

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

NOTICE 2582 OF 2024

**CORRECTED NOTIFICATION: ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SEARCHER GEODATA
RECONNAISSANCE PERMIT**

Searcher Geodata UK Ltd (hereafter referred to as the applicant - Searcher) has recently undertaken a 3D seismic survey offshore of the west coast of South Africa as part of the reconnaissance permit 12/1/043. The survey commenced in January 2024 and ceased in April 2024. Due to the fact that a Reconnaissance Permit can only be valid for 1 year the 043 permit will expire on the 10 November 2024. Searcher was not able to complete the intended survey during the 2023-2024 season, due to the viable acquisition windows and vessel availability. Searcher has consequently applied for a new Reconnaissance Permit over the same area. A new Environmental Authorisation will be required in order for Searcher to continue under a new Reconnaissance Permit.

Searcher has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with undertaking the required authorisation processes (including the statutory public participation)

Applicant:	Searcher Geodata UK Ltd
Application:	Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GNR982 of 2014, as amended)- Listed Activity 21(b) (GNR 983): <i>Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a reconnaissance permit in terms of section 74 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well as any other applicable activity as contained in this Listing Notice or in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required to exercise the reconnaissance permit, excluding-</i> (a) any desktop study; and (b) any aerial survey.

***NOTE: The Listed Activity above has been corrected in this notice.**

Location:	Searcher proposes to undertake a 3D seismic survey off the West Coast of South Africa. The proposed project area is located between approximately 256 km offshore of St Helena Bay, extending north along the western coastline to approximately 220 km offshore of Hondeklip Bay. The survey area at the closest point is approximately 218 km offshore of the coast of the Western and Northern Cape. The main survey area corner coordinate points are as follows:
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1) 30°39'24.92"S, 13°21'1.71"E	4) 31° 5'40.95"S, 15° 9'38.63"E	6) 32°35'33.64"S, 13°54'25.99"E
2) 30°14'20.36"S, 14° 4'1.43"E	5) 32°35'25.54"S, 15° 9'38.92"E	7) 32°10'0.54"S, 13°58'47.25"E
3) 31° 5'40.95"S, 14°53'2.67"E		

EIMS will be following the procedures defined in the EIA Regulations for undertaking a Basic Assessment process. In accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, a public participation process will be undertaken. You are hereby invited to register and comment on the proposed project and application/s. Please note that only registered I&AP's will be informed of future project information and opportunities for participation. By registering as an interested and affected party you consent to the collection and processing of your personal information as per the EIMS Privacy Notice available at www.eims.co.za/public-participation. To avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit I&AP registrations, or any queries, comments, or concerns with regards to this application, as soon as possible to EIMS at:

Contact Person: Alex Msipa
EIMS Reference Number: 1623
Postal Address: P.O. Box 2083; Pinegowrie; 2123
Telephone: (011) 789 7170/ Fax: (086) 571 9047
E-mail: Searcher48@eims.co.za



Please include the project reference number 1623 in all correspondence.

Public Open Days will be held from June 24 - July 5, 2024. A virtual public meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2024. The Basic Assessment Report is available for public review and comment from June 21 to July 22, 2024. Please visit www.eims.co.za/public-participation for full details.

NIE-REGERINGSORGANISASIE

KENNISGEWING 2582 VAN 2024

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NEMA (Act 107 of 1998), NEMWA (Act 59 of 2008), NWA (Act 36 of 1998): Gekorrigeerde kennisgewing: Omgewingsmagtigingsaansoekproses vir

GEKORRIGEERDE KENNISGEWING: OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGAANSOEKPROSES VIR VERKENNINGSPERMIT

Searcher Geodata UK Ltd (hierna na verwys as die aansoeker, Searcher) het onlangs 'n 3D seismiese opname van die kus van die Weskus van Suid-Afrika onderneem as deel van die verkenningsspermit 12/1/043. Die opname het in Januarie 2024 begin en in April 2024 gestaak. As gevolg van die feit dat 'n Verkenningsspermit slegs vir 1 jaar geldig kan wees, sal die 043-permit op 10 November 2024 verval. Searcher kon nie die beoogde opname gedurende die 2023-2024-seisoen voltooi nie, weens die geldige verkrygingsvensters en vaartuigbeskikbaarheid. Searcher het gevolglik aansoek gedoen vir 'n nuwe Verkenningsspermit oor dieselfde gebied. 'n Nuwe Omgewingsmagtiging sal vereis word sodat Searcher onder 'n nuwe Verkenningsspermit kan voortgaan.

