

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

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**Appendix 9:
Invitation to Register, Comment and
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Notice of Application for Prospecting Rights in Sea Concession Area 14

Anchor Environmental <info@anchorenvironmental.co.za>

Thu 3/3/2022 3:01 PM

To: Anchor Environmental <[REDACTED]>

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Acceptance Letter 10405PR.pdf; BID - February Afrikaans 14C.pdf; BID - February English 14C.pdf; OPENBARE DEELNAME VRAELYS 14C.pdf; PUBLIC PARTICIPATION QUESTIONNAIRE 14C.pdf;

Afrikaanse kennisgewing volg na die Engelse kennisgewing hieronder

Dear Stakeholder,

NOTICE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTING RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998), ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED): PROSPECTING ALONG THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA IN SEA CONCESSION AREAS 14C

APPLICATION PHASE: REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY STAKEHOLDER INPUT AND STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION

Trans Atlantic Diamonds Pty (Ltd) (the 'Applicant') is applying for the right to prospect in South African Sea Concession Area 14C. Concession Area 14C spans 106 001 ha and is located offshore of the Western cape coast. The inshore boundary of this concession area is located approximately 5 km offshore and the outer boundary at about 100 km seaward of the coast at the widest part. Sea concession 14C stretches from 12 km south of the Olifants River mouth to 23 km south of the mouth. The port nearest to the concession area is Lamberts Bay which is located approximately 21 km south of the concession.

This activity triggers Listed Activities in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA). The Applicant is therefore required to apply for Environmental Authorisation from the competent authority, i.e., the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE), in addition to applying for prospecting rights to commence with the activity. The Applicant has appointed Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with applying for prospecting rights and conducting a Basic Assessment Process which is required to apply for Environmental Authorisation.

You are herewith invited to provide input and to register as an Interested and Affected party (I&AP) for the proposed activity.

Please send your name, contact details, preferred method of notification (e.g. e-mail address, cellphone or verbal communication) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest (e.g. fisheries, business owner, government official) which you may have in the application to info@anchorentional.co.za. Alternatively, please complete and submit the questionnaire attached to the Background Information Document (BID). If you are aware of anyone that might be an I&AP, please direct them to this email or send us their details.

Please note that this first notification is to inform stakeholders that the application for prospecting rights has been accepted and the application for Environmental Authorisation has been acknowledged by the DMRE. Prospecting rights and environmental authorisation have NOT yet been granted. We are calling for any initial comment regarding the acceptance and acknowledgement of these applications. **Kindly submit any initial comments you might have regarding the prospecting rights application by filling out the questionnaire attached to the BID and submitting it to the following email address: info@anchorentional.co.za by 15:00 on 17 March 2022.**

You are also notified that there will be an official 30-day Public Participation that will also include a meeting. Details regarding this process and meeting will be confirmed with and communicated to stakeholders at a later stage.

During this 30-day period, you will have an opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) which will be made available online and at designated locations. The Draft BAR will provide details about the applicant, receiving environment, the prospecting activity, and any potential associated impacts. Any further comments/ concerns regarding the prospecting rights project and activities can still be submitted until the end of the Public Participation Period (date still to be confirmed).

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

Thank you

Kind regards,

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

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

Afrikaanse Kennisgewing

Geagte Belanghebbende,

KENNISGEWING VIR DIE ERKENNING VAN AANSOEK OM PROSPEKTEERREGTE EN OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING IN TERME VAN DIE WET OP NASIONALE OMGEWINGSBESTUUR (WET NR. 107 VAN 1998), OMGEWINGS-IMPAKASSESSERINGSREGULASIES, 2014 (SOOS GEWYSIG): PROSPEKTEERWERK IN SEEKONSESSIEGEBIED 14C LANGS DIE WESKUS VAN SUID-AFRIKA. TOEPASSINGSFASE: REGISTRASIE VAN GEÏNTERESSEERDE EN/OF GEAFFEKTEERDE PARTYE.

Trans Atlantic Diamonds Pty (Ltd) ('Aansoeker') doen aansoek vir die reg om te prospekter vir seekonsessie, 14C. Seekonsessie 14C is in die see langs die Weskus geleë en is 106 001 ha groot. Seekonsessie 14C strek vanaf 12 km Suid van die Olifants rivier tot 23 km suid van die mond. Die hawe naaste aan die konsessiegebied is Lambertsbaai wat ongeveer 21 km suid van die konsessie geleë is.

