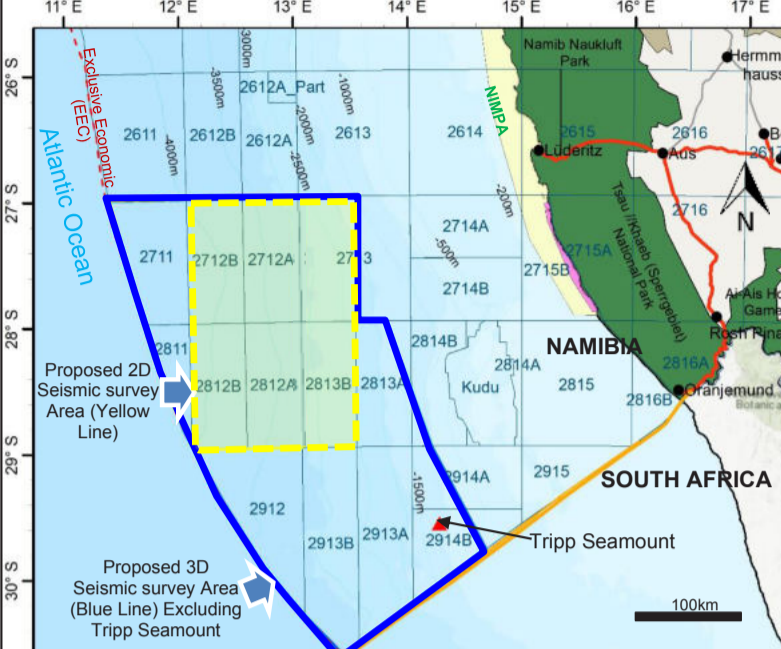


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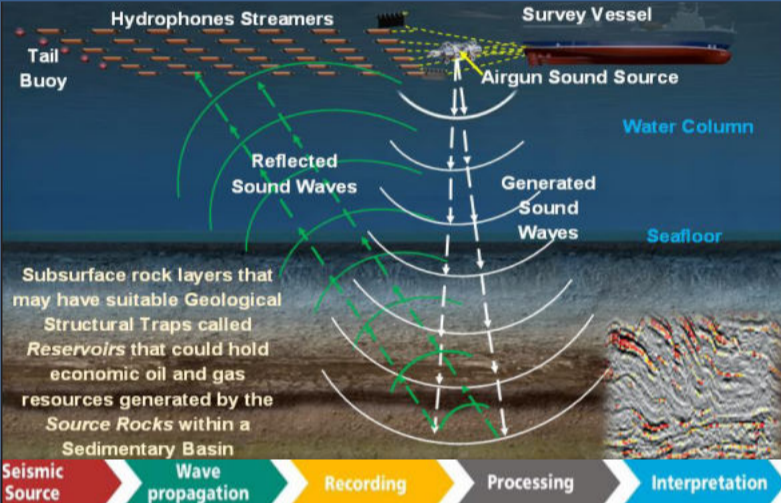
**TGS Geophysical Company (UK) Limited (the Proponent) - Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for the Proposed Multiclient 3D Seismic Survey Over Blocks 2812A, 2812B, 2813A, 2813B, 2914A, 2814B, 2912, 2913A, 2913B, and, 2914B (Excluding Tripp Seamount) and 2D Seismic Survey Over Blocks 2712A, 2712B, 2713, 2812A, 2812B, and 2813B Orange Basin Offshore Southern Namibia**



