

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

NOTICE 2778 OF 2024



27 September 2024

Our ref: 1570

DMRE Ref: 12/3/339

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP):

NOTIFICATION: ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT 107 OF 1998): ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS (2014) FOR THE PROPOSED AFRICA OIL SA CORP BLOCK 3B/4B OFFSHORE EXPLORATION, OFF THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Notice is given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice R982 as amended, promulgated under the National Environmental Management (Act 107 of 1998-NEMA), that Africa Oil SA Corp, Ricocure (Pty) Ltd and Azinam Limited (the Joint Venture (JV) Partners) have been granted an Environmental Authorisation on the 16th September 2024 by the Department of Mineral and Resources and Energy (DMRE), for the undertaking of exploration activities (drilling of up to 5 exploration wells) within the Block 3B/4B offshore area- Listed activity 18 (GNR 984).

The Environmental Authorisation and the reasons for the decision provided by the competent authority are provided as an attachment hereto.

Should you wish to Appeal any aspect of the decision, an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations of 2014 (Government Notice R993) within 20 calendar days¹ of the date of this notification (i.e. by no later than 17 October 2024) and must be submitted in writing in the prescribed appeal form obtainable from the relevant appeal administrator.

An extract from Chapter 2 of the National Appeals Regulations is presented below for your convenience:

4(1) An appellant must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party² and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from:

- a) the date that the notification of the decision for an application for an environmental authorisation or a waste management licence was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or*
- b) the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the competent authority, issuing authority or licensing authority, in the case of decisions other than those referred to in paragraph (a).*

4(2) An appeal submission must be:

- a) submitted in writing in the form obtainable from the appeal administrator; and*
- b) accompanied by:*
 - i. a statement setting out the grounds of appeal;*
 - ii. supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal submission; and*

¹ When a period of days must in terms of these Regulations be reckoned from or after a particular day, that period must be reckoned as from the start of the day following that particular day to the end of the last day of the period. If the last day of the period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, that period must be extended to the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday. The period of 15 December to 5 January, as well as any public holidays must be excluded in the reckoning of days.

² Please note that as a registered I&AP, and in accordance with our Privacy Policy, your contact information as contained within the I&AP database will be made available to any appellant on request for the purposes of complying with Regulation 4(1) of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 (GNR 993).

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- iii. *a statement, including supporting documentation, by the appellant to confirm compliance with regulation 4(1) of these Regulations.*

An appeal, including any supporting documentation, must be submitted to the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), and copies must be sent to the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy (Head Office), the Petroleum Agency SA (PASA), and the Applicant (via the EIMS contact information provided) by one (1) of the following means:

1. Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment:

- **Attention:** Appeals and Legal Review Directorate: Director Appeals and Legal Review
- **Email:** appeals@dffe.gov.za
- **By Post:** Private Bag x 447, Pretoria, 0001
- **By Hand:** Environmental House, Corner Steve Biko and Soutspansberg Street, Pretoria, 0083

2. Copy(s) of the lodged appeal(s) to the Petroleum Agency SA:

- **Attention:** The Chief Executive Officer
- **Email:** EAppeals@petroleumagency.co.za
- **By Post:** Private Bag x 5111, Tygervally, 7536
- **By Hand:** Heron Place, Second Floor, Heron Close, Century City, Cape Town, 7441.

3. Copy(s) of the lodged appeal(s) to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy:

- **Attention:** Legal Services Directorate: Director Legal Services
- **Email:** Pieter.Alberts@dmre.gov.za
- **Facsimile:** 086 710 0877
- **By Post:** Private Bag x 59, Arcadia, 0007.
- **By Hand:** Trevenna Campus, Building 2C, c/o Meintjies and Francis Baard Street, Sunnyside.

4. Copy (s) of the lodged appeal to the Applicant, via EIMS, at the details below:

- **Contact Person:** Alex Msipa or Lucien James
- **EIMS Reference Number:** 1570
- **Telephone:** (011) 789 7170/ Fax: (086) 571 9047
- **E-mail:** block3b4b@eims.co.za

Please include the project reference number 1570 in all correspondence.

Kind Regards,

EIMS Public Participation Team

NIE-REGERINGSORGANISASIE

KENNISGEWING 2778 VAN 2024



27 September 2024

Ons verwysing: 1570

DMPR verwysing: 12/3/339

Geagte Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP):

KENNISGEWING: OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING INGEVOLGE VAN DIE WET OP NASIONALE OMGEWINGSBESTUUR (WET 107 VAN 1998): OMGEWINGSIMPAKBEPALINGSREGULASIES (2014) VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE AFRICA OIL SA CORP BLOK 3B/4B OFFSHORE EKSPLORASIE, AAN DIE WESKUS VAN SUID AFRIKA.

