corporate consumers of Eskom understand this threat, as well. Climate-related trade disincentives will, according to even a South African Treasury report in August 2021, soon create major vulnerabilities for exporters of iron and steel, cement, fertilizers, aluminium and automobiles.¹⁶ This problem will be amplified if a coal-to-methane gas transition occurs, not only because methane is a far more destructive greenhouse gas than CO₂. Pro-methane advocates point out that European (especially French) elites claim that “natural gas” and nuclear energy should both be considered “green” (in the official EU taxonomy), a July 2022 decision that revealed the many dangers of dependency on Russian gas imports and need to replace these instead of moving earlier to full-fledged renewable energy. Nevertheless, the likelihood of CBAM climate sanctions strengthening against both methane gas and indirect “embedded” emissions (i.e. the use of Eskom’s high-fossil energy generation in production), is inevitable, and will affect *all* future South African exports.

Thus BHP Billiton’s potential “wheeling” of electricity to its smelter originating in pumped storage at the proposed Tubatse scheme arises as a result of the threat of climate trade sanctions, according to *Mining Weekly*.¹⁷ As the leading mining magazine reported in early 2022, “the emergence of carbon border tariffs and end-user demand for green aluminium... could send the price of unabated aluminium sky-high owing to the large quantity of electricity

¹⁴ Cyril Ramaphosa, “From the desk of the president,” Pretoria, 11 October (2021), <http://www.thepresidency.gov.za/from-the-desk-of-the-president/desk-president%2Cmonday%2C11-october-2021>

¹⁵ Isaah Mhlanga, “SA must cut carbon emissions quickly — to protect its own economy,” *Business Day*, 1 May (2022), <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bt/opinion/2022-05-01-isaah-mhlanga-sa-must-cut-carbon-emissions-quickly-to-protect-its-own-economy/>

¹⁶ Treasury, “Tax Policy Discussion Document for Comment,” Pretoria, 15 December (2021), http://www.treasury.gov.za/comm_media/press/2021/TaxPolicyDiscussion/Default.aspx

¹⁷ Martin Creamer, “Pumped storage has potential to throw Hillside Aluminium green lifeline,” *Creamer’s Mining Weekly*, 10 January (2022), <https://www.miningweekly.com/article/pumped-storage-has-potential-to-throw-hillside-aluminium-green-lifeline-2022-01-10>

that is required for aluminium to be produced.”¹⁸ There is, of course, a more general case for rationing electricity and therefore disconnecting the South32 aluminium smelter and other guzzlers, contemplated even in the business media, given the irrationalities of the *status quo*.¹⁹

In each case, South African economic development requires full cost accounting to assess whether, at a time coal-fired power plants are going to be retired early, their replacement by methane gas in Karpowerships may exacerbate South Africa’s vulnerabilities. Bearing in mind the likelihood of climate sanctions if our economy remains reliant upon fossil fuels, the Social Cost of Carbon is the most appropriate polluter-pays metric to judge the full costs of the proposed exploration to be followed by exploitation and combustion.

Total as not “fit and proper” to carry out further fossil fuel extraction

Finally, there is a terribly important question to pose, as South Africa’s finally grapples with private-sector corruption of its state apparatus, a problem that in February 2023 is seen as acute given investigations of President Ramaphosa for his Phala Phala financial controversy, and an outstanding Zondo Commission on State Capture recommendation that Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, Gwede Mantashe be investigated and potentially prosecuted for his own alleged corruption by the firm Bosasa during the 2010s when he was ANC Secretary General.²⁰ As a result of the penetration of such elements deep into the South African state and corporate sector, it is vital to enquire whether Total is a fit and proper company to be given responsibility for such extremely dangerous offshore gas and oil exploration, drilling, processing, transport and potential combustion. This is especially true, given WSP/Total’s failure to engage in rudimentary analysis about the implications, in relation to humanity’s greatest crisis.

When it comes to the Paris firm’s integrity in relation to climate change, historians Christophe Bonneuil, Pierre-Louis Choquet and Benjamin Franta note that beginning in 1971, Total’s (and its predecessors’) scientists issued initial internal warnings of rising sea levels due to CO₂ concentrations, and these were systematically ignored, followed by “overt denial of climate science... from at least 1989 to 1994.” This was followed by “multiple and subtler forms of agnogenesis, such as willful ignorance, responsibility-shifting, strategic philanthropy, promotion of peripheral solutions, and corporate controversy management... [with] a flow of complex, technical information that is difficult to interpret or challenge, helping Total to put the burden

¹⁸ Martin Creamer, “Working on options to secure green energy for Hillside Aluminium – South32,” *Mining Weekly*, 7 January (2022), <https://www.miningweekly.com/article/working-on-options-to-secure-green-energy-for-hillside-aluminium-south32-2022-01-07>

¹⁹ Michael Avery, “Here’s an idea: mothball electricity-guzzling smelters,” *Business Day*, 3 July (2022), <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/opinion/columnists/2022-07-03-michael-avery-heres-an-idea-mothball-electricity-guzzling-smelters/>

²⁰ Setumo Stone, “Zondo recommends Mantashe be probed for corruption,” *CityPress*, 2 March (2022), <https://www.news24.com/citypress/politics/zondo-recommends-mantashe-be-probed-for-corruption-20220302>

of proof on its critics and keep the upper hand in climate controversies.”²¹ Only in the mid-2000s, did the firm endorse the UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

To illustrate, just before the 2015 COP21 summit in Paris, the company promoted global carbon pricing, to be administered by the United Nations (although as was accidentally revealed later by an ExxonMobil lobbyist, this was a strategic distraction – not a serious proposal – since it was extremely unlikely to be adopted).²² But the flows of money within Total are revealing, for although in early 2016, Pouyanné announced “One Total 2035” allegedly consistent with the Paris Climate Agreement’s ambition to keep warming to below 1.5 degrees in the 21st century, Total was meanwhile investing in many other reserves. For Choquet, this is because the “persistence of short-termed compensation schemes in the higher corporate hierarchy impedes the elaboration and implementation of deep decarbonisation strategies at the firm level.”²³

