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Our ref: AP/Green Connection/Shell 3D

To: **Eloise Costandius**
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By email: ecostandius@slrconsulting.com

10 November 2021

Re: **SHELL EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION SA**
Notification of the Commencement of 3D Seismic Survey Transkei Exploration Area
Exploration Right 12/3/252

We write to you on behalf of our client, the Green Connection.

We note that SLR has published a notice in the Daily Despatch on behalf of Shell Exploration and Production SA (Shell) that Shell has appointed Shearwater Geoservices to commence with a 3D seismic survey within its Transkei Exploration Area off the East Coast of South Africa from 01 December 2021.

We are advised that an environmental impact assessment (EIA) and associated public participation process was reportedly undertaken as part of an Exploration Right Application by Impact Africa Limited (Impact) in 2013, and that an environmental management programme (EMPr) was approved in 2014. We are advised further that an environmental compliance audit was reportedly undertaken in 2020, and that this was submitted to and approved by the competent authority in 2020. We are also advised that a farmout agreement was signed between Shell and Impact on 26 August 2021, formally transferring a 50% participating interest and operatorship of the exploration right (including permits and environmental approvals) to Shell, and that Shell is planning to undertake the survey in line with specifications approved in the EMPr.

As a civil society watchdog organisation monitoring offshore oil and gas exploration, the Green Connection would like to satisfy itself that Shell's planned 3D seismic survey is in accordance with applicable legal requirements. In light of this (and to avoid unnecessary litigation), please can you provide us with the following by return of email:

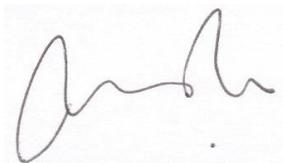
1. A copy of the exploration right, and any subsequent amendment of the exploration right making reference to Shell as the holder of the right or operator;
2. A copy of the 2013/2014 environmental authorisation, and any amended environmental authorisation that relates to the change of ownership or transfer of rights to Shell;
2. A copy of the 2014 approved EMPr, and any amended EMPr that relates to the change of ownership or transfer of rights to Shell;
3. A copy of the 2020 EMPr environmental compliance audit report;
4. A copy of the competent authority's approval of the EMPr environmental compliance report;
5. A copy of the 2021 farmout agreement and Deed of Assignment between Shell and Impact;

6. A copy of the written consent/s of the Minister to the amendment of the exploration right, environmental authorisation and EMPr (as required by section 102 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2008) relating to or resulting from Shell's taking transfer of a 50% participating interest and operatorship of the exploration right; and
7. Any other consents, permits or authorisations relevant to Shell's taking transfer of a 50% participating interest and operatorship of the exploration right and the proposed undertaking of a 3D seismic survey in the Transkei Exploration Area.

Given that the proposed 3D seismic survey is indicated as commencing from the earliest on 01 December 2021, we look forward to receiving your urgent response.

Our client reserves its rights, including the right to seek urgent relief should the requested information not be provided.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Pole', is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and a distinct 'P'.

Adrian Leonard Pole