

**576461: Samara Concession EIA: Comments and Response Report**

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<b>COMMENTS ON THE PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE COMPETENT AND COMMENTING AUTHORITIES</b>				
Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) Regional Manager: Mineral Regulation, Northern Cape Region	29/06/2021	<p>You are advised to submit a final Scoping report within 44 days from the date that the application has been acknowledged. Your 44 days will lapse on 11 August 2021. Please note that this inclusive of weekends but exclusive of public holidays.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of your application does not grant you permission to commence with mining activities. Commencement of a listed activity without an environmental authorisation constitutes an offence in terms of Section 49A (1) (a) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA) and upon conviction for such an offence, a person is liable to a fine to exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.</p>	Noted	Finalised
Mr Shonisani Munzhedzi (Former Deputy Director-General: Biodiversity and Conservation)	30/07/2021	<p>Kindly note that I am no longer with the Department, since assuming new responsibilities at the South African National Biodiversity Institute. Kindly direct your emails to the Office of the Deputy Director-General: Biodiversity and Conservation: Ms Miriam Phasha on <a href="mailto:MPhasha@environment.gov.za">MPhasha@environment.gov.za</a>; Ms Leah Ditshego on <a href="mailto:LDitshego@environment.gov.za">LDitshego@environment.gov.za</a> or Ms Livia Modiba on <a href="mailto:Livia@environment.gov.za">Livia@environment.gov.za</a>.</p>	Ms Phasha, Ms Ditshego, and Ms Modiba were added to the stakeholder database and will receive communication regarding the Samara Prospecting Right Application EIA.	Finalised
<b>COMMENTS ON THE SCOPING REPORT FROM COMPETENT AND COMMENTING AUTHORITIES 28 AUGUST 2021 – 29 SEPTEMBER 2021</b>				
Rofhiwa Magodi (Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE): Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness)	30/08/2021	<p>Our telephonic conversation this morning bears reference.</p> <p>Kindly provide us with the draft scoping report and supporting documents for our review</p>	The Draft Scoping Report was sent to Mr Magodi on 30 August 2021 as requested.	Finalised
	14/09/2021	<p>Our telephonic conversation this afternoon bears reference.</p> <p>The Directorate of Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness would like to thank you for</p>	Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback on the Samara Project (NCS 30/5/1/1/2/1 (12855) PR). Please find attached an updated map in which the footprint area of	Finalised

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		<p>the opportunity to review the scoping report for the aforementioned reference number.</p> <p>We went through the scoping report and noted that the executive summary Page iii indicated that “It is noted that the Prospecting area excludes the Namaqua Fossil Forest Marine Protected Area, located within the Offshore Concession Areas.”</p> <p>Further, Page 14 of the scoping report mentioned that “Although there are a number of declared Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) off the West Coast, Samara Mining does not intend prospecting in these areas and consequently there will be no impact on these MPAs.”</p> <p>Furthermore, we also noted that the proposed project will take place in the Offshore Concession Areas 4C and 5C of approximately 912 206 hectares for Prospecting Right area as depicted in red colour on the locality map (Figure 3, Page 3).</p> <p>However, Figure 2 shows that the Namaqua Fossil Forest Marine Protected Area falls within the proposed prospecting right area that contradicts the point that the proposed project will not affect the Namaqua Fossil Forest Marine Protected Area.</p> <p>Consequently, this directorate seeks clarity on whether the project will be undertaken inside MPA or outside or if it will affect MPA anyhow to ensure that we provide the correct recommendations and comments for the project.</p> <p>Do not hesitate to contact the undersigned for any queries.</p>	<p>the Offshore Concession Areas has been amended to visually illustrate that the Namaqua Fossil Forest MPA or any other MPAs (including the 5 km buffer areas) are excluded from the prospecting footprint area as described within the Draft Scoping Report. The maps contained in the Final Scoping Report will be updated to include the amended maps and updated footprint areas.</p> <p>SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (SRK): The Fossil Forest Marine MPA has been excluded from the Samara Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) footprint area and maps updated in the Final Scoping Report and EIA Report.</p>	
	15/09/2021	<p>Mr Magodi suggested that the corner in which the Namaqua Fossil Forest Marine Protected Area lies be removed completely from the prospecting area.</p>	<p>As discussed earlier, please find attached the updated map of which the offshore Concession Areas have been amended to exclude the Namaqua Fossil Forest Marine Protected Area. The maps contained in the Final Scoping Report will be updated to include the amended maps and updated footprint areas.</p> <p>Note: The Fossil Forest Marine MPA has been excluded from the Samara EIA footprint area</p>	Finalised

