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Dear Madam

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT IN RESPECT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES IN BLOCK 11B/12B OFF THE SOUTH COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA

The final scoping report dated 31 March 2023 refers.

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (hereafter referred to as “the Department”) evaluated the information contained in the final scoping report (FSR) and the plan of study for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of appendix 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998): Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (hereafter referred to as “EIA Regulations, 2014”). The FSR is hereby accepted in terms of regulation 22 (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014. You may therefore proceed with the EIA, in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the plan of study for the EIA submitted with the

FSR and appendices 3-6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014. You are required to take the following into consideration:

1. You must within one hundred and six (106) days of the acceptance of the final scoping report submit an environmental impact assessment report (EIAR) inclusive of any specialist reports, and an environmental management programme (EMPr), which must be subjected to a public participation process of at least thirty (30) days. The said reports and programmes must reflect the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority. Please note that this is inclusive of weekends but exclusive of public holidays.
2. Public participation must be conducted in accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014. You are further required to consult with every organ of state that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to the application in question. All comments and concerns raised by all interested and affected parties (I&AP) including the environmental assessment practitioner's (EAP) response must be presented in the EIAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of the attempts and efforts made to obtain such must be enclosed in the EIAR.
3. Impact assessment on fisheries should not only focus on small scale or artisanal fisheries but must also include commercial fisheries during the EIA phase.
4. The need and desirability description must include and respond to questions that must be considered in assessing the need and desirability as listed in the need and desirability guideline.
5. Financial provision for rehabilitation and decommissioning must be determined in accordance with the Regulations Pertaining to the Financial Provision for Prospecting, Exploration, Mining or Production Operations, 2015. In addition, the specialist must undertake the determination of quantum.
6. You are required to submit one hard copy and a soft copy of the final EIAR, environmental management programme, and any supporting documentation to the Petroleum Agency SA.

Please contact us, if you need clarity, on any matter raised.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mbele', written over a horizontal dotted line.

MR JACOB MBELE

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES & ENERGY

DATE: 18/05/2023