TGS Geophysical Company (UK) Limited (**Proponent**) is proposing to conduct 77593km<sup>2</sup> of 3D Seismic Survey over Blocks 2812A, 2812B, 2813A, 2813B, 2914A, 2814B, 2912, 2913A, 2913B, and, 2914B (Excluding Tripp Seamount) and 32713km<sup>2</sup> of 2D Seismic Survey over Blocks 2712A, 2712B, 2713, 2812A, 2812B, and 2813B Orange Basin Offshore Southern Namibia. The overall aim of the proposed Multiclient (MC) 3D and 2D seismic surveys is to map the subsurface of the targeted areas as shown on the map and in support of the ongoing petroleum exploration activities in the Orange Basin, following the discovery of oil and gas early this year. Although offshore seismic surveys operations in Namibia began as far back as 1968, a lot more still need to be done to have a full understanding of the petroleum systems of the deep-water offshore Namibia. The datasets from the proposed MC 3D and 2D seismic surveys will provide critical insight into the subsurface geological evolution, offshore basin architecture, depositional, structural history and delineate potential drill-ready subsurface geological structures. Seismic survey data sets are also used in other marine / seafloor related studies and research including Deep Sea Minerals (DSM) exploration and production and the search for natural suitable Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) terrains as one of the possible options for Climate Change long-term mitigation strategies.

Seismic survey is a key tool that resources companies exploring for hydrocarbons (oil and natural gas) uses to map the rock layers deep into the subsurface. Seismic survey data sets reduce the risk of drilling multiple dry wells, improve the chances for commercial discovery and reduces the environmental impacts of drilling more wells in the search for oil and gas. In offshore environment, the vessel towed airguns (energy source) release compressed air to generate seismic acoustic signals / waves at regular intervals. The controlled generated acoustic waves that travel deep into the earth is reflected by various rock formations of the subsurface below the seafloor, and returns to the surface where it is recorded and measured by receiving devices called hydrophones. By analysing the seismic waves travel times among the various rock formations and the surface, geophysicists, geologists, and petroleum engineers use sophisticated software to create subsurface images /maps showing potential drill-ready subsurface geological structures called reservoirs that may contain commercial hydrocarbons resources. 2D seismic survey is a regional mapping / imaging methodology aimed at de-risking an exploration project by establishing a validated Sedimentary Basin Scale Model of an exploration Area of Interest. 3D Seismic survey on the other hand, is a detailed local mapping / imaging methodology aimed at de-risking an exploration project by establishing a local validated Prospect/s or Lead/s Scale Models of an exploration Area of Interest within a Sedimentary Basin. 3D and 2D Seismic Surveys are acquired on dense and widely spaced survey grids / spacings respectively.

The proposed multiclient 3D and 2D seismic surveys will be conducted using MARPOL / Namibian Maritimes Laws compliant vessels and will adopt international best practices such as seasonality and survey implementation timing, establishment of buffer zones, use of Marine Mammal Observers (MMOs) & Fisheries Liaison Officers (FLOs), use of Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) technology, soft starts' and 'pre-firing' observations, termination of firing in the 500m exclusion zone and use of turtle friendly tail buoys. The proposed 3D and 2D seismic survey activities cannot be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) as required by the Environmental Management Act, 2007, (Act No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 30 of 2012. In fulfilment of the environmental requirements, the Proponent has appointed Risk-Based Solutions (RBS) CC as the Environmental Consultant, led by Dr Sindila Mwiya as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to prepare EIA and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) Reports to support the application for ECC. All Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to register and submit written comments / objections / inputs with respect to the proposed multiclient 3D and 2D seismic surveys covering the deep-water Orange Basin, offshore southern Namibia. A Background Information Document (BID), Final Draft updated EIA and EMP Reports are available for comments upon registration as a stakeholder / Interested and Affected Party (I&AP).



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Public meetings will be organised in Lüderitz and Oranjemund during the month of **September 2022** depending on the public interest / number of registered stakeholders. The Proponent intends to submit the application for ECC to the Environment Commissioner in the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) via the Petroleum Commissioner in the Ministry of Mines and Energy (Competent Authority) during the week starting **19<sup>th</sup> September 2022**.