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			and maps updated in the Final Scoping Report and EIA Report.	
	17/09/2021	Mr Magodi was concerned that the prospecting area was not indicated to be located adjacent to the Namaqua Fossil Forest Marine Protected Area.	Please find attached, the updated Samara Concession footprint area indicating that the offshore Concession Area lies next to the 5 km buffer area surrounding the Namaqua Fossil Forest Marine Protected Area. We trust that the attached map will suffice.	Finalised
Mr Ruan Brand (South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA))	02/08/2021	<p>Could you please register me as a stakeholder for this case, as SAHRA is the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (NHRA) commenting authority, specifically the MUCH unit with the application being offshore.</p> <p>Once the scoping report is available, you will need to create a case on South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) and upload it there. I will assign myself as the case officer and issue our comment in line with your commenting dates.</p> <p>If you have any trouble doing this, please feel free to e-mail me and I will assist you promptly.</p>	Mr Ruan Brand was registered as a stakeholder.	Finalised
	24/08/2021	<p>I have not seen this application uploaded onto SAHRIS yet.</p> <p>Please let me know if you require any assistance.</p>	<p>SRK Consulting is busy with the compilation of the Draft Scoping Report. The report will be uploaded to the SAHRA website once it is ready.</p> <p>The Draft Scoping Report was submitted on the SAHRIS on the 31/08/2021 and comments on the Draft Scoping Received from SAHRA on 23/09/2021 as detailed below.</p>	Finalised
	23/09/2021	<p>The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) would like to thank you for submitting a Draft Scoping Report (DSR) under section 38(8) of the NHRA for a Diamond Prospecting Right in the Offshore Concession (sea concession 4C and 5C) off the West Coast, South Africa.</p> <p>The application pertains to prospecting activities for diamonds in four phases. The first phase involves desktop studies, the second phase entails geophysical</p>	A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) has been undertaken and the recommended management measures incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).	Finalised

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		<p>surveying, the third phase includes invasive exploration sampling, and the fourth phase entails a feasibility study. The desktop phase will involve understanding the proposed diamond deposit character and the geophysical surveying will involve equipment appropriate for the depth and survey method. The invasive sampling phase of the project will include the use of crawlers on boar vessel(s) to dredge materials from the seabed and these will be sifted on board the vessel(s).</p> <p>Although the Namaqua Fossil Forest MPA is located within sea concession 4C and 5C, the DSR mentions that this area will be excluded from all prospecting activities, including surveying. SAHRA is satisfied with the high-level mitigation measures indicated in Table 20 on page 51 in that those areas where shipwreck sites are known are to be excluded. However, most wreck locations are unknown, and provisions must be made for the potential impact and mitigation measure on these and included in that portion of the table.</p>		
		<p>The DSR further mentions that an Underwater Heritage Impact Assessment is proposed. A HIA for sea concession 4C, 5C, and 6C was conducted in 2017. This HIA found that at least five vessels wrecked in sea Concession Areas 4C, 5C, and 6C and that a further 28 vessels might have wrecked somewhere in the area. As the DSR proposes potential invasive sampling methods which could destroy underwater heritage resources, SAHRA supports that the project should include an Underwater HIA. SAHRA looks forward to seeing the recommended management measures that the Underwater HIA must include, as is alluded to on page 55 of the DSR.</p>	<p>Noted. A HIA has been undertaken and the recommended management measures incorporated into the EMPr.</p>	<p>Finalised</p>
		<p>SAHRA has noted inaccurate information in the report which needs updating. On page 44 under the heading 'Marine Archaeological Sites' the estimated number of shipwrecks along the South African coastline is listed as 2000 when the number is in fact closer to 2800. In the</p>	<p>The Final Scoping Report has been amended to reflect the correct information as highlighted by SAHRA. However, during the EIA Phase of the project, ACO Associates cc was appointed to undertake</p>	<p>Finalised</p>