Hence from 2015-19, Total invested \$77 billion in oil and gas capital infrastructure, compared to \$5 billion in non-fossil fuel energy sources. According to the Reclaim Finance project of *Les Amis de la Terre France*, this trajectory – which Total admits includes its rising fossil portfolio up to a 2024 peak – would mean the company overshoots by 32 percent the level of greenhouse gas emissions in 2050 consistent with a 1.5°C degree rise. As a result, Greenpeace France, Notre Affaire à Tous, *Les Amis de la Terre* and ClientEarth sued Total in March 2022 for deceptive marketing, arguing that Pouyanné’s publicity campaign “violates European consumer law by falsely portraying the company as being on track to achieve net zero emissions.”²⁴

To be sure, in mid-2020, Pouyanné’s write-off of \$7 billion worth of Canadian oil sands project reserves raised expectations, because as industry analyst Gerard Kreeft remarked, “with one swoop of a pen, Total cast aside the petroleum classification system, which was the gold standard for measuring oil company reserves. The company simply decided that these reserves could never be produced at a profit.”²⁵ The tar sands were among the world’s most expensive petroleum sources. But so too were Russian assets, including \$4.1 billion in a Siberian gas project that Pouyanné belatedly and grudgingly wrote down in April 2022 following Western sanctions against Moscow caused by the invasion of Ukraine (during a three-month period

²¹ Christophe Bonneuil, Pierre-Louis Choquet and Benjamin Franta, “Early warnings and emerging accountability: Total’s responses to global warming, 1971–2021,” *Global Environmental Change*, 71 (2021), <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0959378021001655>

²² Chris McGreal, “ExxonMobil lobbyists filmed saying oil giant’s support for carbon tax a PR ploy,” *The Guardian*, 30 June (2021), <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/jun/30/exxonmobil-lobbyists-oil-giant-carbon-tax-pr-ploy>

²³ Pierre-Louis Choquet, “Piercing the corporate veil: Towards a better assessment of the position of transnational oil and gas companies in the global carbon budget,” *The Anthropocene Review*, 6, 3, 243-262 (2019), <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/2053019619865925>

²⁴ Business and Human Rights Resource Centre, “NGOs sue Total for allegedly misleading the public over Net Zero marketing claims, accusing it of greenwashing,” London, 3 March (2022), <https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/latest-news/france-ngos-sue-total-for-allegedly-misleading-the-public-over-net-zero-marketing-claims-accusing-it-of-greenwashing/>

²⁵ Gerard Kreeft, “The day after the night before,” *Africa Oil&Gas*, May (2022), <https://africaoilgasreport.com/2022/05/energy-transition/Total-the-day-after-the-night-before/>

when thanks to skyrocketing oil prices Total recorded profits of \$9 billion).²⁶

Also expensive, especially for the environment, society and political rule, were Total's Southern and Central African fossil investments dating back seven decades in Portuguese-ruled Angola. Today, Total is suffering losses at various sites in the region, due to a military conflagration in Mozambique and a sharp rise in environmental and social opposition to its exploration and extraction in South Africa. In Angola, Total has operated since 1953 and has 1600 employees, producing 45 percent of the country's oil output.²⁷ In Angola as well as Nigeria, Gabon, Congo-Brazzaville and Cameroon, oil-related corruption was prolific. One of Total's former (pre-merger) subsidiary firms – French state-owned Elf Aquitaine – robbed the peoples and environments with exceptional irresponsibility.²⁸

One scandal, entailing at least 305 million euro in misappropriation of assets (considered France's worst corporate behavior on record), occurred during President François Mitterrand's 1981-1995 term. It implicated his ally Loïk Le Floch-Prigent (Elf's leader from 1989-93) and 29 other executives including Alfred Sirven, Alain Gillon and André Tarallo (whose nickname was "Mr. Africa" because of personal connections to the continent's tyrannical rulers). In 2003, they received multiple-year jail sentences and paid tens of millions of euros in personal fines.²⁹

While the Luanda government was at war with a rightwing guerrilla army – the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) – originally promoted by South Africa's apartheid regime and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, Total gave UNITA founder Jonas Savimbi generous funding prior to his death in 2002.³⁰ As Global Witness reported, Total's leadership "bribed politicians, interfered in elections and lured governments into ruinous oil-backed loans in an attempt to protect the company's market share. By funding both sides in Angola's civil war, Elf helped to prolong a conflict that cost an estimated 1.5 million lives and displaced millions of people."³¹

In this context, Total's current leader Pouyanné began his career as Elf's Angola manager in 1997 at the age of 34, during one of the worst epochs of corrupt neo-colonial extraction. The country's president, José Eduardo dos Santos, was already in power 18 years and due to stay

²⁶ Le Monde, "Total announces start of withdrawal from gas megaproject in Russia," Paris, 28 April (2022), https://www.lemonde.fr/en/economy/article/2022/04/28/Total-announces-the-beginning-of-a-withdrawal-from-its-gas-megaproject-in-russia_5981883_19.html

²⁷ Total, "Angola: Total sells its non-operated interest in block 14," Paris, 17 January (2022), <https://Total.com/media/news/press-releases/angola-Total-sells-its-non-operated-interest-block-14>

²⁸ Total was also prosecuted successfully in both France and the United States for bribing Iranian officials, with further allegations outstanding in Myanmar and Yemen. BBC News, "Shell admits fuelling corruption," London, 11 June (2004), <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/3796375.stm>

²⁹ Jon Henley, "Gigantic sleaze scandal winds up as former Elf oil chiefs are jailed," The Guardian, 13 November (2003), <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2003/nov/13/france.oilandpetrol>

³⁰ Radio France International, "Decryption of Elf's African strategy: the African States concerned," Paris, 29 January (2003), http://www1.rfi.fr/actufr/articles/037/article_20564.asp

³¹ Global Witness, "Elf verdict jails the guilty, but their bitter legacy remains," London 22 May (2011), <https://www.globalwitness.org/en/press-releases/elf-verdict-jails-guilty-their-bitter-legacy-remains/>

another two decades, until 2017. During the two years Pouyanné served in Angola, the Luanda regime was already being accused of massive oil-related corruption, for as Human Rights Watch (HRW) reported, “More than \$4-billion in state oil revenue disappeared from Angolan government coffers from 1997 to 2002, roughly equal to the entire sum the government spent on all social programmes in the same period.”³² In 2003, Angola was ranked by Transparency International as among the world’s ten most corrupt states.

