NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

NO. 8201 **20 November 2026**

EIMS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

27 October 2026

Our ref: 1570/LW/lw

DFFE Ref: LSA252279

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

NOTIFICATION: DECISION ON APPEALS LODGED AGAINST A DECISION TO GRANT ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION TO AFRICA OIL SA CORP, RICOCURE (PTY) LIMITED AND AZINAM LIMITED, FOR THE PROPOSED BLOCK 3B/4B OFFSHORE EXPLORATION, OFF THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA.

On 13 October 2026, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) issued its decision on the appeals (appeal decision) against the environmental authorisation (EA) granted to Africa Oil SA Corp, Ricocure (Pty) Limited and Azinam Limited (the applicants) for the proposed Block 3B/4B offshore exploration activities (the proposed project).

The decision was to:

1. Dismiss the appeals, subject to the inclusion of additional conditions. In summary these additional conditions require the applicants, before drilling begins, to establish and maintain an accessible Fisheries Claims Assistance Mechanism to assist commercial, small-scale and subsistence fishers with verified loss claims, supported by clear claims procedures, reasonable evidence requirements and timelines, independent dispute resolution, ongoing socio-economic monitoring and quarterly stakeholder engagement. Please refer to the appeal decision for full details.
2. Confirm the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) decision of 16 September 2024 to grant the applicants an EA for the proposed project.
3. Instruct the DMPR to amend the EA to incorporate the additional conditions specified in the appeal decision.

A copy of the appeal decision is available on the Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS) website at the following link or by scanning the QR Code: https://eims.co.za/2026/10/26/block-3b-4b-ea/

Please note that in the event that you are unable to access the website due to data constraints please contact EIMS for alternative arrangements.

As indicated in the appeal decision, any party dissatisfied with any aspects of the appeal decision may apply to a competent court to have the appeal decision judicially reviewed. In accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act 3 of 2000 judicial review proceedings must be instituted within 180 days of such party becoming aware of the appeal decision.

Kind Regards,

EIMS Public Participation

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Geagte Geregistreerde Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP):

KENNISGEWING: BESLUIT OOR APPÈLLE INGEDIEN TEEN DIE BESLUIT OM OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING AAN AFRICA OIL SA CORP, RICOCURE (EDMS.) BPK EN AZINAM LIMITED TOE TE KEN VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE BLOK 3B/4B BUITELANDSE EKSPLORASIE AAN DIE WESKUS VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

Op 13 Oktober 2026 het die Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing (DFFE) sy besluit uitgereik rakende die appèlle (appèlbesluit) teen die omgewingsmagtiging (EA) wat aan Africa Oil SA Corp, Ricocure (Edms.) Bpk en Azinam Limited (die aansoekers) toegestaan is vir die voorgestelde Blok 3B/4B aflandige eksplorasie-aktiwiteite (die voorgestelde projek)

Die besluit was om:

1. Die appèlle word van die hand gewys, onderhewig aan die insluiting van bykomende voorwaardes. Samevattend vereis hierdie addisionele voorwaardes dat die aansoekers, voordat boorwerk begin, ’n toeganklike Vissery-eisebystandsmeganisme moet vestig en in stand hou om kommersiële, kleinskaalse en bestaansvissers te ondersteun met geverifieerde verlieseise. Die meganisme moet duidelike eisprosedures, redelike bewysvereistes en tydraamwerke, onafhanklike geskilbeslegting, deurlopende sosio-ekonomiese monitering en kwartaallikse betrokkenheid met belanghebbendes insluit.
2. Bevestig die Departement van Minerale en Petroleumbronne (DMPR) se besluit van 16 September 2024 om die aansoekers 'n EA vir die voorgestelde projek toe te staan.
3. Gee die DMPR opdrag om die EA te wysig om die bykomende voorwaardes wat in die appèlbesluit gespesifiseer is, in te sluit.

'n Afskrif van die appèlbesluit is beskikbaar op die webwerf van die Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS) by die volgende skakel of deur die QR-kode te skandeer: https://eims.co.za/2026/10/26/block-3b-4b-ea/

Neem asseblief kennis dat indien u nie toegang tot die webwerf kan kry nie as gevolg van databeperkings, kontak asseblief EIMS vir alternatiewe reëlings.

