

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION

I, GRAEME ALBERT WATERS, the National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator, on behalf of the Commonwealth Offshore Petroleum Joint Authorities, pursuant to section 104 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* (the Act) of the Commonwealth of Australia, hereby invite applications for the grant of petroleum exploration permits in respect of the following blocks within the areas as described in the following schedule.

Applications for release areas NT13-1, NT13-2, NT13-3, V13-2, W13-4, W13-5, W13-6, W13-7, W13-8, W13-19, and W13-20 must be received, in the manner prescribed below, by **4:00 pm local time** at the place of submission (refer to the “submission of applications” section in this notice) on **Thursday 22 May 2014**.

GRATICULAR BLOCK LISTINGS

Release Area NT13-1

*Northern Petrel Sub-basin, Malita Graben, Darwin Shelf, Bonaparte Basin,
Northern Territory*

Map Sheet SC 52 (Melville Island)

2118	2119	2120	2127	2128	2190
2191	2192	2193	2197	2198	2199
2200	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266
2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2334
2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340
2341	2342	2343	2406	2407	2408
2409	2410	2411	2412	2413	2414
2415	2478	2479	2480	2481	2482
2483	2484	2485	2486	2487	2550
2551	2552	2553	2554	2555	2556
2557	2558	2559	2622	2623	2624
2625	2626	2627	2628	2629	2630

2631	2694	2695	2696	2697	2698
2699	2700	2701	2702	2703	

Assessed to contain 83 blocks (includes 83 full blocks)

Release Area NT 13-2

***Northern Petrel Sub-basin, Malita Graben, Darwin Shelf, Bonaparte Basin,
Northern Territory***

Map Sheet SC 52 (Melville Island)

2115 (Part)	2186 (Part)	2187 (Part)	2188	2189	2257 (Part)
2258 (Part)	2259	2260	2261	2328 (Part)	2329 (Part)
2330	2331	2332	2333	2399 (Part)	2400 (Part)
2401	2402	2403	2404	2405	2470 (Part)
2471 (Part)	2472	2473	2474	2475	2476
2477	2541 (Part)	2542 (Part)	2543	2544	2545
2546	2547	2548	2549	2612 (Part)	2613 (Part)
2614	2615	2616	2617	2618	2619
2620	2621	2684 (Part)	2685	2686	2687
2688	2689	2690	2691	2692	2693
2755 (Part)	2756 (Part)	2757	2758	2759	2760
2761	2762	2827 (Part)	2828 (Part)	2829	2830
2831	2832	2833	2834	2900 (Part)	2901
2902	2903	2904	2905	2906	2972 (Part)
2973 (Part)	2974	2975	2976	2977	2978
3045 (Part)	3046 (Part)	3047	3048	3049	3050
3118 (Part)	3119	3120	3121	3122	

Assessed to contain 101 blocks (includes 75 full blocks and 26 part blocks)

Release Area NT13-3

***Northern Petrel Sub-basin, Malita Graben, Darwin Shelf, Bonaparte Basin,
Northern Territory***

Map Sheet SC 52 (Melville Island)

2763	2764	2765	2766	2767	2768
2835	2836	2837	2838	2839	2840
2907	2908	2909	2910	2911	2912
2979	2980	2981	2982	2983	2984
3051	3052	3053	3054	3055	3056
3057	3058	3123	3124	3125	3126
3127	3128	3129	3130	3190 (Part)	3191 (Part)
3192	3193	3194	3195	3196	3197
3198	3199	3200	3201	3202	3263 (Part)
3264 (Part)	3265	3266	3267	3268	3269
3270	3271	3272	3273	3274	3275
3276	3277	3278	3336 (Part)	3337	3338
3339	3340	3341	3342	3343	3344
3345	3346	3347	3348	3349	3350
3408 (Part)	3409 (Part)	3410	3411	3412	3413
3414	3415	3416	3417	3418	3419
3420	3421	3422			

Assessed to contain 99 blocks (includes 92 full blocks and 7 part blocks)

Release Area V13-2

Gippsland Basin, Victoria

Map Sheet SJ 55 (Melbourne)

2217	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288
2289	2356	2357	2358	2359	2360

2361	2425	2426	2427	2428	2429
2430	2431	2432	2433	2497	2498
2499	2500	2501	2502	2503	2504
2505					

Assessed to contain 31 blocks (includes 31 full blocks)

Release Area W13-4

Barcoo Sub-basin, Browse Basin, Western Australia

Map Sheet SD 51 (Brunswick Bay)