Matters did not improve even after peace was achieved in 2002, for the International Monetary Fund discovered unaccounted spending (mostly in the petroleum sector) of \$32 billion from 2007-10, leading HRW to criticise “corruption and mismanagement, including in connection with the state oil company, Sonangol.”³³ By 2013, Dos Santos’ eldest daughter Isabel – “Africa’s richest woman” – was exposed for her dubious acquisition of \$3.5 billion in wealth by *Forbes*, through family-state enterises.³⁴

Isabel’s father nevertheless appointed her to run Sonangol in mid-2016, and when meeting Pouyanné later that year, as she put it, “we spoke for several hours, and from there was born an intense working relationship and mutual support.”³⁵ In October 2017, as Pouyanné tweeted, they met again to “decide Total’s future projects in Angola,” at a time the French firm was responsible 40 percent of the country’s oil production.³⁶ But a month later Isabel was fired by Dos Santos’ successor João Lourenço, during an anti-corruption crackdown. She was further exposed in the “Luanda Leaks” along with her pliable accountants



³² Human Rights Watch, “Angola: Account for Missing Oil Revenues,” New York, 11 January (2004), <https://www.hrw.org/news/2004/01/11/angola-account-missing-oil-revenues>

³³ Human Rights Watch, “IMF: Withhold funds to Angola,” New York, 27 March (2012), <https://www.hrw.org/news/2012/03/27/imf-withhold-funds-angola>

³⁴ Kerry Dolan, “Daddy’s Girl: How An African ‘Princess’ Banked \$3 Billion In A Country Living On \$2 A Day,” *Forbes*, 14 August (2013), <https://www.forbes.com/sites/kerryadolan/2013/08/14/how-isabel-dos-santos-took-the-short-route-to-become-africas-richest-woman/?sh=73fdb3c45f50>

³⁵ Isabel dos Santos, Instagram, archived at https://web.archive.org/web/*/https://www.instagram.com/p/BbI9FdqIMhy/

³⁶ Patrick Pouyanné, “Avec Isabel Dos Santos, la CEO de Sonangol, pour décider des futurs projets de Total en Angola,” Twitter, 18 October (2017), <https://twitter.com/ppouyanne/status/920737701753696257>

PwC, Boston Consulting Group and McKinsey,³⁷ and by 2019 became the target of anti-corruption proceedings in Luanda as well as in Lisbon and Paris, resulting in a freeze of all her known assets.³⁸ In November 2022, Interpol issued a “red notice” for her arrest on grounds of embezzlement, fraud, influence peddling and money laundering.³⁹

Meanwhile, the country’s oil reserve in the offshore Cabinda fields was steadily depleting. With Sonangol nearing bankruptcy in late 2016 in part due to the state’s Chinese borrowing (backed by oil as collateral), big oil companies complained of non-payment, and the number of offshore rigs fell from 18 to 2 from 2014-17.⁴⁰ As one Reuters specialist put it, “The search for the ‘Angolan pre-salt’ resulted in some of the most expensive dry wells ever drilled and sapped exploration appetite. Critics say the situation was exacerbated by Isabel dos Santos.”⁴¹ Total’s joint ventures with Sonangol, Equinor (Norway), ExxonMobil and BP in older oil fields continued, and a national oil agency optimistically predicted that 2022-27 would see \$66 billion in new investments in the sector, up 40 percent on the prior five years.⁴² Yet in late 2021, Pouyanné’s attempt to revitalise Total’s stake in deeper waters failed, when offshore drilling at an unprecedented depth – 4.6 km below the sea – failed to pay off.⁴³

Moving to Mozambique, Total has been the main force not only in relation to gas extraction but also the construction and security arrangements in Cabo Delgado, specifically the Afungi Peninsula and nearby Palma, where terrible battles have raged since 2017 as a result of community and Islamic insurgencies. In March 2021, when social conflict became severe, as veteran journalist Alex Perry recounted, the Paris firm put its narrow self-interest above that of nearby villagers and its own contractors. By that point,

Total knew to expect an attack in Mozambique. It knew that from its long experience with oil and gas as a flash point for conflict, especially in Africa, and in particular when a company employed the incendiary approach it adopted in Mozambique: cut a deal with a

³⁷ Sydney P. Freedberg, Scilla Alecci, Will Fitzgibbon, Douglas Dalby and Delphine Reuter, “How Africa’s richest woman exploited family ties, shell companies and inside deals to build an empire,” Washington, DC, International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, 19 January (2020), <https://www.icij.org/investigations/luanda-leaks/how-africas-richest-woman-exploited-family-ties-shell-companies-and-inside-deals-to-build-an-empire/>

³⁸ Kerry Dolan, “How Isabel Dos Santos, Once Africa’s Richest Woman, Went Broke,” Forbes, 22 January (2022), <https://www.forbes.com/sites/kerryadolan/2021/01/22/the-unmaking-of-a-billionaire-how-africas-richest-woman-went-broke/?sh=6e31c8026240>

³⁹ Al Jazeera, “Interpol seeks arrest of Angolan tycoon Isabel dos Santos.” 1 December, <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/12/1/interpol-seeks-arrest-of-angolan-tycoon-isabel-dos-santos>

⁴⁰ Libby George, “Sonangol delays payments as it battles to reform,” Reuters, 23 November (2016), <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-angola-oil-exclusive-idUSKBN1311EP>

⁴¹ Stephen Eisenhammer, “Angola battles to revive oil exploration as output declines,” Reuters, 15 November (2018), <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-angola-oil-exploration-idUSKCN1NK0KQ>

⁴² Graciosa Silva, “ANPG predicts investments of 66 billion dollars in the oil sector over the next five years,” Ver Angola, 8 June (2022), <https://www.verangola.net/va/en/062022/Energy/31236/ANPG-predicts-investments-of-66-billion-dollars-in-the-oil-sector-over-the-next-five-years.htm>

⁴³ Africa Intelligence, “Total fails ultra deepwater offshore attempt on Block 48,” London, 20 December (2021), https://www.africaintelligence.com/oil--gas_exploration-production/2021/12/20/Total-fails-ultra-deepwater-offshore-attempt-on-block-48,109712127-art

government known for corruption, keep the profits, and share as little as possible with the population... Perhaps most damning, Total knew an attack was likely coming, and that any bloodshed would affect all of Palma, because three months before it happened, the company's own advisers warned that it could.⁴⁴