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		<p>same paragraph, mention is made of the National Monument's Council (NMC) as providing protection for wrecks older than 60 years. Please note that NMC ceased to exist in 2000 when the promulgation of the NHRA established SAHRA as the national heritage resources authority. All wrecks and associated artefacts older than 60 years are considered archaeological and are therefore provided protection under section 2 and 35 of the NHRA as opposed to having National Monument Status as indicated in the DSR. These above points must be amended in the final scoping report.</p>	<p>a HIA (ACO, 2023). Although a 2017 HIA produced for portions of the Concession Area suggests that five wrecks have the potential to be present within the Concession Area boundaries, the ACO assessment believes, that with the exception of the <i>Eros</i>, which on balance is more likely to be located near Lamberts Bay than in the vicinity of the Concession Areas, it is possible, but unlikely, that the remains of the <i>Haab</i>, <i>Jessie Smith</i>, <i>Ocean King</i> and <i>La Porte</i> lie within the concession areas. ACO therefore did not record any wrecks within Concession Areas 4C and 5C. Although unlikely, the possibility does exist for the remains of currently unknown and unrecorded wrecks to be present in the Concession Areas</p>	
		<p>If any wrecks are encountered, the location and associated data used to identify the wreck must be provided to SAHRA. Should any shipwrecks be identified as part of this project then SAHRA must be notified to enable the information to be added to the national shipwreck database. Any new discoveries or updated data is a valuable resource in adding to our knowledge of South Africa's maritime history.</p>	<p>Noted. The Final Scoping Report has been amended to include the proposed management measures. Further HIA has been undertaken and the recommended management measures incorporated into the EMPr.</p>	Finalised
		<p>Please also note that all updates and/or changes to the project, supporting documentation, correspondence, reports, or any other work relating to the project must be uploaded to the case on SAHRIS to provide SAHRA with the opportunity to comment. SAHRA does not accept emailed documents or hard-copy documents received via post.</p>	<p>Following engagements with DFFE: Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness, the prospecting area has been amended. An updated location map has been attached for reference.</p>	Finalised
Adri La Meyer (Directorate: Development Facilitation, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Western Cape Government)	01/08/2021	<p>Thank you for your e-mail of 30 July 2021 with Project Announcement Letter. Kindly register the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning as a commenting authority for the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment application. You may add me as the Department's contact person for this</p>	<p>The stakeholder was added to the stakeholder database.</p>	Finalised

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		application. I will facilitate the Department's comments on the application.		
		I note the listed activities applicable to the Prospecting Right (PR) application. Please refer to the attached Government Notice (GN) No. 517 dated 11 June 2021 where amendments to the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and Listing Notices were made. Various amendments to the description of certain listed activities were made and certain activities were deleted (e.g., Activity 22 of Listing Notice 1).	The Samara application was submitted before the promulgation of GN Number 517 (dated 11 June 2021).	Finalised
	30/08/2021	<p>I have downloaded the DSR and note that the competent authority for the application is the DMRE (Western Cape). I just need clarity regarding the statement in the DSR please: "The eastern boundary of the proposed Offshore Concession Area is located approximately 14.5 km from both Port Nolloth and from Kleinsee, respectively." Noting that the land-based site notices were placed in Porth Nolloth and Kleinsee (situated in the Northern Cape), can you please confirm that portions of Sea Concessions 4C and 5C do fall within the sea-based geographical area of the Western Cape? Also, is the DMRE (Western Cape Region) the Competent Authority for the application?</p> <p>Based on the map in the DSR, it appears that Hondeklipbaai (also in the Northern Cape), is excluded from the PR area, which gives the impression that the Western Cape Province is excluded from the PR application?</p> <p>Please note that if the sea-based areas of the Western Cape Province are not impacted by the diamond right prospecting application, this Department does not have jurisdiction to provide any comments.</p>	<p>Apologies, you are correct, it must be the Northern Cape. The Draft Scoping Report and the Stakeholder Database was updated to reflect the correct information.</p> <p>Please find attached a copy of the updated report in which the correction was made. Should you have any additional queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.</p>	Finalised
	<p>Many thanks for the confirmation. This is good news – one less application for the Department to comment on.</p> <p>Please could take our name off the Interested and Affected Party (I&amp;AP) list in future reports for this application?</p>	The Department has been removed from the Stakeholder Database as requested.	Finalised	

