



## Acceptance decision

### East Spar Plug and Abandonment

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>	Quadrant Oil Australia Pty Limited
<b>Environment plan:</b>	East Spar Plug and Abandonment
<b>Petroleum title:</b>	WA-13-L
<b>Date first submitted to NOPSEMA:</b>	15/01/2018
<b>Activities type<sup>2</sup>:</b>	Drilling
<b>Activity overview:</b>	<p>Quadrant Oil Australia Pty Ltd (QOA) is the registered operator for Petroleum Production Licence WA-13-L in offshore Commonwealth waters on the North West Shelf of Western Australia. QOA is a 100 per cent owned subsidiary of Quadrant Energy Australia Ltd. Quadrant proposes to plug and abandon two East Spar wells (East Spar-3 and East Spar-6) located in the permit area that forms part of the East Spar field approximately 36 km off Barrow Island.</p> <p>The East Spar plug and abandonment activities will be carried out using a jack-up mobile offshore drilling unit. The purpose of the activity is to establish permanent well barriers with complete reservoir isolation downhole. Existing subsea infrastructure such as casing strings, the wellheads, Xmas Trees and flowlines, etc. will remain in place.</p> <p>This activity is expected to commence in Q2 2018. A 500 m exclusion zone will be in place around the MODU when it is on location.</p>
<b>Decision:</b>	Accepted
<b>Decision date:</b>	28/03/2018
<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