In January 2021, Pouyanné signed a deal with the government of President Filipe Nyusi – which was then ranked by Transparency International within the top 20 percent of the world's most corrupt regimes⁴⁵ – for military protection. Total managers rapidly made space in the Afungi Peninsula compound to house 700 soldiers and 12 Ukrainian mercenaries with helicopters. The soldiers patrolled, but as one contractor complained to Perry, “We’d come across them midweek on the road. AK in one hand, bottle of beer in the other, motherless drunk.” By March 24 that year, “Total passed word that its staff would resume operations at Afungi” after many had been evacuated three months earlier due to insurgent attacks near the complex.⁴⁶ Also by then, the Mozambican government also recognised its own military's incapacities, having first hired Moscow mercenaries (the Wagner Group) who suffered high casualty levels – a dozen Russian deaths and two dozen injuries – in late 2019 and soon left.⁴⁷ They were soon followed by the South African firm Dyck Advisory Group, which complained that its attempt (in late March 2021) to rescue Total subcontractors under attack by Al-Shabaab were foiled by Total, whose “refusal to give fuel to rescuers trying to save civilians was stunning, and crippling.” Indeed several thousand local residents went to the Afungi fortress but were turned away by guards. As Perry concluded,

What Total also did, in employing drunk soldiers and security advisers who failed to sound a timely alarm, closing its gates to fleeing civilians, and locating its worker camps outside Afungi while its principal contractor relocated inside, was to show that, as long as it was protected, it didn't feel responsible for anyone else. Total employed the very people it would later exclude to build the very structures that would later exclude them... Total announced no compensation and sent no public message of condolence. By its own count, it helped evacuate just 2,100 people, a mere 4 percent of those who had fled Palma.⁴⁸

Total's *force majeure* in late April 2021 meant the firm could reject its contractual obligations and avoid liabilities, causing chaos and anger in Cabo Delgado and ridicule elsewhere.⁴⁹ But

⁴⁴ Alex Perry, “I’m Still Alive but Sh*t Is Getting Wild’: Inside the Siege of the Amarula,” *Outside*, 1 June (2022), <https://www.outsideonline.com/outdoor-adventure/exploration-survival/attack-amarula-hotel-palma-mozambique-africa/>

⁴⁵ Transparency International, “Mozambique,” Berlin (2021), <https://www.transparency.org/en/cpi/2021/index/moz>

⁴⁶ Perry, op cit.

⁴⁷ Peter Fabricius, “Wagner private military force licks wounds in northern Mozambique,” *Daily Maverick*, 29 November (2019), <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2019-11-29-wagner-private-military-force-licks-wounds-in-northern-mozambique/>

⁴⁸ Perry, op cit.

⁴⁹ Total, “Total declares Force Majeure on Mozambique LNG project,” 26 April (2021), <https://Total.com/media/news/press-releases/total-declares-force-majeure-mozambique-lng->

Perry's critique – from the standpoints of local community residents and international contractors abused by Total – reflected only one side of the story. Other critics demanded a different approach to the offshore methane gas: leaving it be. For example, Maputo-based political economist Tomas Selemene offered an essential rationale for a Just Transition instead of Total's resource curse: "There is no military solution to the conflict which has exploded in the gas-rich northern province of Mozambique since 2017. It will end only by addressing its root causes, among them, extreme poverty, unemployment, lack of health and education services, and lack of water supply."⁵⁰

While Southern African and Rwandan troops were deployed at Emmanuel Macron's request in mid-2021, they have not quelled the violence. In mid-2022, the insurgency revived just south of the Afungi Peninsula. Over the course of two weeks, a dozen attacks left 16 people dead and caused 11,000 to flee. Two Australian graphite mines closed down temporarily. The more aggressive Rwandan troops displaced the fighting from the coastal zone of Cabo Delgado to areas slightly to the west, as the guerrillas moved easily into forested terrain. But in May 2022, sporadic Al-Shabaab attacks continued, including a food raid on the town of Olumbe, just 20 kilometers from Afungi.⁵¹ The influential Eurasia Group consultancy concluded, "The potential for Islamic State to provide funding and resources to the insurgents and the possible arrival of reinforcements from Tanzania will likely strengthen the insurgency, making the resumption of the liquefied natural gas exploration project in the next 12 years unlikely."⁵²

Total may continue to partner with the South African/U.S.-firm Sasol in extracting and processing Mozambican gas. The two-decade long gas extraction from Sasol's Pande offshore field in the centre of Mozambique was beginning to wane as depletion rates rose. The main consumer of that gas is Sasol's facility in Secunda, which remains the single largest point source of CO₂ emissions in the world and also an extreme local pollution hotspot (especially SO₂ and NO), in part because of inefficient operations whose roots are illustrative of South Africa's "minerals energy complex."⁵³ Sasol had grown most rapidly during the 1970s, given the state's need to avert United Nations-mandated anti-apartheid oil sanctions. The firm used a technology Nazi Germany had devised to squeeze oil from coal.

At the end of the existing pipeline running from Mozambique to South Africa – through the central and southern part of the country – is a massive petrochemical complex at Sasolberg, including the Natref refinery which is mainly owned by Sasol but 36 percent by Total. However,

project#:~:text=Paris%2C%2026%20April%202021%20–
%20Considering,project%2C%20to%20declare%20force%20majeure

⁵⁰ Thomas Selemene, "From promised land to hell," *The Church in Southern Africa - Open to the World*, 5:32, Aug-Sept (2021), Pretoria.

⁵¹ Luis Nhachote, "Faltering insurgency in Mozambique still threatens lives – and gas projects," *The Continent*, 30 May (2022), <https://mg.co.za/africa/2022-05-30-faltering-insurgency-in-mozambique-still-threatens-lives-and-gas-projects/>

⁵² Agência Lusa, "Reorganização dos terroristas torna improvável regresso das petrolíferas até 2023 em Moçambique," *Observador*, 23 May (2022), <https://observador.pt/2022/05/23/reorganizacao-dos-terroristas-torna-improvavel-regresso-das-petroliferas-ate-2023-em-mocambique/>

⁵³ Ben Fine and Zav Rustomjee, *The Political Economy of South Africa*. London: Hurst (1996).

the South African refining industry suddenly went into decline in the 2020s, given new petrol and air quality standards and the inability of the old refineries to justify crude imports, given that refined imports were cheaper from the world's mega-refineries. As a result, even the two operations in Africa's largest refining complex, South Durban – one jointly owned by BP and Shell and the other by Malaysia-based Petronas with Nhleko as partner – shut down in April 2022 and December 2020, respectively. Natref's fate depended in part upon whether a massive pipeline from Durban to Johannesburg could be retooled in a manner that justified further refinery contraction on sound economic grounds.⁵⁴

