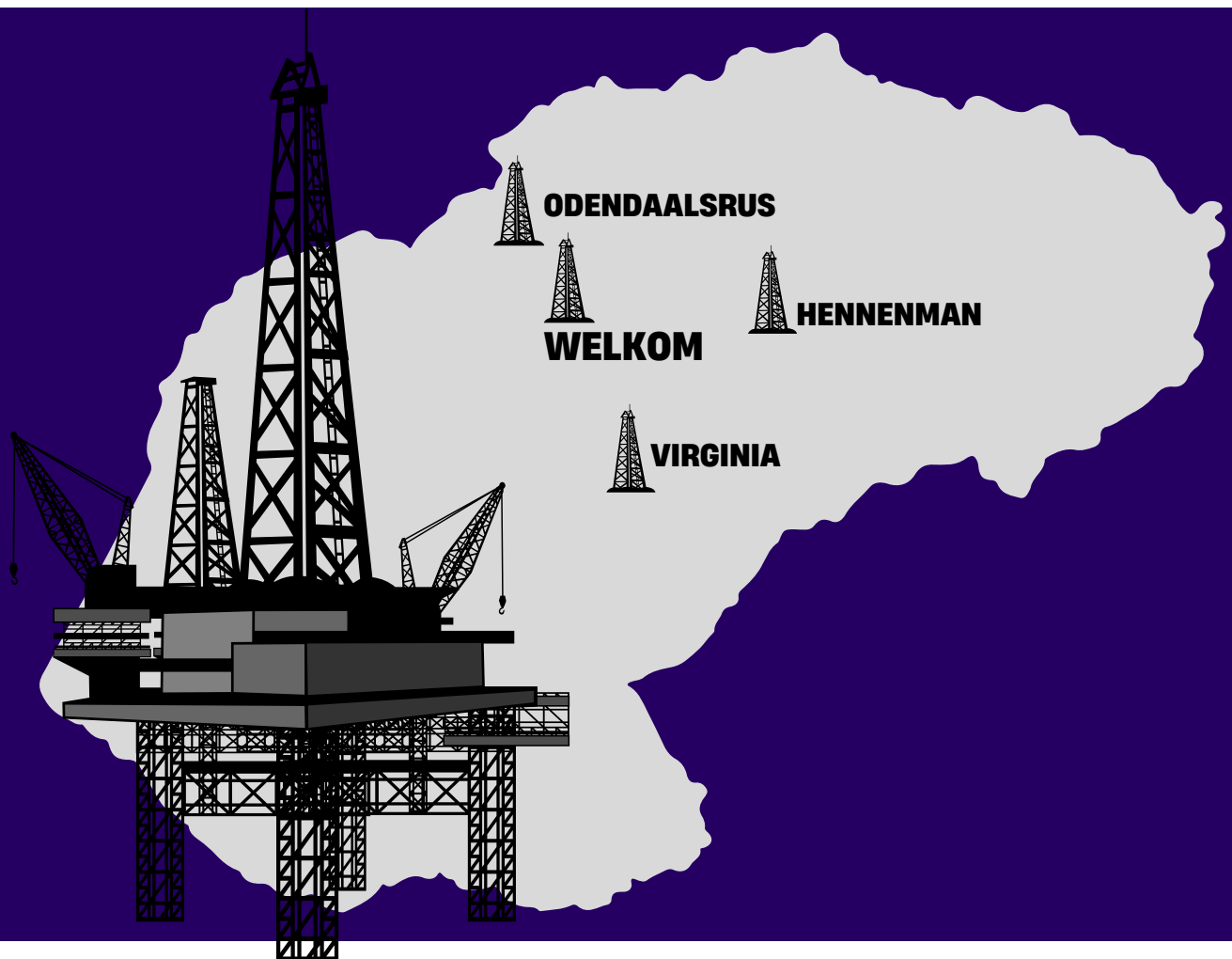


MOTUOANE ENERGY GAS EXPLORATION IN THE FREE STATE

**NEW GAS EXPLORATION IN WELKOM, VIRGINIA,
HENNENMAN AND ODENDAALSRUS**

Comments are due on 18 June 2025



Community Guide: The Draft Scoping Report

Produced in June 2025

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In 2024, **Motuoane Energy** (Pty) Ltd (Motuoane) applied for an **Exploration Right** (ER) to the Petroleum Agency South Africa (PASA) to look for gas fields in the Free State. PASA has accepted this application but has not yet approved it.