Hierdie aktiwiteit gee aanleiding tot ander aktiwiteite, soos gelys onder die Omgewings-impakassesseringsregulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig) en afgekondig in terme van die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (Wet No. 107 van 1998). Daar word dus van die aansoeker vereis om aansoek te doen om omgewingsmagtiging by die bevoegde owerheid, dit wil sê die Department van Minerale Hulpbronne en Energie (DMHE), benewens die aansoek om prospekterregte, voordat daar voortgegaan mag word met die aktiwiteite. Die aansoeker het Anchor Environmental Consultants (Edms) Bpk aangestel as die Onafhanklike Omgewingsassesseringspraktisyn (EAP) om te help met die aansoek om prospekterregte en om 'n Basiese Assesseringsproses uit te voer as deel van die aansoek om omgewingsmagtiging.

U word hiermee uitgenooi om te registreer as 'n geïnteresseerde en/of geaffekteerde party (I&AP) vir die voorgestelde aktiwiteit.

Stuur asseblief u naam, kontakbesonderhede, en voorkeurmetode vir kennisgewing (bv. e-posadres, selfoon of mondelingse kommunikasie) en 'n aanduiding van enige direkte sake-, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belangstellings (bv. Visserye, sake-eienaar, regeringsamptenaar) wat u in die aansoek mag hê na info@anchorenvironmental.co.za. U kan ook die vraelys wat by die agtergrondinligtingsdokument (AID) aangeheg is, invul en indien. As u van iemand weet wat moontlik ook 'n I&AP is, verwys hulle asseblief na hierdie e-pos of stuur vir ons hulle besonderhede.

Let daarop dat hierdie eerste kennisgewing bedoel is om belanghebbendes in kennis te stel dat die aansoek om prospekterregte aanvaar is en dat die aansoek om omgewingsmagtiging deur die DMHE erken is. Prospekterregte en omgewingsmagtiging is nog NIE toegeken NIE. U word uitgenooi om aanvanklike kommentaar te lewer aangaande die aanvaarding en erkenning van aansoeke. **Dien asseblief enige aanvanklike kommentaar oor die aansoek om prospekterregte in deur die vraelys (aangeheg by die AID), in te vul en dit voor 17 Maart 2022 om 15:00 na info@anchorenvironmental.co.za te stuur.**

U word ook in kennis gestel dat daar 'n amptelike 30-dae openbare deelnameproses sal wees. Die proses sal ook 'n openbare vergadering insluit. Inligting rakende die proses en vergadering sal mettertyd bevestig en aan belanghebbendes gekommunikeer word.

Gedurende hierdie 30-dae periode het u die geleentheid om die Konsep-basiese assesseringsverslag (BAV) te hersien en kommentaar daarop te lewer. Hierdie verslag sal op ons webtuiste aanlyn en ook op aangewese plekke beskikbaar gestel word. Die Konsep-BAV sal besonderhede verskaf oor die aansoeker, die geaffekteerde omgewing, die prospekteraktiwiteit en enige potensiele gevolge. U kan registreer en kommentaar lewer vanaf vandag, 3 Maart 2022 tot en met wanneer die openbare deelnameproses eindig. Besonderhede oor die openbare deelnameproses sal bevestig word.

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

Dankie.

Vriendelike groete,

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

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

info@anchorentional.co.za

Reminder: Stakeholder Meeting Friday 11 March at 18:00 Prospecting Application Sea Concession 14C

Anchor Environmental [REDACTED]

Thu 3/10/2022 3:13 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Stakeholder,

This is a friendly reminder of our upcoming stakeholder meeting tomorrow on the **11th of March 2022** at **Miriam Owies Hall in Doringbaai from 18:00 -20:00**. The meeting will provide an overview of the proposed prospecting activity in Sea Concession 14C and will provide an opportunity for stakeholders and authorities to highlight any initial concerns that exist around the proposed activity.

Initial comments can be raised at the pre-consultation meeting on **Friday, 11 March 2022** and kindly submitted to the following email address: info@anchorenvironmental.co.za by **15:00** on **17 March 2022**. You are also notified that there will be an official 30-day Public Participation Process that will also include a meeting. Details regarding this process and meeting will be confirmed with and communicated to stakeholders at a later stage.

