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Our Refs: 12/3/291; 12/3/294 and 12/3/295

Attention: Mr Matthew Hemming

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RE: RHINO OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION SOUTH AFRICA – APPLICATIONS FOR EXPLORATION RIGHTS FOR PETROLEUM IN THE EASTERN CAPE, KWAZULU-NATAL, FREE-STATE, GAUTENG & MPUMALANGA PROVINCES: MOTIVATION IN TERMS OF REGULATION 3(7) TO EXTEND THE SCOPING TIMEFRAME

Your correspondences dated 26 November 2015 requesting the extension of the timeframe to submit the final scoping reports ('FSR') in respect of exploration right applications bearing reference numbers 12/3/291, 12/3/294 and 12/3/295 refer.

We have taken note of your justification concerning the request to extend the submission timeframes for the FSRs; we are of the opinion that some of the proposed activities can be done at relatively shorter periods and others can be done concurrently. While we recognize the importance of consulting meaningfully with interested and affected parties, it is our understanding that the consultation process has commenced in all three application areas and will continue through the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) stage, therefore the proposed timelines can be reduced significantly by planning for continuous consultation at EIA stage.

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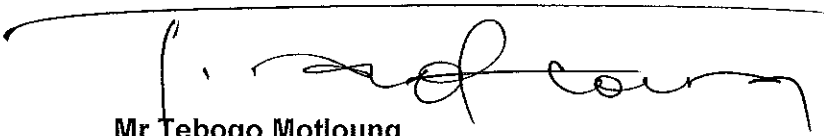
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Considering the aforementioned, regrettably, we are unable to extend the timeframes for 26 weeks, 30 weeks and 35 weeks for 12/3/294, 12/3/295 and 12/3/291 respectively as per your request. However, we are amenable to extend the timeframes for 16 weeks, excluding the period of 15 December 2015 – 05 January 2016, to carry-out the proposed activities. You are therefore expected to submit the FSRs for all applications by the 20th of April 2016.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,



Mr Tebogo Motloun

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