2458	2459	2460	2461	2462	2463
2530	2531	2532	2533	2534	2535
2602	2603	2604	2605	2606	2607
2674	2675	2676	2677	2678	2679
2746	2747	2748	2749	2750	2751
2756	2757	2818	2819	2820	2821
2822	2823	2824	2825	2826	2827
2828	2829	2890	2891	2892	2893
2894	2895	2896	2897	2898	2899
2900	2901	2962	2963	2964	2965
2966	2967	2968	2969	2970	2971
2972	2973	3034	3035	3036	3037
3038	3039	3040	3041	3042	3043
3044	3045	3109	3110	3111	3112
3181	3182	3183	3184	3253	3254
3255	3256	3327	3328		

Assessed to contain 94 blocks (includes 94 full blocks)

Release Area W13-5

Barcoo Sub-basin, Browse Basin, Western Australia

Map Sheet SD 51 (Brunswick Bay)

2958	2959	2960	2961	3030	3031
3032	3033	3101	3102	3103	3104
3105	3106	3107	3108	3172	3173
3174	3175	3176	3177	3178	3179
3180	3244	3245	3246	3247	3248
3249	3250	3251	3252	3316	3317
3318	3319	3320	3321	3322	3323
3324	3325	3326	3388	3389	3390
3391	3392	3393	3394	3395	3396
3397	3398				

Map Sheet SE 51 (Broome)

4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	76
77	78	79	80	81	82
83	84	85	86		

Assessed to contain 78 blocks (includes 78 full blocks)

Release Area W13-6

Exmouth Plateau, Northern Carnarvon Basin, Western Australia

Map Sheet SE 49

1430	1431	1432	1433	1434	1435
1436	1437	1438	1439	1440	1502
1503	1504	1505	1506	1507	1508
1509	1510	1511	1512	1574	1575
1576	1577	1578	1579	1580	1581

1582	1583	1584	1646	1647	1648
1649	1650	1651	1652	1653	1654
1655	1656	1718	1719	1720	1721
1722	1723	1724	1725	1726	1727
1728	1790	1791	1792	1793	1794
1795	1796	1797	1798	1799	1800
1862	1863	1864	1865	1866	1867
1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1934
1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
1941	1942	1943	1944	2006	2007
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
2014	2015	2016	2078	2079	2080
2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086
2087	2088	2150	2151	2152	2153
2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159
2160					

Map Sheet SE 50 (Rowley Shoals)

1369	1370	1371	1372	1373	1374
1441	1442	1443	1444	1445	1446
1513	1514	1515	1516	1517	1518
1585	1586	1587	1588	1589	1590
1657	1658	1659	1660	1729	1730
1731	1732	1801	1802	1803	1873
1874	1875	1945	1946	1947	2017
2018	2019	2089	2090	2091	

Assessed to contain 168 blocks (includes 168 full blocks)

Release Area W13-7

Exmouth Plateau, Northern Carnarvon Basin, Western Australia

Map Sheet SE 49

2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230
2231	2299	2300	2301	2371	2372
2373	2443	2444	2445	2516	2517
2588	2589				

Assessed to contain 20 blocks (includes 20 full blocks)

Release Area W13-8

Exmouth Plateau, Northern Carnarvon Basin, Western Australia

Map Sheet SE 50 (Rowley Shoals)

2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170
2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242
2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313
2314	2380	2381	2382	2383	2384
2385	2386	2454	2455	2456	2457
2458	2528	2529	2600	2601	2672
2744					

Assessed to contain 37 blocks (includes 37 full blocks)

Release Area W13-19

North Perth Basin, Western Australia

Map Sheet SG 49 (Carnarvon)

2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2285
2286	2287	2288	2289	2357	2358
2359	2360	2361	2429	2430	2431
2432	2433	2501	2502	2503	2504
2505	2573	2574	2575	2576	2577

2645	2646	2647	2648	2649	2717
2718	2719	2720	2721	2789	2790
2791	2792	2793	2794	2795	2796
2861	2862	2863	2864	2865	2866
2867	2868	2869	2933	2934	2935
2936	2937	2938	2939	2940	2941
3005	3006	3007	3008	3009	3010
3011	3012	3013	3077	3078	3079
3080	3081	3082	3083	3084	3085
3086	3087	3088	3089	3149	3150
3151	3152	3153	3154	3155	3156
3157	3158	3159	3160	3161	3221
3222	3223	3224	3225	3226	3227
3228	3229	3230	3231	3232	3233
3293	3294	3295	3296	3297	3298
3299	3300	3301	3302	3303	3304
3305	3365	3366	3367	3368	3369
3370	3371	3372	3373	3374	3375
3376	3377	3437	3438	3439	3440
3441	3442	3443	3444	3445	3446
3447	3448	3449			