If you have any further questions, please let me know. We look forward to meeting with you.

Regards,

Sisanda

Reminder: Stakeholder Meeting Friday 11 March at 18:00 Prospecting Application Sea Concession 14C

Anchor Environmental [REDACTED] >

Thu 3/10/2022 2:57 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING BY TRANS ATLANTIC DIAMONDS IN SEA CONCESSION AREA 14C

Anchor Environmental [REDACTED]

Thu 3/31/2022 3:08 PM

To: Anchor Environmental [REDACTED]

English notice follows the Afrikaans notice

KENNISGEWING: U WORD HIERMEE UITGENOOI OM KOMMENTAAR TE LEWER OP DIE VOORGESTELDE PROSPEKTERING DEUR TRANS ATLANTIC DIAMONDS IN SEEKONSESSIE AREA 14C, TUSSEN DORINGBAAI EN DONKINSBAAI

Geagte Belanghebbende,

Trans Atlantic Diamonds Pty (Ltd) ('Die Aansoeker') het by die Department van Minerale Hulpbronne en Energie (DMHE – die bevoegde owerheid) aansoek gedoen vir Omgewingsmagtiging en Prospekterregte om diamante; edelgesteentes; swaar- en industriële minerale; en yster-, basis- en kosbare metale in Seekonsessiegebied 14C te prospekter. Hierdie konsessiegebied is in die see geleë en ongeveer 5 km (2.7 seemyl) wes van die hoogwatermerk. Hierdie 5 km-punt is ongeveer 70m diep. Die C-konsessie strek weswaarts van hierdie punt af tot by 200 m waterdiepte. Die konsessiegebied strek vanaf net noord van Doringbaai, suidwaarts, tot net suid van Groothoekbaai langs die Weskus van Suid-Afrika.

Aansoeke is ingedien ingevolge die Wet op Ontwikkeling van Minerale en Petroleumhulpbronne (28 van 2002), die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (107 van 1998) en die Omgewings-impakassesseringsregulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig). As deel van die aansoekproses word daar vereis dat 'n Basiese Assesering van die potensiële impakte van die voorgestelde aktiwiteit uitgevoer word. Alle bevindinge word dan in 'n Konsep Basiese Asseseringsverslag (BAR) saamgestel en saam met 'n omgewingsbestuursprogram (EMPr) aan die DMHE en publiek beskikbaar gestel vir 'n 30-dae kommetaartydperk (ook bekend as die 30-dae Openbare Deelname Proses). Daar word ook 'n Openbare Deelnamevergadering gehou waartydens hierdie inligting aan die publiek deurgegee word en die publiek se aanbevelings, bekommernisse en vrae opgeteken word. Alle spesialisbevindinge en publieke kommentaar word dan in die Finale BAR geïnkorporeer. Hierdie Finale BAR word weer saam met die EMPr aan die DMHE en publiek beskikbaar gestel. Die DMHE het 107-dae om die Finale BAR na te sien en die finale besluit te maak in terme van die toedien of afkeur van die prospekterregte.

Anchor Environmental Consultants (Edms) Bpk is deur die Aansoeker aangestel as die Onafhanklike Omgewingskonsultant (EAP) om die aansoeke in te dien en om 'n Basiese Asseserings- en Openbare Deelnameproses uit te voer.

U WORD HIERMEE UITGENOOI OM TE REGISTREER, DIE KONSEP BAR NA TE SIEN EN KOMMENTAAR TE LEWER OP DIE AANSOEK OM PROSPEKTERREGTE GEDURENDE DIE OPENBARE DEELNAME PROSES WAT SAL STREK:

Vanaf 6 April 2022 tot 9 Mei 2022 om 23:59.

U WORD OOK UITGENOOI NA DIE OPENBARE DEELNAME VERGADERING NAASTE AAN U:

Kaapstad: Maandag, 11 April 2022 om 13:30 – 16:00; Steenberg House, Silverwood Close, Steenberg Office Park, Tokai, Kaapstad

Doringbaai: Dinsdag, 12 April 2022 om 18:00 – 20:00; Miriam Owies

Gemeenskapsentrum, Haweweg 1, Doringbaai

Ebenhaeser: Woensdag, 13 April 2022 om 18:00 – 20:00; Ebenhaeser Community Hall, 118 Louise Street, Nuwestasie, Ebenhaeser

METODES OM KOMMENTAAR TE LEWER:

- 1) Voltooi die vraelys of lewer u kommentaar op 'n dokument van u keuse en stuur dit aan die kontakpersoon hieronder per pos, e-pos of telefonies.
- 2) Handig dit by die Doringbaai-, Ebenhaeser- of Lutzville Biblioteek of die Strandfontein Inligtingsentrum in.
- 3) Handig dit tydens die Openbare Deelname Vergadering in of lewer u kommentaar mondelings tydens die vergadering.

