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Memorandum of Demand #MarchAgainstOurOceansTOTALDestruction

Subject: Memorandum to TotalEnergies South Africa Board of Directors for direct response on the exploration for oil and gas off South Africa's Coast

Addressed To:

Public Relations Officer

Sibusiso Duma

Chairperson of the Board

Sonja de Bruyn, at TotalEnergies Marketing South Africa

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Patrick Pouyanné

We demand an end to the onslaught of oil and gas in South Africa

We as environmental and social justice activists have marched today against the **TOTAL** Destruction of our oceans in the coast of South Africa, in solidarity with small scale fishers within coastal communities whose livelihoods are most at risk from the potential negative impacts of offshore oil and gas exploration and production (such as major oil spills).

Civil society and artisanal fishermen have been alerting you for months: you are knowingly developing your oil and gas projects, including in areas with adverse weather conditions and unequalled strong marine currents that have previously forced TotalEnergies to halt its effort to drill an exploration well. Nature has long been stronger than you.

Now, TotalEnergies' technology is enabling you to meet the challenge of the staggering currents at the tip of Africa. But "can" does not mean "must".

Recent climate change-related events (such as extreme flooding) have left many homeless and has taken lives.. Without deep structural changes to our energy systems and economies, including moving away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy sources, these climate change impacts are likely to intensify. We march as others observe national pickets around coastal communities in the Eastern Cape, Western Cape, Northern Cape and Kwa-Zulu Natal. We are totally against oil and gas exploration and exploitation.

This memorandum serves as a request for Total Energies South Africa's board of directors to respond to community concerns regarding environmental authorisation applications by TotalEnergies SA to undertake exploration well drilling in the Deep Western Orange Basin License Block (off the West Coast of South Africa) and in License Block 5/6/7 (off the South Western Coast of South Africa), as well as production drilling and related activities in License Block 11B/12B off Mossel Bay.

These proposed offshore oil and gas exploration and production projects are being pursued at a time when world leaders were urged to stop any further use of fossil fuels and drastically reduce use of current reserves. The applications to conduct new offshore oil and gas exploration and production activities made by the world's most vulnerable communities to climate extremes, and are not compatible with global efforts to keep temperature increases below the 1.5°C degree warming threshold. Fossil fuels such as oil and gas are major contributors to climate change, and we believe that it highly irresponsible for TotalEnergies SA to pursue these projects given the climate crisis.

We also believe that TotalEnergies SA projects in South Africa are conceptually flawed, presenting fossil gas as a transitional fuel while ignoring the emissions of methane (which has over 80 time more climate warming potential than carbon dioxide over a 20-year period) from the natural gas exploration, production, storage and use value-chain. We do not need more projects that will accelerate the climate catastrophe and jeopardize our future. We do not need to risk devastating South Africa's unique marine ecosystems and animals in pursuit of more fossil fuels. More especially, we do not need projects that pose a risk to the food security of our people and the livelihoods of South African small-scale fishers.

In order to tackle the energy crises of this country, we need an Integrated Energy Plan (IEP) that is informed by a meaningful consultation process involving the people of South Africa. Such an IEP has the potential to provide a firm foundation for a Just Energy Transition without Fossil Fuels.

Keep it in the ground, Mr. Pouyanné, and put your total energy and TotalEnergies at the service of humanity and biodiversity.

Our demands are as follows:

1. Publically announce that TOTALenergies will abandon all new hydrocarbon exploration and production projects that TotalEnergies is developing off the South African coast.
2. To divest the \$3 billion to launch oil and gas operations in South Africa's waters in areas of spectacular marine biodiversity, which could be at the expense of wildlife and especially the small-scale fishers' livelihoods
3. Rapidly move away from fossil fuels and shift towards renewable energy
4. Begin a process of financial compensation for the Loss and Damage sustained by South Africa's communities affected by climate change, in partnership with South Africa's Presidential Climate Commission.

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