Moreover, the other element working against Total's operations at Natref was growing anti-pollution sentiments from local residents of Sasolburg and their national NGO and legal allies.⁵⁵ In mid-2022, a shortage of crude petroleum available in Transnet pipelines from Durban meant the 108,000-barrel-a-day Natref refinery shut down temporarily. Break-ins and tampering with pipelines are so common that in 2019-20, Transnet acknowledged 8.5 million liters were stolen by fuel syndicates.⁵⁶

But it was on South Africa's Atlantic coastline that Total generated most eco-social resistance in early 2022, when its plans for seismic blasting became clear. Working in conjunction with Impact Africa and a tiny company, Sezigyn (run by three men whose other online presence was in providing funeral services in rural villages in the country's far north), Total chose a 3-dimensional exploration area (i.e. using much more intense, targeted blasting of the ocean floor). The leading public-interest lawyer in the movement, Wilmien Wicomb from the Legal Resources Centre in Cape Town, clarified how a judgement made against Shell two weeks earlier "confirmed the right of interested and affected communities to be consulted meaningfully, which includes the opportunity to voice their concerns about the proposed project and to have those concerns adequately addressed." Total's local partners (especially Impact Africa and Sezigyn in the 3-D zone but all the other clients of Seismic Searcher) had simply ignored their obligations, especially in relation to Wicomb's subsistence-fisherfolk clients.

In the same week, a "Scientific Advisory Group on Emergencies" within the Academy of Science of South Africa firmly weighed in against seismic blasting on marine-conservation grounds, detailing why "There is a reasonable apprehension of real harm to marine life." Their case was based on the "lack of sufficient, detailed scientific information on South Africa's offshore marine resources (both biotic and abiotic), and a flawed legal distinction between substance-

⁵⁴ Paul Burkhardt, "SA petroleum imports expected to triple next year as domestic refineries close," Bloomberg, 6 May (2022), <https://www.news24.com/fin24/economy/sa-petroleum-imports-expected-to-triple-next-year-as-domestic-refineries-close-20220506>

⁵⁵ Centre for Environmental Rights, "groundWork goes to court to defeat Minister's plan to weaken air pollution standards," Cape Town, 6 May (2019), <https://cer.org.za/news/groundwork-goes-to-court-to-defeat-ministers-plan-to-weaken-air-pollution-standards>

⁵⁶ Tabela Timse, "How armed gangs steal millions worth of fuel from buried Transnet pipelines," News24, 18 March (2022). <https://www.news24.com/fin24/companies/amabhungane-how-armed-gangs-steal-millions-worth-of-fuel-from-buried-transnet-pipelines-20220317>

based pollutants and energy-based pollutants, such as sound.”⁵⁷

These lines of argument proved successful in five out of six early-2022 High Court judgements – mainly injunctions against further seismic blasting – and were backed by dozens of protests attended by people of diverse races, classes and ages, with different agendas in attempting to halt Total, Shell and local partners. On 1 September 2022, the Makhanda High Court found in favour of Shell’s critics, on various grounds including those excerpted below in Appendix 1.

One reason for the oil companies’ defeat is that they were seen to have potentially negated good governance through financial contributions to the ruling party, whose chairperson since 2017 has been Mantashe. His role was seen as especially obnoxious, and as a result of his attempt to libel oil company critics, Mantashe forfeited his own right to play a regulatory role in adjudicating community and environmental complaints.

Whether or not Mantashe felt financial influences, Shell had been implicated in making a R15 million donation (via Batho Batho Trust) and as Rob Rose of *Business Day* explained Judge Gerald Bloem’s finding in January 2022, that “Mantashe had ‘nailed his colours to Shell’s mast’ when he accused those opposing Shell – including black fishing communities – of ‘apartheid and colonialism of a special kind.’ Speaking of Mantashe’s ‘emotive language’ in the judgment, Bloem said ‘it appears the minister had made up his mind’.”⁵⁸

Likewise, Total’s two main local partners – Johnny Copelyn, the chair of Impact Oil (parent of Impact Africa), and Phuthuma Nhleko of Pembani Group (the firm that bought the main Shanduka holdings from Ramaphosa in 2014-16) – both donated R2 million to the Cyril Ramaphosa African National Congress presidential campaign, thus also appearing to have gained influence through donations to the ruling party.⁵⁹

Corporate social responsibility is insufficient as a system of accountability, even including France’s 2017 Law on the Duty of Vigilance (based on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights). The latter is described by Antoine Duval from the Asser Institute as “apologetic and acritical... [joining] a long tradition of processes aimed at limiting the actual responsibility of corporations.” Three NGOs critical of Total’s role in the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (linking Uganda and Tanzania) – *Les Amis de la Terre*, *the Ugandan National Association of Professional Environmentalists*, and *the Africa Institute for Energy Governance* – together

⁵⁷ Scientific Advisory Group on Emergencies Sub-committee on Marine Ecology and Risk Mitigation, “Advisory on the Use of Deep-Sea Seismic Surveys to Explore for Oil and Gas Deposits in South African Waters,” Johannesburg, 10 January (2022),

<https://www.assaf.org.za/files/2022/SAGE/SAGE%20Advisory%20on%20Shell%20Seismic%20Survey.pdf>

⁵⁸ Rob Rose, “ANC ‘donation’ twist to Shell fracas,” *Business Day*, 13 January (2022).

<https://www.businesslive.co.za/fm/opinion/editors-note/2022-01-13-rob-rose-anc-donation-twist-to-shell-fracas/>

⁵⁹ Rebecca Davis, “#CR17 email leaks: Separating the myths from the facts,” *Daily Maverick*, 21 August (2019), <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2019-08-21-cr17-email-leaks-separating-the-myths-from-the-facts-part-two/> and Sunday Independent, “How the CR17 campaign funds were channeled,” 18 August (2019), <https://www.pressreader.com/south-africa/the-sunday-independent/20190811/281505047850542>

filed a legal complaint against Total as a result.⁶⁰

It should be abundantly evident that a “fit and proper” corporation test is overdue for Total (and partners Impact Africa and Pembani, especially in the Brulpadda area, given their presumed influence – as major campaign donors – over President Ramaphosa). Such an examination would confront a recent past that, over the past quarter century, suggests the environmental, social, political and economic impacts of its oil and gas businesses are in severe conflict with sustainability and good governance.

