

30 October 2025:

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) FOR THE PROPOSED  
OFFSHORE VENUS FIELD DEVELOPMENT IN PEL56/BLOCK 2913B, OFF THE COAST  
OF SOUTHERN NAMIBIA.**

**Notice of Availability of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report and  
Invitation to Public Consultation Events for Participation in the Review Process and  
Submission of Comments.**

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Dear Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)

We refer to our previous correspondence regarding the submission of the Final Scoping Report (FSR) to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism. The FSR was submitted and approved on 7 August 2025. We appreciate your involvement and engagements in the Scoping Phase which contributed value to the study. Following the completion of the Scoping Phase of the abovementioned Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), the SLR consultant team has now assessed the potential environmental and social impacts of the proposed project, as required by the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007), and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2012 (Government Notice No. 30 of 2012).

In accordance with Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, this letter serves to notify you of **the availability of the Draft ESIA Report and to invite you to attend the upcoming public consultation events (see detailed agenda in Table 4-1)**. These events form part of the stakeholder engagement process, and your input and comments are welcomed and encouraged. We look forward to once again receiving your valuable insights in the upcoming Impact Assessment Phase.

Comments on the Draft ESIA Report should reach UD by no later than **3 December 2025** using the contact detail below:

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All comments received will be incorporated into the Comments and Response Report which will be appended to the final ESIA Report. The Final ESIA Report will be made available on the website and, as a registered I&AP, you will be informed of its availability.

## 1 Project Background

TotalEnergies EP Namibia B.V. (“TEEPNA”) and its Joint Venture (JV) Partners (currently Impact Oil & Gas, QatarEnergy International E&P LLC and NAMCOR) hold a Petroleum Exploration Licence for PEL56/Block 2913B, located offshore of the coast Southern Namibia. Based on the exploration and appraisal activities and associated outcomes, as well as ongoing development studies, TEEPNA and its Joint Venture partners are studying the feasibility to develop the offshore Venus field to produce crude light oil. The Venus field is situated offshore southern Namibia, ~300 km from Oranjemund, ~320 km from Lüderitz, ~700 km from Walvis Bay, at 80 km from the Namibian EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone) border, in deep water (~3 000 m).

In summary, the project includes the following key activities:

- Drill up to 40 subsea development wells into the reservoir (including 20 oil producing wells and 20 gas injection wells).
- Extract hydrocarbons from the oil producing wells and separate the fluids (made up of oil, gas and water) on an offshore production facility, called a Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) vessel, which will be moored in the Venus offshore project area.
- Re-inject the gas back into the reservoir through the dedicated gas injection wells.
- Offload the oil from the FPSO to a shuttle tanker, called a Dynamic Positioning Shuttle Tanker (DPST), which will sail to a nearshore transshipment area where the oil will be transferred to a Conventional Tanker(CT) (the operation is similar to the transfer of imported refined oil at same location). The nearshore transshipment area is located ~5 km from the coast, ~20 km north of Walvis Bay.
- The conventional tanker will then transport the oil to its final destination.

Onshore, marine and aviation support operations will use available infrastructures.

Before the proposed development, the JV must obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT), which requires the undertaking of an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA).

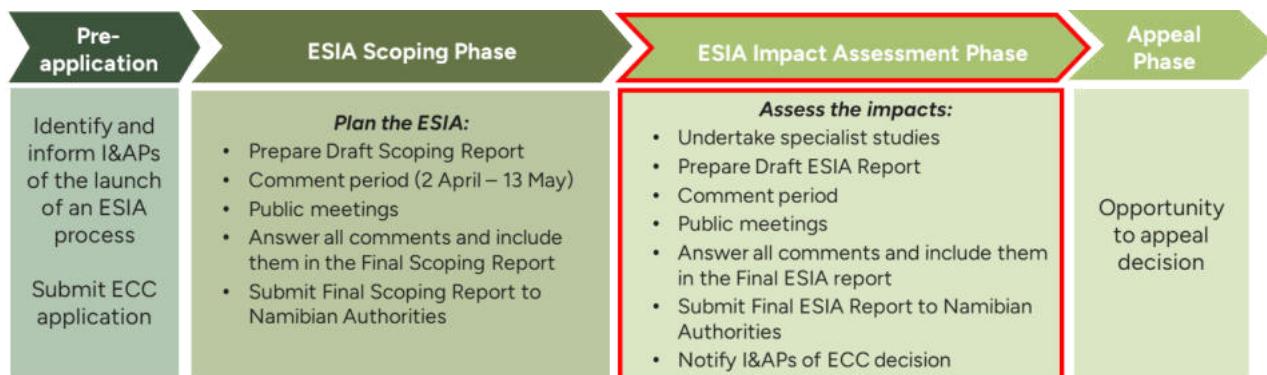
## 2 ESIA process

The ESIA process is defined in the [Namibian Environmental Impact Assessment EIA Regulations \(2012\)](#) and consists of two main phases (**see below figure**):

1. **Scoping Phase (concluded):** SLR and Urban Dynamics Africa gathered information about the environment and then identified how the project might affect the environment and society, and how to study these impacts. The Draft Scoping Report was released for a public review and comment period (2 April to 13 May 2025). The Final Scoping Report was then submitted to MEFT on 30 May 2025 and subsequently accepted by MEFT on 7 August 2025.

