

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Main Street 1549 (Pty) Ltd

Proposed **Production** Activities

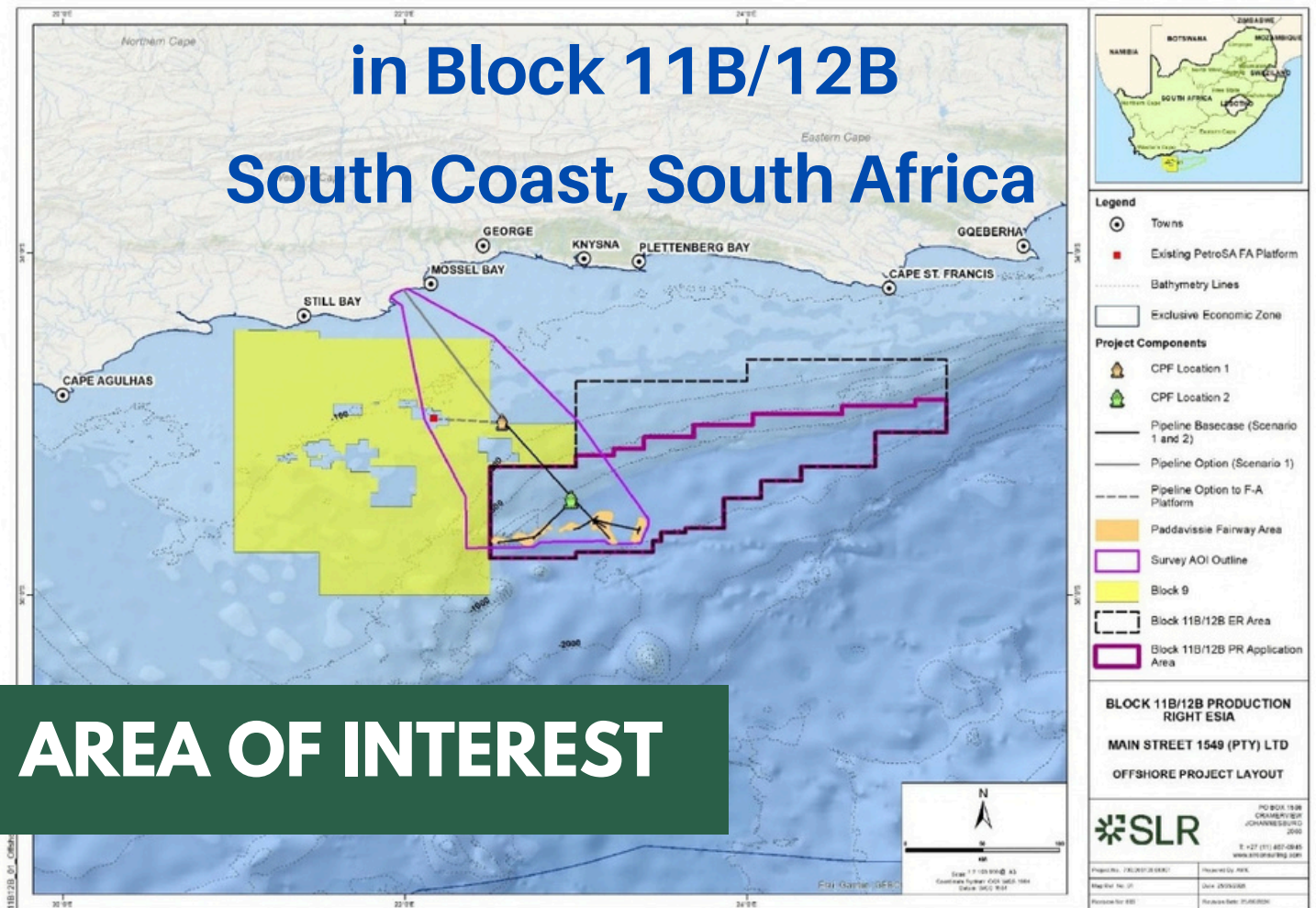


Figure 1: Locality of Block 11B/12B showing the offshore survey area, area of interest and Development Scenarios, off the South African South Coast

**Prepare and submit your comments on the
Basic Scoping Report by**

Thursday 15 October 2026

Main Street 1549 (Pty) Ltd (Main Street) is applying for an Environmental Authorisation to develop an offshore gas field in Block 11B/12B. The Block is located off the South Coast, approximately 75km offshore at its closest point, roughly between Cape St Francis and Mossel Bay.