Firms in the extractive industries should be considered as, in essence, outsourced service providers. After all, the state owns the minerals and fossil fuels in South Africa’s political territory (including offshore exploration sites). This perspective would allow management of natural resources in a very different manner, and would allow for the transparency that is now lacking (including in environmental impact assessments). The government should be considered the principal, with the citizenry acting as the custodians or trust beneficiaries, who in turn have the right to demand from service providers fit and proper behaviour. Given Total’s record, it is hard to imagine that if there *were* a genuine opportunity to bid for the extraction of South Africa’s natural resources, it could be considered a serious candidate.

Conclusion

This submission has focused on the climate damage implicit in an entire methane life-cycle process, but additional critiques by civil society and other researchers relating to the impact on biodiversity, marine life, local economic development in areas with highly-vulnerable eco-tourism assets (e.g. fishing), and (non) consultation, are of enormous importance. Again, to remind of the stakes associated with climate damage, Southern Africa was from 2000-19 the worst-hit region within Africa, as Mozambique was considered the world’s fourth most damaged country, especially as a result of the two cyclones in 2019.⁶¹ And the continent’s largest greenhouse gas emitter, South Africa, also suffered climate disasters during the 2010s, including sustained droughts in several parts of the country (resulting in a severe locust plague in 2021-22 once rain came), a “Day Zero” threat of completely depleted water reserves in the second city of Cape Town in 2017-18 and in several Eastern Cape cities in mid-2022, and four “Rain Bombs” of more than 100 mm/day in Durban: in 2017, 2019 and twice in 2022. The April-May storms dropped 351 mm and 267 mm, killing more than 500 people in mudslides.

WSP/Total’s failure to address aspects of the climate catastrophe and environmental economics discussed above, as well as its failure to confront the various ways Total fails a “fit and proper” partner test, together suggest willful blindness. Due to the failure of the proposal to properly consider the full cost accounting required for such a vital natural resource (one that

⁶⁰ Duval interview, 8 July 2022, and *Les Amis de la Terre France, The National Association of Professional Environmentalists and Africa Institute for Energy Governance v Total SA*, Versailles Court of Appeal, RG 20/01692, Paris, 10 December (2020).

⁶¹ David Eckstein, Vera Künzel and Laura Schäfer, “Global Climate Risk Index 2021,” Germanwatch, Bonn (2021), https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Global%20Climate%20Risk%20Index%202021_1_0.pdf

should also entail rudimentary natural capital accounting), due to the adverse impact on the rest of the economy as climate sanctions are imposed, due to the new precedents in which precisely such calculations led to cancellation of gas and oil offshore exploration in the United States and South Africa's Indian Ocean, and finally due to Total's status as unfit and improper, the WSP/Total team working on Total's exploratory blasting and drilling proposal must take responsibility for redoing the work by addressing these numerous shortcomings.



Patrick Bond

APPENDIX 1

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
(EASTERN CAPE DIVISION, MAKHANDA)
CASE NO: 3491/2021**



Reportable

In the matter between:

**SUSTAINING THE WILD COAST NPC
MASHONA WETU DLAMINI
DWESA-CWEBE COMMUNAL PROPERTY
ASSOCIATION**

**NTSINDISO NONGCAVU
SAZISE MAXWELL PEKAYO**

**CAMERON THORPE
ALL RISE ATTORNEYS FOR CLIMATE AND
THE ENVIRONMENT NPC**

**NATURAL JUSTICE
GREENPEACE ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION**

**and
MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND
FISHERIES**

**SHELL EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION
SOUTH AFRICA B V**

**IMPACT AFRICA LIMITED
BG INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

**JUDGMENT
MBENENGE JP:**

**1st Applicant
2nd Applicant
3rd Applicant**

**4th Applicant
5th Applicant
6th Applicant
7th Applicant**

**8th Applicant
9th Applicant**

**1st Respondent
2nd Respondent**

3rd Respondent

**4th Respondent
5th Respondent**

Introduction

[1] Stripped of verbiage, the principal question dealt with in these proceedings is whether the grant of an exploration right for the exploration of oil and gas, which has culminated in the need to conduct a seismic survey along the Southeast coast of South Africa, is lawful.

[120] The intervening parties' contention that the decision-maker gave no proper consideration to the climate change impacts of the decision to grant the exploration right is an important factor to be considered in the process of granting an exploration right.

[121] Reliance for this contention, by the intervening parties, is placed on expert testimony showing that most of the discovered reserves of oil and gas cannot be burnt if we are to stay on the pathway to keep global average temperature increases below 1.5 degrees Celsius. Authorising new oil and gas exploration, with its goal of finding exploitable oil and/or gas reserves and consequently leading to production, is not consistent with South Africa complying with its international climate change commitments.

[122] According to the respondents, climate change considerations and the right to access food and livelihood are irrelevant when considering an application for an exploration right; these considerations are premature because they fall to be considered at a much later stage.

[123] On the authority of *Director: Mineral Development, Gauteng Region and Another v Save the Vaal Environment and Others*⁶² the processes are discrete stages in a single process that culminates in the production and combustion of oil and gas, and the emission of greenhouse gases that will exacerbate the climate crisis and impact communities' livelihoods and access to food.

[124] The respondents' thesis does not find support from *Earthlife Africa Johannesburg v Minister of Environmental Affairs and Others*,⁶³ either, where Murphy J said:

'The absence of express provision in the statute requiring a climate change impact assessment does not entail that there is no legal duty to consider climate change as a relevant consideration and does not answer the interpretative question of whether such a duty exists in administrative law. Allowing for the respondents' argument that no empowering vision in NEMA or the regulations explicitly prescribes a mandatory procedure or condition to conduct a formal climate change assessment, the climate change impacts are undoubtedly a relevant consideration as contemplated by section 240 of NEMA for the reasons already discussed. A formal expert report on climate change impacts will be the best evidentiary means of establishing that this relevant factor in its multifaceted dimensions was indeed considered, while the absence of one will be symptomatic of the fact that it was not.'⁶⁴

[125] It seems clear from the foregoing, even taking into account the contentions raised by the respondents, that, had the decision-maker had the benefit of considering a comprehensive assessment of the need and desirability of exploring for new oil and gas reserves for climate change and the right to food perspective, the decision-maker may very well have concluded that the proposed exploration is neither needed nor desirable.

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THANK YOU!

⁶² (133/98) [1999] ZASCA 9 (12 March 1999).

