

## Acceptance decision

### Otway Basin Exploration 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>	Cooper Energy (CH) Pty. Ltd.
<b>Environment plan:</b>	Otway Basin Exploration Drilling - Document No. VOB-EN-EMP-0001, Revision 1
<b>Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s):</b>	VIC/P44 and VIC/L24
<b>Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:</b>	10/12/2018
<b>Activities type(s)<sup>2</sup>:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drilling</li> </ul>
<b>Activity overview:</b> <i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i>	<p>Cooper Energy propose to undertake exploration drilling activities in two separate titles located within Australian Commonwealth waters. The EP provides for drilling activities for up to two (2) exploration wells (Annie-1 and Elanora-1) in the Otway Basin off Victoria's south-west coast, in an area where hydrocarbon exploration and production is well established. The proposed well sites are located within waters ranging in depth from approximately 62m to 75m.</p> <p>The proposed drilling activities are to be completed by a semi-submersible mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU). The MODU will be anchored to the seabed and will be supported by two (2) to three (3) offshore vessels for the duration of the activities. The operational area covered by this EP is defined as a 2km radius from each well inclusive of MODU moorings and the MODU 500 m exclusion zone.</p> <p>Drilling activities are planned to commence in Q2 or Q3 of 2019, although depending on MODU availability, may commence later in the year. Preparations for the MODU arrival to the first well location may include drill site survey activities undertaken from a vessel 8 -12 weeks prior to drilling. Drilling activities are expected to take approximately 30-50 days at each well location. Drilling and support activities will typically be conducted on a 24-hour basis.</p>
<b>Decision:</b>	Accepted
<b>Decision date:</b>	26/02/2019
<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