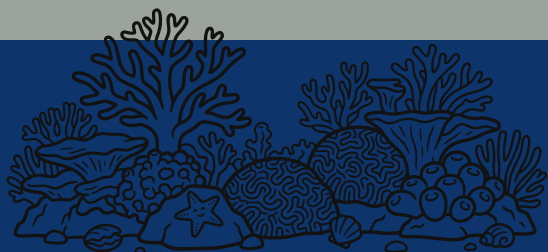
Background

Natural gas pockets were discovered in Block 11B/12B at the Brulpadda and Luiperd wells in the Paddavissie Fairway. At the time, the joint venture partners started the process to secure a Production Right ("PR"), 12/4/013 PR, and the necessary Environmental Authorisation to develop these resources.

TotalEnergies EP South Africa ("TEEPSA") commissioned an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment ("ESIA") process, including public participation throughout 2022 and 2023.

The original joint venture included TEEPSA, QatarEnergy, Canadian Natural Resources International (South Africa) Limited and Main Street. Since then, all the parties, except Main Street have withdrawn from the Block 11B/12B project entirely, leaving Main Street as the sole company responsible for the project.

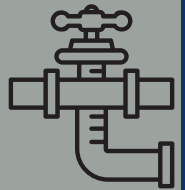
Following the withdrawal of the joint venture partners, Main Street planned to conduct 'non-invasive downscaled surveys' in Block 11B/12B, and Block 9 held by PetroSA. **Main Street now plans to expand the survey activities to include the development of the entire Padavissie Fairway and is starting a new ESIA process.**



Development scenarios

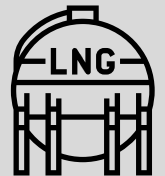
Main Street wants to explore two development scenarios for their production activities:

Scenario 1: Gas transported from Block 11B/12B to shore



An offshore production facility will be placed either in deep water near the wells or in shallower water on the continental shelf. Gas will then be extracted from the wells and transferred to the production facility to be separated. Pipelines will transport gas from the production facility to the coast and onto a proposed gas receiving facility and/or other potential gas users. The gas will be exported to local and/or international markets by tanker vessels.

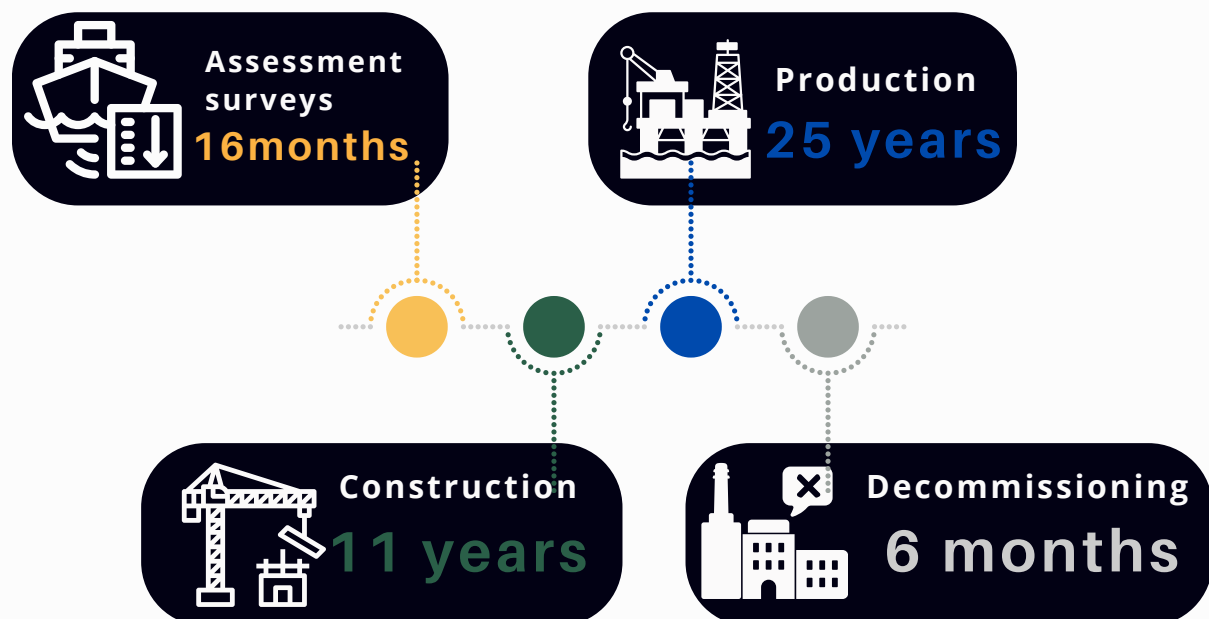
Scenario 2: Gas processed into Liquefied Natural Gas



