

November 23, 2023

SLR Project No.: 720.03122.00001

Dear Sir/Madam,

NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION
BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR A PROPOSED 3D SEISMIC SURVEY OFF
THE SOUTHEAST COAST, SOUTH AFRICA (Ref. 12/1/045)

Our previous correspondence regarding the above-mentioned project refers.

On behalf of CGG Services SAS (CGG), notice is hereby given that on **16 November 2023** the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) **granted an Environmental Authorisation** for the above-mentioned project in terms of the National Environment Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014. Notification of the decision was sent to the Applicant and SLR on 22 November 2023. The decision provides CGG with authorisation to, *inter alia*, undertake a speculative 3D seismic survey in the Algoa/Outeniqua Basin off the Southeast Coast of South Africa.

A copy of the Environmental Authorisation is enclosed and can also be downloaded from the SLR website (<https://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/cgg-algoa/>) and data free website (<https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co/public-documents/cgg-algoa/>) The Environmental Authorisation outlines, amongst others, the decision, the activities authorised, conditions of authorisation, reasons for the decision and the appeal process in terms of the National Appeals Regulations 2014.

You have the **right to lodge a formal appeal** with the Appeal Administrator. In terms of Section 4(1) of the National Appeals Regulations 2014 (as amended), such appeal must be submitted, **within twenty (20) days** from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) (i.e. 20 days from 23 November 2023). The appeal must be submitted as follows:

- Submit the appeal to the Appeal Administrator; and
- Submit a copy of the appeal to the Applicant (i.e., CGG), any registered I&APs, and any Organs of State with interest in this matter (e.g., DMRE and PASA). Contacts of registered I&APs are available from SLR on request for the purpose of appeal notification only.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the National Appeal Regulations 2014 “*an appeal submission must be:*

- a. *submitted in writing in the form obtainable from the Appeal Administrator; and*
- b. *accompanied by:*
 - i. *a statement setting out the grounds of appeal; and*
 - ii. *supporting documentation, which is referred to in the appeal submission, and a statement, including supporting documentation, by the Appellant to confirm compliance with Regulation 4(1) of these Regulations”.*

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The prescribed appeal form and assistance regarding the appeal process is obtainable from the DFFE Appeal Administrator at the below details. **Appeals must be submitted to the Appeals Administrator by means of one of the following methods:**

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Appeals and Legal Review Directorate

Attention: Director: Appeals and Legal Review

E-mail: appeals@dffe.gov.za

By post: Private Bag X 447, Pretoria, 0001

By hand: Environmental House, c/o Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

You are also required to submit a copy of the appeal and any supporting documents to the following stakeholders:

Department of Mineral Resources and Energy: Legal Services Directorate

Attention: Director: Legal Services

Email: Pieter.Alberts@dmre.gov.za

By fax: 086 710 0877

By post: Private Bag X 59, Arcadia, 0007

By hand: Trevenna Campus Building 2C, c/o Meintjes and Francis Baard Street, Sunnyside, 0007

Petroleum Agency SA

Attention: The Chief Executive Officer

E-mail: EAappeals@petroleumagencyrsa.com

By post: Private Bag X 5111, Tygervalley, 7536

By hand: Heron Place, Second Floor, Heron Close, Century City, Cape Town, 7441

CGG Services SAS

E-mail: cggsouthcoast@slrconsulting.com

By post/hand: Care of SLR, 5th Floor Letterstedt House, Newlands on Main, Cape Town, 7700

We thank you for your interest in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

CGG Algoa Stakeholder Engagement

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Note: SLR is committed to the protection of personal information in line with the requirements of the Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act, 2013.

In line with the POPI Act, personal contact information has been redacted from the Environmental Authorisation enclosed with this letter. Please make use of the project-specific contact information provided above, should you wish to submit an appeal against the decision.