Map Sheet SH 49 (Houtman Abrolhos)

53	54	55	56	57	58
59	60	61	62		

Assessed to contain 163 blocks (includes 163 full blocks)

GRATICULAR BLOCK LISTING

Release Area W13-20

North Perth Basin, Western Australia

Map Sheet SH 49 (Houtman Abrolhos)

133	134	205	206	207	208
209	210	277	278	279	280
281	282	349	350	351	352
353	354	421	422	423	424
425	426	493	494	495	496
497	498	499	565	566	567
568	569	570	571	637	638
639	640	641	642	643	709
710	711	712	713	714	715
785	786	787	788	857	858
859	860	861	929	930	931
932	933	934	1001	1002	1003
1004	1005	1006	1007	1008	1076
1077	1078	1079	1080	1148	1149
1150	1151	1152			

Assessed to contain 87 blocks (includes 87 full blocks)

APPLICATIONS

Applications for exploration permits in relation to the above areas must be made in an approved manner and be accompanied by details of:

a. the applicant's proposals for work and expenditure in relation to the block or blocks specified in the application;

Applicants should propose an exploration strategy that has the potential to significantly advance the assessment and understanding of the petroleum potential of the permit area.

The exploration strategy should be supported by a technical assessment of the release area and the detailed descriptions of the work activities proposed for each year in the six (6) year permit term. It is expected that both the primary and secondary work programs will contain substantial new operational activities commensurate with the assessed

petroleum prospectivity and understanding of the area. Expenditure should be categorised against each element of the work program and stated in Australian dollars.

In developing work programs applicants must take account of any *Notices* or *Special Notices* in relation to the area as listed in the annual Commonwealth Offshore Petroleum Exploration Acreage Release information package, which is available at www.petroleum-acreage.gov.au, along with ability to comply with the requirements of the Act, its Regulations and any Directions issued under the Act, and with any special conditions associated with each area. As well as the relevant provisions of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, its Regulations and associated directions and documents when proposing petroleum operations.

b. the technical qualifications of the applicant and of the applicant's employees and / or the technical advice available to the applicant;

Details of the technical qualifications of the applicant and its key employees and/or details of the technical advice available to the applicant (by way of consultants or other providers) that will enable it to meet its work program commitments.

c. the financial resources available to the applicant.

The financial resources available to the applicant, including evidence of the applicant's ability to fund the proposed work program, a statement of other exploration commitments over the next six years, and a copy of the latest annual and quarterly reports for each applicant company.

For further details of the expectations of the Commonwealth Offshore Petroleum Joint Authorities in relation to the content of applications, applicants should give due consideration to the content of the publically available guidelines: *Requirements of Bid and Renewal Applications Guideline*, the *Assessment of Bid and Renewal Applications Guideline* and the *Application Checklist* available at www.petroleum-acreage.gov.au and included as part of the annual Commonwealth of Australia Offshore Petroleum Exploration Acreage Release information package.

FEE

Applications must be accompanied by a fee payable to the "Department of Energy Resources and Tourism" through an Australian bank or bank cheque. The amount of the fee is prescribed in Regulations under the Act, and at the time of printing was **\$A5,220.00** which is GST free.¹ Please write your full company name, Australian Business Number (ABN) and Exploration Permit Work Bid Release Area Number on the back.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The application must be on the prescribed application form and signed by all applicants. The application form is available for download from the website of the National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator (NOPTA). (<http://www.nopta.gov.au/forms/forms.html>).

¹ Please note that application fees are subject to change. Applicants should refer to the application fee stated in Schedule 6, Part 1 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011* or confirm with NOPTA prior to submitting an application.

Three (3) bound paper copies and three (3) electronic copies in text search format (on CD or USB) of the application, along with the fee specified above, must be submitted to the NOPTA in the following manner:

- the application should be sealed and clearly marked as “**Application for Area [Release Area Number as appropriate] Commercial-in-Confidence**” and
- this envelope or package should then be enclosed in a plain covering envelope or package and delivered by hand (couriers accepted) to the below address:

To submit an application please make an appointment with NOPTA by emailing titles@nopta.gov.au or phoning 08 6424 5317 (NOPTA Titles phone number) or 08 6424 5300 (NOPTA WA reception phone number) or 03 8199 0300 (NOPTA VIC reception phone number).

Please check the NOPTA website prior to submitting an application for further updates on submissions.

Location	Address	Date
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Melbourne Office	National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator Level 1, 451 Little Bourke St Melbourne VIC 3000 03 8199 0300	Thursday 22 May 2014 4.00 pm (EST)