An offshore production facility will be placed either in deep water near the wells or in shallower water on the continental shelf. Gas will then be extracted from the wells and transferred to the production facility where it will be separated and converted into Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). LNG will be exported to local and/or international markets by tanker vessels.

Proposed activities

Should Main Street receive environmental authorisation for production of gas, they will undertake the following activities:



1. Route and Site Assessment Surveys (16-month period)

Surveys in **offshore (at sea)** oil and gas exploration involve studying the ocean floor to locate potential oil and gas reserves.

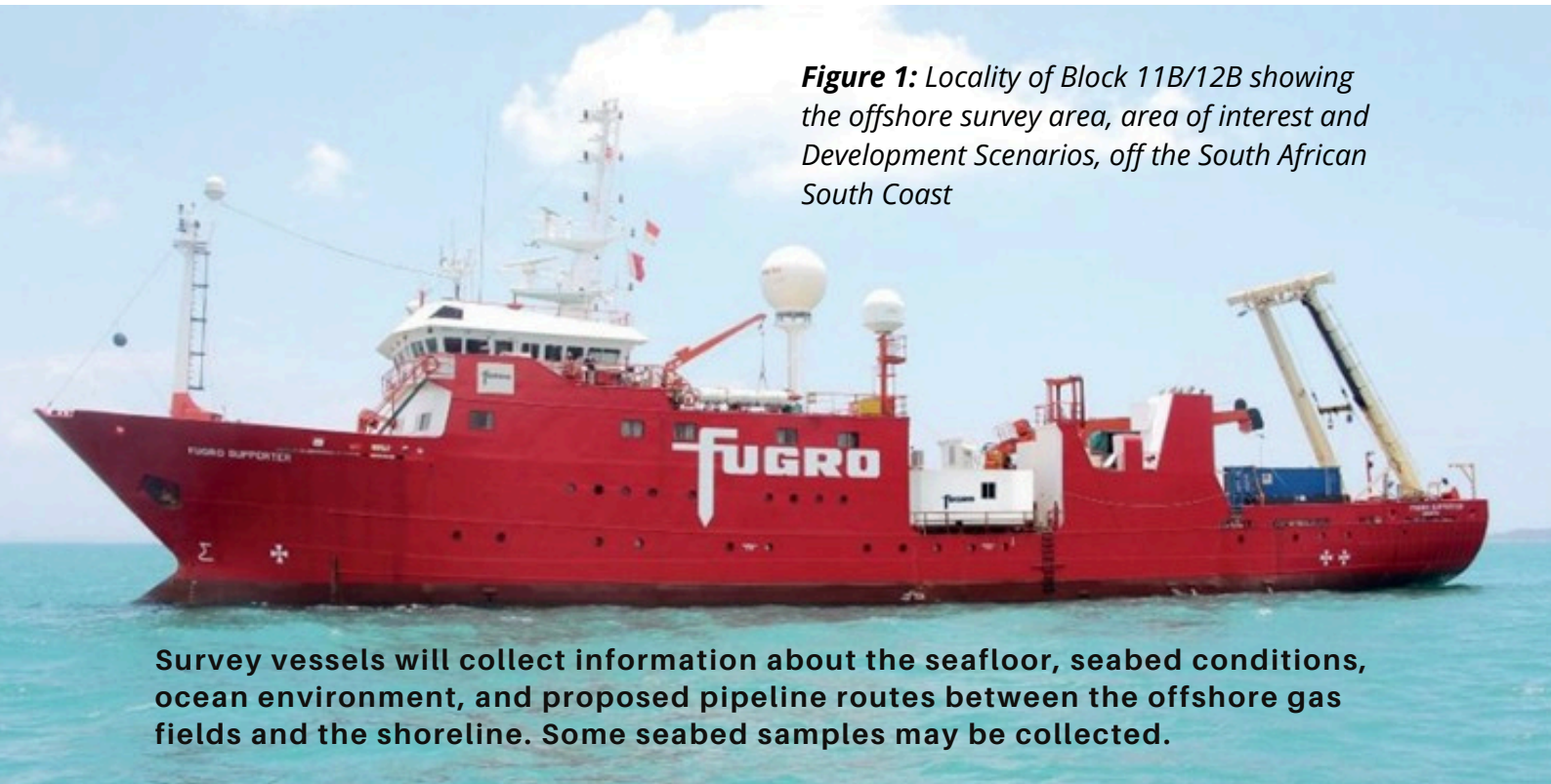


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Survey vessels will collect information about the seafloor, seabed conditions, ocean environment, and proposed pipeline routes between the offshore gas fields and the shoreline. Some seabed samples may be collected.

Onshore (on land) surveys will also be conducted and will focus on mapping pipeline routes.