Soos aangedui in die appèlbeslissing, kan enige party wat ontevrede is met enige aspekte van die appèlbeslissing by 'n bevoegde hof aansoek doen om die appèlbeslissing geregtelik te laat hersien. In ooreenstemming met die bepalings van artikel 7 van die Wet op die Bevordering van Administratiewe Geregtigheid 3 van 2000 moet geregtelike hersieningsverrigtinge binne 180 dae nadat sodanige party bewus geword het van die appèlbeslissing, ingestel word.

Vriendelike groete,

EIMS Publieke Deelname

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Mnu okanye nkszk obekekileyo:

ISAZISO: ISIGQIBO NGEZIBHENO EZIFAKWE NGOKUCHASANA NESIGQIBO SOKUNIKELA NGEMVUME YEZENDALO NOKUSINGQONGILEYO KWI-AFRICA OIL SA CORP, RICOCURE (PTY) LIMITED NE-AZINAM LIMITED, KWI-PROJEKTHI YOHLOLO OLUCETYWAYO KWI-BLOCK 3B/4B ELWANDLE, KUDE KUFUPH NONXWEME LWENTSHONA KAPA EMZANTSI AFRIKA.

Ngomhla we-13 kweyeDwarha ngo-2026, iSebe lezamaHlathi, iiNtlanzi kunye nezeNdalo (i-Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment) likhuphe isigqibo salo malunga nezibheno ngokuchasene nemvume yokusingqongileyo (i-EA) enikwe i-Africa Oil SA Corp, iRicocure (Pty) Limited kunye ne-Azinam Limited (abafaki-zicelo) kwiprojekthi yokuhlola ecetywayo kwi-Block 3B/4B kulwandle elukufuphi enonxweme oluse Ntshona yo-Mzantsi Afrika (iprojekthi ecetywayo).

Izigqibo ezithathiweyo:

1. Zichithwe izibheno, ngokuxhomekeke ekubeni kongezwe imiqathango. Ngamafutshane le miqathango yongezelelweyo ifuna abafaki-zicelo, ngaphambi kokuba kuqalwe ukubhola, baseke kwaye bagcine iNkqubo yoNcedo lweeBango zokuloba efikelelekayo ukunceda abalobi bezorhwebo, abancinci kunye nabokuziphilisa ngamabango okulahlekelwa aqinisekisiweyo, axhaswa ziinkqubo ezicacileyo zamabango, iimfuno zobungqina ezifanelekileyo kunye namaxesha, isisombululo seengxabano esizimeleyo, ukujonga okuqhubekayo kwezentlalo noqoqosho kunye nokubandakanyeka kwabachaphazelekayo rhoqo ngekota.
2. Kuqinisekiswa isigqibo seSebe le-Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) somhla we-16 kweyoMsintsi 2024 sokunika abafaki-zicelo i-EA yeprojekthi ecetywayo.
3. Ukuyalela i-DMPR ukuba yongezelele i-EA ukuze ifake imiqathango echazwe kwisigqibo sesibheno.

Ikopi yesigqibo sesibheno iyafumaneka kwiwebhusayithi ye-Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS) kweli khonkco lilandelayo okanye ngokuskena iKhowudi ye-QR: https://eims.co.za/2026/10/26/block-3b-4b-ea/

Nceda uqaphele ukuba xa ungakwazi ukufikelela kwiwebhusayithi ngenxa yemida yedatha nceda uqhakamshelane ne-EIMS ukuze kwenziwe amanye amalungiselelo.

Njengoko kubonisiwe kwisigqibo sesibheno, nabani na ongonelisekanga ngayo nayiphi na imiba yesigqibo sesibheno angafaka isicelo kwinkundla efanelekileyo ukuba isigqibo sesibheno sihlolwe ngokwasemthethweni. Ngokuhambelana nemigaqo yecandelo 7 loMthetho wokuKhuthazwa koBulungisa boLawulo 3 ka-2000 (Promotion of Administrative Justice Act 3 of 2000), iinkqubo zokuhlolwa kwenkundla kufuneka ziqaliswe zingadlulanga iintsuku ezili-180 emva kokuba elo qela lisazi ngesigqibo sesibheno.

Obazithobileyo,

Iqela le-EIMS lokuThatha inxaxheba koLuntu