

20 May 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) FOR A PROPOSED OFFSHORE EXPLORATION WELL DRILLING IN BLOCK 5/6/7, SOUTH-WEST COAST, SOUTH AFRICA

### NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT AND INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

TotalEnergies EP South Africa Block 567 (Pty) Ltd (“TEEPSA”) has applied to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) for Environmental Authorisation (EA) to undertake exploration well drilling in Block 5/6/7 off the South-West Coast of South Africa. The Area of Interest is located offshore roughly between Cape Town and Cape Agulhas, approximately 60 km from the coast at its closest point in water depths between 700 m and 3 200 m.

The EA application has been made in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014 (as amended), promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998) (as amended), as the proposed project triggers the following listed activities:

- Listing Notice 1 (R.983 of 2014 as amended): 14, 17, 19A.
- Listing Notice 2 (R.984 of 2014 as amended): 4, 6, 7, 14, 18.

SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (“SLR”) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the ESIA process for the proposed project. This process aims to identify and assess the potential environmental and social impacts and define mitigation measures, where possible, to avoid and reduce significant negative environmental and social impacts, and provide adequate information to DMRE to make an informed decision.

### AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

The ESIA process presents several opportunities for public comment, namely the Scoping Phase and Impact Assessment Phase. The ESIA is currently in the Scoping Phase where, through a participative process, potential impacts are identified for further consideration. SLR has compiled a draft Scoping Report, which is available for a 30-day review and comment period from **20 May to 20 June 2022**. This provides an opportunity for Interested and



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Affected Parties (I&APs) to comment on any aspect of the proposed project and the potential impacts identified for further investigation in the Assessment Phase.

Copies of the **full report** and **Non-technical Summary** are available at the following locations for the duration of the comment period:

- SLR website (<https://www.slrconsulting.com/en/public-documents/TEEPSA-567>).
- Data free website (<https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co/en/public-documents/TEEPSA-567>), which is accessible from an internet-capable mobile phone without data charges.
- Locations presented in Table 1.

The Non-technical Summary is also available on the above-mentioned websites as an **audio recording**. Both the non-technical summary document and audio recording are available in English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa.

**TABLE 1: LOCATIONS WHERE THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AND NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW**

Location	Name of facility	Physical address
<b>Full report is available at:</b>		
Saldanha	Saldanha Public Library	Municipal Building, Berg Street, Saldanha
Cape Town	City of Cape Town Central Public Library	13 Parade St, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town
Gordons Bay	Gordon's Bay Public Library	Watt Street, Gordon's Bay
Hermanus	Hermanus Public Library	66 Duiker St, Hermanus
Struisbaai	Struisbaai Public Library	Corner of 1st Avenue & Deining Avenue, Struisbaai
<b>Non-technical Summary is available at:</b>		
Port Nolloth	Port Nolloth Public Library	Harbour St, Port Nolloth
Hondeklipbaai	Kamiesberg Municipality	83 Dolphin Street, Hondeklipbaai
Vredendal	Doringbaai Public Library	37 Kerk Street, Vredendal
Lamberts Bay	Lamberts Bay Public Library	44 Church Street, Lamberts Bay
Elands Bay	Elands Bay Public Library	Main Road, Elands Bay
St Helena	St Helena Public Library	26 Columbine Crescent, Britannica Heights, Saint Helena Bay
Velddrift	Velddrif Public Library	Voortrekker Road, Velddrif
Stilbaai	Stilbaai Public Library	Municipal Building, Main Road West, Stilbaai
Mossel Bay	Mossel Bay Public Library	99 Marsh Street, Mossel Bay
Sedgefield	Sedgefield Public Library	12 Flamingo Street, Sedgefield
Knysna	Knysna Public Library	2 Memorial Square, Knysna
Plettenberg Bay	Plettenberg Bay Public Library	Sewell Street, Shop 29, Mervills Shopping Center, Plettenberg Bay
St Francis Bay	St. Francis Bay Municipality	Assissi Drive, St. Francis
Jeffery's Bay	Jeffrey's Bay Municipality	33 Da Gamaweg, Jeffreys Bay

## INVITATION TO ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

We cordially invite all stakeholders to attend the **public meetings** listed in Table 2. The objectives of the Scoping Phase public meetings are as follows:

- To share information about the proposed project, ESIA and public participation process, including the proposed specialist studies to be undertaken during the Impact Assessment Phase.
- For I&APs to ask questions, raise issues of concern, contribute comments about the proposed project, and assist with the identification of issues to be considered during the ESIA; and
- For I&APs to comment on the draft Scoping Report and specialist studies to be undertaken during the impact assessment phase.

