

## NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

### NOTICE 2778 OF 2024



27 September 2024

Our ref: 1570

DMRE Ref: 12/3/339

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

**NOTIFICATION: ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT 107 OF 1998): ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS (2014) FOR THE PROPOSED AFRICA OIL SA CORP BLOCK 3B/4B OFFSHORE EXPLORATION, OFF THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA.**

Notice is given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice R982 as amended, promulgated under the National Environmental Management (Act 107 of 1998-NEMA), that Africa Oil SA Corp, Ricocure (Pty) Ltd and Azinam Limited (the Joint Venture (JV) Partners) have been granted an Environmental Authorisation on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 by the Department of Mineral and Resources and Energy (DMRE), for the undertaking of exploration activities (drilling of up to 5 exploration wells) within the Block 3B/4B offshore area- Listed activity 18 (GNR 984).

The Environmental Authorisation and the reasons for the decision provided by the competent authority are provided as an attachment hereto.

Should you wish to Appeal any aspect of the decision, an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations of 2014 (Government Notice R993) within 20 calendar days<sup>1</sup> of the date of this notification (i.e. by no later than 17 October 2024) and must be submitted in writing in the prescribed appeal form obtainable from the relevant appeal administrator.

An extract from Chapter 2 of the National Appeals Regulations is presented below for your convenience:

*4(1) An appellant must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party<sup>2</sup> and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from:*

- a) the date that the notification of the decision for an application for an environmental authorisation or a waste management licence was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or*
- b) the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the competent authority, issuing authority or licensing authority, in the case of decisions other than those referred to in paragraph (a).*

*4(2) An appeal submission must be:*

- a) submitted in writing in the form obtainable from the appeal administrator; and*
- b) accompanied by:
  - i. a statement setting out the grounds of appeal;*
  - ii. supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal submission; and**

<sup>1</sup> When a period of days must in terms of these Regulations be reckoned from or after a particular day, that period must be reckoned as from the start of the day following that particular day to the end of the last day of the period. If the last day of the period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, that period must be extended to the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday. The period of 15 December to 5 January, as well as any public holidays must be excluded in the reckoning of days.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that as a registered I&AP, and in accordance with our Privacy Policy, your contact information as contained within the I&AP database will be made available to any appellant on request for the purposes of complying with Regulation 4(1) of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 (GNR 993).



- iii. *a statement, including supporting documentation, by the appellant to confirm compliance with regulation 4(1) of these Regulations.*

An appeal, including any supporting documentation, must be submitted to the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), and copies must be sent to the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy (Head Office), the Petroleum Agency SA (PASA), and the Applicant (via the EIMS contact information provided) by one (1) of the following means:

1. **Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment:**

- **Attention:** Appeals and Legal Review Directorate: Director Appeals and Legal Review
- **Email:** [appeals@dffe.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dffe.gov.za)
- **By Post:** Private Bag x 447, Pretoria, 0001
- **By Hand:** Environmental House, Corner Steve Biko and Soutspansberg Street, Pretoria, 0083

2. **Copy(s) of the lodged appeal(s) to the Petroleum Agency SA:**

- **Attention:** The Chief Executive Officer
- **Email:** [EAappeals@petroleumagency.com](mailto:EAappeals@petroleumagency.com)
- **By Post:** Private Bag x 5111, Tygervalley, 7536
- **By Hand:** Heron Place, Second Floor, Heron Close, Century City, Cape Town, 7441.

3. **Copy(s) of the lodged appeal(s) to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

- **Attention:** Legal Services Directorate: Director Legal Services
- **Email:** [Pieter.Alberts@dmre.gov.za](mailto:Pieter.Alberts@dmre.gov.za)
- **Facsimile:** 086 710 0877
- **By Post:** Private Bag x 59, Arcadia, 0007.
- **By Hand:** Trevenna Campus, Building 2C, c/o Meintjies and Francis Baard Street, Sunnyside.

4. **Copy (s) of the lodged appeal to the Applicant, via EIMS, at the details below:**

- **Contact Person:** Alex Msipa or Lucien James
- **EIMS Reference Number:** 1570
- **Telephone:** (011) 789 7170/ Fax: (086) 571 9047
- **E-mail:** [block3b4b@eims.co.za](mailto:block3b4b@eims.co.za)

Please include the project reference number 1570 in all correspondence.

Kind Regards,

EIMS Public Participation Team