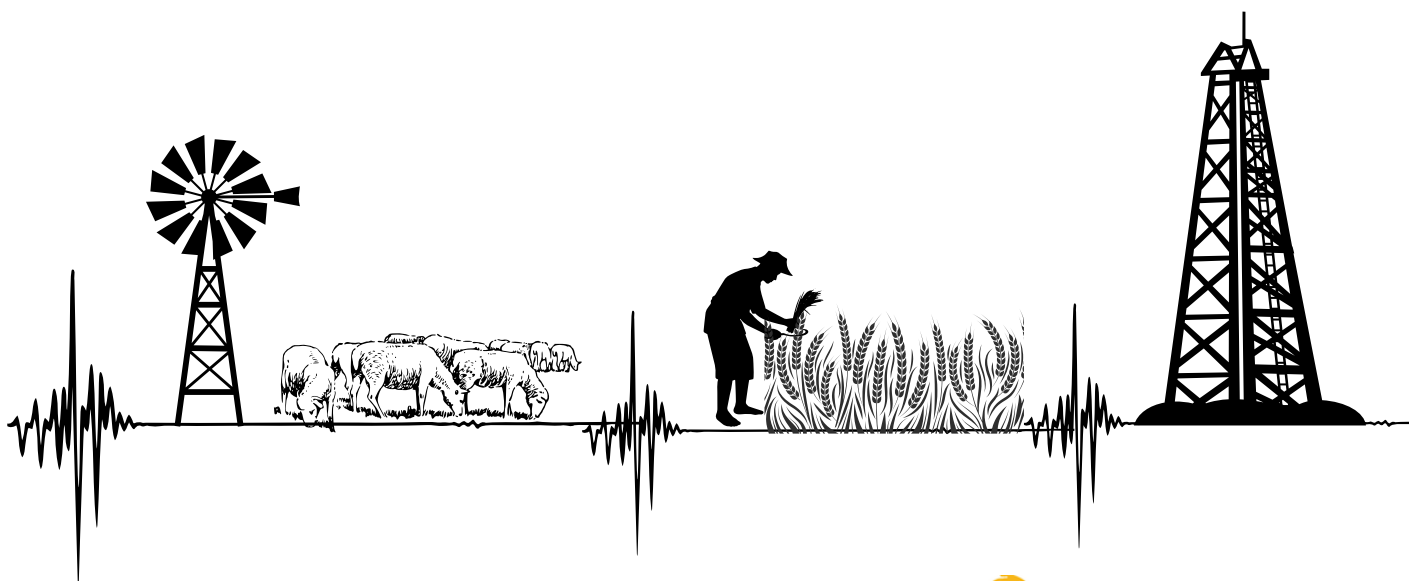
The number allocated to this Exploration Right application is ER386. This right covers various farms near Welkom, Virginia, Hennenman and Odendaalsrus, an area of 58000 hectares.

Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS), the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the project, has compiled a draft Scoping Report, which is available for public comment. After the public participation process is complete, a final Scoping Report will be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources for Environmental Authorisation.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO KNOW?

Motuoane proposes to explore for gas underground, such as Methane, Carbon Dioxide, Helium, and Nitrogen, in the licensed area.

Exploration activities will include seismic surveys to map underground minerals and drilling deep wells. This will impact communities and the environment in many ways.