## 2. Impact Assessment Phase (current): the Impact Assessment Phase aims to:

- Identify and assess potential environmental and social impacts;
- Suggest ways to reduce negative impacts and increase positive impacts;
- Provide an opportunity for I&APs to comment on the findings of the ESIA; and
- Incorporate the inputs from I&APs into the ESIA report, and
- Submit the final ESIA to the competent authority for a decision on the application.



## 3 Availability of the Draft ESIA Report for Review and Public Comment

SLR has compiled a Draft ESIA Report, which is available for review and comment period from **3 November 2025 to 3 December 2025**. This provides an opportunity for I&APs to comment on the potential impacts and findings as presented in the Draft ESIA Report. Copies of the full **Draft ESIA Report** and **Non-technical Summary** will be available from 3 November 2025:

- On request from Urban Dynamics at [ESIAVenusOffshoreDev@udanam.com](mailto:ESIAVenusOffshoreDev@udanam.com)
- To download from: <https://www.slrconsulting.com/atl/public-documents/ESIA-Venus-Offshore-dev/>.
- At various public venues as presented in Table 3-1

The Non-technical Summary is available in English, Afrikaans, Oshiwambo, Otjiherero and Nama/Damara.

**Table 3-1: Public locations at which the Draft ESIA Report and Non-Technical Summary are available**

Copies of Draft ESIA report	Copies of NTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walvis Bay Municipality</li> <li>Lüderitz Town Council</li> <li>Keetmanshoop //Kharas Regional Council and Municipality</li> <li>Bethanie Village Council</li> <li>City of Windhoek customer care centre</li> <li>Oranjemund Town Council</li> <li>Swakopmund Municipal Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walvis Bay Municipality</li> <li>Kuisebmond Library</li> <li>Lüderitz Town Council</li> <li>Lüderitz Library</li> <li>Keetmanshoop //Kharas Regional Council and Municipality</li> <li>Bethanie Village Council</li> <li>City of Windhoek customer care centre</li> <li>Oranjemund Town Council</li> <li>Swakopmund Municipal Council</li> </ul>

## 4 Invitation to Public Consultation Engagements

All stakeholders and I&APs are invited to attend the scheduled public consultations as outlined in the table below. The objectives of the public consultations are to present an overview of the proposed project, the findings of the ESIA and provide stakeholders and I&APs with a further opportunity to submit comments. Open House events will also be held and will feature an informal poster session where I&APs can attend at any time during the indicated time slots and engage directly with the project proponent and the ESIA team on an informal basis.

You are also invited to join online (virtual) meetings as shown in below table.

To register to attend the online meeting, please visit the link below

<https://www.slrconsulting.com/afr/public-documents/ESIA-Venus-Offshore-dev/> for registration details.

**Table 4-1: Public Engagements Programme**

Town/City	Date	Venue	Open House	Meeting
Keetmanshoop	3 November	Schutzenhaus Guesthouse	14h00 – 17h00	17h30 – 19h30
Bethanie	4 November	Bethanie Community Hall	10h30 – 12h30	13h00 – 15h00
Virtual Online	5 November	Online meeting: Understanding atmospheric emissions of the project	-	13h00 – 15h00
Lüderitz	5 November	Lüderitz: New Waterfront Cornelius Frederick Conference Room	13h00 – 15h00	17h30 – 19h30
	6 November	St Peter's Church Hall	12h00 – 14h00	09h30 – 11h30
	7 November	Lüderitz: New Waterfront Cornelius Frederick Conference Room	15h00 – 18h00	12h30 – 14h30
	8 November	Lüderitz: New Waterfront Cornelius Frederick Conference Room	09h00 – 11h00	11h00 – 13h00
Oranjemund	10 November	Zacharias Lewala Hall	13h00 – 16h00	16h30 – 18h30
Virtual Online	13 November	Online meeting: Focus on Marine Ecology and Fisheries impacts.	-	08h30 – 10h30
Windhoek	13 November	UN Plaza Hall	14h00 – 17h00	17h30 - 19h30
	14 November	Franco Namibia Cultural Centre (FNCC)	14h00 – 17h00	17h30 – 19h30
Virtual Online	14 November	Online meeting: Focus on Societal and Economic impacts		14h30 – 16h30
Henties Bay	17 November	The Clubhouse	-	09h00 – 11h00
Swakopmund	17 November	Tamariskia Town Hall	-	17h30 – 19h30
Walvis Bay	18 November	NAMSOV Learn in Peace Centre, Kuisebmund	14h00 – 17h00	17h30 - 19h30
	19 November	Walvis Bay Town Hall	13h00 – 15h00	10h00 – 12h00
	20 November	Walvis Bay Town Hall	09h00 – 12h00	-
Virtual Online	21 November	Online meeting: General ESIA Presentation	-	13h00 - 15h00