

PROPOSED MARINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (EQUIANO CABLE SYSTEM) TO BE LANDED AT MELKBOSSTRAND ON THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA

PROJECT NOTIFICATION (18 SEPTEMBER 2019 – 10 NOVEMBER 2019) COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

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Mrs Smokie La Grange	Chairperson – Melkbosstrand Ratepayers Association
Ms Adri La Meyer	Department of Environmental Affairs – Western Cape
Mr Xolani Myanga	Department of Environment, Forestry & Fisheries – Oceans & Coasts
Mr Peter Mohasoa	Department of Mineral Resources
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Mr Andrew September	Heritage Western Cape - Archaeology
Mr Rhett Smart	CapeNature Scientific Services
Mr Morne Theron	City of Cape Town – Spatial Planning & Environment Directorate
Ms Pat Titmuss	City of Cape Town - Spatial Planning & Environment Directorate
Ms Nontsana P Tonjeni	Department Environment, Forestry & Fisheries – Oceans & Coasts
Ms Briege Williams	Case/Heritage Officer - SAHRA
Mr Deon Durholtz	Dept. Environmental Affairs, Fisheries Research & Development
Mr Jarrett Whitehead	Norton Rose Fulbright South Africa Inc

Name and Date	Comment	Response
<p>Date: 26.08.2019 (Email) Marek Ranoszek – Anadarko South Africa (Pty) Ltd</p>	<p>Thanks for your email below giving me a heads up on the proposed environmental authorisation process for the SA branch of the Equiano Cable System. In answer to your questions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, I am the correct person to add to the project database. • Please add the following people; Eddie Borden, eddie_borden@oxy.com and Fiona Kilbride, fiona_kilbride@oxy.com <p>Please note that Anadarko is now part of Oxy, however Anadarko South Africa (Pty) Ltd remains the license holder for Block 5/6/7.</p> <p>Rhino Resources – Phillip Steyn, psteyn@rhinoresourcesltd.com Impact Oil & Gas - Keely Harris, k.harris@impactoilandgas.com Sezigyn - Solomon Lephoto, solomon@sungusungugroup.com</p> <p>Regards, Marek</p> <p><i>“Hi Marek ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants (ACER) have been appointed by ASN to conduct the Environmental Authorisation process for the South African branch of the Equiano Cable System. We are hoping to advertise the project soon and commence with the environmental authorisation process. Based on the above please could I confirm the following with you:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Would you be the contact person from Anadarko who I should add to the project database?</i> • <i>Do you have any other people from Anadarko who you would like us to add to the database to receive project notifications during the EIA process?</i> <p><i>The proposed cable route also passes through concession/exploration blocks held by Rhino Oil; Sezigyn (pty) Ltd and Impact Oil & Gas Ltd. (UK). I am battling to find the correct people to talk to from the following organisations and was wondering if you might have any contact details for people within these organisations.</i></p> <p><i>Your feedback would be greatly appreciated.</i></p> <p><i>Regards Giles</i></p>	<p>Thank you for your assistance and I we will add Eddie and Fiona to the project database. Date: 26.08.19 (Email)</p>
<p>Date: 19.09.2019 (Email)</p>	<p>In order for us to issue a comment on the project you will need to create a case</p>	<p>Good morning Briege,</p>

