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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 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)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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)

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| 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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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:

1. **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](http://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.

1. **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.

1. **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](http://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]](#footnote-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](mailto: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.

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| **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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)