ESIA for exploration well drilling in Block 5/6/7, South-West Coast, South Africa

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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: TotalEnergies EP South Africa Block 567 (Pty) Ltd

TotalEnergies EP South Africa Block 567 (Pty) Ltd ("TEEPSA") has applied to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) for Environmental Authorisation (EA) to undertake exploration well drilling in Block 5/6/7 off the South-West Coast of South Africa.

The Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage (MUCH) unit at the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) would like to thank you for submitting the Final Scoping Report (FSR) under section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as part of the application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) to undertake exploration well drilling in Block 5/6/7 off the South-West Coast of South Africa.

SAHRA is pleased to note that the FSR has been updated to include the necessary information that SAHRA requested in comments on the Draft Scoping Report (DSR). SAHRA looks forward to assessing the outcome of the Cultural Heritage Assessment (CHA) which might identify potential impacts on intangible heritage.

Please note that all updates and/or changes to the project, supporting documentation, correspondence, reports, the CHA mentioned above, or any other work relating to the project must be uploaded to the case on SAHRIS to provide SAHRA with the opportunity to comment. SAHRA does not accept e-mailed documents or hard-copy documents received via post.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Direct URL to case: https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/597861

Terms & Conditions:

- 1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
- 2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
- 3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.