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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 B.V.

TotalEnergies EP South Africa B.V. (TEEPSA), together with its joint venture partners, QatarEnergy, Canadian Natural Resources International South Africa Limited, and a South African consortium, MainStreet 1549 held an Exploration Right (Exploration Right Ref. No.: 12/3/067) over Block 11B/12B, located offshore from the Southern Cape coast, South Africa. To date the exploration programme for Block 11B/12B has been focused on the south-western part of the block and has resulted in d gas and associated condensates discoveries in the Paddavissie fairway including the Brulpadda and Luiperd discoveries (hereafter referred to as project development area).

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) for an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the proposed offshore production right and Environmental Authorisation (EA) applications for block 11B/12B off the Southern Cape coast, South Africa under section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

The SAHRA issued a comment on the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) on the 3rd of February 2023, and noted several changes to be made. These changes have been satisfactorily incorporated into the FSR. Once the ESIA is completed, this must be submitted to the SAHRA to provide SAHRA with the opportunity to comment on and assess the impacts to heritage resources.

Please note that all updates and/or changes to the project, supporting documentation, correspondence, reports, 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 emailed 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.

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Yours faithfully

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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.