

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO CONDUCT AN OFFSHORE SURVEY

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006

The *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* requires an operator to have approval before undertaking an offshore survey.

The Delegate of the Designated Authority, Director of Energy, has the delegation to authorise the conduct of a survey. The Director of Energy (DOE) is also the relevant authority for determining the environmental significance of drilling and seismic proposals under the *Environmental Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act 1974*. The DOE must make this determination in respect of each proposal.

Operating requirements are detailed in the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011*.

- **ACCESS AUTHORITIES (s. 243)**

The Designated Authority (DA) may grant an Access Authority to a permittee, lessee or licensee over any block in the offshore area outside its own title.

If access is required into an adjoining offshore area, the holder of a permit, lease, licence or SPA may apply to his DA for an Access Authority into the adjoining offshore area. Approval must be obtained from the DA of the adjoining offshore area.

NOTE: This does not apply to operations to or from the JPDA.

- **SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY (s. 235)**

The DA may grant a Special Prospecting Authority (SPA) to a person in respect of blocks not held under Permit, Lease or Licence, for the period specified in the authority but not longer than 180 days for the purpose of carrying on specified petroleum exploration operations (blocks to be nominated and fee paid).

More than one SPA may be granted over the same blocks at the same time.

- **DATA**

Data and reports are to be submitted in accordance with the Data Management Plan.

CHECK LIST

Prior to lodgement, please check the following:



All parts of the Offshore Survey Application form have been filled in.

Registered Title Holder consents have been received and/or attached.

Environmental Plan has been submitted.

Special Prospecting Authority Application (if required)

Access Authority Application (if required)

GUIDELINE

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1. Primary Title Number		2. Secondary Title/s	
3. Titleholder (Operator)			
Company			
Phone		Fax	
Postal Address			
Suburb		State	Postcode
4. Contact person regarding this application			
Name		Position Held	
Phone	Fax	E-mail	
5. Details of Survey		Application for Access Authority ¹	
Survey Name		<i>Please identify blocks affected on next page</i>	
Prime Survey	Basin	Secondary Survey	
Technique		Energy Source	
Total Proposed Line km or km ²		Estimated cost (\$A)	
<i>Permit No - km</i>	<i>Permit No - km</i>		
Scheduled commencement date		Estimated duration in days	
Object of survey (<i>attach statement if insufficient space</i>)			
6. Contractor			
Company			
Postal Address			
State	Postcode	Phone	Fax
Name of Vessel		Port from which vessel will operate	
Navigational system			
7. Signature of applicant or agent (<i>Agent should demonstrate proof of authority</i>)			
Sign		Date	

APPLICATION FOR AN ACCESS AUTHORITY
OFFSHORE PETROLEUM AND GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE ACT 2006
(Section 242)

Name of applicant

of

being the registered holder of a permit, lease, production licence No

or holder of a Special Prospecting Authority (SPA) No

Situated in the area specified as being adjacent to the Northern Territory or holder of a state/Northern Territory petroleum title or SPA, hereby apply for an ACCESS AUTHORITY in respect of Block Nos. tabled below

Permit / Lease / Licence / SPA No From:	Permit / Lease / Licence No / Vacant Area To:	Registered Holder's Name	Map Sheet & Block Nos
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NB: This application should contain a *map* showing the relevant *Offshore Areas* (Commonwealth), the baseline of the Territorial Sea, the 3nm limit, the block numbers and any proposed seismic lines.

This application is made in conjunction with the accompanying application for permission to conduct the following geophysical survey which contains a map showing the proposed seismic lines and other relevant information; or other activity (specify).

Please indicate if this seismic survey is for the purpose of non-exclusive data acquisition, therefore the operator requests the public release data of 15 years for non-exclusive data, in accordance with the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011*.