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		Can you please confirm that the DSR is loaded on your website as I can't seem to locate it.	The correct link with the report and attachments were provided.	Finalised
Mr Jacob Mbele (Director - General, Mineral Resources and Energy)	01/11/2022	<p>After careful consideration of the facts before me, I, Jacob Mbele, Director-General of Mineral Resources and Energy hereby,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dismiss the appeal and confirm the decision of the Regional Manager: Northern Cape Region (hereinafter referred to as "RM") to accept a prospecting right application by Samara Mining (Pty) Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the "Third Party") for Diamond (General) in respect of Sea Areas 4C and 5C situated in the Administrative District of Namaqualand, Northern Cape Province,</li> <li>• Upload the appeal and set aside the decision of the RM to reject a prospecting right application by De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the "Appellant") to prospect for Diamond, Diamond (Alluvial) and Diamond (General) in respect of Sea Areas 4C and 5C situated in the Administrative District of Namaqualand, Northern Cape Province, and</li> <li>• Remit both applications to the RM for processing and evaluation in terms of section 17 read with section 9(2) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act No. 28 of 2002 (MPRDA).</li> </ul> <p>My decision is based on the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both applications were lodged on the same day over the same mineral and land, as a result, the applications need to be processed in line with the provisions of section 9 of MPRDA.</li> <li>• Section 9(1)(a) of the MPRDA leaves the RM no other discretion but to receive the applications and have them processed by the Minister in terms of section 9(2) of the MPRDA.</li> </ul>	Registered I&APs were notified of the commencement of the EIA Phase of the Samara Project on 8 March 2023.	Finalised

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minister will not be able to make the determination in terms of section 9(2) if both competing applications are not put before him for consideration.</li> </ul>		
DMRE Regional Manager: Mineral Regulation, Northern Cape Region	26/01/2023	<p>Your scoping report was examined by the relevant authorities and found that it meets the requirements stated in the National Environmental management Act, 1998 regulations.</p> <p>Therefore, you are advised to continue with the tasks contemplated in the plan of study for environmental impact assessment.</p> <p>In addition to this, you must within 106 days (09 May 2023) of the acceptance of the scoping report submit an environmental impact report inclusive of any specialist reports, and an environmental management programme, which must have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority.</p> <p>In a case where there are significant changes in the information that was previously submitted; you will need to notify the Department in writing of such changes within the 106 days stated above and submit an environmental impact report within 156 days of acceptance of the scoping report by the Department.</p>	Noted.	Finalised
<b>COMMENTS ON THE SCOPING REPORT FROM I&amp;APS 28 AUGUST 2021 – 29 SEPTEMBER 2021</b>				
Mike Dyssel (Department of Geography, Environmental Studies and Tourism, University of the Western Cape)	29/07/2021	Could I be registered as an I&AP, and provided with more info on the abovementioned project, (application for permission to undertake a diamond prospecting programme in areas 4C and 5C on the West Coast), please?	Thank you for your email; you are registered as an I&AP in the project	Finalised
Peter Foley (West Coast Rock Lobster Association)	2/08/2021	The West Coast Rock Lobster Association (WCRLA) wishes to register as an interested party.	The WCRLA was added as an I&AP.	Finalised