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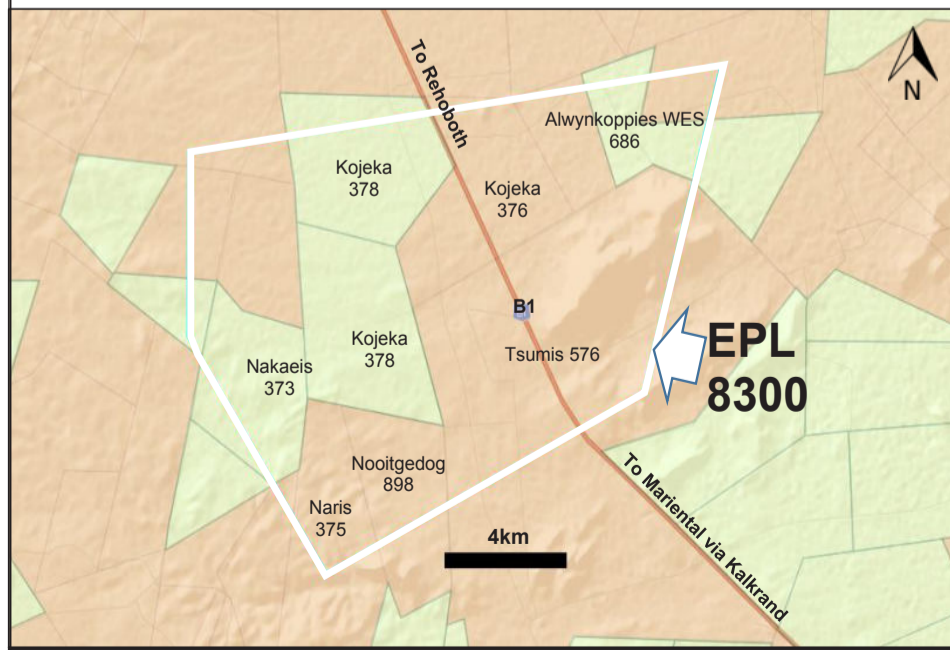
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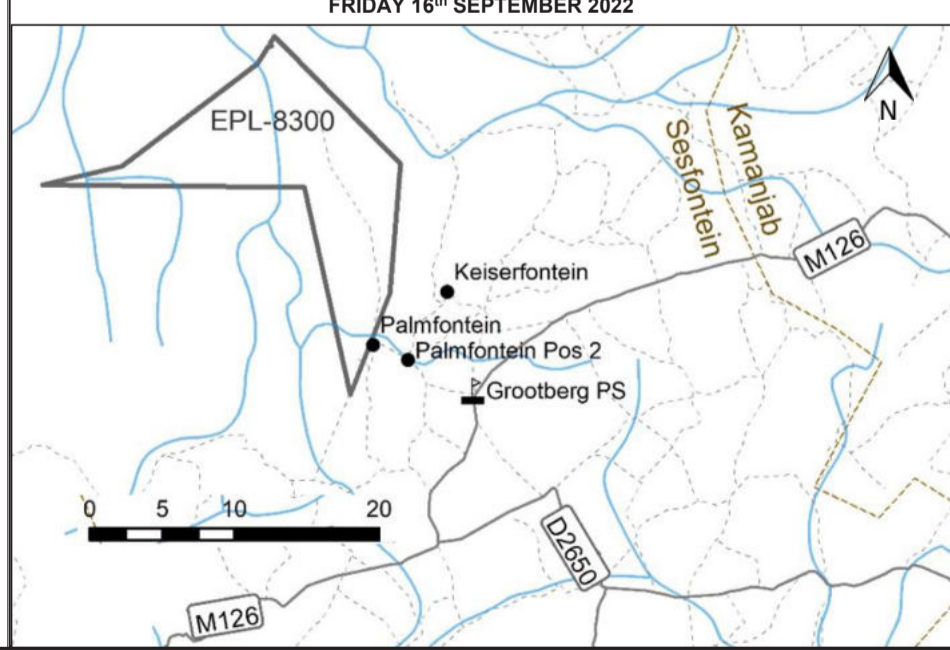
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# Know Your Civil Servant



PETER DU TOIT

Chief Development Planner: Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform

“WHEN I retire, I want to look back and be proud of myself and what I have accomplished. I want to have a lot of stories to share, I want to leave a customer service legacy.”

