



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION

(RE-RELEASE ROUND)

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 T12-2, V12-3, W12-7 and W12-11 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 T12-2

Sorell Basin, Tasmania

Map Sheet SK 54

853	854	855	856	857	858
859	860	861	862	863	864
927	928	929	930	931	932
933	934	935	936	999	1000
1001	1002	1003	1004	1005	1006
1007	1008	1073	1074	1075	1076
1077	1078	1079	1080	1146	1147
1148	1149	1150	1151	1152	1220
1221	1222	1223	1224	1293	1294
1295	1296	1366	1367	1368	1439
1440	1512	1584			

Map Sheet SK 55 (Tasmania)

793	794	865	866	867	937
938	939	940	1009	1010	1011
1012	1013	1081	1082	1083	1084
1085	1086	1087	1153	1154	1155
1156	1157	1158	1159	1160 (Part)	1225
1226	1227	1228	1229	1230	1231
1232	1297	1298	1299	1300	1301
1302	1303	1304	1369	1370	1371
1372	1373	1374	1375	1376	1441
1442	1443	1444	1445	1446	1447
1448	1449	1450	1451 (Part)	1513	1514
1515	1516	1517	1518	1519	1520
1521	1522	1523 (Part)	1524 (Part)	1586	1587
1588	1589	1590	1591	1592	1593
1594	1595	1596 (Part)	1597 (Part)	1659	1660
1661	1662	1663	1664	1665	1666
1667	1668	1669 (Part)	1670 (Part)	1731	1732
1733	1734	1735	1736	1737	1738
1739	1740	1741	1742 (Part)	1743 (Part)	1804
1805	1806	1807	1808	1809	1810
1811	1812	1813	1814 (Part)	1815 (Part)	1876
1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882
1883	1884	1885	1886 (Part)	1948	1949
1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
1956	1957	1958 (Part)	2020	2021	2022
2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028

2029	2030 (Part)	2092	2093	2094	2095
2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101
2102 (Part)	2103 (Part)	2164	2165	2166	2167
2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173
2174 (Part)	2175 (Part)				

Assessed to contain 245 blocks (includes 228 full blocks and 19 part blocks)

Release Area V12-3

Gippsland Basin, Victoria

Map Sheet SJ 55 (Melbourne)

2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076
2077	2078	2144	2145	2146	2147
2148	2218	2219	2220		

Assessed to contain 16 blocks (includes 16 full blocks)

Release Area W12-7

Scott Plateau, Rowley Sub-basin and outer Roebuck Basin, Western Australia

Map Sheet SD 50

2654	2725	2726	2797	2798	2868
2869	2870	2939	2940	2941	2942
3010	3011	3012	3013	3014	3082
3083	3084	3085	3086	3151	3152
3153	3154	3155	3156	3157	3158
3223	3224	3225	3226	3227	3228
3229	3230	3292	3293	3294	3295
3296	3297	3298	3299	3300	3301
3302	3364	3365	3366	3367	3368
3369	3370	3371	3372	3373	3374
3433	3434	3435	3436	3437	3438

3439	3440	3441	3442	3443	3444
3445	3446				

Map Sheet SE 50 (Rowley Shoals)

49	50	51	52	53	54
55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	121	122	123	124
125	126	127	128	129	130
131	132	133	134	193	194
195	196	197	198	199	200
201	202	265	266	267	268
269	270	271	272	273	274
337	338	339	340	341	342
343	344	345	346	409	410
411	412	413	414	415	416
417	418	481	482	483	484
485	486	487	488	489	490
553	554				

Assessed to contain 154 blocks (includes 154 full blocks)

Release Area W12-11

Exmouth Plateau, Western Australia

Map Sheet SE 49

2786	2787	2788	2789	2790	2791
2858	2859	2860	2861	2862	2930
2931	2932	2933	3002	3003	3004
3005	3074	3075	3076	3077	3078
3146	3147	3148	3149	3150	3219
3220					

Assessed to contain 31 blocks (includes 31 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>).

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
Perth Office	National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator Level 8, Alluvion Building 58 Mounts Bay Road Perth WA 6000 08 6424 5317	Thursday 22 May 2014 4.00 pm (WST)
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)

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.