

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** 8 February 2019  
**Time:** 14h30  
**Location:** Tygerpoort Building, 7 Mispel Street, Bellville 7530, Cape Town, South Africa  
**Subject:** Exploration Drilling within Block ER236, off the East Coast of South Africa.

**Present:**

**PASA:** Stet Mushwana (SM), Dovhani Mahumele (DM), Intern

**ERM:** Vicky Stevens (VS), Philip Johnson (PJ)

**1 Introductions**

Meeting intended to act as an introduction to new ERM team members, and to discuss ERM's letter to PASA of 01 February requesting to submit a supplement to the Comments and Response Report (CRR), which formed part of ERM's EIA submission in December 2018.

PJ has taken over from Ingeborg as Partner in charge on the project. VS is the EAP on the project. Stet is the case officer and Dovhani is the reviewing the EIA Report.

**2 Comments received from WILDTRUST, and discussion**

- Comments were received by ERM (and copied to PASA) from WILDTRUST (represented by Adrian Pole Environmental Law and Youens Attorneys) on 8 November 2018. These comments had not been included in the final EIA submission. In light of this information, no review decision is expected until these comments have been responded to.
- Based on a review of the comments, ERM confirmed that there is no information presented in these comments that have not been addressed by other comments received during the commenting period (i.e. no new material is contained within this document). The relevance of the absence of new material, being that the content and outcome of the EIA Report will not change with inclusion of the new comments. PJ informed PASA that the omission of these comments from WILDTRUST was an oversight by ERM.
- PJ also advised PASA that ERM had received legal advice that ERM's EIA submission remains substantially compliant with EIA regulations, and does not constitute a fatal flaw (as stated in the comment letter). As such, the EIA Report should not require re-submission, and providing a supplement to the Comments and Response Report (CRR) will address this oversight. PJ also offered to provide a letter from ERM's legal representation, if required from PASA, in order to confirm ERM's position on this matter.

- ERM proposed to submit a supplementary comments and response report to PASA as an addendum to the EIA Report, which responds to the new comments received. This supplementary comments and response report will also be disclosed to the public. SM and DM agreed with this approach.
- SM wanted to confirm with the DEA whether they have had any similar instances and what they would advise in terms of meeting the process requirements. PASA advised ERM that we should receive PASA's formal response by the following week. No review decision is expected before release of this response.

### **3 Actions**

- PASA to respond formally to ERM's letter of 01 February (requesting to submit a supplement to the CRR).
- ERM to provide a formal letter stating the legal advice, if requested from PASA.
- ERM will submit a supplementary Comments and Response Report. This will be released on the project website and distributed to the libraries where hard copies have been sent.

**End of meeting.**