This is what Peter Du Toit, a chief development planner at the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform had to say – and from the looks of it, that is the principle that he lives by.

Born and bred in Khomasdal, Du Toit is a long-serving government employee at the ministry of agriculture, with a record of 24 years.

He joined the public service in 1998, as a clerk at the then Ministry of Land, Resettlement and Rehabilitation and was later promoted to the position of a chief clerk. He worked his way up the ladder and was promoted to development planner and eventually to chief development planner in the Directorate of Land Reform, in the Division of Land Use Planning and Allocation (LUPA), the position he currently holds.

LUPA is a division responsible for acquiring agricultural (commercial) land that is used to resettle landless Namibians under the National Land Reform Programme.

Du Toit described LUPA as a crucial instrument for the government in its plight to redress the past imbalances and skewed land ownership caused by the colonial regimes.

### Getting started

Raised by a single domestic worker mother, Du Toit said it was his dream to work for the government.

“Initially my dream was to be a lawyer, but unfortunately, my mother couldn’t afford to pay for the tertiary institution, hence I decided to find a secure job in government so that I can be able to raise funds for me to be able to pay for my studies as well as to take care of the family,” he said.

# Building a legacy



Du Toit holds a National Diploma in Land Management and Registration and a Bachelors Degree in Land Administration from the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST).

Expressing his gratitude for the government support, Du Toit said, “government played an important role and supported me financially to get the two qualifications and with the knowledge that I gained; I am currently ploughing it back into the ministry,” he said.

As a chief development planner, Du Toit is responsible for the acquisition of agricultural land from commercial farmers for government resettlement programme.

“My office is responsible for the evaluation and assessments of all applications submitted by the farm owners/agents who wish to sell their farms to the government as per the

willing-buyer, willing-seller policy. This policy makes provision that all the farm owners intended to sell their farms first to offer it to the government who has the preferent right.”

Emphasising the role of his division, he said, “our work is to assess all farms offered. If the ministry finds that a farm is suitable for resettlement purposes, the offer is accepted or a counter offer is issued in respect of that property. If the owner is not happy with the counter offer, a price negotiation is conducted. If negotiations are not successful, the owner can approach the land tribunal for intervention. After a farm is acquired, it is forwarded to the Directorate of Resettlement to advertise the farm to invite all interested Namibians to apply for resettlement on the specific farm. Should a farm not be suitable for resettlement purposes, a certificate of waiver is issued to the farm owner that allows him/her to sell the property in the open market.

### Challenges

Every job does not go without its fair share of challenges. When asked to pinpoint some of the challenges his office is faced with, Du Toit was quick to point out the work overload, lack of human capacity as well as the bureaucracy around the acquisition process.

“Handling applications needs concentration, especially with too many fraud cases happening nowadays, one needs to make sure that the farm being sold exists, that it is sold by the rightful owner and that the application is accompanied by the required documents,” he said.

He further noted the bureaucracy of the

whole process and the timeline which is about 90 days for the applicants to get the government response, stating that there are farmers that feel that the process takes too long and that the officials are too slow.

“Some farmers come to this office to express their dissatisfaction with the whole process. However, one needs to understand the application process has to be assessed by different committees and those committees meet only once a month,” he said.

### Achievements

Among his work-related accomplishments was his involvement in the decentralisation of the ministry in other parts of the country such as Otjiwarongo, Gobabis, and Swakopmund.

When asked to give his take on a misconception that civil servants are unproductive and inefficient, he said, “it is true that in all employment sectors of life you will find those people who are a little lazy, and those who strive to do their best in the positions that they were appointed to.

Besides, with the introduction of mechanisms like the performance management system, it is near impossible to get away with being unproductive and ineffective. With the right leadership and mindset, such misconception will be a blow in the wind. As public servants and just like any other employee, we must know that we are all gainfully employed.”

