

## Acceptance decision

### Corvus-2 Appraisal Drilling

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>	Santos Northwest Pty Ltd
<b>Environment plan:</b>	Corvus-2 Appraisal Drilling
<b>Petroleum title:</b>	WA-45-R
<b>Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:</b>	09/11/2018
<b>Activities type(s)<sup>2</sup>:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>drilling</li> </ul>
<b>Activity overview:</b>	<p>Santos Northwest Pty Ltd proposes to drill the Corvus-2 appraisal well, located in Commonwealth waters of approximately 65 m depth off the coast of Western Australia (WA).</p> <p>The drilling campaign (the activity) will be carried out using a jack-up mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU). This environment plan (EP) covers all MODU, support vessel and helicopter operations within the operational area. All petroleum activities will be conducted in Permit Area WA-45-R. The operational area is set as a 500 m radius around the final well location, corresponding to the gazetted safety exclusion zone around the MODU. The Corvus-2 appraisal well is proposed to be drilled, evaluated and permanently plugged and abandoned.</p> <p>Drilling activities are planned for approximately 42 days, but the environmental assessment and stakeholder consultation accounts for over-run (~80 days). Activities will be conducted 24-hours per day, seven days per week. Over-runs may be caused by unfavourable weather, additional drilling (e.g. a re-spud) or operational challenges.</p> <p>The earliest date for MODU arrival is 1st March 2019. To account for potential delays or schedule changes, the environmental assessment encompasses petroleum activities at any time of the year. Thus the activity will be undertaken between 1st March 2019 and 31st December 2019.</p>
<b>Decision:</b>	Accepted
<b>Decision date:</b>	21/01/2019
<b>Decision made by:</b>	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](mailto:environment@nopsema.gov.au).

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<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