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Nozipho Mkhabela (Geographic Information System Analyst, I&J Ltd)	11/08/2021	Could you please share with me the 4c and 5c boundary shapefile used to make the map below taken from the SRK Consulting "Invitation to Register, Participate and Comment on The Environmental Impact Authorisation Process" document.	Shapefiles were provided to Mr Mkhabela as requested on 11 August 2021.	Finalised
Neil Fraser (Director of Placer Resource Management)	31/08/2021	Please see attached completed Registration for inclusion in Samara Mining Stakeholder Engagement process for their Prospecting licence 4C& 5C EIA process.	The Stakeholder was registered on the I&AP register.	Finalised
	30/08/2021	I am unable to see the draft scoping report on the SRK Public Documents Site, please advise.	An electronic copy of the Draft Scoping Report was sent to Mr Fraser on 30/08/2021.	Finalised
Wynand Hendrikse (Aphrodite Diamonds)	21/09/2021	Mr Hendrikse noted that Aphrodite Diamonds are also undertaking diamond mining in the area. He requested to be added to the Stakeholder Database and to receive a map indicating the Samara prospecting area.	Our conversation earlier this afternoon refers. As requested, please find attached the updated location map in which the Concession Areas were amended to exclude the one corner in which the Namaqua Fossil Forest Marine Protected Area (MPA) lies.  Mr Hendrikse was added to the Stakeholder Database.	Finalised
Domingos Valbom (De Beers Group of Companies)	27/09/2021	De Beers Marine (Pty) Ltd, the appointed operator for De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd.'s ("DBCM") South African offshore prospecting rights, wishes to inform you that in regard to the Samara Mining Proprietary Limited ("Samara Mining") Prospecting Right application over Sea Areas 4c and 5c, DBCM and De Beers Marine (Pty) Ltd ("DBM") are I&APs.	Thank you for taking the time to provide inputs towards the Draft Scoping Report.  The Stakeholder Database has been updated to reflect Mr Valbom's contact details as the representative for DBCM and DBM.	Finalised
		DBCM was the holder of prospecting rights over Sea Areas 4c and 5c on the date that Samara Mining lodged its application for a prospecting right over Sea Areas 4c and 5c, which date of lodgement is understood to be on 8 February 2021. Samara Mining's scoping report confirms that an application for an environmental authorisation was lodged on 8 February 2021. In terms of section 16(1) of the MPRDA, any person who wishes to apply for a prospecting right must simultaneously apply for an environmental authorisation. As such, if	Prospecting Right Application on 9 February 2021. Please note that the date of 8 February 2021 was incorrectly reflected in the Draft Scoping Report and was amended to 9 February 2021 in the Final Scoping Report.  <u>Lodging date of the application for a prospecting right</u> Samara Mining (Pty) Ltd submitted an Environmental Authorisation application as well as a Prospecting Right Application on 9	Finalised

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		<p>Samara Mining complied with section 16(1) of the MPRDA, then their prospecting right was lodged on 8 February 2021.</p> <p>In terms of section 16(2)(b), an application for a prospecting right must not be accepted if another entity holds a prospecting right. The day after, namely on 9 February 2021, DBCM lodged its own new application for a prospecting right over Sea Areas 4c and 5c. DBCM was the first competent applicant for a prospecting right subsequent to the lapse of DBCM's erstwhile prospecting rights at midnight on 8 February 2021. DBCM has lodged an appeal against the rejection of its prospecting right application and the acceptance of a third-party application (being that of Samara Mining). It is noteworthy that at the time DBCM lodged its application, it was first in line in terms of Section 9(1)(b) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA), 2002 (Act 28 of 2002), which provides that if a Regional Manager receives more than one application for a prospecting right on different days (and in respect of the same mineral and land), these applications must be dealt with in order of receipt.</p> <p>In any event, the application by Samara Mining was unlawfully lodged as DBCM's erstwhile prospecting rights over 4c and 5c still existed up until midnight on 8 February 2021.</p>	<p>February 2021. Please note that the date of 8 February 2021 was incorrectly reflected in the Draft Scoping Report and was amended to 9 February 2021 in the Final Scoping Report. Please refer to Appendix B for a computer screenshot which was taken following the submission thereof on the DMR Online South African Mineral Resources Administration (SAMRAD) system.</p>	
		<p>In addition, DBCM is the holder of a prospecting right over Sea Area 6c which is adjacent to the 4c and 5c Prospecting Right Area and is a direct interested and affected party as the holder of a prospecting right on a neighbouring sea area for purposes of the environmental authorisation application of Samara Mining.</p> <p>From our review of the draft Scoping Report, several additional key stakeholders have also not been included on the project I&amp;AP database for the application by Samara Mining. Such parties include:</p>	<p>SRK has updated the Stakeholder Database with readily available contact details and will pursue obtaining additional contact information to provide newly identified I&amp;APs opportunity to provide inputs on the project.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Opportunity for the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Oceans and Coasts to Comment:</a></u></p> <p>Thank you for bringing to our attention that Fhumulani Angwenyi no longer works at DFFE: Oceans &amp; Coast. It is noted that Mr. Moses Ramakulukusha was also included in the</p>	<p>Finalised</p>

