

26 April 2023

Our ref: 1520

To whom it may concern

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP):

NOTIFICATION: ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF REGULATION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT 107 OF 1998): ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS (2014) FOR THE PROPOSED TGS ORANGE BASIN RECONNAISSANCE PERMIT PROJECT, LOCATED OFFSHORE OFF THE WEST COAST, SOUTH AFRICA.

Notice is given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice R982 as amended, promulgated under the National Environmental Management (Act 107 of 1998-NEMA)), that the above-mentioned project was granted an Environmental Authorisation on the 17 April 2023 by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy for the following:

- Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the NEMA- Listed activity/ies:- Listed Activity 21(b) (GNR 983): *Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a reconnaissance permit in terms of section 74 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well as any other applicable activity as contained in this Listing Notice or in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required to exercise the reconnaissance permit, excluding-*
 - (a) any desktop study; and*
 - (b) any aerial survey.*

The reasons for the decision provided by the competent authority are provided as an attachment hereto. A copy of the decision and Environmental Authorisation (EA) is available upon request from EIMS at the details provided below:

- Contact Person: Andisiwe Xuma
- Telephone: (011) 789 7170/ Fax: (086) 571 9047
- EIMS-Reference Number: 1520
- Email: tgs@eims.co.za
- Postal Address: PO Box 2083; Pinegowrie; 2123

Please include the project reference number 1520 in all correspondence. A copy of the decision and EA can also be downloaded from the EIMS website: <https://www.eims.co.za/public-participation/>

Should you wish to Appeal any aspect of the decision, an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations of 2014 (Government Notice R993) within 20 days of the date of this notification and must be submitted in writing in the prescribed appeal form obtainable from the relevant appeal administrator.

An extract from Chapter 2 of the National Appeals Regulations is presented below for your convenience:

4(1) An appellant must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party¹ and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from:

- a) the date that the notification of the decision for an application for an environmental authorisation or a waste management licence was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or*

¹ Please note that as a registered I&AP, and in accordance with our Privacy Policy, your contact information as contained within the I&AP database will be made available to any appellant on request for the purposes of complying with Regulation 4(1).

- b) *the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the competent authority, issuing authority or licensing authority, in the case of decisions other than those referred to in paragraph (a).*

4(2) *An appeal submission must be:*

- a) *submitted in writing in the form obtainable from the appeal administrator; and*
- b) *accompanied by-*
- i. *a statement setting out the grounds of appeal;*
 - ii. *supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal submission; and*
 - iii. *a statement, including supporting documentation, by the appellant to confirm compliance with regulation 4(1) of these Regulations.*

An appeal, including any supporting documentation, must be submitted to the Appeals Administrator whose contact details are presented below:

1 – Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Appeals and Legal Review Directorate

Attention: Director: Appeals and Legal Review

Email: appeals@dfffe.gov.za

Post: Private Bag X 447, Pretoria, 0001

By Hand: Environmental House, Corner Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

2 – Copy(s) of the lodged appeal(s) to the Petroleum Agency SA

Attention: The Chief Executive Officer

Email: EAappeals@petroleumagencyrsa.com

Post: Private Bag X 5111, Tygervalley, 7536

By Hand: Tygerpoort Building, 7 Mispel Road, Belville, 7530

3 – Copy(s) of the lodged appeal(s) to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy

Attention: Director: Legal Services

Email: Pieter.Alberts@dmre.gov.za

Post: Private Bag X 59, Arcadia, 0007

By Hand: Trevenna Campus Building 2C, c/o Meintjies and Francis Baard Street, Sunnyside, 0007

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind Regards,

EIMS Public Participation Team