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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS EIA PROCESS FOR A DIAMOND PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION IN OFFSHORE CONCESSION AREAS 4C AND 5C OFF THE WEST COAST, SOUTH AFRICA

DMR Reference Number: NCS 30/5/1/1/2/1 (12853) PR

INVITATION TO REGISTER, PARTICIPATE AND COMMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AUTHORISATION PROCESS

Notice is hereby given of a stakeholder engagement process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA), the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, and the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002 (MPRDA) for proposed diamond prospecting and related activities in Offshore Concession Areas 4C and 5C off the Western Coast of South Africa. Please refer to Appendix A for a location map.

1. Introduction

Samara Mining (Pty) Ltd ("Samara") intends to undertake an exploration programme in Inshore Block 4C and 5C (the Block) located approximately 10 km offshore of the West Coast of South Africa. The application is for a Prospecting Right for bulk sampling for diamonds which will be undertaken in two phases as follows:

- Phase 1 (Geophysical Surveying): Geophysical surveys to identify geological features where exploration sampling will be undertaken. The survey equipment will be deployed from a moving vessel.
- Phase 2 (Exploration Sampling): Where geological features of interest (showing potential for diamond prospecting) have been identified in Phase 1, follow up surveys and sampling will be undertaken. Sampling will entail the extraction of diamonds from the seabed using fit-for purpose vessels, equipped with a crawler that will dredge materials from the seabed. The diamonds will be sorted from the dredged material in a mechanical treatment plant on board the vessel.

Samara has appointed NDI Geological Consulting Services (Pty) Ltd as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to undertake the application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) while SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty)Ltd ("SRK") has been sub-contracted to provide specialist input and to undertake the Public Participation Process.

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The proposed project triggers activity listed in terms of Listing Notices 1 (GN R983 of 2014) and Listing Notice 2 (GN R984 of 2014) of the NEMA (Table 1) and will therefore require an EA from the Northern Cape Department of Mineral Resources.

Table 1: Triggered Activities Listed in Listing Notice 1 and Listed in Listing Notice 2

Government Notice	Activity Number	Relevant Activity as per the relevant Listing Notice
Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983 of 2014)	Item 19A	The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 5 cubic metres from the sea.
	Item 20	Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a prospecting right in terms of section 16 of the MPRDA.
	Item 22	The decommissioning of any activity requiring a prospecting right
Listing Notice 2 (GN R984 of 2014)	Item 19	The removal and disposal of minerals contemplated in terms of section 20 of the MPRDA including associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks, directly related to prospecting of a mineral resource.

2. Release of the Scoping Report

Registered stakeholders will be notified of the availability of the Scoping Report for public review and comment from **20 August 2021**. An electronic version of the report can be accessed on SRK's website www.srk.co.za (via the 'Library' and 'Public Documents' links).

3. Opportunity to Participate

Stakeholders are invited to submit written comments and/or register on the project database. Submissions from stakeholders must include their name, contact details (specifying the preferred method of notification, e.g. e-mail), and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which they have in the application, to the contact person below, by **29 August 2021**. Only registered stakeholders will be kept informed of the process and notified of any future opportunities to participate.

By registering as a stakeholder, you consent to SRK processing and, if necessary, disclosing your personal information which SRK undertakes to do in accordance with our Protection of Personal Information Policy.

Please submit comments to the Stakeholder Engagement officers:

