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Acceptance decision

**Rollo Multiclient Marine Seismic Surveys Environment Plan**

This document provides notificationof 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

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| Titleholder[[1]](#endnote-1): | PGS Australia Pty Ltd |
| Environment plan: | Rollo Multiclient Marine Seismic Surveys Environment Plan comprising:   * Chapter 1 Revision 6 dated September 2018 * Chapter 2 Revision 7 dated September 2018 * Chapter 3 Revision 6 dated September 2018 |
| Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s): | B24B67 |
| Date first submitted to NOPSEMA: | 21/10/2016 |
| **Activities type(s)[[2]](#endnote-2):** | * Seismic survey |
| **Activity overview:**  *As described in the accepted environment plan.* | PGS proposes to acquire multi-client (MC) three-dimensional (3D) marine seismic surveys (MSS) within the North Carnarvon Basin and Beagle operational areas in waters offshore from Western Australia (WA). The operational areas are limited to the Commonwealth waters off the Pilbara coast only and are more than 180 km off Port Hedland and 75 km off Barrow Island.  PGS do not intend to conduct survey operations over the entire operational area. Restrictions within the EP allow for a maximum of 25,000 km2 of seismic acquisition per year for 5 years. Further temporal and spatial restrictions also define when/where these surveys can take place.  Surveys will be undertaken with a purpose-built vessel. At-sea refuelling may occur but will only take place during daylight hours and not within a minimum distance of 30 km of Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park. A support vessel will always accompany the survey vessel.  The proposed 3D marine seismic survey(s) will be like previous surveys conducted in Australian waters, with no unique or unusual equipment or operations proposed. The largest sound source that PGS will use for any survey within the operational area will have a capacity no greater than 3,260 cui.  During the proposed survey activities, the survey vessel will traverse a series of pre-determined sail lines within the operational area at a speed of ~4.5 knots. The operating pressure for the seismic acoustic source will be ~2,000 psi, with the 3D acoustic source deployed in two arrays. Independent Marine Fauna Observers will be deployed, ensuring compliance with EPBC Act Policy Statement 2.1 and the mitigation measures identified within the EP.  Specific commencement dates and durations of individual surveys within the operational area have not yet been determined. |
| Decision: | Accepted |
| Decision date: | 04/10/2018 |
| Decision made by: | 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](file:///C:\Users\vaneco\Caches\Objects\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). [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Activity type as listed in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Regulations 2004 [↑](#endnote-ref-2)