

13 August 2018

ERM Ref: 0414229

Exploration Right Number: 12/3/236



**RE: EIA for Exploration Drilling within Offshore Block ER236, KZN, South Africa:  
Notification of Lapse of EIA Application**

Dear Stakeholder,

ERM has experienced unforeseen delays in the finalising of specialist studies for the Exploration Drilling within Block ER236, which have resulted in subsequent delays in the drafting of certain chapters of the EIA Report. Consequently, ERM was not able to finalise and release the draft report for comment and comply with the stipulated 106 day timeframe in which to submit the final EIA Report by the 03 August 2018, as prescribed in Section 23(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations. As such, the current EIA Application lapsed on the 03 August 2018.

Eni intend to initiate a new EIA process for the Project. The Final Scoping Report was submitted to PASA on the 08 March and approved on the 16 April 2018. ERM are confident that the baseline environmental and social conditions described in the Scoping Report have not changed since the Scoping Report was compiled. In line with Section 21(2)(a) and (b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, ERM are seeking to commence the new EIA process with the submission of an amended application form and the release of the Draft EIA Report for comment. All I&APs registered on the stakeholder database will receive notification when a new EIA process has been initiated.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries or if there are any aspects you would like to discuss.

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