

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION**NOTICE 1231 OF 2022****NOTIFICATION REGARDING OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED SEARCHER SEISMIC SURVEY BASIC ASSESSMENT PROJECT, LOCATED OFFSHORE EXTENDING FROM APPROXIMATELY 256KM OFFSHORE OF ST HELENA BAY TO 220KM OFFSHORE OF HONDEKLIP BAY, OFF THE WEST COAST, SOUTH AFRICA.**

Searcher Geodata UK Ltd (hereafter referred to as the applicant - Searcher) has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with undertaking the required authorisation processes (including the statutory public participation), and to compile and submit the required documentation in support of application for:

Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GRN982 of 2014, as amended)- Listed Activity 21(b) (GNR 983):

Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a reconnaissance permit in terms of section 74 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well as any other applicable activity as contained in this Listing Notice or in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required to exercise the reconnaissance permit, excluding-

(a) any desktop study; and

(b) any aerial survey.

Searcher proposes to undertake a 3D seismic survey off the West Coast of South Africa. The proposed project area is located between approximately 256 km offshore of St Helena Bay, extending north along the western coastline to approximately 220 km offshore of Hondeklip Bay. The survey area at the closest point is approximately 218 km offshore of the coast of the Western and Northern Cape. The survey area corner coordinate points are as follows:

Point	Longitude	Latitude	Point	Longitude	Latitude
1	13°47'32.20"E	30°25'05.62"S	12	13°54'27.24"E	32°33'10.46"S
2	14°04'35.32"E	30°14'56.11"S	13	13°58'47.25"E	32°10'00.54"S
3	14°16'06.57"E	30°27'02.46"S	14	13°50'17.25"E	31°53'40.58"S
4	14°47'37.11"E	31°00'01.33"S	15	13°47'47.25"E	31°49'20.61"S
5	14°53'02.67"E	31°05'40.95"S	16	13°44'07.24"E	31°42'20.62"S
6	14°59'56.53"E	31°05'40.95"S	17	13°41'17.25"E	31°36'40.63"S
7	15°09'38.63"E	31°05'40.95"S	18	13°33'07.24"E	31°15'30.71"S
8	15°09'38.81"E	31°15'01.10"S	19	13°28'17.24"E	31°01'20.76"S
9	15°09'38.88"E	32°00'01.22"S	20	13°24'37.24"E	30°50'40.77"S
10	15°09'38.92"E	32°35'25.54"S	21	13°20'58.35"E	30°39'14.40"S
11	13°54'25.99"E	32°35'33.64"S	22	13°33'50.71"E	30°33'45.66"S

EIMS will be following the procedures defined in the EIA Regulations (GRN982 of 2014, as amended) for undertaking a Basic Assessment (BA) process. In accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, a public participation process will be undertaken. You are hereby invited to register and comment on the proposed project and application/s.

In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an Interested and Affected Party and that your comments are captured, please submit your name, contact details, the reason for your interest or any comments, in writing or telephonically, to EIMS. Please note that only registered I&AP's will be directly informed of future project information and opportunities for participation. In order to avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit I&AP registrations, or any queries, comments, or concerns with regards to this application, as soon as possible to EIMS at:

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Additional documentation is available on the Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd website at the following link:

<https://www.eims.co.za/2022/07/13/1518-proposed-searcher-seismic-reconnaissance/>

Please include the project reference number 1518 in all correspondence.