

Acceptance decision

Bedout Basin Exploration & Appraisal Drilling Environment Plan

This document provides notification of NOPSEMA’s decision made under regulation 10 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009 (Environment Regulations) to accept an environment plan.

Submission information

Titleholder¹:	Quadrant Northwest Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	Bedout Basin Exploration & Appraisal Drilling Environment Plan (Document No. EA-00-RI-10076.01, Revision 2, dated 9 August 2016)
Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):	WA-435-P and WA-437-P
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	30/12/2014
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drilling
Activity overview: <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>Quadrant Energy plan to explore and appraise for hydrocarbons in the Bedout Basin region in Commonwealth waters within permit areas WA-435-P and WA-437-P through the drilling of a series (up to 10) of exploration and appraisal wells. This EP covers drilling, evaluating, well testing, and abandonment activities related to exploration and appraisal drilling, utilising either jack-up or semi-submersible MODUs.</p> <p>The Operational Area is approximately 38km north from the nearest shoreline (Bedout Island), 109km from the closest mainland point (Eighty Mile Beach), 116km from Port Hedland, 232km from Karratha and 339km from Broome. The water depth over the Operational Area ranges from approximately 70m to 250m.</p> <p>Within the Operational Area, activities will be undertaken over smaller areas within the MODU exclusion zone. The exclusion zone is defined as a 500 m zone around the surface of the MODU once connected to the seabed. Only one MODU will be operating in the exclusion zone at any point in time, however multiple support vessels and helicopters may be operating in the same area at any one time</p> <p>Activities are scheduled to commence in Q3 2016 subject to obtaining all regulatory and business approvals. The timing of subsequent activities has not been finalised; therefore this EP assumes the activities may be undertaken at</p>

any time of year over the five year validity of this EP.

For a typical exploration or appraisal well, the Activity duration is expected to be between 60 and 125 days.

Decision:	Accepted
Decision date:	29/08/2016
Decision made by:	Representative of NOPSEMA: Environment Manager - Drilling & Developments



Basis of decision

NOPSEMA has assessed the environment plan in accordance with its assessment policies and procedures. Having regard to all information provided by, and referred to in the environment plan, NOPSEMA is reasonably satisfied that the environment plan meets the criteria set out in regulation 10A of the Environment Regulations.

Next steps for the petroleum activity

An environment plan summary must be provided to NOPSEMA within 10 days of this acceptance. regulation 11(4) requires that this document provide material from the accepted environment plan.

Once the summary document has been prepared to NOPSEMA satisfaction it will be published on NOPSEMA's website. NOPSEMA aims to have all environment plan summary documents published within 20 days of acceptance. This timeframe may vary should the document require amendment by the titleholder.

The titleholder is required to notify NOPSEMA 10 days prior to the commencement of the activity. This notification will be published on NOPSEMA's website.

Titleholder environmental performance requirements

A titleholder is required to undertake a petroleum activity in accordance with the accepted environment plan. It is an offence under the Environment Regulations to act in a manner contrary to the accepted environment plan. A titleholder must submit a revision to the environment plan in response to a new or increased environmental impact or risk, or a significant modification or stage of the activity not provided for in the accepted environment plan.

How to get further information

If you have any further questions regarding the activity it is suggested you contact the titleholder's nominated liaison person for the activity.

If you would like to access any further information regarding this decision, or would like to contact NOPSEMA please email environment@nopsema.gov.au.

¹ A titleholder includes an applicant for a petroleum access authority, petroleum special prospecting authority, pipeline licence, greenhouse gas search authority or greenhouse gas special authority under sub-regulation 9(2).

² Activity type as listed in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Regulations 2004