Searcher het Environmental Impact Management Services (Edms) Bpk (EIMS) as die Omgewingsassesseringspraktisyn (EAP) aangestel om te help met die onderneem van die vereiste magtigingsprosesse (insluitend die statutêre openbare deelname)

Aansoeker:	Searcher Geodata UK Ltd
Aansoek:	Omgewingsmagtiging (OM) in ooreenstemming met die Omgewingsimpakbepaling- (OIB) regulasies (GNR 982 van 2014, soos gewysig)- Gelyste Aktiwiteit 21(b) (GNR 983): <i>Enige aktiwiteit insluitend die uitvoering van daardie aktiwiteit wat 'n verkenningsspermit benodig ingevolge artikel 74 van die Wet op die Ontwikkeling van Minerale en Petroleumhulpbronne sowel as enige ander toepaslike aktiwiteit soos vervat in hierdie Noteringskennisgewing of in Noteringskennisgewing 3 van 2014 wat vir die uitoefening van die verkenningsspermit vereis word, uitsluitend</i> (a) enige lessenaarstudie en (b) enige lugopname

**LET WEL: Die Gelyste Aktiwiteit hierbo is in hierdie kennisgewing reggestel.*

Ligging:	Searcher Seismic stel voor om 'n 3D seismiese opname aan die Weskus van Suid-Afrika te onderneem. Die voorgestelde projekgebied is geleë tussen ongeveer 256 km vanaf die kus van St Helenabaai, wat noord langs die westelike kuslyn strek tot ongeveer 220 km van die kus van Hondeklipbaai. Die opnamegebied by die naaste punt is ongeveer 218 km van die kus van die Wes- en Noord-Kaap af. Die koördinaatpunte van die hoofhoeke van die opname area is soos volg:
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EIMS sal die prosedures volg soos voorgeskryf en vereis in die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) Regulasies (GNR982 van 2014, soos gewysig) vir die onderneming van 'n Basiese Evaluering (BA) proses. In ooreenstemming met Hoofstuk 6 van die OIB-regulasies, sal 'n openbare deelnameproses onderneem word. U word hiermee uitgenooi om te registreer en kommentaar te lewer op die voorgestelde projek en aansoek/e. Neem asseblief kennis dat slegs geregistreerde B&GP's direk ingelig sal word oor toekomstige projekinligting en geleenthede vir deelname. Deur as 'n B&GP te registreer, stem jy in tot die versameling en verwerking van jou persoonlike inligting soos per die EIMS Privaatheidskennisgewing beskikbaar by www.eims.co.za/public-participation. Om te verhoed dat geleenthede vir publieke deelname misgeloop word, dien asseblief B&GP-registrasies, of enige navrae, kommentaar of bekommernisse met betrekking tot hierdie aansoek, so gou as moontlik in by EIMS deur gebruik te maak van die volgende kontakbesonderhede:

Kontak Persoon: Alex Msipa
EIMS Verwysings Nommer: 1623
Pos adres: P.O. Box 2083; Pinetown; 2123
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E-pos: Searcher48@eims.co.za

Sluit asseblief die projek verwysingsnommer 1623 in alle korrespondensie in.



Openbare Opedae sal van 24 Junie - 5 Julie 2024 gehou word. 'n Virtuele openbare vergadering is geskeduleer vir 10 Julie 2024. Die Basiese Assesseringsverslag is beskikbaar vir publieke hersiening en kommentaar vanaf 21 Junie tot 22 Julie 2024. Besoek asseblief www.eims.co.za/public-participation/ n vir volledige besonderhede.

**ISAZISO ESILUNGISIWEYO: ISICELO SESIGUNYAZISO SEZE NDALO NOKUSINGQONGILEYO SE SEARCHER GEODATA
(RECONNAISSANCE PERMIT)**

I-Searcher Geodata UK Ltd (emva koku ekubhekiselwa kuyo njengomfaki-sicelo - Searcher) yandula ukwenza uphando lwe-3D seismic kulwandle olusentshona yoMzantsi Afrika njengexalenye yemvume (i-reconnaissance permit) 12/1/043. Uvavanyo laqala kweyoMqungu ku-2024 laze laphela kuTsazimpunzi. Ngenxa yokuba iPhepha-mvume le-reconnaissance linokuba semthethweni unyaka omnye kuphela imvume ka-043 iya kuphelelwa ngomhla we-10 kweyeNkanga ku-2024. I-Searcher ayikwazanga ukugqiba uphando olucetyiweyo ngexesha eliphakathi kweminyaka u-2023-2024, ngenxa yexesha elivumelekileyo lokwenza uphando lwe-3D seismic kunye nokufumaneka kweenqanawa zophando. I-Searcher ngenxa yoko iye yafaka isicelo sephepha mvume ye-reconnaissance elitsha kwindawo enye. Ugunyaziso olutsha lokusiNgqongileyo luya kufuneka ukuze i-Searcher iqhubeke phantsi kweMvume le-reconnaissance entsha.