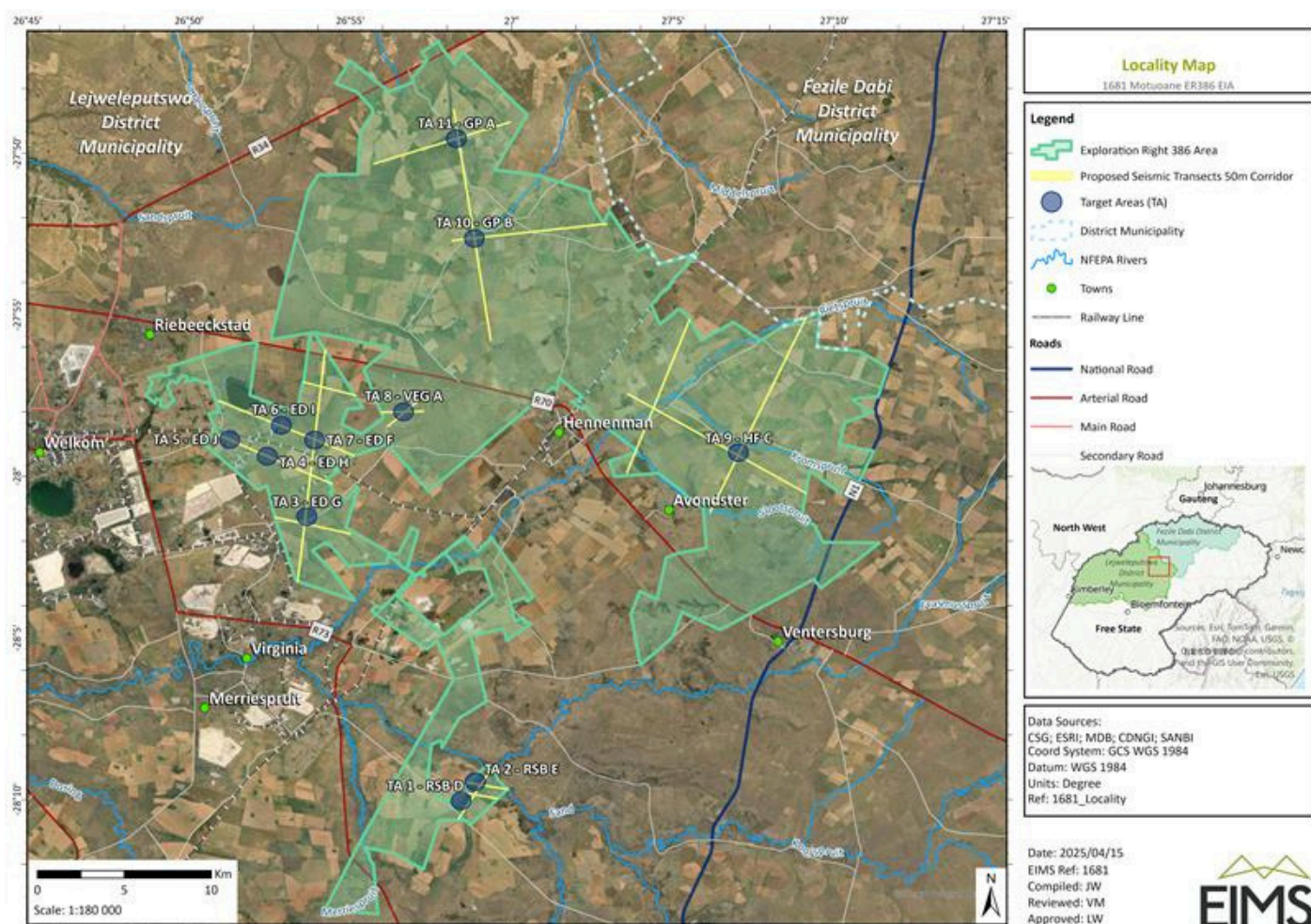
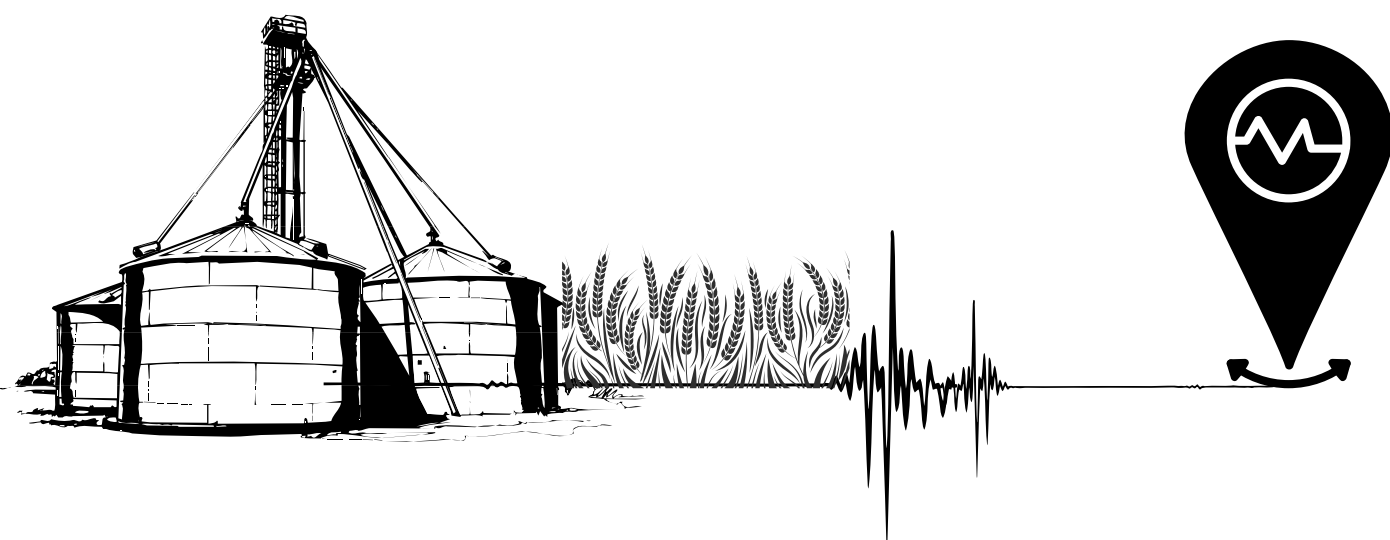


Figure 1: Locality map indicating the location of the Motuoane ER386, Draft Scoping Report, 11. 2025.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Your views on environmental and social impacts as communities matter. Stay informed by gathering information about the project and attending any relevant meetings about the project.



Read the Scoping Report:

All project documents can be accessed online here:

[1681 Motuoane Exploration Right \(ER386\) Environmental Impact Assessment – EIMS](#)



Register

Register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) by sending an email to motuoane386@eims.co.za (Reference: “1681”) or calling **011 789 7170**.



Write and send your comments

Write and send your comments about the Draft Scoping Report to ALEX MSIPA **before midnight on Wednesday, 18 June 2025 by:**



Email: motuoane386@eims.co.za;

OR



Post: PO Box 2083, Pinegowrie, 2123;

OR



Call: 011 789 7170; **OR**

Fax: 011 787 3059



Don't forget to include the project REFERENCE number “1681” every time you communicate on this project.