When asked how long he will serve the government, Du Toit said, “it has been 24 years and I am still counting. God placed me in the ministry for a purpose which I have to fulfill. I am enjoying my career in government. I am comfortable and feel confident in what I do. I know that one must never say never but I do not see myself leaving the public service in the foreseeable future. I would like to end my good journey in the public service on a high note by the Grace of the Almighty.”

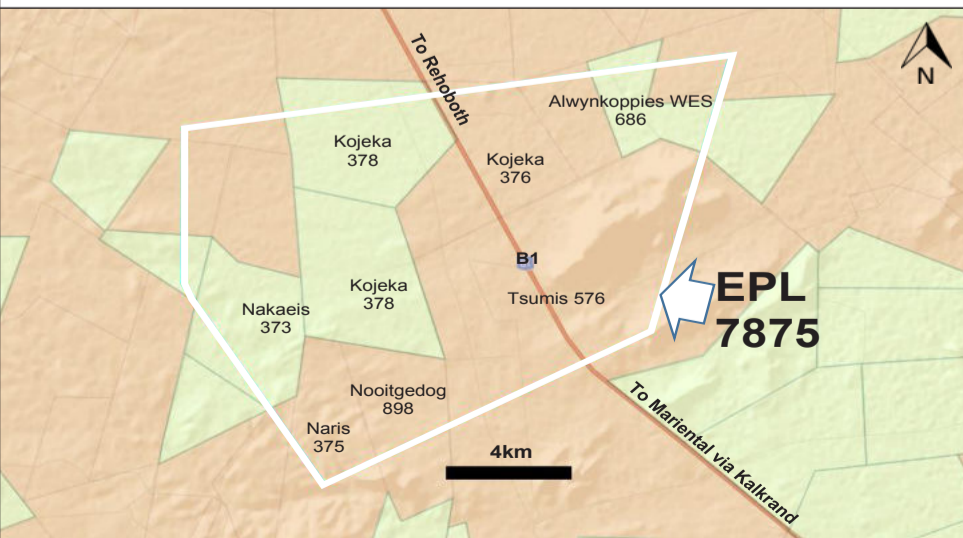
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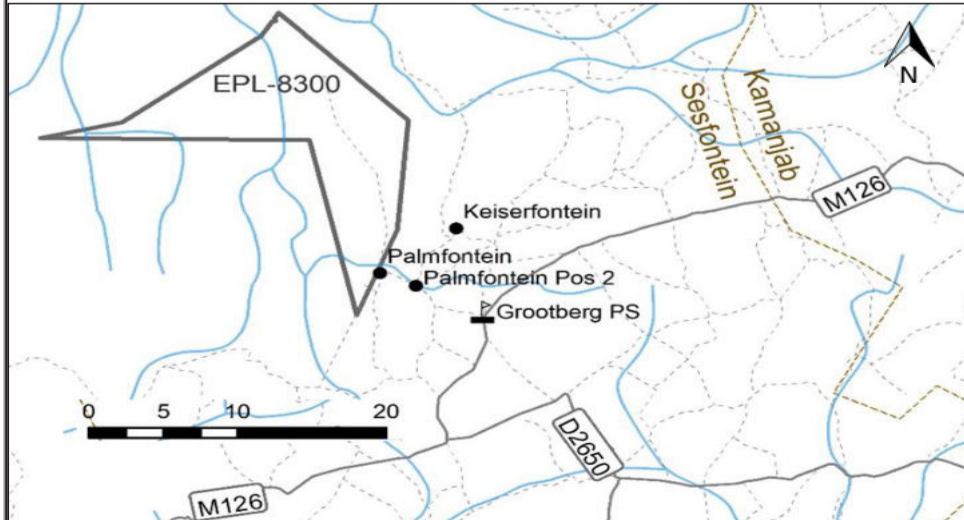
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