I-Searcher iqeshe u-Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) njenge-Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) ukuncedisa ekwenzeni iinkqubo zogunyaziso ezifunekayo (kubandakanywa nentatho-nxaxheba yoluntu ngokusemthethweni).

Umfaki	Searcher Geodata UK Ltd
Sicelo:	
Umsebenzi odwelisiwe:	Ugunyaziso leze Ndalo nokusiNgqongileyo (EA) ngokuvumelana nemiThetho yoHlolo oluChaphazela okusiNgqongileyo nezeNdalo (EIA) (i-GRN982 ka 2014, njengoko itshintshiwe)- Umsebenzi Odwelisiweyo 21(b) (GNR 983): <i>Nawuphi na umsebenzi oquka ukwenziwa kwaloo msebenzi ofuna imvume yokuphenya ngokwecandelo 74 loMthetho woPhuhliso lweMithombo yeziMbiwa namaFutha, kwakunye nawo nawuphi na umsebenzi ongomnye njengoko uqulethwe kwesi Saziso siDwelisiweyo okanye okwiSaziso esiDwelisiweyo 3 sika 2014, ekufuneka kusetyenziswe imvume yokuphenya, ngaphandle-</i> (a) <i>kwalo naluphi na uphononongo lwakwikhompyutha; kunye</i> (b) <i>nalo naluphi na uhlobo elenziwa ubhabha.</i>
	<i>*QAPHELA: Umsebenzi odwelisiwe apha nqasentla ulungisiwe kwesi saziso.</i>

Indawo: I-Searcher Seismic iceba ukwenza uphando lwe-3D seismic kuNxweme oluseNtshona loMzantsi Afrika. Indawo yeprojekthi ecetywayo iphakathi malunga nama-256km kude nonxweme lwaseSt Helena Bay, inabela emantla kunxweme olusentshona ukuya malunga ne-220km kude nonxweme lwaseHondeklip Bay. Indawo yovavanyo kweyona ndawo ikufutshane imalunga nama-218km kude nonxweme kunxweme lweNtshona kunye noMntla Koloni. Iikona zesiza sendawo yovavanyo zezi zilandelayo:

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I-EIMS iza kulandela iinkqubo ezichazwe kwiMimiselo ye-EIA (GRN982 ka-2014, njengoko i-amendiwe) ukuze kuqhutywe inkqubo yoVavanyo loChaphazeleko lwezindalo (Basic Assessment - BA). Ngokuhambelana neSahluko sesi-6 seMimiselo ye-EIA, inkqubo yentatho-nxaxheba yoluntu iya kwenziwa. Uyamenywa ukuba ubhalise kwaye unike izimvo ngeprojekthi ecetywayo kunye nezicelo. Nceda uqaphele ukuba zii-I&APs ezibhalisiweyo kuphela eziya kwaziswa ngokuthe ngqo ngengcaciso yeprojekthi yexesha elizayo kunye namathuba okuthatha inxaxheba. Ngokubhalisa kwiQela labanomdla nabachaphezekayo uvumelana nokuqokelelwa nokusetyenziswa kwee nkukacha zakho zabucala ngokwe Saziso se-EIMS sokusetyenziswa kwee Nkcukacha zabucal esifumaneka ku www.eims.co.za/public-participation. Ukuze ungaphoswa ngamathuba okuthatha inxaxheba koluntu nceda ungenise ubhaliso lwe-I&AP, okanye nayiphi na imibuzo, izimvo, okanye iinkxalabo malunga nesi sicelo, ngokukhawuleza kangangoko kunokwenzeka kwi-EIMS apha:

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Nceda ufake inombolo yesalathiso yeprojekthi engu-1623 kuyo yonke imbalelwano.

IiNtsuku zeeNtlanganiselo zoLuntu eziluhlobo lwe-Open Day ziya kubanjwa ukusuka ngomhla wama-24 kuJuni ukuya kumhla wesi-5 kuJulayi 2024. Intlanganiselo kawonke-wonke eyakubanjwa ngobuchwephetshe bekhompyutha (virtual) icwangciselwe umhla we-10 kaJulayi 2024. Ingxelo yoHlolo lwezeNdalo nokusiNgqongileyo eluhlobo oluSisiseko (Basic Assessment Report) iyafumaneka ukuze iphononongwe luluntu kwaye lunike izimvo ukususela nge-21 kaJuni ukuya kwi-22 kaJulayi 2024. Nceda undwendwele www.eims.co.za/public-participation ukuze ufumane iinkcukacha ezipheleleyo.