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Exploration Right Number: 12/3/236



**RE: EIA for Exploration Drilling within Offshore Block ER236, KZN, South Africa:
Commencement of EIA Process and Invitation to Open House Meetings**

Dear Stakeholder,

Eni South Africa BV (Eni), and Sasol Africa Limited (Sasol) hold an Exploration Right 12/3/236 (ER 236) off the East Coast of South Africa. Eni has the operatorship of Block ER 236. Eni and Sasol are considering the possibility of conducting an exploration drilling programme in Block ER 236 to assess the commercial viability of the hydrocarbon reservoir for future development. The project requires Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the National Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, through an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.

An EIA process was commenced in January 2018 with the release of a Draft Scoping Report. The Final Scoping Report was approved by PASA on 16 April 2018. ERM experienced unforeseen delays in the finalising of specialist studies which resulted in subsequent delays in the drafting 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 EIA Application lapsed on the 03 August 2018.

This notification serves to inform stakeholders that a new EIA process has commenced, which was approved by PASA on 29 August 2018, successive to the approval of the Scoping Report on 16 April 2018.

Stakeholders are invited to attend one of the below listed open house meetings where the findings of the draft EIA will be communicated. The meeting will follow an open house format and the participants will have the opportunity to interact with ERM and the Project team, ask questions and provide comment.

The draft EIA is currently being finalised and registered stakeholders will receive notification when the report is available for comment. The draft EIA will be released for a 30 day comment period as per the requirements of NEMA.

A local translator (isiXhosa in the Eastern Cape and isiZulu in Kwa-Zulu Natal) will be present at the open house meetings. Details of the public meetings are as follows:

Day and Date	Location	Venue	Time
Wednesday 3 October 2018 Port Elizabeth	Port Elizabeth Open House isiXhosa translator to be present	Boardwalk Hotel, Beach Rd, Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth, 6019	15:00 – 18:00
Thursday 4 October 2018 East London	East London Open House isiXhosa translator to be present	Blue Lagoon hotel & Conference Centre, 21 Blue Bend Pl, Blue Bend, East London	15:00 – 18:00
Monday 8 October 2018 Richards Bay	Richards Bay Open House isiZulu translator to be present	Premier Hotel The Richards, 3 Hibberd Dr, Meer En See, Richards Bay	15:00 – 18:00
Tuesday 9 October 2018 Durban	Durban Open House isiZulu translator to be present	Gooderson Tropicana Hotel, 85 OR Tambo Parade, South Beach, Durban	15:00 – 18:00
Wednesday 10 October 2018 Port Shepstone	Port Shepstone Open House isiZulu translator to be present	Venture Inn, 366 Commercial Rd, Umtentweni, Port Shepstone	15:00 – 18:00

Please contact ERM should you have any questions:

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Thank you for your participation in this process.

Yours sincerely

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