**TABLE 2: PUBLIC MEETINGS**

No.	Location	Venue	Date (2022)	Time
1	Saldanha	Dialrock Community Hall Albatros Street, Saldanha	Wednesday, 1 June	Sign in: 15h30 Meeting: 16h00
2	Hermanus	Sandbaai Hall Corner Jimmy Smith and Main Road, Sandbaai	Thursday, 2 June	<i>(Note: Duration of meeting is expected to be 3 to 4 hours)</i>
3	Cape Town	Cape Town International Convention Centre (Ballroom West) Convention Square, 1 Lower Long Street, Cape Town	Thursday 9 June	

### REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Please [click here](https://forms.microsoft.com/r/TjbmcUu51A) (https://forms.microsoft.com/r/TjbmcUu51A) to **complete the required form** to register to attend these public meetings.

Please **register by no later than Monday, 30 May 2022.**

### Registration to attend public meetings

SLR and TEEPSA are committed to comply with regulatory requirements in terms of the National Health Act, 2003 (No. 61 of 2003), as amended, in support of the government's drive to control and manage the resurgence of COVID-19. Presently, the amended health regulations stipulate that all gatherings are permitted at 50% of the venue capacity.

Therefore, we respectfully request meeting participants to **REGISTER** to attend the public meetings (see Table 2 for registration details). Meeting participants who do not register to attend the public meetings will be helped on the day of the public meeting at the meeting venue on a first come-first-serve basis until 50% of venue capacity is reached.

### COVID-19 regulations that will apply at the public meetings:

- Sanitising of hands.
- Wearing of face masks.
- Maintaining social distance.

## INVITATION TO ATTEND ONLINE (VIRTUAL) MEETING

We would also like to invite all stakeholders to attend an **online (virtual) meeting**. Please **REGISTER** to attend the online meeting (registration details provided in Table 3). Only meeting participants who register for the online meeting, will receive a link to the meeting.

**TABLE 3: DETAILS OF ONLINE (VIRTUAL) MEETING**

<b>Platform</b>	Microsoft TEAMS
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday 7 June 2022
<b>Time</b>	16h00
<p><b>REGISTRATION FOR ONLINE MEETING</b></p> <p>Please <a href="https://forms.microsoft.com/r/TjbmcUu51A">click here</a> (https://forms.microsoft.com/r/TjbmcUu51A) to <b>complete the required form</b> to register for the online meeting.</p> <p>Please <b>register by no later than Friday, 3 June 2022</b>.</p>	
<p><b>NOTE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To join the online meeting, you do not need to have a Microsoft TEAMS account. You will, however, <b>need an active internet connection or mobile data to participate</b>.</li> <li>If you want to join the meeting from a <b>mobile device</b>, you will need to <b>download the Microsoft TEAMS mobile app</b>.</li> <li>For more information on how to join a TEAMS meeting from your desktop (using either the Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome browser) or mobile device please <a href="#">click here</a>.</li> <li>The meeting will be recorded and uploaded to the SLR's website and a data free website (details provided below).</li> </ul>	

## DEADLINE FOR COMMENT ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

The draft Scoping Report is the first document for comment during the ESIA process. Comments on the draft Scoping Report should reach SLR by **no later than Monday, 20 June 2022** using the contact details below.

<p><b>SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd</b></p> <p><b>Postal Address:</b> 5th Floor, Letterstedt House, Newlands on Main, Newlands, 7700</p> <p><b>Tel:</b> (021) 461 1118    <b>WhatsApp / SMS:</b> 063 900 5536</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> TEEPSA-567@slrconsulting.com</p> <p><b>SLR Website:</b> <a href="https://www.slrconsulting.com/en/public-documents/TEEPSA-567">https://www.slrconsulting.com/en/public-documents/TEEPSA-567</a></p> <p><b>Data Free Website:</b> <a href="https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co/en/public-documents/TEEPSA-567">https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co/en/public-documents/TEEPSA-567</a></p>
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All comments received will be incorporated and responded to in a Comments and Responses Report, which will be appended to the final Scoping Report. The final Scoping Report will be made available on the SLR website for information purposes.

Should you have any queries in this regard please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned Stakeholder Engagement Team.

Your sincerely,

**TEEPSA-567 Stakeholder Engagement Team**

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**TotalEnergies**

**PROPOSED OFFSHORE EXPLORATION IN BLOCK 5/6/7,  
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**DRAFT SCOPING REPORT COMMENT FORM**

<b>NAME / CONTRACT PERSON</b>			
<b>ORGANISATION NAME</b>			
<b>ORGANISATION DESCRIPTION (Field and Area of Activity)</b>			
<b>POSTAL ADDRESS</b>			
<b>POSTAL CODE</b>		<b>FAX NUMBER</b>	
<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b>		<b>CELL PHONE NUMBER</b>	
<b>E-MAIL</b>			
<b>DATE</b>		<b>SIGNATURE</b>	

**PLEASE PROVIDE COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT BELOW (use extra pages as required):**

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**Please return completed forms to SLR:**

**Postal Address: 5th Floor, Letterstedt House, Newlands on Main, Newlands, 7700**

**SMS / WhatsApp: 063 900 5536 Project e-mail: TEEPSA-567@slrconsulting.com**

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