

## Acceptance decision

### WA-404-P Exploration Wellheads Environment Plan

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

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| <b>Titleholder<sup>1</sup>:</b>  | Woodside Energy Ltd   |
| <b>Environment plan:</b>   | WA-404-P Exploration Wellheads  |
| <b>Petroleum title:</b>  | WA-404-P  |
| <b>Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:</b>  | 31/05/2018  |
| <b>Activities type(s)<sup>2</sup>:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any other petroleum-related operations or works carried out under an instrument, authority or consent granted or issued under the OPGGSA</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Activity overview:</b><br><i>As described in the accepted environment plan.</i> | <p>Woodside is preparing an Environment Plan for the Martin-1, Remy-1, Kelt-1 and Noblige-2 wellheads, located in Commonwealth waters within permit area WA-404-P, approximately 260 km north-west of Dampier in Western Australia. The wellheads are located in water depths between 1,250-1,450 m. The four wells are completely plugged and abandoned with wellheads remaining in place.</p> <p>Martin-1 exploration well was drilled in December 2010. After drilling, Martin-1 was permanently plugged with a series of cement plugs. The wellhead remains in place. Drilling of the Remy-1 exploration well commenced in October 2010. When the well casing became stuck, and was unable to be removed, the well was capped. The wellhead also remains in place.</p> <p>The Kelt-1 exploration well and the Noblige-2 appraisal well were drilled in July 2011 and August 2011 respectively. Both wellheads were attempted to be removed after drilling by cutting the casing below the seabed from within the drill pipe. Due to unsuccessful casing cutting attempts, the wellheads were unable to be removed.</p> <p>As a result of an options assessment which was conducted for the decommissioning of these wellheads, which included consideration of the stakeholder feedback received on the decommissioning options, Woodside has left and proposes to continue to leave the Martin-1, Remy-1, Kelt-1 and Noblige-2 wellheads in-situ permanently.</p> <p>No field activities are required in association with this Environment Plan.</p> |
| <b>Decision:</b>   | Accepted  |
| <b>Decision date:</b>  | 04/07/2018  |



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**Decision made by:** Representative of NOPSEMA: Environment Manager - Drilling & Developments

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## 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