

## Acceptance decision

### VIC-GIP-002 Geophysical and Geotechnical Investigations EP

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>	The Crown in right of Victoria
<b>Environment plan:</b>	Geophysical and Geotechnical Investigations Environment Plan (Document No. TRIM DOC/18/615063, Revision 0)
<b>Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):</b>	VIC-GIP-002
<b>Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:</b>	14/09/2018
<b>Activities type(s)<sup>2</sup>:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other survey</li> </ul>
<b>Activity overview:</b> <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>The Crown in right of Victoria proposes to undertake geophysical and geotechnical investigations within Greenhouse Gas Assessment Permit VIC-GIP-002 in Commonwealth waters offshore Gippsland. This permit is managed by the CarbonNet project (CarbonNet) within the Victorian Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR). The purpose of the investigations is to characterise seabed and shallow geology at a future drill site. At its closest point, the investigation area is 6 km from the coastline between the townships of Golden Beach and Paradise Beach. The furthest point is approximately 11 km offshore.</p> <p>The proposed investigations are scheduled to take place in two stages sometime between late 2018 and the end of June 2019. Stage 1 comprises geophysical investigations using:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single beam echo sounder;</li> <li>• Multi beam echo sounder;</li> <li>• Side scan sonar;</li> <li>• Magnetometer; and</li> <li>• Sub bottom profilers.</li> </ul> <p>Stage 2 comprises the geotechnical investigations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seabed sediment grab sampling;</li> <li>• Rotary coring up to 80m below the seabed;</li> <li>• In situ Piezo Cone Penetrometer Testing to 25m below the seabed; and</li> <li>• Piston or vibro-coring to a depth of 3 to 24m below the seabed.</li> </ul> <p>Each stage is expected to take less than 7 days to complete.</p>



<b>Decision:</b>	Accepted
<b>Decision date:</b>	01/11/2018
<b>Decision made by:</b>	Representative of NOPSEMA: Chief Executive Officer

## 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