YES NO

Signed

Dated

Made under *THE OFFSHORE PETROLEUM AND GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE ACT 2006*

TO: Director of Energy
Department of Resources
5th floor Centrepoint Building, 48-50 Smith Street, DARWIN NT 0800
GPO BOX 3000, DARWIN NT 0801
directorenergy@nt.gov.au and petroleum.operations@nt.gov.au

8. Information required to accompany application (1 copy of each, or as otherwise stated)

Contact details for enquiries are at Attachment A.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">A list of 1:1,000,000 mapsheet block numbers to be provided for the survey and for each access authority required listed against each petroleum title affected.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Two (2) plans showing the prospected survey together with the graticular grid and block numbers with each 1:1,000,000 mapsheet labelled and the current titles are shown².	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Coordinates of full fold polygon boundaries (3D surveys) or beginning and end of line shot point locations (2D surveys). The data is to be provided as ascii files in a de-projected (latitude, longitude) format. The coordinate datum is to be GDA94.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Encroachments onto any Conservation Reserves, Marine Parks and environmentally sensitive areas to be identified and illustrated on submitted maps.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Environment Plan (If not previously submitted, electronically to - petroleum.operations@nt.gov.au and directorenergy@nt.gov.au).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Details of how this proposed survey contributes to your work commitment for the tenement (exploration titles only).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">I am aware of and have actioned the following as applicable: <i>Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009</i> <i>Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011.</i>	

9. Timing of submission of application

Applications for surveys are required to be lodged at least **30 days prior to commencement**. However, to allow for timely approval and consideration of factors such as environmental assessment and land access issues it is recommended that applicants commence consultation with all relevant stakeholders as soon as possible.

Department of Resources considers an application to be formally submitted on the date that all required information is received. The provision of all of the required documentation will enable us to provide better service and assist in timely assessment. Incomplete applications will result in delays in obtaining the appropriate approvals.

Notes: The attention of the applicant is drawn to the requirements of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*, the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009* and the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011*.

Approval issued by the Director of Energy does not remove any obligations you may have under other legislation.

APPLICATION TO BE MADE TO:

Director of Energy
Minerals & Energy Titles Division
Department of Resources
5th floor Centrepoint Building, 48-50 Smith Street
DARWIN NT 0800

GPO BOX 3000
DARWIN NT 0801

directorenergy@nt.gov.au and petroleum.operations@nt.gov.au

NOTES:

1. **Application for Access Authority** form required if lines extend into vacant acreage or onto another registered holder's title.

(Please Note: No operations are to be commenced within the Access Authority area until the consent (in writing) of the relevant registered holder(s) has first been obtained. *(In this regard the Access Authority is invalid until such consent is received and any part of the survey conducted in breach of this condition would be unlawful and liable to penalties of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006).*

All consents of the relevant registered holders must be retained in hard copy format to ensure that you have adequate records of the consents given. These consents are not required to be forward to Department of Resources but may be audited. A list of Titleholders and approval dates is required to be submitted with the application.

Where a survey affects more than one title it is generally required that separate applications are made for each title affected (i.e. where the survey is in discrete parts).

However, where a survey affects more than one title and the survey lines are continuous only one application is required.

Where application is made for approval of a continuous survey, which affects more than one title but those titles have different title holder, application for an Access Authority would need to be made.

Where a survey extends beyond the jurisdiction of The Territory of Ashmore Cartier Islands Offshore Area or the Principal Northern Territory Offshore Area into an adjoining offshore area application for Access Authority will need to be made in respect of those blocks affected.

2. **2D surveys and 3D surveys** to have seismic lines/ survey perimeters drawn on the graticular grid and block numbers with each 1:1,000,000 mapsheet labelled. Geographical or MGA coordinates of the survey perimeter to be provided to define the extent of the survey.

Reporting Requirements:

Weekly reports are required from commencement of survey till completion which provides details of:

- Start & completion of dates,
- Line km acquired for 2D,
- Square km acquired for 3D,
- General report on week's activities,

or in accordance with the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011*. The weekly report must be given as soon as practicable after the end of the week to which the report relates.

ENERGY CONTACTS

ATTACHMENT A

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