



www.imbewu.co.za

IMBEWU



Sustainability Legal Specialists (Pty) Ltd

JANUARY 2022 SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER

For a copy of the Safety, Health and Environmental (SHE) Legislation Update, please go to:
<https://imbewu.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Monthly-SHE-legislation-update-Jan-2022-1.pdf>

NATIONAL

GENERAL

URGENT APPLICATION FILED TO STOP WEST COAST SEISMIC SURVEY – Searcher GeoData (Searcher), a UK subsurface exploration data firm, has been granted a reconnaissance permit to conduct a seismic survey in the Atlantic Ocean across the West Coast in search of oil and gas deposits. 14 Applicants including various small-scale fishery cooperatives have filed an urgent application in the Western Cape High Court to stop the survey from proceeding.

Source: Mail & Guardian dated 26 January 2022

<https://mg.co.za/environment/2022-01-26-west-coast-seismic-battle-heads-to-court/>

LEGAL CHALLENGE TO AN EMERGENCY PROGRAM TO SUPPLY 2000 MEGAWATTS OF POWER DISMISSED - DNG Energy filed a legal challenge to stop Turkey's Karpowership from supplying gas-fired energy from ships to South Africa's strained power grid. Its challenge, alleging corruption involving government officials, was dismissed with costs as it was demonstrated that DNG's unsuccessful bid was due to the failure to meet several qualifying criteria.

Source: BusinessTech dated 31 January 2022

<https://businesstech.co.za/news/trending/554328/south-africas-emergency-power-procurement-clears-legal-hurdle/>

GAS MASTER PLAN PUBLISHED – On the 14th of December 2021, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) published a Gas Master Plan for public comment. The DMRE said that “*the Gas Master Plan*”, once developed, will serve as a policy instrument, providing a roadmap for taking strategic,

political and institutional decisions, which will guide industry investment planning and coordinated implementation”.

Source: Daily Maverick dated 27 January 2022

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2022-01-27-gwede-mantashes-vision-for-south-africas-energy-future-is-powered-by-gas/>

REPAIRS TO SEWAGE PUMP UNDERWAY AFTER SEWAGE SPILL RESULTS IN SIX DURBAN BEACHES BEING CLOSED – The eThekweni Municipality has stated that repairs at the Johana Road sewage pump station are at an advanced stage, this after a sewage spill into the Umgeni River led to high E. coli levels in the water and the closure of six Durban beaches in early January. The beaches were reopened on the 13th of January after tests revealed normal E-coli levels.

Source: Daily Maverick dated 26 January 2022

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2022-01-26-evasive-ethekweni-municipality-comes-clean-on-durban-beach-pollution-sort-of/>

INTERNATIONAL

GENERAL

CLIMATE CHANGE COULD DISPLACE MILLIONS BY 2050 – The World Bank estimates that climate change and the impact of rising sea levels, increasing natural disasters and increasing temperatures could displace as many as 216 million people by 2050.

Source: Corporate Knights dated 24 January 2022

<https://www.corporateknights.com/climate-and-carbon/how-climate-migrants-can-help-power-the-clean-economy/>

COLLABORATION AGREEMENT SIGNED TO DRIVE GREEN HYDROGEN DEVELOPMENT – TotalEnergies, Masdar and Siemens Energy have signed an agreement in the UAE to act as co-developers for green hydrogen development in Masdar City. The partners have completed a range of evaluations on technology suppliers, feasibility studies and conceptual designs and have been working closely with regulators regarding compliance issues.

Source: Climate Action dated 24 January 2022

https://www.climateaction.org/news/totalenergies-masdar-and-siemens-energy-join-forces-to-drive-green-hydrogen?vgo_ee=dfKm6VLDS92He%2FcWYHILRQ%3D%3D

POLLUTION FROM PLASTICS IS A GLOBAL EMERGENCY – The Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) has reported that, pollution from plastics is a threat almost equivalent to that of climate change and an urgent and robust UN treaty is needed. If the plastic pollution is allowed to continue unchecked, it is anticipated that, by 2040, the collective weight of plastics in our oceans could exceed the collective weight of fish.

Source: BBC News dated 18 January 2022

<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-60026748>

PUBLICATIONS

Environmental Investigation Agency Report – Connecting the Dots – Plastic pollution and the planetary emergency.

https://eia-international.org/wp-content/uploads/EIA-Connecting-the-Dots_Embargoed_SPREADS.pdf

CONFERENCES AND OTHER EVENTS

- 7- 10 February 2022 – **Investing in African Mining Indaba** – Cape Town, South Africa

- 25 - 27 February 2022 – **ICERE 2022: The 8th International Conference on Environment and Renewable Energy** – Hanoi, Vietnam
- 10 March 2022 – **The Irish Waste Management Conference 2022** – Dublin, Ireland

IMBEWU'S ONLINE Safety, Health & Environmental (SHE) Legal Register Platform. This new, cost effective SHE Legal Register offering is contemporary and streamlined for easy access with secure passwords, easy navigation, explanations of SHE legislation relevant to your operation, access to a comprehensive searchable SHE legislation database (which is updated monthly) and site-specific document management.

For more information contact sam@imbewu.co.za or visit <https://imbewu.co.za/she-electronic-legal-registers/>

"Sustainability is no longer about doing less harm. It's about doing more good" – **Jochen Zeitz**

DISCLAIMER: The information contained in IMBEWU's Sustainability Newsletter and Legislation Update has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable. IMBEWU does not warrant the accuracy, completeness or adequacy of such information.

If you would no longer like to receive IMBEWU's Newsletter and Legislation Update please email admin@imbewu.co.za