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ATTENTION: ATTENTION: REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

UPDATE ON SCOPING AND EIA PROCESS: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN SUPPORT OF AN EXPLORATION RIGHT APPLICATION FOR PETROLEUM ON VARIOUS FARMS IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS OF MATATIELE AND MOUNT FLETCHER, EASTERN CAPE (12/3/295 ER)

Our previous correspondence of the week of 25 January 2016 regarding the above mentioned exploration right application refers.

As you are aware Rhino Oil and Gas Exploration South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Rhino Oil & Gas) has lodged an application for an exploration right with the Petroleum Agency South Africa (PASA) in terms of section 79 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (28 of 2002) (MPRDA) over a broad area that encompasses farms in the Eastern Cape adjacent to the Lesotho boundary (Ref: 12/3/295ER). Rhino Oil & Gas has subsequently made an application to PASA for environmental authorisation of exploration activities as set out in Listing Notice 2 (GN R 984), made in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998) (NEMA).

SLR Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the independent environmental assessment practitioner to undertake the necessary Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in terms of the EIA Regulations 2014 (GNR 982, 8 December 2014).

As required in terms of the EIA Regulations, the Scoping Report was made available to registered interested and affected parties for a 30-day comment period from 7 March 2016 to 11 April 2016 (including provision for 3 public holidays). The comments have been compiled and responded to in a 'Draft Scoping Report Comments Table' in the updated Scoping Report. Copies of each submitted comment have been enclosed in the Scoping Report. Where relevant, changes have been made to the Scoping Report in response to issues raised.

You are hereby informed that the Scoping Report has been submitted to PASA today for consideration in terms of Regulation 22 of the EIA Regulations, 2014. PASA has 43 days to reach a decision.

Should PASA accept the Scoping Report, the Environmental Impact Assessment phase of the process would then commence. SLR will have 107 day to compile an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR will be made available for a 30-day review period and a further notice in this regard will be distributed to registered interested and affected parties closer to the time.

Please pass this letter onto any other persons whom you know may have an interest in the project. We welcome any comment or questions. Thank you for your ongoing involvement in the Scoping and EIA process.

Yours faithfully

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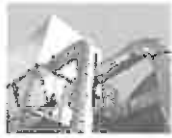
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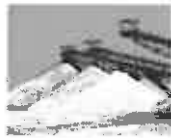
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Dear Mr Hemming

RE: FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: EXPLORATION RIGHT APPLICATION FOR PETROLEUM ON VARIOUS FARMS IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS OF MATATIELE AND MT FLETCHER, EASTERN CAPE

We acknowledge receipt of your final scoping report dated 26 April 2016. Please be advised that the scoping report in question is currently being reviewed and we will respond in due course.

Yours sincerely

Tebogo Motloun

Acting General Manager: Regulation

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10 June 2016

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Dear Mr M Hemming

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT: THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION RIGHT APPLICATION FOR PETROLEUM ON VARIOUS FARMS IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS OF MATATIELE AND MT FLETCHER, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment received by this office on the 26th of April 2016 has reference.

1. The Agency has evaluated the submitted FSR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998: Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (hereafter referred to as 'EIA Regulations, 2014'). The FSR is hereby accepted by the Agency in terms of regulation 22(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.
2. You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment submitted with the FSR and Appendices 3 – 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

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3. Please ensure that various state departments are consulted during the EIA process and their comments incorporated in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) before submission to the Agency. State Departments/Agencies to be consulted must include amongst others the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority/South African Heritage Resources Agency, Provincial Environmental Department, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Department of Land Affairs (DLA), district and local municipalities. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of attempts made to obtain comments should be submitted to the Agency.
4. Identification and consultation with all affected land owners must be carried out during the EIA process.
5. The implementation of the Plan of Study for EIA must take into consideration the following:
 - a) Where desktop studies are used during environmental assessments, they must be authenticated by physical assessment in order to provide definite characteristics of the proposed exploration area. In this regard, you and the specialists are required to undertake physical site assessments of the application area and present the results thereof in the EIR.
 - b) Section 24P of NEMA requires that an applicant for an environmental authorisation relating to prospecting, exploration, mining or production must, before the Minister responsible for mineral resources issues the environmental authorisation, comply with the prescribed financial provision for the rehabilitation, closure and ongoing post decommissioning management of negative environmental impacts. You are therefore reminded to quantify the potential environmental liabilities associated with the proposed activity and indicate the method of financial provision in line with the requirements of the National Environmental Management Act: Regulations Pertaining to the Financial Provision for Prospecting, Exploration, Mining or Production Operations, 2015. The said must be carried out by a specialist.
6. Please ensure that the EIR includes the A3 size locality and layout maps of the application area.
7. You are requested to submit three (3) hard copies of the EIR and EMPr and at least one electronic copy (USB/CD) of the complete EIR and EMPr to the Agency on or before the 05th of October 2016.

Yours faithfully,


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Date: 10/06/2016.....

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Good day

I would like to add that the Elundini local Municipal Council has strongly objected to the proposed activity. A formal signed letter from the Council will be forwarded on the 30th of June 2016

During the process you have initiated you made it as difficult as possible to interact and to obtain relevant information, we were assisted to obtain the relevant information and we are aware of the local community and the Council's legal rights.

Regards

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**RHINO OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION SOUTH AFRICA (PTY) LTD
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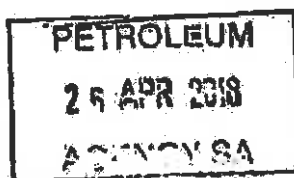
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have received the following documents:

2 hard copy of the Final Scoping Report for the Rhino Oil and Gas Exploration Project (12/3/295 ER)	
1 Electronic copy (CD) of the Final Scoping Report Final Scoping Report for the Rhino Oil and Gas Exploration Project (12/3/295 ER)	

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Case Type: Section 33 (S) - Statutory Comment Required

Development Type: Mining

ProposalDescription:

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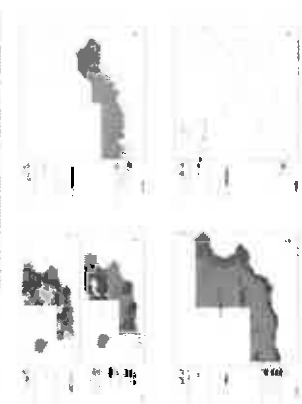
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