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1. INTRODUCTION

The Gemtree Exploration Drilling Environment Plan was submitted to NOPSEMA 24 February 2020 and as required by the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009, was open for public comment from 26 February to 27 March 2020.

This report provides a summary of the comments received and Woodside Julimar Energy Ltd (Woodside) response.

2. TITLEHOLDER CONTACT DETAILS

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One comment was received during the public comment period. The comment and Woodside's response is provided in Table 1.

Table 1 Titleholder Response

Comments received	Titleholder Response
<p>Matter: Due to the global spread of corona virus (CORVID-19) a risk assessment should be included along with controls on dealing/managing the spread.</p> <p>Claim: Due to the nature of the highly contagious virus, if an outbreak were to occur this would increase the risk to operations considerably thereby increase the risk on the operating environment. Preventative measures / checks should be in place.</p>	<p>Woodside notes the feedback provided requesting information on management measures related to COVID-19.</p> <p>Note that the EP’s scope excludes the health management aspect and this is typically addressed by the drilling rig operator’s Safety Management System as part of the Vessel Safety Case. Drilling rigs operate under a Safety Case regime as required by the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Safety) Regulations 2009, which is premised on a set of defined operating conditions and subsequent risk management process. This process is administered by NOPSEMA Safety who reviews and accepts the adequacy of management system and framework addressing the health management of the workforce, including infectious disease such as COVID19.</p> <p>Specific to COVID19, Woodside updated its operational sites and facility access controls and restrictions to protect the health and safety of employees, contractors and service providers, aligning World Health Organisation, Commonwealth, State and local advice and guidance. In support of this, Woodside formally notified all contractors and service providers, including drilling rig contractors, they must maintain their own COVID-19 Management Plan to guide and manage their employees. The COVID-19 Management Plan is complementary to any existing infectious disease management plans contractors and service providers currently have in place.</p> <p>Woodside has undertaken a detailed assurance process to assess the impacts of COVID-19 on the Woodside arrangements in place to respond to a potential environmental incident, specifically a hydrocarbon loss of containment, across its operations. Woodside has determined that in the event of an environmental incident that hydrocarbon spill response can be executed as outlined in the Environment Plan.</p> <p>As health management, including infectious diseases such as COVID19, is addressed through the drilling rig operator’s Safety Management System no updates have been made to the Environment Plan.</p>