Kennis word gegee ingevolge die Omgewingsimpakstudie (OIS) Regulasies (Staatskennisgewing R982 soos gewysig, gepromulgeer ingevolge die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (Wet 107 van 1998-NEMA)), dat Africa Oil SA Corp, Ricocure (Pty) Ltd en Azinam Limited (die gesamentlike ondernemingsvennote (JV Partners)) 'n Omgewingsmagtiging toegeken is op die 16e September 2014, deur die Departement van Minerale Bronne en Energie (DMBE), vir die onderneming van eksplorasië aktiwiteite (die boor van tot en met 5 eksplorasië boregate) in die Block 3B/4B offshore/ afluandige gebied-Gelysde aktiwiteit 18 (Staatskennisgewing R984).

Die redes vir die besluit wat deur die bevoegde owerheid verskaf word, word as 'n aanhangsel hierby verskaf.

Indien u teen enige aspek van die beslissing wil appelleer, kan 'n appèl teen die beslissing ingevolge die Nasionale Appèlregulasies van 2014 (Goewermementskennisgewing R993) **binne 20 kalenderdae¹ vanaf die datum van hierdie kennisgewing ingedien word** (d.w.s. nie later nie as 17 Oktober 2024) en moet dit skriftelik ingedien word in die voorgeskrewe appèlvorm wat van die betrokke appèladministrateur verkrygbaar is.

'n Uittreksel uit Hoofstuk 2 van die Nasionale Appèlregulasies word hieronder vir u gerief aangebied:

4(1) 'n Appellant moet die appèl by die appèladministrateur indien, en 'n afskrif van die appèl aan die applikant, enige geregistreerde belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party² en enige staatsorgaan met belang in die aangeleentheid binne 20 dae vanaf:

- a) die datum waarop die kennisgewing van die besluit vir 'n aansoek om 'n omgewingsmagtiging of 'n afvalbestuurslisensie deur die aansoeker aan die geregistreerde belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye gestuur is; of
- b) die datum waarop die kennisgewing van die besluit deur die bevoegde owerheid, uitreikingsowerheid of lisensie-owerheid aan die aansoeker gestuur is, in die geval van ander besluite as dié waarna in paragraaf (a) verwys word.

4(2) 'n Appèlvoorlegging moet:

- a) skriftelik ingedien word in die vorm wat van die appèladministrateur verkrygbaar is; en

¹Wanneer 'n tydperk van dae, in terme van hierdie Regulasies, vanaf of na 'n bepaalde dag gereken moet word, moet daardie tydperk gereken word vanaf die begin van die dag wat volg op daardie betrokke dag tot die einde van die laaste dag van die tydperk. Indien die laaste dag van die tydperk op 'n Saterdag, Sondag of openbare vakansiedag val, moet daardie tydperk verleng word tot die einde van die volgende dag wat nie 'n Saterdag, Sondag of openbare vakansiedag is nie. Die tydperk van 15 Desember tot 5 Januarie, asook enige openbare vakansiedae moet by die afrekening van dae uitgesluit word.

²Neem asseblief kennis dat as 'n geregistreerde B&GP, en in ooreenstemming met ons Privaatheidsbeleid, u kontakligting, soos vervat in die B&GP-databasis, op versoek aan enige appellant beskikbaar gestel sal word vir die doeleindes om aan Regulasie 4(1) van die Nasionale Appèlregulasies, 2014 (GNR 993) te voldoen.



b) *vergesel wees met-*

- i. *'n verklaring waarin die gronde van appèl uiteengesit word;*
- ii. *stawende dokumentasie waarna in die appèlvoorlegging verwys word; en*
- iii. *'n verklaring, insluitend stawende dokumentasie, deur die appellant om nakoming van regulasie 4(1) van hierdie Regulasies te bevestig.*

'n Appèl, insluitend enige stawende dokumentasie, moet by die Minister van Bosbou, Visserye en Omgewing (DFFE) ingedien word, en afskrifte moet aan die Minister van Minerale Hulpbronne en Energie (Hoofkantoor), die Petroleumagentskap SA (PASA) gestuur word, en die Aansoeker (by die EIMS-kontakinligting verskaf) deur een (1) van die volgende metodes:

1. **Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing:**

- o **Aandag:** Appeals and Legal Review Directorate: Director Appeals and Legal Review
- o **E-pos:** appeals@dffe.gov.za
- o **Pos:** Privaatsak x 447, Pretoria 0001
- o **Per Hand:** Environmental House, hoek van Steve Biko en Soutspansberg Straat, Pretoria, 0083