<p>Lesla La Grange – Manager/ and Briege Williams (Case Officer) SAHRIS</p>	<p>on SAHRIS and upload the relevant documents. Once you have done this, please contact me and I will assign myself as case officer and issue a comment. The link to SAHRIS is https://sahris.sahra.org.za/ Please contact me if you have any queries. Date: 19.09.19 (Email) – Briege Williams (Case Officer) Thanks for your email, I have now assigned myself as case officer and will issue a comment in due course. Regards, Briege Williams Date: 19.09.19 (Email) I'm just looking at the case and note that there is nothing under the location tab. Could you please upload a KML for the route of the cable and then I will be able to plot it on our GIS system to see if it runs near any shipwrecks. Thank you for uploading the location.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your email. We have loaded all the documents onto the SAHRIS link. The Application date: Thursday 19 September 2019, Case ID: 14348, Consultants/Experts: Giles Churchill.</p> <p>We have just uploaded the Location. Please note the “green line”, that is the area where the cable will be landed. Please let me know if all is in order.</p>
<p>Date: 19.09.2019 (Email) Roelda Brown – Senior Librarian (Koeberg Library)</p>	<p>I have printed the attached documents and made it available to the public for their input. We would not however be able to print large documents as our budget is limited. Kind regards Roelda Brown</p>	<p>Thank you so much for printing the background information document and making it available to the public. I will be coming down to Cape Town in the next few weeks and will bring down some printed copies to leave at the library should people want to take copies. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Regards Giles</p>
<p>Date: 19.09.2019 (Email) Mrs S La Grange – Chairperson Ratepayers Association</p>	<p>The Melkbosstrand Ratepayers Association is already registered as an I&AP and has been participation in the EIA Process for the last five years. We really appreciate the information received. Please continue to keep us informed. Best regards, (Mrs) Smokie La Grange Chairperson - Melkbosstrand Ratepayers Association Ward 23 Representative - Civic Organisations</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your email, we will keep you updated.</p>
<p>Date: 20.09.2019 (Email) Adri La Meyer – Department of Environmental Affairs – Western Cape</p>	<p>Hope you are well! Thank you for the e-mail. I doubt that the commenting directorates will have any prelim comments on the BID but will forward it to them for their potential comment by 22/10/2019. If not, then we will definitely provide comment on the DSR. I will be responsible for collating comments during the formal EIA process. Please provide me with 1 hard copy (if possible) and 3 CDs of the DSR and EIAR when available? Kind regards, Adri</p>	<p>Noted and we the required documents as requested.</p>

<p>Date: 27.09.2019 (Email) Peter Mohasoa Regional Manager: Mineral Regulation Department of Mineral Resources</p>	<p>COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED MARINE TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM (EQUIANO CABLE SYSTEM) TO BE LANDED AT MELKBOSSTRAND ON THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA</p> <p>The letter addressed to the Department of Mineral Resources Western Cape Regional Manager on the subject matter bears reference.</p> <p>Thank you for your consultation with the Department of Mineral Resources (the "Department") about the proposed development. The Department has a number of offshore mining applications and rights in the broader Exclusive Economic Zone and along the west coast of South Africa. In order to provide constructive inputs, please provide the geographical location (GIS shapefiles) of the proposed development. The Petroleum Agency of South Africa is another leading role player in the marine development space in terms of oil and gas exploration. It is, therefore, advisable that you extend the invitation for comments to them.</p>	<p>The comments provided by DMR are noted and will be incorporated into the environmental assessment documentation.</p> <p>Shape files were emailed to Mr Mohasoa on 18.09.2019</p> <p>PRASA was added to the project data base and project announcement material was emailed to 07.10.2019 on 07.10.2019</p>
<p>Date: 30.09.2019 (Email) Henry Camp – I&AP</p>	<p>Please add my name to the list of I&APs.</p>	<p>Hi Henry, we have done so.</p>
<p>Date: 02.10.2019 (Email) Briege Williams – Heritage Officer SAHRA</p>	<p>Interim Comment CaseID: 14348</p> <p>In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) <u>Attention:</u> Telkom Openserve and ASN</p> <p>The South African Heritage Resources Agency would like to thank you for submitting the Background Information Document (BID) for the proposed Marine Telecommunications System to be landed at Melkbosstrand on the West coast of South Africa.</p> <p>As part of the Environmental Authorisation process a Scoping Report and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) must be completed. The BID has already identified that a Heritage Assessment is to be undertaken as part of the process.</p> <p>In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (NHRA), Sections 2 and 35 stipulates that any wreck, being any vessel or aircraft or any part thereof older than 60 years old lying in South Africa's territorial waters or maritime cultural zone is protected and falls under the jurisdiction of SAHRA's Maritime an Underwater Cultural Heritage Unit. These heritage sites or objects may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage</p>	<p>Thank you for your email and comments received.</p>