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		<p>a. Contact persons from the Northern Cape DMRE or the Petroleum Agency of South Africa (PASA);</p> <p>b. Neighbouring mining/prospecting right holders (BPT127 [3c], DBCM [6c] and Alexkor [inshore]);</p> <p>c. Small-scale fishery co-operatives operating off the West Coast, as well as other key commercial fishing sector representatives;</p> <p>d. Commercial fishing companies (Oceana, I&amp;J and Sea Harvest) are listed; and</p> <p>e. Oil and gas operators which have an interest in overlapping licence blocks.</p> <p>In addition to the above, it is also noted that Fhumulani Angwenyi no longer works at the DFFE Oceans &amp; Coasts and that any environmental assessment reports made available for comment should be sent to the following email address for comments: <a href="mailto:Oceia@environment.gov.za">Oceia@environment.gov.za</a>.</p> <p>Considering the above we would suggest that the EIA process be put on hold until such stage as the outcome of the appeals referred to above are decided and any further actions taken in regard to the EIA process are at Samara Mining's.</p>	<p>distribution of the Draft Scoping Report and that the Stakeholder Database has been updated with the email address provided (<a href="mailto:Oceia@environment.gov.za">Oceia@environment.gov.za</a>).</p> <p><u>Request to put project on Hold:</u> The application for Environmental Authorisation was suspended pending the outcome of an appeal process regarding the application for a prospecting right by Samara. The DMRE finalised the appeal process and subsequently accepted the Scoping Report advising Samara to proceed with the tasks contemplated in the plan of study for the EIA Phase of the project (DMRE Letter dated 26 January 2023).</p>	
Phumla Ngesi (Petroleum Agency South Africa)	19/10/2021	The application area in question overlaps with one or two oil and gas right(s). Can we kindly receive a shapefile of the application area so that we can established which right(s) is affected.	<p>Apologies for the delay in responding to your email. At the time of your correspondence, the Samara project was put on hold and the DMR has only recently provided the go ahead for the continuation of the Environmental Impact Assessment Phase of the project. As such, we are busy following up on any of the unresolved communications not dealt with earlier.</p> <p>Please find attached a KMZ format file of the area included in the Samara application.</p>	Finalised
	07/03/2023	Please be advised that this application area overlaps with Tosaco's exploration right application area (see sketch plan attached). The applicant is Mr Lawrence Mulaudzi, his email address is <a href="mailto:lawrence@kilicap.co.za">lawrence@kilicap.co.za</a> .	Thank you for the information, we will make contact with Mr Mulaudzi to obtain more information on the Tosaco's exploration right application.	Finalised