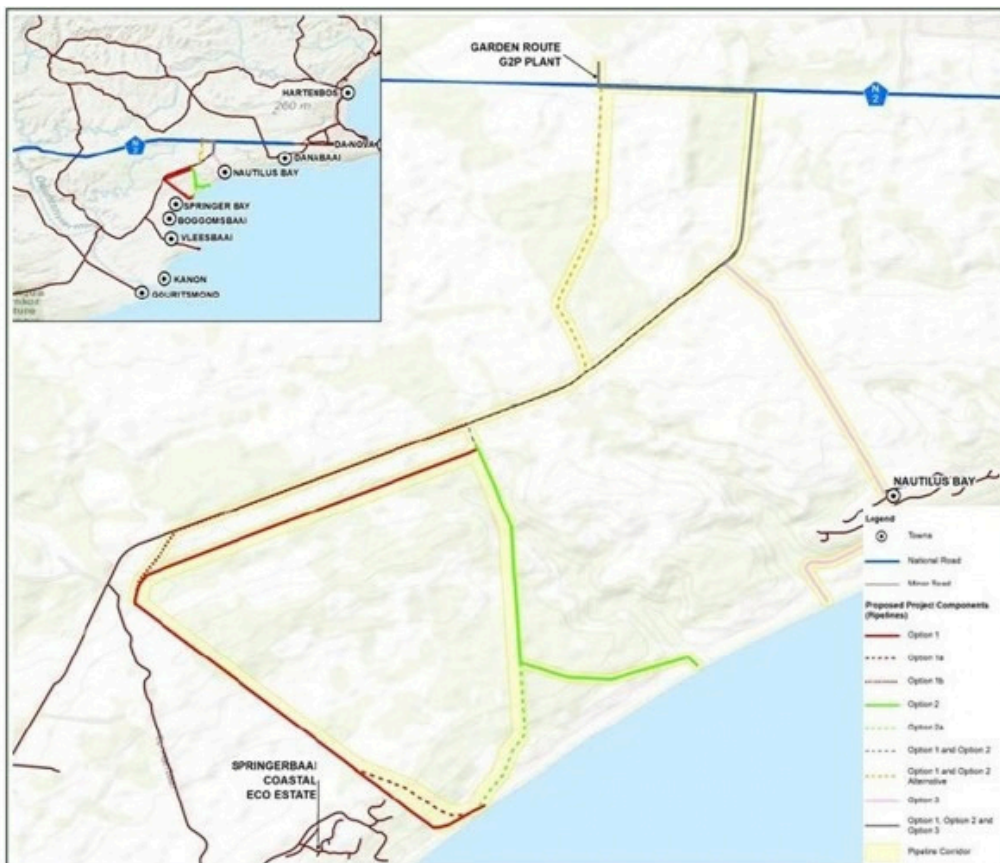


Figure 2: Locality map of proposed onshore pipeline corridors on the South Coast of South Africa



2. Construction (drilling and installation) (11-year period)

The construction phase of the project will include:

19

wells

Drilling 19 wells, including production, appraisal and gas injection wells.

Central

Processing Facility

Mobilisation, mooring and commissioning of the Central Processing Facility.

Seabed



infrastructure

Installation and commissioning of subsea infrastructure which includes all infrastructure located on or below the seabed used to extract hydrocarbons from the reservoir and connect the wells to the Central Processing Facility.

Gas

pipelines

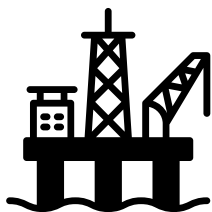
Installation and commissioning of gas pipelines from the Central Processing facility to shore.

Onshore

support

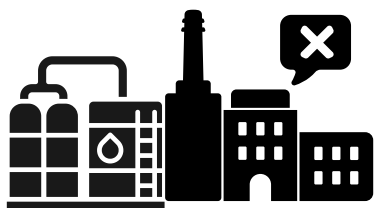
Onshore, marine and aviation support operations.

3. Production (25-year period)

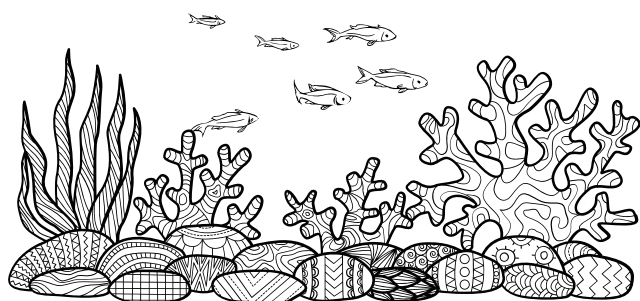


The 25-year period when gas will be extracted from the seafloor. This includes the extraction during offshore production operations, shuttle tanker activities to offload the processed gas from the Central Processing Facility, as well as support operations on land, at sea and air.

4. Decommissioning (6-month period)



Decommissioning will take place over a period of 6 months at the end of the project. This process includes the sealing of wells (plugging and abandonment) and flushing and disconnection of pipelines. Pipelines, structures and wellheads will be left in position on the seafloor and the Central Processing Facility will be removed.



THE TIMELINE OF EVENTS

EXPLORATION RIGHT

Main Street 1549 (Pty) Ltd holds an Exploration Right over Block 11B/12B, which is obtained from the Petroleum Agency of South Africa (PASA).

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

SCOPING PHASE:

This phase aims to set out what needs to be assessed in the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), how to approach the assessment and what information may be needed to identify the likely impacts of the activity. This information is placed in a draft Scoping report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The public is provided with an opportunity to comment on the draft Scoping report.

We are here

FINAL SCOPING REPORT PUBLISHED

This incorporates all comments received on the draft Scoping Report. This is submitted to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum resources for approval.

SLR Consulting (South Africa) has been appointed as the **Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)** to conduct the assessment process.

WHAT NEXT?