	<p>resources authority.</p> <p>The proposed cable runs to the north of both Robben Island and Table Bay, historically both of these areas have seen a high volume of maritime traffic and casualties. There are a number of vessels which are recorded as lying along the route of the proposed cable though it must be noted that the co-ordinates for the wrecks may not be accurate.</p> <p>In the area of the cable landing site there is one wreck listed as lying within the bay close to the proposed site, the French vessel L'Lucie is recorded as wrecking in 1808 in Losperds Bay which is modern day Melkbosstrand. Melkbosstrand was also the landing place for the British troops involved in the Battle of Blaauwberg in 1806.</p> <p>Due to the possibility that heritage resources may be present along the proposed route of the cable, the heritage assessment must include a specialist study of maritime heritage to be undertaken by a suitably qualified Maritime Archaeologist.</p> <p>Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</p>	
<p>Date: 02.10.2019 (Email) Andrew September – Heritage Western Cape (Archaeology)</p>	<p>Afternoon Carina</p> <p>You will be required to submit a NID application for the land section of the proposed cable installation.</p> <p>See our website for more details on the process of submission: https://www.hwc.org.za/making-an-application https://www.hwc.org.za/node/90</p>	<p>Ms Briege Williams sent me your contact details and suggested that I forward the attached documents to you. I have however forwarded all above documents to Ms Colette Scheermeyer. Please advise if she is the correct contact person regarding the above-mentioned project. Would you be so kind to forward me your physical address and contact details, as I need to load you onto the projects database. Thank you kindly.</p> <p>Date: 03.10.2019</p> <p>Thank you for your email and information received. Our Heritage Officer for this Project will submit a NID application for the land section of the proposed cable installation. Please advise me if you wish to be registered on the Projects database. Thank you kindly.</p>
<p>Date: 07.10.2019 (Email) Nontsasa Tonjeni – Department</p>	<p>I have tried to contact your office. Kindly be advised that we have received the above-mentioned today (07/10/2019) with an invitation to provide comments and</p>	<p>Please see the attached documents for the project Background Information Document and Comment Sheets. Should you have any</p>

<p>Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (Oceans & Coasts)</p>	<p>participate in the process as the I&AP. This was given to us by Dr Alan Boyd. Kindly be advised that for future correspondences re-EIA applications requests for comments please liaise with myself/ Ms. Funanani Ditinti at fditinti@environment.gov.za and Mr. Xolani Myanga at XMyanga@environment.gov.za</p> <p>Please forward us relevant information/documentation regarding the above-mentioned so we can provide our comments/ inputs</p>	<p>further information requirements please feel free to contact me. Regards, Giles</p>
<p>Date: 08.10.2019 (Email) Xolani Myanga – Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (Oceans & Coasts)</p>	<p>Kindly find attached the Background Information Document Response Letter on the Proposed Project.</p> <p>Attached Letter:</p> <p>SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID) ON THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A SUBMARINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CABLE (EQUIANO CABLE SYSTEM) IN MELKBOSSTRAND, WESTERN CAPE TO LINK SOUTH AFRICA AND THE WEST COAST OF AFRICA WITH KEY INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS HUBS IN EUROPE.</p> <p>This letter serves to acknowledge receipt of the Background Information Document on the proposed installation of a submarine telecommunications cable (Equiano Cable System) in Melkbosstrand. Western Cape to link South Africa and the West Coast of Africa with key international telecommunications hubs in Europe. The Department of Environment, Forestry & Fisheries (DEFF) in its Branch Oceans & Coasts appreciates the opportunity given to comment on this proposed project and further requests to be registered as an I&AP.</p> <p>The Department has reviewed the Background Information Document in terms of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 24 of 2008) ("ICM Act") and further notes that the proposed development activities could have potential Impacts on the coastal zone. As such, the department will provide comments on the next public participation stage of this application.</p> <p>Kindly note that the department reserves the right to revise Its initial comments and may request further information. It is, therefore, a recommendation of DEFF: O&C that the EAP provides confirmation that the above-mentioned project is in the Background Information Document phase. All future correspondence and documentation (hard copy and electronic documents) submitted to this office should be addressed to Xmyanga@environment.gov.za Physical Address: Department of Environment, Fisheries and Forestry Branch: Oceans and Coast, 2 East Pier Building, East Pier Road, Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Cape</p>	<p>Thank you for your email and response letter received.</p> <p>Date: 09.10.2019</p> <p>Thank you for your comments. I would like to confirm that the EIA process is in the public notification phase and that the draft scoping report is scheduled to be submitted for public and authority review in early November 2018. An electronic and hard copy of this report will be submitted to your department for comment.</p> <p>Regards Giles</p>

