

Laminaria-5 Reinstatement Project

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). In this instance, NOPSEMA is providing an opportunity to modify and resubmit the environment plan as it is not reasonably satisfied that the plans meets the acceptance criteria set out in the regulations.

Submission information

Titleholder¹:	Timor Sea Oil & Gas Australia Pty Limited
Environment plan:	Laminaria-5 Reinstatement Project, [Document 2017-004-02-02-001, Rev 0]
Petroleum title:	AC/L5
Date submitted to NOPSEMA:	14/09/2017
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well intervention - drilling
Activity overview: <i>As described on the NOPSEMA website.</i>	<p>The key objective of this project is to bring the Laminaria-5 well back into production to extend the economic life of the Laminaria field. This is to be achieved by changing out the subsea tree (SST), the assembly of valves on top of the wellhead.</p> <p>An attempt was made in 2012 to replace the SST by the former titleholder, Woodside. At that time, due to a suspected Tubing Retrievable Subsea Safety Valve (TRSSV) failure and inability to recover the downhole tool, a 7.2 m long tool string and approximately 75 m of wire was cut and left down hole. Due to a suspected issue with the TRSSV flapper and the tooling required to repair the well not being available, Woodside decided to leave the well temporarily abandoned. The current program aims to restore flow to the well. The project is scheduled to be undertaken in 2018, ideally in the first quarter (Q1) of 2018, subject to MODU availability and other variables such as weather conditions. It is anticipated that the project will take up to 30 days to complete.</p>
Decision:	Not reasonably satisfied
Decision date:	12/10/2017
Resubmission due date³:	21/11/2017
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. On completion of assessment, NOPSEMA has decided that it is not reasonably satisfied that the environment plan meets the criteria below as set out in regulation 10A of the Environment Regulations:

(d) provides for appropriate environmental performance outcomes, environmental performance standards and measurement criteria; and

(e) includes an appropriate implementation strategy and monitoring, recording and reporting arrangements.

Titleholder requirements

In accordance with regulation 10, the titleholder is required to modify and resubmit the environment plan. Upon resubmission of the plan, NOPSEMA will continue to assess the submission in accordance with its assessment policies and make a decision under regulation 10. After a titleholder has been provided with reasonable opportunity to modify and resubmit an environment plan, NOPSEMA will make a final decision on whether to accept or refuse to accept the 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

³ NOPSEMA sets the proposed timeframe for resubmission; after which NOPSEMA may determine a reasonable opportunity has been given and NOPSEMA may refuse to accept the plan. Titleholders can request an extended timeframe.