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			<p>Tosaco has been included as an I&amp;AP and the potential impacts associated with the Tosaco 3D seismic survey of the area evaluated as part of the cumulative impact assessment undertaken for the Samara project.</p> <p>Mr Mulaudzi was contacted on 10/05/2023 to request more information on the status of Tosaco's application.</p> <p>SRK was informed per telephonic conversation that an Appeal was lodged against the Environmental Authorisation granted to Tosaco.</p>	
<b>COMMENTS ON LETTER DISTRIBUTED TO INFORM I&amp;APS ABOUT THE CONTINUATION OF THE EIA PHASE</b>				
DMRE Regional manager: Mineral Regulation (Northern Cape Region)	09/23/2023	I refer to the abovementioned matter and confirm that extension for submission of final EIA is hereby granted for 50 days until 26 June 2023.	Noted.	Finalised
Ms Elise Tempelhoff	09/03/2023	Will you please be so kind as to send me a map of the area on the West Coast.	A KMZ format file was shared with the I&AP with the area included in the Samara Application.	Finalised
		Can you please send this map in another format? I cannot open this one.	A PDF map with the coordinates was shared with the I&AP.	Finalised
Mr Ruan Brand	09/03/2023	<p>Thank you kindly for this notification.</p> <p>When the EIA report is ready it must be uploaded to the case on SAHRIS so that SAHRA can issue a comment.</p>	Noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) will be submitted on SAHRIS.	Finalised
Anschen Friedrichs (Sunbird Energy)	09/03/2023	Could you please provide us with a map, indicating the application areas? We would like to see how it relates to our offshore Block 2A.	An email was shared attached with a map and the coordinates, as well as the KMZ format file.	Finalised
Judy Bell	10/03/2023	<p>I would like to remain as an I&amp;AP for this project.</p> <p>The cumulative impacts of exploration and extraction, both on- and off-shore needs to be taken into account in this proposal. The wholesale plunder of the oceans and coastal area will result shortly in further tipping points being reached. We cannot continue with business as usual, thinking the planet can continue to be an effective life-support system for humanity. We are seeing so many signs that we are causing irreversible damage.</p>	Noted. Cumulative impacts were addressed in the EIA Report.	Finalised

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<b>COMMENTS ON THE INVITATION FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 23 MAY 2023 – 25 MAY 2023</b>				
Michael Lambrecht	11/05/2023	Can I get an invitation to the stakeholder engagement process and all relevant documentation.	<p>Please note that, as an I&amp;AP, you have been successfully added to the Samara Project's stakeholder database and will be kept informed during the remainder of the Environmental Authorisation process followed.</p> <p>The compilation of the Draft EIAR has almost been finalised and will be distributed to all registered I&amp;APs, once completed. This report will provide a detailed reflection of the stakeholder engagement process followed to date as well as an updated Comments and Responses Report.</p> <p>Should you require any additional information or clarification following the distribution of the EIAR, you are welcome to contact us.</p>	Finalised
Azwifarwi Thovhakale (Petroleum Agency SA)	12/05/2023	Will it be possible for you to send us coordinates for the prospecting area?	An email was shared attached with a map and the coordinates, as well as the KMZ format file.	Finalised
	16/05/2023	Please note that the diamond Prospecting Area falls inside the Exploration Right application area of Tosaco (12/3/362). The contact details of Mr Lawrence Mulaudzi were provided.	<p>Thank you for notifying us.</p> <p>We are aware of the overlap between Tosaco's Exploration Right Application Area and the Samara Prospecting Right Application Area. Mr Mulaudzi's contact details are currently on the Stakeholder Database and he will be included in communication regarding the Samara Prospecting Right Application. Potential impacts have been incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme.</p> <p>Please feel free to let us know if you have any further queries.</p>	Finalised

Interested and Affected Parties	Date Comments Received	Issues raised	Response to issues as mandated by the applicant	Consultation Status (consensus dispute, not finalised, etc)
Ms Lerato Mokhoantle (Department of Water and Sanitation)	16/05/2023	Please take further communication with colleagues copied on this email as this is in their area. Please do not send this only to me in future. Rather send to all of us then whoever is relevant to the area will respond.	Mr Cloete and Ms Hlengani were added to our stakeholder database. They will now also receive communication regarding the Prospecting Right Application for Samara.	Finalised