After the Department issues its decision, all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) registered on the project database will be notified of the outcome and the reasons for the decision within 14 days of the date of the decision. If the Department accepts the Scoping Report the project will move on to the EIA Phase.

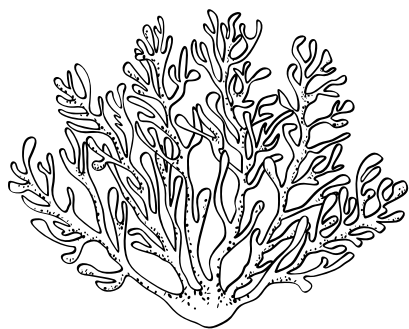
EIA PHASE

- **Specialist studies:** the EAP will undertake an ESIA and specialist studies.
- **Public comments:** I&APs will have another opportunity to comment on the draft EIA report.
- **Final EIA report published:** This incorporates all comments received on the draft EIA report.
- This is submitted to the PASA for consideration and **review**.
- **PASA recommendation:** After its review, PASA will provide a recommendation to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources on whether to grant or refuse Environmental Authorisation.

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

This is obtained from the DMRE and, if given, will allow Main Street to go ahead with their surveys.

APPEAL: After the Department issues its decision, all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) registered on the project database will be notified of the outcome of the application and the reasons for the decision within 14 days of the date of the decision. If anyone disagrees with the decision made by the Department, an appeal against the decision may be submitted to the Department of Forestry Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) within 20 days from the date the decision was communicated to I&APs.



POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF GAS PRODUCTION

(These impacts are identified in the Scoping Report)

Impacts on fish and marine animals

The project area supports a diverse range of fish and marine animals such as steenbras, bream, snoek, sardine, hake, kingklip, yellowtail, whales, sharks, turtles and sea birds. Production activities can impact the health of fish and marine animals which could lead to these species being injured and avoiding the project area and the coastal communities located near the project area. The activities could also impact breeding and nursery grounds.

Impacts on livelihoods

The key economic activities in the project area are fishing, tourism and agriculture. These activities provide jobs, ways to earn a living and provide food for communities in the area. The region experiences high levels of unemployment and poverty which could worsen as production activities could cause displacement of fish species and fishing vessels, the loss of arable land due to onshore activities and an altered sense of place will likely affect tourism activities, thereby negatively impacting the livelihoods of surrounding communities.

Production activities are unlikely to result in increased job opportunities for local people because of the specialised nature of the work. Jobs for locals will be temporary and will be in logistics, port operations, transportation, accommodation, catering, security and other local services.

Noise pollution

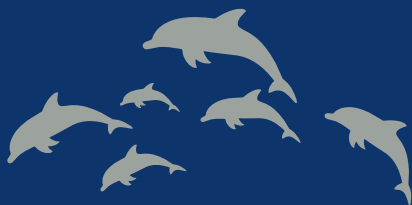
Production activities will cause underwater noise which could temporarily affect the health and movement of marine life. The main sources of underwater noise will be from surveys, drilling, vessel propellers and positioning thrusters, well logging and helicopter noise. The project will have an **onshore logistics base** at **Mossel Bay, Gqeberha** and/or **Cape Town** which may increase traffic and noise in the project area.

Climate change considerations

The Scoping Report does not outline the contribution of production activities to Climate Change but does identify air emissions from project vessels and helicopters, and potential blowouts, gas leaks and gas flaring as contributing factors. A full assessment of the Climate Change impacts will be conducted during the ESIA phase.

Impacts on culture and heritage

For any site that is coastal or where people make use of the sea, there is need to consider tangible and intangible cultural heritage since these areas may include sites of spiritual significance to local communities. The Scoping report acknowledges that the waters noted by community members encountered in the project area describe as 'living' waters. These include streams, rivers, pools, lakes and estuaries. These waterways are believed to play a critical role in spiritual and health management for indigenous groups specifically.



