

Acceptance decision

Laminaria-5 Reinstatement Project AC/L5

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:	Timor Sea Oil & Gas Australia Pty Ltd
Environment plan:	Laminaria-5 Reinstatement Project AC/L5, Revision 1, [2017-004-02-02-001]
Petroleum title(s):	AC/L5
Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:	14/09/2017
Activities type(s)²:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drilling
Activity overview: <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</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.</p> <p>The project is scheduled to be undertaken in 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:	Accepted
Decision date:	18/12/2017
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. 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