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## **BA for Proposed Sea-Based Aquaculture Development Zone in Saldanha Bay: EAP Affirmation**

Section 16 (1) (b) (iv), Appendix 1 Section 3 (1) (r), Appendix 2 Sections 2 (j) and (k) and Appendix 3 Section 3 (s) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, as amended - NEMA), require an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) in relation to:

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- Any information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and any responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested or affected parties; and
- The level of agreement between the EAP and interested and affected parties on the Plan of Study for undertaking the environmental impact assessment.

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- To the best of our knowledge all comments and inputs from stakeholders and interested and affected parties have been captured in the report and no attempt has been made to manipulate such comment or input to achieve a particular outcome. Written submissions are appended to the report while other comments are recorded within the report. For the sake of brevity, not all comments are recorded *verbatim*, and in instances where many stakeholders have made similar comments, they are grouped together, with a clear listing of who submitted which comment(s).
- Information and responses provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties are clearly presented in the report. Where responses are provided by the applicant (not the EAP), these are clearly indicated.
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**Note:**

*In response to stakeholder comments, the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) (SRK Report 499020/1) was updated at the end of the comment period to produce this Final BAR.*

*All changes in the Final BAR and vis-a-vis the previously released BAR are italicised and underlined for easier reference.*

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The appendices are available in full on SRK's website [www.srk.co.za](http://www.srk.co.za) – Library – Public Documents.

The appendices will be included in full in the submission to DEA.

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