⁶³ (2017) JOL 37526 (GNP); [2017] ZAGPPHC (GP); [2017] 2 All SA 519 (GP).

⁶⁴ Para 88.

From: Move For What Matters <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 02:37
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Objection to TotalEnergies drilling along East Coast

Good day,

I object to TotalEnergies being given the rights to prospect for and or extract oil or gas along the coastline of South Africa. I believe it to be outrageous and deviststing that it would even be considered. Please make the rights choice, not the profitable choice. Some things in this life are more valuable than money. Every action has a reaction, think of the consequences of these actions and the wildlife being affected.

Warmest Regards,
Belinda Book (Concerned Citizen)

[REDACTED]

Move For What Matters

From: Cordell Brewer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 22:27
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Interested party & Objection to offshore oil and gas exploration in garden route

To whom it may concern

I would like to register myself as an interested party and also state my objection to the planned exploration and potential oil and gas drilling near Plettenberg Bay and along the Garden Route. Our town and the greater Bitou area survives economically largely based on the tourism industry and businesses that cater to visitors from around South Africa and internationally.

The attraction of the area to tourists and visitors is due to the thriving natural ecosystem and beauty of the area. The survey recently conducted by Plett Tourism demonstrated that the Bay is a haven to many cherished sea animals large and small. Any activity which risks upsetting the balance of the ecosystem will have a lasting effect on the main asset of the area - which is the experience of rest and renewal that visitors have connecting with nature in the area. This would affect jobs and earnings at grass roots level and lead to unrest in an area that is relatively peaceful and secure.

The full effect of underwater sonar exploration is not understood well enough to mitigate all possible negative effects on the wellbeing and breeding of marine life including whales, dolphins, turtles and others. Any mistake or oil spill at any stage would be an unforgivable disaster.

This is a sensitive coastline with endangered species taking refuge to breed and survive. It also seems to be an important passageway for the movement of marine life.

To attempt to profit from oil mining here seems inappropriate for the area and unnecessarily risky given the nature of the area and the proposed project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Best regards
Cordell Brewer
[REDACTED]

From: Vanessa Brewer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 22:34
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Register as an Interested party and Objection

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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To whom it may concern

I would like to register myself as an interested party and also state my objection to the planned exploration and potential oil and gas drilling near Mossel Bay, Plettenberg Bay and along the Garden Route. Our town and the greater Bitou area survives economically largely based on the tourism industry and businesses that cater to visitors from around South Africa and internationally.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter
Vanessa Brewer
[REDACTED]

From: Petra Brits <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 01 February 2023 09:20
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Project

I object with all my heart.

Regards

Petra
[REDACTED]

From: Mohamed Bulbulia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 14:23
To: TEEPSA EIA
Subject: Negative effects on the environment impact me.

I am an interested and affected party. I am a RSA citizen and all the negatively impacts the ocean and environment consequently also affects me.

Mohamed Enver Bulbulia

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To: TEEPSA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>

Subject: Comments from 17 January 2023 PUBLIC MEETINGS: Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V. Ref. No. 12/4/013

Good Afternoon,

(Comments from 17 January 2023 PUBLIC MEETINGS: Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V. Ref. No. 12/4/013

Please find attached my "Comment and Reply" form after I attended the 10:00 am meeting on the 17 Jan 2023 here in Mossel Bay!

Ben Burke

Cell [REDACTED]

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Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Application for Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V.Registration, Comment and Reply Form
 Draft Scoping Report: Thursday 01 December 2022 to Friday 03 February 2023

Note: This is an opportunity to register as an I&AP for the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process. By registering as an I&AP on the proposed project, you agree to receive information about the proposed project during the regulatory S&EIA process. You also agree to receive information about the S&EIA, public participation process and opportunities to contribute comments.

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Contact Details			
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[REDACTED]	N/A	Office	[REDACTED]
	N/A	Home	
Do you want to register as an Interested and Affected Party?			
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops			√YES
Please include my details on WSP's database to contact me about future projects in my area			NO
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date	23/01/2023	
	Signature	[REDACTED]	

For internal use to confirm capture of stakeholder details into the stakeholder database	
Stakeholder database reference number	
	Signature of data capturer

By registering as a stakeholder permission is hereby given in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act for your contact details to be held securely to keep you informed about this project. WSP Group Africa as a good corporate citizen complies to the POPIA and confirms that your details will be kept confidential and will not be shared with any third party without your prior consent, other than the lead authority should they request stakeholder details.

COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use additional pages should you so wish.

I have the following comments to make regarding this proposed project and/or the public participation process:

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Comments from 17 January 2023 PUBLIC MEETINGS: Block 11B/12B by TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V. Ref. No. 12/4/013

Firstly I would like to thank the presenters (Edwin Groenewald, Helen Crosby and Toni) for giving concise and to the point presentations about the process for the "**Proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Application for Block 11B/12B**".

I fully understand this was a presentation about what TEEPSA will be responsible for ie. to supply gas and associated condensates produced by the 'new' subsea wells to the existing F-A platform. Thus, making PetroSA GTL refinery, TEEPSA 'sole' client.

PetroSA GTL refinery was commissioned in 1992 and designed for a life cycle of approximately 20 years, which bring us to 2012. Now in 2023 the development of new "Feedstock of gas and condensate", bring concerns about the stability and viability of PetroSA infrastructure as well as the pipe line linking PetroSA to the FA platform.

A further concern is in para 6.8 pg 35, referring to the "Operational Aspects of the activity" where PetroSA will be responsible for the operation of the field once commissioned, thus the impact assessment focuses on activities required to bring the field into production whereafter ongoing reduction will take place through the existing infrastructure and staff complement at the F-A Platform. For the next 20 years!.

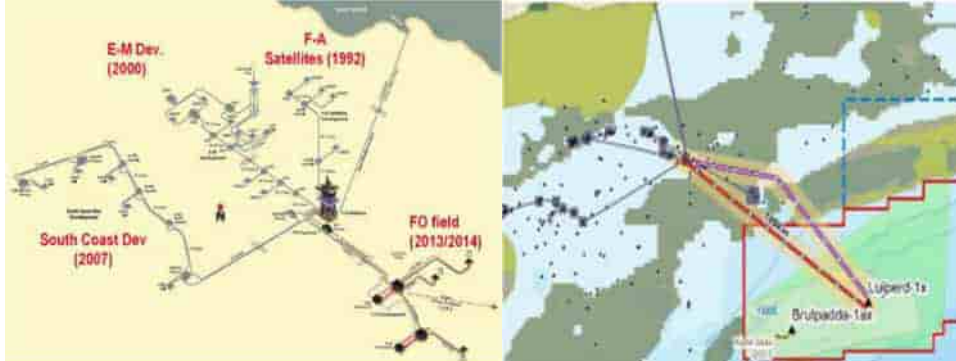
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Decommissioning of Existing Wells:-

In this report it is also stated that :- (ref to Figure 3-2 with 5-1 – F-A Platform existing subsea layout.)



