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PRE-CONSULTATION PROCESS

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Appendix 9:

Invitation to Register, Comment and Attend Meeting

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Notice of Application for Prospecting Rights in Sea Concession Area 14

Anchor Environmental <info@anchorenvironmental.co.za>

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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. email address, cellphone or verbal communication) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest (e.g. fisheries, business owner, you government official) which may have in the application info@anchorenvironmental.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@anchorenvironmental.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@anchorenvironmental.co.za

<u> Afrikaanse Kennisgewing</u>

Geagte Belanghebbende,

KENNISGEWING VIR DIE ERKENNING VAN AANSOEK OM PROSPEKTEERREGTE EN **OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING** IN **TERME** VAN **NASIONALE** DIE WET OP **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 prospekteer 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 prospekteerregte, voordat daar voortgegaan mag word met die aktiwiteite. Die aansoeker het Anchor Environmental Consultants (Edms) Bpk aangestel as die Omgewingsassesseringspraktisyn (EAP) om te help met die aansoek om prospekteerregte 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, sakeregeringsamptenaar) wat u in die aansoek 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 <u>aansoek om prospekteerregte aanvaar</u> is en dat die <u>aansoek om omgewingsmagtiging deur die DMHE erken</u> is. Prospekteerregte 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 prospekteerregte in deur die vraelys (aangeheg by die AID), in te vul en dit voor 17 Maart 2022 om 15:00 na info@anchorenvironmental.co.zate 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 veslag 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 prospekteeraktiwiteit en enige potensiële 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 openbaredeelname 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 strooipos 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@anchorenvironmental.co.za_

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



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