

The Minister of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries Minister S. Zokwana, MP

Reference: AP/COALITION TRADING 672 CC

REPORT IN TERMS OF REGULATION 5(3) OF THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED UNDER THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998): APPEAL IN TERMS OF SECTION 80 OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998) ON THE APPEAL LODGED BY –

COALITION TRADING 672 CC SECTOR: <u>DEMERSAL SHARK</u> APPLICATION NUMBER: DMS 130901

1. Purpose

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To submit a report as provided for in terms of Regulation 5(3) of the Regulations promulgated under the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) ("the MLRA"), with regard to an appeal by Coalition Trading 672 CC ("the Appellant").

2. Introduction

- 2.1 The appellant is a new entrant applicant whose application was refused on the basis that its application was "too weak" to justify the allocation of a Demersal Shark right.
- 2.2 The appellant was scored a total of 37.50%. The Acting DDG had decided that new entrant applicants that had scored 50% and more would be granted a fishing right in this fishery. The reason for the refusal of the Appellant's

application was because its application was comparatively too weak to justify the allocation of a right.

- 2.3 The Appellant nominated MFV Amalia however fails to demonstrate access to any vessel in its application form, either by way of a catching agreement or any other right of access. This is a failure of an essential requirement.
- 2.4 The appellant's duly filed its appeal form which is undated and no supplementary was filed.

3. Grounds of Appeal

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- 3.1 The Appellant does not raise any substantive grounds of appeal such as possible errors concerning its scoring or the manner in which any aspect of its application was evaluated or interpreted.
- 3.2 The Appellant does not raise any grounds motivating why its score should be reviewed and increased. In addition, the Appellant failed to demonstrate access to or even nominate a suitable Demersal Shark fishing vessel.
- 3.3 The requirement to demonstrate a right of access to a suitable vessel for this fishery is an exclusionary requirement where failure to satisfy this essential requirement results in the application being excluded.

4. Recommendation

Having had regard to the Appellant's appeal, it is recommended that the Minister **rejects** the Appellant's appeal.

Siphokazi Ndudane Deputy Director-General (Acting)

Fisheries Management,

DATE:

Decision by Minister: Recommendation Accepted / Recommendation Rejected

Senzeni Zokwana, MP MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES DATE: 10 - 89 - 2015