



27 January 2025

Environment House
473 Steve Biko Arcadia
Pretoria
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Dear Minister George,

**REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION ON A DECISION TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE STUDY IN
DWOB/ 3B4B EXPLORATION RIGHT AREAS**

The Green Connection is a registered non-governmental organisation that believes economic growth and development, improvement of socio-economic status and conservation of natural resources can only take place within a commonly understood framework of sustainable development. It aims to provide practical support to both the government and nongovernmental/ civil society sectors, which are an integral part of sustainable development.

We acknowledge receipt of your notification regarding the planned Environmental Baseline Study (EBS) in the DWOB and 3B4B Exploration Right areas. The information shared and the appendices provided are acknowledged.

In order to better understand the context and scope of this study, we would like to ask a few questions:

1. What is the origin or motivation for undertaking this Environmental Baseline Study?
2. Could you clarify the terms of reference for this study?
3. What criteria were used in selecting TEEPSA instead of an independent consultant to conduct this study?

Your response to these questions will help ensure that we have a clear understanding of the objectives and framework of the study.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully

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