'n Agtergrondinligtingsdokument, vraelys, spesialisstudies en 'n Konsep BAR met besonderhede oor die prospekteraktiwiteite, potensiele impakte en omgewingsbestuursprogram sal gedurende die Openbare Deelnameproses by die volgende webwerf (<https://anchorenvironmental.co.za/>), by die Doringbaai-, Ebenhaeser- en Lutzville Biblioteke en by die Strandfontein Weskus Inligtingsentrum beskikbaar wees. Dit sal ook tydens die vergaderings versprei word.

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

Dankie

Vriendelike groete,

**Cheruscha Swart**

Ecologist and Environmental Consultant

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Let daarop dat prospekteregte en omgewingsmagtiging om voort te gaan met prospekterwerk nog NIE toegeken is NIE.

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

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English notice**NOTICE: YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING BY TRANS ATLANTIC DIAMONDS IN SEA CONCESSION AREA 14C, BETWEEN DORINGBAAI AND DONKINSBAAI**

Dear Stakeholder,

Trans Atlantic Diamonds Pty (Ltd) ('The Applicant') has applied for Environmental Authorisation and Prospecting Rights with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE - the competent authority) to prospect for diamonds; gemstones; heavy and industrial minerals; and ferrous, base and precious metals in sea Concession Area 14C. This concession area is located in the ocean approximately 5 km (2.7 nautical miles) west of the high-water mark. This 5 km point is about 70m deep. The C-concession extends westward from this point up to 200 m water depth (isobath). The concession area extends from just north of Doringbaai, southwards, to just south of Groothoekbaai along the West Coast of South Africa.

Applications have been submitted in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (28 of 2002), the National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The application process requires that a Basic Assessment of the potential impacts of the proposed activity be conducted. All findings are incorporated into the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and circulated, along with the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), to the DMRE and the public for a 30-day commenting period (also known as the 30-Day Public Participation Process). A Public Participation Meeting will also be held during this time to present the public with the findings and to record their recommendations, concerns and questions. All specialist findings and public comment are then incorporated into the Final BAR. This Final BAR is again made available to the DMRE and the public along with the EMPr. The DMRE has 107 days to review the Final BAR and make the final decision in terms of granting or rejecting the prospecting rights.

Anchor Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by the Applicant as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to submit the applications and to carry out a Basic Assessment and Public Participation process.

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO REGISTER, REVIEW THE DRAFT BAR AND COMMENT ON THE APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTION RIGHTS DURING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS THAT WILL EXTEND:

From 6 April 2022 to 9 May 2022 at 23:59.

YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING CLOSEST TO YOU:

Cape Town: Monday, 11 April 2022 at 13:30 - 16:00; Steenberg House, Silverwood Close, Steenberg Office Park, Tokai, Cape Town

Doringbaai: Tuesday, 12 April 2022 at 18:00 - 20:00; Miriam Owies Community Center, 1 Harbor Road, Doring Bay

Ebenhaeser: Wednesday, 13 April 2022 at 18:00 - 20:00; Ebenhaeser Community Hall, 118 Louise Street, News Station, Ebenhaezer

METHODS TO PROVIDE COMMENT:

- 1) Complete the questionnaire or comment on a document of your choice and send it to the contact person below via post, e-mail or telephonically.
- 2) Hand comments/questionnaires in at the Doringbaai, Ebenhaeser or Lutzville Libraries or at the Strandfontein Information Centre.

3) Hand comments in during the Public Participation Meeting or provide comments verbally during the Meeting.

Background Information, a questionnaire and Draft Basic Assessment Report will be available from the following website (<https://anchorenvironmental.co.za/>), at the Doringbaai, Ebenhaeser and Lutzville libraries and at the Strandfontein West Coast Information Centre, during the Public Participation Process. These will also be circulated during the Public Participation Meeting.

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

Thank you

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