

NOTIFICATION OF SAMPLING OPERATIONS IN TERMS OF MARINE PROSPECTING RIGHT MPT 93/2011 IN SEA CONCESSION 6C HELD BY DE BEERS CONSOLIDATED MINES (PTY) LTD

NOTIFICATION DATE:	24 February 2017
FOR ATTENTION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Mineral Resources, Northern Cape, Director General jasper.nieuwoudt@dmr.gov.za • Department of Environmental Affairs, Director: Compliance Monitoring jmpelane@environment.gov.za • South African Hydrographic Office hydrosan@iafrica.com • Registered Interested and Affected Parties (cc). These include the marine minerals prospecting industry, offshore oil exploration industry, fishing industry, shipping, South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)
PURPOSE:	The purpose of this notice is to inform interested and affected parties of sampling activities planned to take place in De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd.'s marine prospecting rights area MPT 93/2011 in Sea Concession 6C. Notification is intended for the Department of Mineral Resources, Department of Environmental Affairs and 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 Concession prospecting rights, intends conducting sampling operations (using the mv *Coral Sea*), in the South African Sea Concession 6c between 15-25 March 2017. The position of the target area is provided in the attached map (Figure 1) and coordinates in the table below. Activities will be limited to inshore of the 150m isobath and offshore of the 100m isobath.

Target Area	Latitude	Longitude
north coordinate	29° 55' 00" S	16° 50' 00" E
east coordinate	29° 55' 00" S	16° 57' 00" E
south coordinate	30° 00' 00" S	16° 57' 00" E
west coordinate	30° 00' 00" S	16° 50' 00" 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 Plan 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.

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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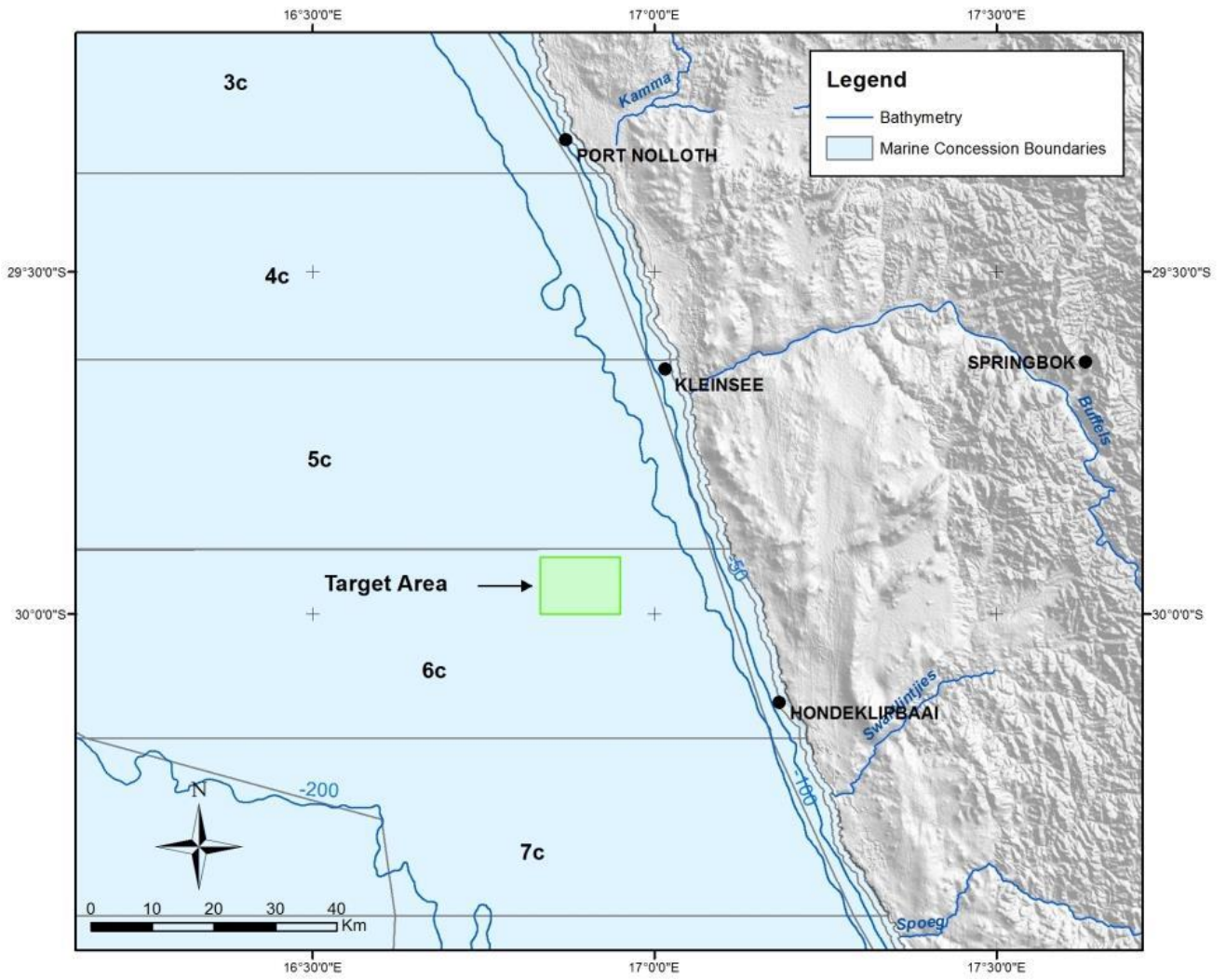



Figure 1: Map showing the location of the Sampling Target Area


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