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Yours faithfully,

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Appendix A: Locality Map

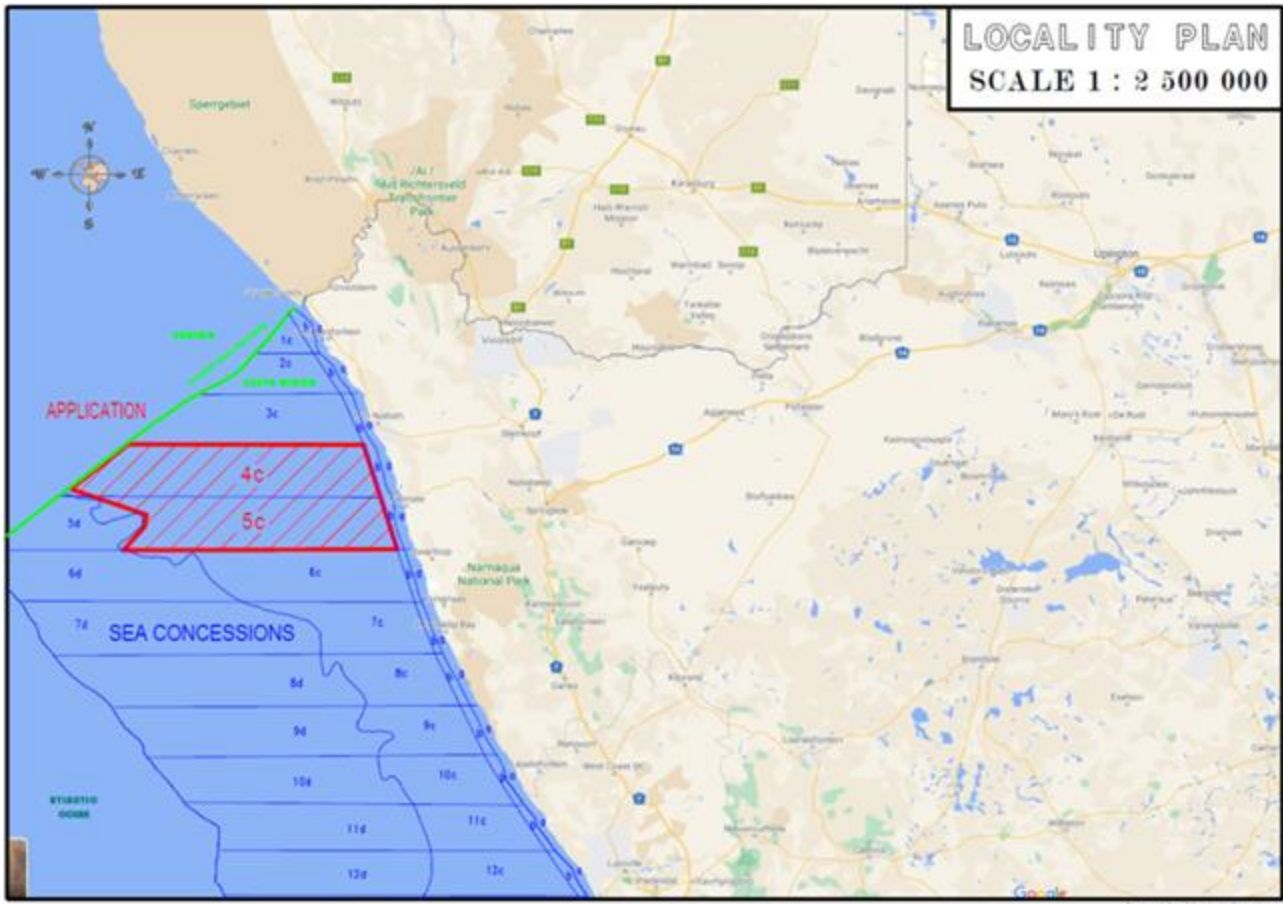


Figure A-1: Locality Map

Appendix B: Comment Form

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REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET

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TITLE		FIRST NAME	
INITIALS		SURNAME	
ORGANISATION			
POSTAL ADDRESS			
		POSTAL CODE	
LAND LINE TEL NO		CELL NO	
FAX NO		EMAIL	

REGISTRATION AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY (I&AP) (please mark applicable box with X)

Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) so that I may receive further information and notifications during the Environmental Authorisation process	YES	NO
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I would like my notifications by:

E-mail:	Letter:	Fax/tel:	SMS:
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In terms of GNR 982 (EIA regulations) I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:

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Comments (Use a separate sheet if you wish to)

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

By registering as an Interested and Affected Party, you consent to SRK processing your personal data for the purposes of obtaining feedback for the environmental authorisation process and to provide you with relevant information about it. Your information may be shared with selected third parties for these purposes only. Please see our Privacy Policy for more information.

NAME:	SIGNATURE:	DATE:
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