



The Green Connection

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Your ref: Exploration Right 12/3/252

TO: HONOURABLE MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

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ATT: Ms Vuyelwa Siyeka Vuyelwa.Siyeka@dmr.gov.za

AND TO: DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

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CC The Petroleum Agency of South Africa

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CC: Honourable Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment Ms Barbara Creecy

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30 November 2021

Re: Shell and Impact Africa Exploration Right Renewal – Transkei Exploration Area

On or about the 10th November 2021, the Green Connection became aware of Shell’s intention to conduct 3D seismic surveys along the east coast of South Africa in the Transkei Exploration Area.

The Green Connection wrote to Shell's consultants asking them for (amongst other things) a copy of the exploration right and exploration right renewal. This part of the request was refused.

The Green Connection's rights and/or legitimate expectations are materially and adversely affected by the exploration right renewal, and it is aggrieved by this decision. The Green Connection is deeply concerned that the proposed 3D seismic survey will cause unacceptable ecological degradation and environmental harm to the unique Wild Coast marine ecosystem, and that such degradation and harm would impact on community members and small-scale fishers that depend on the ocean to make a living.

As a consequence, the Green Connection is considering appealing against the exploration right renewal decision in terms of s96 of the Mineral & Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA). However, in order to make an informed decision in this regard and to meaningfully exercise its right to appeal should it decide to do so, the Green Connection requires the exploration right renewal, alternatively the exploration right renewal decision and the reasons therefore.

In the circumstances, we request the Minister and/or the Director General to:

- (1) Provide the Green Connection with a copy of the most recent exploration renewal decision and the reasons for the decision;
- (2) Suspend the exploration right renewal decision in terms of s96(2)(a) of the MPRDA.

The Green Connection reserves its rights.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. McDaid', is written over a faint, circular official stamp.

E. McDaid