Referring to paragraph 5.1.1 on page 16 of the report, "The proposed development assumes **no further production** from the existing PetroSA fields, enabling the Paddavissie development to **exclusively** use the Offshore installation for the treatment and export of gas and condensate.

In para 4.3 on page 14 of the report there is reference that the current gas reserve in the field is estimated to be depleted in 2029. However it is suggested, see para 5.1.1 page 16, that with this contact with TEEPSA, these existing wells will be required to be decommissions by PetroSA.

Question :- Will PertoSA rehabilitate the sea beds, by removing or rendering the wells 'safe' similarly as per in para 5.4.1.3 Decommissioning Activities.

Question :- Does PetroSA have sufficient reserved fund for this process of "Decommissioning" to be undertaken.

Question :- Who will monitor the decommissioned wells for the next 20 years as required and stated in this report.

References :- (Act No. 28 of 2002) "making of financial provision as contemplated in the Act for the costs associated with the undertaking of management, rehabilitation and remediation of environmental impacts from prospecting, exploration, mining or production operations through the lifespan of such operations and latent or residual environmental impacts that may become known in the future.

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Subject: FW: Objection to EIA process; Application for Block 11B/12B by Total Energies South Africa
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To: TEEPSA EIA <teepsaEIA@wsp.com>
Subject: Objection to EIA process; Application for Block 11B/12B by Total Energies South Africa

Attached please find a formal letter of objection on behalf of the Plett Tourism Association to the approval for the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Application for Block 11B/12B by TESA.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Kind regards

Patty Butterworth

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02 February 2023

Re: Objection to the approval for the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Application for Block 11B/12B by Total Energies EP South Africa

I address you on behalf of the Plett Tourism Association and submit the following objection to the approval for the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process for the proposed offshore Production Right and Environmental Authorisation Application for Block 11B/12B by TESA for the following reasons:

1. The lack of adequate scoping and community engagement within the Bitou area.
 - A. Firstly, Bitou has many community members who rely on fishing as their main source of income and as their main source of food. These fishermen were not previously engaged with, nor were they made aware of the meeting – this study directly affects their livelihood, and they need to be engaged with and made aware of the potential impact on their livelihood.
 - B. Secondly, the tourism industry is the main economic driver in Bitou, it fuels the building industry and it fuels the service industry. The local tourism authority was not engaged with prior to this meeting. Our branding and marketing campaign speak to sport and nature with a major focus being on our coastline and oceans and as a result the ecology of the area is uppermost in the mind of our tourists and exploration and exploitation of our natural resources such as that proposed is likely to create a negative perception in the minds of potential tourists thus adversely affecting tourism arrivals.
2. The lack of advertising within the Bitou Community about the meeting. At the meeting held in the Piesang Valley Hall on 20th of January 2023 it was stated by the Total representative that the general Bitou Public were made aware of the proposed meeting through various communication channels including:
 - Local newspapers
 - Local radio
 - Local municipality

The question was raised as to 'what channels' were used as the public were unaware of the meeting – this question asked by me. I also asked that the meeting be postponed allowing for ample representation of the community. This was seconded by another community member present. TESA representatives replied, 'We will get back to you on that'. There has been no follow-up regarding this request. Upon further investigation, the announcement of this meeting was not shared by a local newspaper (there are two, the Seaexpress and What's New Plett) and it was not shared by a local radio station (there are two, 93.4FM and Radio204).

Plett Tourism Association, Melvilles Corner, Main Street, Plettenberg Bay

PLETT TOURISM BOARD | Chairman: Bruce Richardson

Industry Representatives: Jaco Kruger, Alex Olivier, Linda Packwood, Nicole Tunmer, Victor Zingwena
Secretary & Treasurer: Liz Phillips | Bitou Municipal Representatives: Ludolph Gericke, Lesley Jacobs
Stakeholder Representative: Sally Turner (PBCPA) | Community Representative: Lulu Mzili

3. The local Bitou Municipality only informed the public with a Facebook post on 19 January 2023. Many local residents are not on Facebook, and this cannot be considered an adequate means of communication.
4. TESA has not included the need for research focused on the impact on the tourism industry along the Bitou coastline and how the proposed TESA activity may affect our tourism industry. The town of Plettenberg Bay and the area known as 'Bitou' relies on its tourism industry as the main economic contributor. Plett's most unique selling points include its beaches, rivers and lagoons which is then followed by marine life and coastal activities.
5. The bay is rich in biodiversity and ecosystems, arguably one of the most prolific in diversity for its size; and even a moderate disruption would be detrimental to such a sensitive natural environment as we have recently witnessed with changing migratory patterns of larger predators, game fish and sightings of new species frequenting our shores.
6. **Current evidence suggests potential health impacts due to exposure to oil extraction, such as cancer, liver damage, immunodeficiency, and neurological symptoms. Adverse impacts to soil, air, and water quality in oil drilling regions were also identified according to a study conducted in 2019 by the National Liberty of Medicine - also known as the NIH National Centre for Biotechnology Information.** There are no plans for short-term, mid-term, and long-term hospital and medical expense reimbursements needed for any adverse health reactions experienced by residents, visitors and/or to the migratory wildlife in Plett.
7. There appears to be no research directed at or measuring the following:
 - A. the health impact on wildlife,
 - B. the loss of tourism income and
 - C. the impact this may have on our health as a community.
 - D. There are no compensation plans in place should the town lose prospective tourism income of close to R2.1 billion due to accidents incurred or faults incurred.

This is an issue of national importance, and we believe that neither our municipality nor ourselves have the competency or adequate representation to fully comment on the process as a result of which comprehensive meetings attended by independent environmental specialists paid for by Total are required to achieve the level of comfort required by our local community is required.

We thank you in anticipation of your support and assistance herein.

Yours sincerely



Patty Butterworth
Chief Executive Officer | [REDACTED]