	<p>Town,8001</p> <p>Date: 09.10.2019 (Email)</p> <p>Thank you for the confirmation. We will await the draft scoping report and provide you with comments within the specified timeframe.</p>	
<p>Date: 23.10.2019 (Email)</p> <p>Morne Theron / Pat Titmuss – City of Cape Town – Spatial Planning & Environment Directorate</p>	<p>PROPOSED MARINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (EQUIANO CABLE SYSTEM) TO BE LANDED AT MELKBOSSTRAND, SOUTH AFRICA - BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT</p> <p>The Background Information Document (BID), dated 18 September 2019, pertaining to the above, refers.</p> <p>According to the BID the project entails the laying of new fibre optic submarine cable that makes landfall opposite 14th Avenue, Melkbosstrand (at Erf 610).</p> <p>From there the existing on-land sleeves will be used to pull the new cable to the Cable Landing Station at Erf 438, Melkbosstrand.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kindly register the Environmental Resource Management Department: Blaauwberg District as the official City of Cape Town entry point for comment on the aforementioned EIA. Be advised that the Environmental Management Department (EMD) is the duly mandated department to provide co-ordinated City comment on EIAs conducted within the municipality's jurisdiction. As Melkbosstrand falls within the Blaauwberg District of the City of Cape Town all future reports must be submitted to this office for comment. 2. In order for the City to meet the statutory commenting deadline(s) you are required to timeously submit electronic copy (i.e. flash disk) and 1 x hard copy of the various Environmental Impact Assessment reports to this office before EMD can circulate the draft reports to all our affected line departments. The public participation commenting period will be calculated from the date that this office receives the flash disk and hard copy. As such please ensure that the necessary documentation is delivered to our physical address as stated below. 3. In the interim the following comment is provided based on the information provided in the BID <p>3.1. Community Services & Health Directorate - Recreations & Park</p> <p>3.1.1. Be advised that Melkbos is a Blue Flag Beach. As such no construction is to take place between the 1st December and 31st March of any year. If</p>	<p>Thank you for your email and comments received.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted and we will submit the documents as requested.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

construction is indeed envisaged for the aforementioned period, the City Recreations & Park department must be informed as soon as possible as the City has an obligation to inform Blue Flag International accordingly. Normally international Blue Flag status stipulated that no construction is to be allowed during the peak season.

3.1.2. As such construction/installation during peak holiday season should not be permitted. In addition, the applicant must advise the City of Cape Town what time of the year construction/ installation will commence in order to ensure that it does not clash with major events during the same period.

3.1.3. A Rehabilitation plan (including a schedule of when rehabilitation will take place) is required for all areas affected by the proposed trenching. This includes the section along 14th Avenue towards the Cable Landing Station. Affected infrastructure, including street trees (if affected), should be clearly identified

3.1.4. Post-construction maintenance requirement of the cable must be specified in the Scoping report. If needed post-construction maintenance requirements must be included in the Environmental Management Programme that takes cognisance of the following informants:

The position of the Beach Manhole (BMH) is close to the only recognised bathing area in Melkbos.

The cable will also be in close proximity to a gazetted public boat launch site. Due to the high kelp load that exists in the inshore zone, it is already a congested area, with boats often traversing the bathing area as they navigate their way around the kelp.

14th Avenue is the informal border between the bathing area (south) and non-bathing area (north), therefore it depends on whether or not the cable is laid north or south of 14th Avenue 's east-west alignment.

3.1.5. Ensure that the Ecological Assessment includes a zoological assessment. If not, then a fauna specialist would need to be included in the list of proposed specialist assessments/studies.