2. **Afskrif(e) van die ingediende appèl(s) aan die Petroleum Agentskap SA:**

- o **Aandag:** Die Hoof Uitvoerende Beampte
- o **E-pos:** EAppeals@petroleumagency.co.za
- o **Pos:** Privaatsak x 5111, Tygervally, 7536
- o **Per Hand:** Heron Place, Second Floor, Heron Close, Century City, Cape Town, 7441

3. **Afskrif(e) van die ingediende appèl by die Departement van Minerale Hulpbronne en Energie:**

- o **Aandag:** Direkteur: Regsdienste
- o **E-pos:** Pieter.Alberts@dmre.gov.za
- o **Pos:** Privaatsak x 59, Arcadia, 0007
- o **Per Hand:** Trevenna Kampus, Gebou 2C, hoek van Meintjies en Francis Baard Straat, Sunnyside.

4. **Afskrif(e) van die ingediende appèl aan die aansoeker by EIMS, by die onderstaande besonderhede:**

- o **Kontak Persoon:** Alex Msipa of Lucien James
- o **EIMS-verwysingsnommer:** 1570
- o **Telefoon:** (011) 789 7170/ Faks: (086) 571 9047
- o **E-pos:** block3b4b@eims.co.za

Sluit asseblief die projekverwysingsnommer 1570 by alle korrespondensie in.

Vriendelike groete,

EIMS Publieke Deelname Span



27 eyoMsintsi 2024

Imbekiselo yethu: 1570

Ireferensi ye DMRE: 12/3/339

Othandekayo Obhaliswe Njengeqela Elinomdla Nelichaphazelekayo (I&AP):

ISAZISO: ISIGUNYAZISO SEZENDALO NOKUSINGQONGILEYO NGOKOMTHETHO KAZWELONKE WEZENDALO ESINGQONGILEYO (UMTHETHO 107 KA-1998): IMITHETHO YEFUTHE KWINDALO ESINGQONGILEYO (2014) YEPROJEKTHI ECETYWAYO YE-AFRICA OIL SA CORP KWII-BLOKHO 3B/4B KULWANDLE KULWANDLE OLU KUDE KUFUPHI NONXWEME LWASENTSHONA, EMZANTSI AFRIKA.

Sikhupha isaziso sokuba ngokuvisisana nemiMiselo yokuHlolwa kweFuthe kwiNdalo esiNgqongileyo (EIA) (Isaziso sikaRhulumente R982 ngokohlengahlengiso, esikhutshwa phantsi komthetho woLawulo lweNdalo esiNgqongileyo (uMthetho 107 ka-1998-NEMA)), le projekthi ye-Africa Oil SA Corp, Ricocure (Pty) Ltd kunye ne-Azinam Limited (i-Joint Venture (JV) Partners) echazwe ngasentla inikwe isiGunyaziso seNdalo esiNgqongileyo ngomhla we-16 kweyoMsintsi 2024 liSebe lobuNcwane beziMbiwa naMandla (nelaziwa nje nge Department of Mineral Resources and Energy – DMRE) ngokuphathelele ukwenziwa kwemisebenzi yokuhlola (ukuya kuthi ga kwimingxuma yokuhlola emi-5) ngaphakathi kweBloko 3B/4B kulwandle olu kude kufuphi nonxweme lwaseNtshona – Umsebenzi odwelisiweyo 18 (GNR 984).

Izizathu zesigqibo esithathiweyo ligunya elifanelekayo zinikeziwe njengesongezelelo apha.

Xa unganqwenela ukufaka isiBheni kuso nasiphina isigqibo, isibheni singathi sifakwe nxamnye neso sigqibo ngokuvisisana nemiMiselo kaZwelonke yokuFaka isiBheni ka-2014 (iSaziso sikaRhulumente R993) phakathi kwiintsuku ezingama-20¹ zomhla wesi saziso (oko kukuthi ungadlulanga owe-17 eyeDwarha 2024) kwaye simele sifakwe ngembalelwano kwifomu ebekelwe izibheni oyifumana kumlawuli wezibheni ofanelekileyo.

