

## Acceptance decision

### Beehive 3D Seismic Survey

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

<b>Titleholder<sup>1</sup>:</b>	Finniss Offshore Exploration Pty Ltd
<b>Environment plan:</b>	Beehive 3D Seismic Survey environment plan (EP) (Revision 0) [, and responses to requests for further written information submitted to NOPSEMA on 9 April 2018 and 10 May 2018.
<b>Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):</b>	WA-488-P
<b>Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:</b>	08/02/2018
<b>Activities type(s)<sup>2</sup>:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seismic Survey</li> </ul>
<b>Activity overview:</b> <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>Finniss Offshore Exploration Pty Ltd (Finniss) is the sole titleholder of exploration permit WA-488-P. Finniss is a wholly owned subsidiary of Melbana Energy Limited (formerly MEO Australia). Pursuant to an Operations Services Agreement dated 21 November 2017 between Finniss, Melbana and Santos Offshore Pty Ltd (Santos), Finniss has engaged Santos to perform certain operational services in connection with the acquisition of 3D seismic survey data over exploration permit WA-488-P, including undertaking the Beehive 3D MSS.</p> <p>The WA-488-P permit is located in the Petrel Sub-basin in Commonwealth waters off northern Western Australia.</p> <p>The Beehive 3D MSS is a typical 3D survey using methods and procedures similar to others conducted in Australian waters. No unique or unusual equipment or operations are proposed.</p> <p>The survey acquisition area is approximately 975 km<sup>2</sup> with a larger operational area (4,675 km<sup>2</sup>) around it to allow for vessel turns (line changes) and testing of equipment. The operational area is located in the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf, approximately 225 km west-southwest from Darwin, 65 km from the closest land at Cape Domett (in Western Australia), and 60 km from Yelcher Beach in the Northern Territory.</p> <p>Water depths in the acquisition area range from approximately 30 to 50 m.</p> <p>The survey will take a maximum of 30 days and will be undertaken within the period of 15 June to 31 October 2018 or 2019.</p>



	Santos management systems and processes will apply during the course of the Beehive 3D MSS.
<b>Decision:</b>	Accepted
<b>Decision date:</b>	22/05/2018
<b>Decision made by:</b>	Representative of NOPSEMA: Environment Manager - Seismic & Production Operations

## 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](mailto:environment@nopsema.gov.au).

<sup>1</sup> 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).

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