3.1.6. The section of the Melkbosstrand beach where the cable trenching is being proposed is being severely eroded. It is important not to exacerbate this situation during construction. Alternatively, the CEMPr must include the need for a Dune Vegetation Rehabilitation Plan to the satisfaction of the City of Cape Town: Recreation & Parks department (Recreation & Parks contact person: Ms Cythna

Noted.

Noted.

Noted and this has been included in the scoping report.

Noted.

Noted.

Noted.

Noted. A rehabilitation plan will be submitted to the City of Cape Town for approval.

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3.1.7. Oil Spill Contingency Plans must be included on the draft Construction Environmental Management Programme (CEMP). The Terms of Reference to the specialist compiling the Oil Spill Contingency Plans needs include the risk of spillages - albeit small and/or unlikely - from both the cable-laying ship and the excavation machinery.

3.1.8. The CEMP must acknowledge that Drowning Prevention infrastructure (temporary) is located to the immediate south of 14th Avenue.

3.1. Spatial Planning and Environment Directorate: Coastal Management Branch

The Coastal Management Branch (CMB) requires that the following points are addressed in the Environmental Assessment and appropriately mitigated:

3.2.1. Cape Town's beaches are highly dynamic spaces, with beach profiles fluctuating significantly both seasonally and after discreet events such as storm surges. We have had incidents in the past where cables of similar nature along the same stretch of coast have been exposed which can become problematic for a number of reasons, namely:

- Health and safety concerns for the public
- Aesthetic impacts
- Additional earth works to re-bury cables to deeper depths, all of which may lead to additional environmental impacts and further disruptions to both the public and City

In view of this the CMB request that every measure is taken to ensure that the cable is buried to a depth that guarantees it will not be exposed at any point into the future.

3.2.2. As indicated in the BID the proposed landing area is a popular recreational and amenity area abutted by both public infrastructure (roads/parking/walkways) as well as private infrastructure (residential development). In this regard the CMB request that the landing of the cable takes place outside of school holidays and festive season to minimize disruption.

3.2.3. There is a grassy verge/low embankment between the beach and road. Whilst a narrow strip, it does provide an important transitional sub-straight between the beach and the roadside parking. Any activities that lead to any negative impact/deterioration of this verge/embankment must be rectified by

Noted.

Noted.

Noted.

Noted.

Noted and this will be addressed in the EMP.

	<p>rehabilitative measures to return the embankment back to its original sate.</p> <p>3.2.4. Should any changes be made to the proposed site or any changes/upgrades be necessary to ancillary landing infrastructure please notify the Coastal Management Branch in advance.</p> <p>3.2.5. Lastly, The Coastal Management Branch requests a site inspection with the contractor prior to the cable being landed to ensure the above issues are addressed. The draft CEMPr is to stipulate that Ms Natalie Newman at CMB is to be contacted at e-mail: Natalie.newmand@capetown.gov.za in this regard.</p> <p>3.3 Spatial Planning and Environment Directorate - Environmental Management Department</p> <p>3.3.1. Erf 610, Melkbosstrand, where the cable makes landfall at Melkbosstrand, is zoned Transport Zone 2 (Designated as a Community Park).</p> <p>3.3.2. The cable system is proposed in an area of high archaeological sensitivity. The length of the on-land trenching required in order to lay the proposed cable system over the beach towards the existing Beach Manhole (BMH), does not trigger Section 38(l)(a) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999. However, from a precautionary approach, a Notification of Intent to Develop (NID) must still be submitted to Heritage Western Cape (HWC). Prior to submission to HWC, the NID must be submitted to the City of Cape Town: Environmental & Heritage Management Branch for written comment to be included in the submission to HWC.</p> <p>The abovementioned comment must be included in the draft Scoping Report.</p> <p>Yours Faithfully PAT TITMUSS</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. Prior to construction a site visit will be arranged with all parties to discuss the proposed landing activities and the scheduling thereof.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted and this is currently underway.</p>
<p>Date: 25.10.2019 (Email) Daisy Kotsedi – Department of Environmental Affairs (Oceans & Coasts Branch)</p>	<p>Besides the EIA sub-directorate, kindly add myself, Siyabonga Dlulisa (sdlulisa@environment.gov.za) and Nqobile Hlophe (NHlophe@environment.gov.za) from the MPAs sub-directorate. From Research, please add Steve Kirkman (SKirkman@environment.gov.za) and Liwalam Madikiza (Lmadikiza@environment.gov.za).</p> <p>From SANParks Ane Oosthuizen (Ane.Oosthuizen@sanparks.org) and Andre Riley (Andre.riley@sanparks.org).</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback and the names provided we will make sure everyone is added to the project database and that they are kept updated of the EIA progress.</p>

