

NOTIFICATION OF GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY IN SOUTH AFRICAN PROSPECTING RIGHT AREA NC 30/5/1/1/2/12189 PR (6C) NORTH-WEST COAST, SOUTH AFRICA

NOTIFICATION DATE:	28 April 2021		
PURPOSE:	This notice is hereby given in terms of the approved Environmental Management Programme for De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd's marine prospecting right area NC 30/5/1/1/2/12189 PR (6C). Notification is intended for identified government departments, as well as other interested and affected parties.		

De Beers Marine (Pty) Ltd, the appointed Operator by De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd's for their South African Sea Area prospecting rights, intends conducting geophysical survey operations, in the South African Sea Area 6C. The survey dates are expected to be between **28 May and 1 July 2021**.

It is planned that the survey will be undertaken from the *m.v. DP Star* chartered from International Mining and Dredging South Africa (Pty) Ltd, with Underwater Surveys (Pty) Ltd as the operator. A surface and a sub-surface towed system will be used. Streamer-type towed arrays are not utilised.

The survey area is situated off the North-West Coast of South Africa approximately 400 km north of Cape Town seaward of the coast between Hondeklip Bay in the south and Kleinzee in the north. Coordinates of the survey area are provided below and the locality in the attached map (Figure 1). Activities will be limited to inshore of the 160m isobath and predominately offshore of the 100m.

Name	Eastings	Northings	WGS Lat	WGS Long
1	698483.86	6690028.99	29° 54' 15.94" S	17° 03' 20.71" E
2	669587.29	6690374.09	29° 54' 20.30" S	16° 45' 23.53" E
3	669753.25	6689525.59	29° 54' 47.78" S	16° 45' 30.20" E
4	672235.04	6679487.28	30° 00' 12.51" S	16° 47' 08.53" E
5	672817.13	6676471.03	30° 01' 50.16" S	16° 47' 32.01" E
6	675515.88	6671126.43	30° 04' 42.32" S	16° 49' 15.90" E
7	680797.91	6659554.92	30° 10' 55.28" S	16° 52' 40.22" E
8	709122.36	6659139.55	30° 10' 52.42" S	17° 10' 19.00" E
9	701642.08	6687701.11	29° 55' 29.67" S	17° 05' 19.98" E
10	700069.27	6688430.22	29° 55' 06.93" S	17° 04' 20.87" E

De Beers Marine is committed to minimising the impact of its activities on the environment, an undertaking which is implemented through the company's ISO14001-certified Environmental Management System. Environmental aspects and impacts associated with prospecting activities have been assessed and mitigation measures are contained within the approved Environmental Management Programme for the prospecting right. While the impacts of prospecting activities on other marine users are regarded as low, ongoing engagement with stakeholders forms an important part of this management programme. A Marine Mammal Observer will be appointed to ensure compliance with mitigation measures during geophysical surveying. Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) will be implemented as per the requirements of the Environmental Management Programme. A Notice to Mariners will be issued prior to departure.

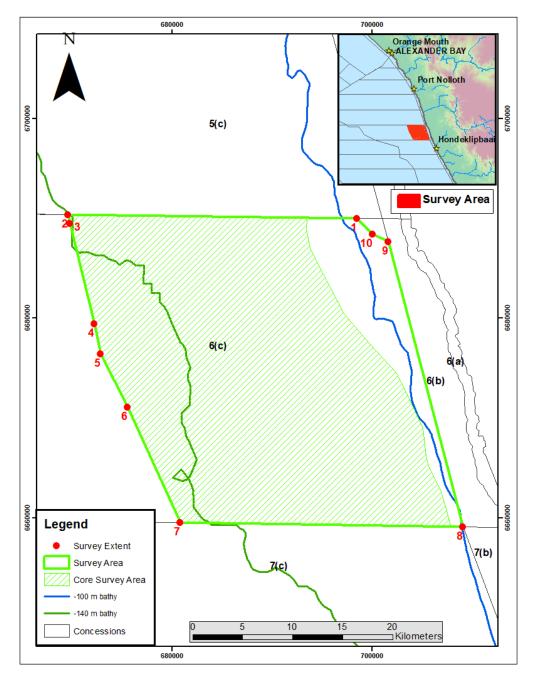


Figure 1: Map showing the location of the Geophysical Survey

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We thank you for your courtesy in this regard. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any matters further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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