



The Secretary-General

1 May 2024

Dear Dr. Lara-Cabrera,

Reference is made to the notification received from Beijing Pioneer Hi-Tech Development Corporation Ltd. (BPC) regarding the completion of their Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The Secretariat has been informed that BPC, in accordance with its exploration contract for polymetallic nodules signed on 18 October 2019, plans to conduct the testing of its deep-sea polymetallic nodule collection and buffer station in Block M2 of its contract area, specifically within a 500 m x 500 m area of the Magoshichi Guyot, in the second half of 2025. This test aims to verify the reliability of the suspended collection method and the buffer station. Further, BPC intends to carry out the environmental impact assessment of the test activities on the basis of preliminary environmental baseline data collected, as well as environmental monitoring data obtained during and after the test.

In light of the above I wish to inform you that BPC is conducting stakeholder consultations on the EIS prepared to the testing of its polymetallic nodule mining component in its contract area in the north-west Pacific Ocean. The consultation period commences on 30 April and will close on 6 June 2024. (China Standard Time).

Yours sincerely,

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