<p>Date: 01.11.2019 (Email) Mr. Rhett Smart / Dr Ernst Baard – CapeNature Scientific Services</p>	<p>As this is only at the BID stage, we will not provide detailed comment at this stage. We support the proposed specialist studies to be undertaken and do not recommend any additional specialist studies. Please see attached our standard letter of requirements for commenting on applications (to change shortly). Regards, Rhett</p>	<p>Thank you for your email and attached letters.</p>
<p>Date: 04.11.2019 (Email) Dr Ane Oosthuizen – SAN Parks – National Marine Co-Ordinator</p>	<p>The Melkbosstrand area where the proposed landing takes place does not fall within an area managed by SAN Parks. Our closest national park is West Coast National Park, in Langebaan. I would suggest getting comment from CapeNature who the provincial conservation authority is</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your email and assistance. We have added CapeNature to our database and have received correspondence from them.</p>
<p>Date:06.11.2019 (Email) Mr Basson Geldenhuys – Department of Public Works</p>	<p>Your email of below has bearing. This email serves as confirmation that you had a meeting with me and informed me and about the proposed activities and the EIA process. I have also been informed by post previously of the EIA process.</p> <p>From: Giles Churchill [mailto:giles.churchill@acerafrica.co.za]. Hi Basson, thank you for meeting with me last week to discuss the proposed Equiano Cable System which will be landed at Melkbosstrand and then feed into the existing SAT-2 Beach Manhole located on the beach at Melkbosstrand. I have searched both the provincial and national environmental departments websites and see that landowner notification forms are no longer available on their websites, so I am not sure if these forms have been withdrawn and are no longer a requirement for submission with the EIA documents. Irrespective of the above, please could I ask that you respond to this email just stating that the EAP has engaged with the Department of Public Works (DPW) and that you as a landowner are aware of the project and will be kept informed throughout the EIA process. Regards, Giles</p>	<p>Thank you, Regards Giles</p>

<p>Date: 18.11.2019 (Email)</p> <p>Jarrett Whitehead - Norton Rose Fulbright South Africa Inc</p>	<p>Apologies in not coming back to you – somehow my response was caught in my outbox which I only just picked up!</p> <p>While I cannot speak for Seizgyn or Rhino, you may issue any correspondence or communication to myself and Lize Oberholzer in copy on behalf of Impact.</p> <p>Date: 19.11.2019</p> <p>Thank you for the information. We will be in contact as needed.</p>	<p>Date: 26.08.2019</p> <p>ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants (ACER) have been appointed by ASN to conduct the Environmental Authorisation process for the South African branch of the Equiano Cable System. We are hoping to advertise the project soon and commence with the environmental authorisation process. The proposed cable route also passes through concession/exploration blocks held by Rhino Oil; Seizgyn (pty) Ltd and Impact Oil & Gas Ltd. (UK). I am battling to find the correct people to talk to from the following organisations and was wondering if you might have any contact details for people within these organisations.</p> <p>Your feedback would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Date: 19.11.2019</p>
<p>Date: 17.12.2019 (Email)</p> <p>Mr Deon Durholtz - Dept. Environmental Affairs Fisheries Research & Development</p>	<p>Gertie Swanepoel has forwarded me your email. Could you please add me to your database with regard to this project?</p> <p>I would be grateful</p> <p>My office phone number is (021) 402 3179, and you will now have my email address.</p>	<p>Thank you for your email. We have added you to the project database.</p>