

## Cape EAPrac

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Attention: Stakeholders & Authorities

VIA: Email / Post / Fax

# RE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED AFRO FISHMEAL & FISH OIL REDUCTION FACILITY ON QUAY 2 OF THE PORT OF MOSSE BAY

Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (Cape EAPrac) have been appointed by the Applicant, Afro Fishing (Pty) Ltd, to ensure compliance with the regulations contained in the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, No 107 of 1998 as amended) and the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (NEM:AQ, Act 39 of 2004) for a Basic Assessment (BA) Process.

This notice gives effect to Sections 24O(2) & (3) of the NEMA.

The proposed activity entails the expansion of the current Afro Fishing facility to include fish meal and oil reduction processes is proposed on the current footprint of the old I&J facility, with a new warehouse adjacent to the current Afro Fishing store.

The proposal entails the harvesting of industrial fish, e.g. anchovy, red-eye, etc., from local waters for the sole purpose of producing fishmeal for animal consumption and fish oil for human consumption.

The activity requires the necessary Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Atmospheric Emissions License (AEL) in order to commence and the **Department of Environmental Affairs** and **Development Planning** (DEA&DP) and **Garden Route District Municipality** (GRDM) are the respective competent authority to consider this application.

As an identified stakeholder, neighbouring property owner, registered Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) or authority, you have been identified as part of the ongoing public participation process for the application.

The BA process considers the construction and operational activities in terms of the legislation applicable. As such, the following listed activity in terms of the **NEMA 2014 EIA Regulations**, **as amended** (R327) and **NEM:AQA** (GN893) are applicable:

#### NEMA Listing Notice 1 (R327):

<u>Activity 34</u> – The expansion of existing facilities or infrastructure for any process or activity where such expansion will result in the need for a permit or licence or an amended permit or licence in terms of national or provincial legislation governing the release of emissions, effluent or pollution.

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#### **NEM:AQA (GN893):**

<u>Category 10</u> – Processes for the rendering, cooking, drying, dehydrating, digesting, evaporating or protein concentrating of any animal matter not intended for human consumption.

This Notification serves to inform the identified stakeholders of the proposal and provide the opportunity to become involved in the environmental process. A Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) will be available to Registered I&APs for review and comment for a period of **30 days**, extending from **Tuesday 12 November to Thursday 12 December 2019**.

The full DBAR Version will be available digitally on the Cape EAPrac website (<a href="www.cape-eaprac.co.za">www.cape-eaprac.co.za</a>), in hard copy format at the Mossel Bay Library and Mossel Bay Municipality Planning offices or can be obtained on request from this office.

A copy of the Comments & Responses Table which includes comments submitted to this office to date has been included with this notice.

Comments can be submitted to:

Cape EAPrac

ATT: Melissa Mackay

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<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> A public information session and meeting will be held on the 20 November 2019 at the Mossel Bay Town Hall. The information session will take place from 16h00 to 18h00 and stakeholders can discuss issues directly with members of the project team in small groups. A formal meeting will take place from 18h00 to 19h30 for any further engagement.

Should you wish **not to receive any further information**, please inform this office in writing. Please provide this office with the names **and** contact details of any other persons that may have an interest in this proposal along with your own comments.

If you have any enquiries in this regard, or would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact this office directly.

Sincerely,

Ms Melissa Mackay

Snr Consultant

#### **Comment Period:**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Public Information Session & Meeting:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

16h00 - 19h30