Extensive research was done for the Block 11B/12B Production Right EIA in 2022/2023. The key findings of the study can be summarised as follows:

a. There is a greater interconnection between land and sea in the south cape coast;

b. There are cultural worlds apparent in the lives of small-scale fishers and their families;

c. A racial dynamic in the South Cape Coast coastal communities makes it difficult for local communities to access the ocean and other related cultural sites, even though apartheid legislation is no longer in place.

The Scoping report notes that the agricultural landscape has additional intangible associations with family farming histories, farm names, movement routes, traditional land use and burial practices. Historic farm erfs may have social significance extending beyond their surviving buildings through their relationships with former residents, descendants, farm workers and neighbouring communities. Family cemeteries and isolated graves are especially sensitive because they may remain places of remembrance and customary practice.

Offshore and onshore production activities can therefore have significant impacts on community heritage and social wellbeing.



GETTING INVOLVED

Why should I get involved?

The proposed project and survey activities will impact communities along the southern coastline, affecting those relying on the ocean for their livelihoods. Your input is important to ensure that the project considers the needs and concerns of all those who may be affected.

*Remember!

Even if you do not live close to the area of interest, anyone can get involved.

How to get involved



Gather Information:

Read the Draft Scoping Report and other project documents available online at SLR's website: <https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co/public-documents/11b12bproduction/>

OR

You can collect the non-technical summary available in English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa as hard copies or audio file at the following locations:

Location	Name of Facility	Physical Address
Full Report and Non-Technical Summary are available at:		
Still Bay	Still Bay Library	Main Road, Still Bay
Mossel Bay	Kwanonqaba Library	Adriaan Street, Asla Park, KwaNonqaba
Knysna	Knysna Tourism Offices	40 Main Road, Knysna Central
Plettenberg Bay	Plettenberg Bay Public Library	Shop 29, Mervills Shopping Centre, Sewell Street
St. Francis Bay	Sea Vista Library	Geelbek Street, Sea Vista
Jeffreys Bay	Jeffreys Bay Library	43 Diaz Road, Jeffreys Bay
Gqeberha	Newton Park Library	Hurd Street, Newton Park, Nelson Mandela Bay
Non-Technical Summary only is available at:		
Struisbaai	Struisbaai Public Library	1 Deining Avenue, Struisbaai
Arniston	Arniston Library	39 Kamp Street, Arniston
Gourits	Gouritsmond Library	9 Kerk Street, Gourits
Mossel Bay	Transnet Port of Mossel Bay	55 Bland Street, Mossel Bay, Main Port Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Mossel Bay	Mossel Bay Library	4th Floor Montagu Building, 99 Marsh St, Mossel Bay Central
George	George Public Library	4 Caledon St, Campher's Drift
Sedgefield	Sedgefield Library	12 Flamingo Avenue, Sedgefield

*Locations of hard copies of the Draft Scoping Report and non-Technical Summary.
Source: Draft Scoping Report, September 2026*



Attend Virtual Public Meetings

A virtual public meeting, via an online platform (MS TEAMS), will be convened on 1 October 2026, 13h00-15h00.

To register to attend the online meeting, visit this link and complete the form:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/23558359-3087-4a0d-b23a-5a53851e3a4d@109cec53-a877-42eb-93e8-b9f5c282ba38>

***Please Note! Only people who register for the online meeting will receive a link to the meeting.**

REGISTER NOW



Register as an Interested and Affected Party to receive information about the project via



Email: 11b12bproduction@slrconsulting.com or



SMS/WhatsApp: 071 586 5881 or



Telephone: 021 461 1118/9



Submit Your Comments

Prepare and submit your comments by 15 October 2026.

Comments can be submitted via email, SMS, WhatsApp or post using:



1.Email: 11b12bproduction@slrconsulting.com



2.Telephone: (021) 461 1118/9



3.SMS/WhatsApp: 071 586 5881

- Written submission of comments should include your name, contact details, and any affiliation/organisation/ community or interest in the project.
- Once submitted, monitor feedback on your comments. All comments received should be incorporated and responded to in a Comments and Responses Report, which will be appended to the final Scoping Report.