Isicatshulwa esivala kwisaHluko 2 seMimiselo yeziBheni kaZwelonke sinikelwe apha ngezantsi ukukwenzela lula:

4(1) Lowo ufaka isibheni umele afake isibheni sakhe kumlawuli wezibheni, kwaye ikopi yesibheni inikwe umfaki-sicelo, nalo naliphina iqela elinomdla nelichaphazelekayo² nalo naliphina icandelo likarhulumente elinomdla kulo mbandela phakathi kwiintsuku ezingama-20 ukususela:

- a) kumhla wesaziso ngesigqibo somfaki sicelo ngesigunyaziso sendalo esingqongileyo okanye ilayisenisi yokulawulwa kwenkunkuma iye yathunyelwa kumaqela abhalisiweyo nachaphazelekayo ngumfaki-sicelo; okanye
- b) kumhla apho isaziso esithunyelwe ngawo kumfaki sicelo ligunya elifanelekileyo, igunya elikhupha isigunyaziso okanye igunya elikhupha ilayisenisi, xa kusenzeka ukuba kubekho isigqibo esingesiso esokubhekiselwe kuso kwisiqendu (a).

4(2) Isibheni esifakiweyo simele:

¹ Xa ithuba leentsuku ngokwemiqathango yale Mimiselo libalwe ukususela okanye emva kosuku oluthile, elo xesha malibalwe ukususela ekuqaleni kosuku olulandela olo suku ukuya ekupheleni kosuku lokugqibela lwethuba. Ukuba usuku lokugqibela lwexesha lunguMgqibelo, iCawa okanye iholide kawonke-wonke, elo xesha kufuneka landiswe ukuya ekupheleni kosuku olulandelayo olungengoMgqibelo, ngeCawa okanye iholide kawonke-wonke. Ithuba elisusela kwi-15 EyoMnga ukuya kwi-5 EyoMqungu, kunye nazo naziphi na iiholide zikawonke-wonke kufuneka zingabandakanywa ekubaleni iintsuku.

² Nceda uqaphele ukuba njenge-I&AP ebhalisiweyo, kwaye ngokungqinelana noMgaqo-nkqubo wethu waBucala, iinkcukacha zakho zoqhagamshelwano njengoko ziqulethwe kuvimba weenkukacha ze-I&AP ziya kufumaneka kuye nawuphi na umbheni ngesicelo ngenjongo yokuthobela uMmiselo 4(1) weMigaqo yeSizwe yesiBheni. , 2014 (GNR 993).

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- a) *sifakwe ngembalelwano **kwifomu efumaneka kumlawuli wezibheno**; kwaye*
- b) *ikhathshwe*
- i. *sisitatimente esibeka isiseko sesibheno;*
 - ii. *amaxwebhu axhasayo ekubhekiselwe kuwo xa kufakwa isibheno; kunye*
 - iii. *nesitatimente, esiquka amaxwebhu axhasayo, avela kumfaki-sicelo ukuqinisekisa ukuba ukuthotyelwa kommiselo 4(1) wale Mimiselo.*

Isibheno, kuquka nawaphina amaxwebhu axhasayo, kufuneka zithunyelwe kuMphathiswa wezaMahlathi, ukuLoba nokusiNgqongileyo (Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment - (DFFE), kwaye iikopi mazithunyelwe kuMphathiswa weDMRE (i-Ofisi eyiNtloko) kunye nePetroleum Agency SA (PASA) ngenye (1) yezi zilandelayo.:

1. ISebe lezamaHlathi, ukuLoba neNdalo esiNgqongileyo (DFFE)

- o **Iya ku:** UMLawuli woHlobo lweziBheno nezoMthetho: Director: Appeals and Legal Review
- o **I-Email:** appeals@dffe.gov.za
- o **IPosi:** Private Bag X 447, Pretoria, 0001
- o **Ngesandla:** Environmental House, Corner Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Street, Pretoria, 0083

2. I(ii)Kopi yesi(zi)bheno esi(zi)fakiweyo kwi-Petroleum Agency SA

- o **Iya ku:** The Chief Executive Officer
- o **I-Email:** EAappeals@petroleumagency.co.za
- o **Iposi:** Private Bag X 5111, Tygervally, 7536
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3. I(ii)Kopi yesi(zi)bheno esi(zi)fakiweyo kwiSebe lobuNcwane beziMbiwa naMandla

- o **Iya ku:** Director: Legal Services
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4. I(ii)Kopi yesi(zi)bheno esi(zi)fakiweyo umfaki-sicelo, ngokusebenzisa i-EIMS, kwezinkcukacha zingezantsi

- o **Umntu Ongaqhagamshelana naye:** Alex Msipa or Lucien James
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Nceda uquke inombolo yeprojekthi 1570 kuyo yonke imbalelwano.

Ngokuzithoba Okukhulu,

Iqela le-EIMS leNtatho Nxaxheba yoLuntu