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INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS AND DRILLING RESERVATIONS UNDER SECTION 30 (1) AND 43A OF THE ACT

Applications are invited for the grant of exploration permits and drilling reservations within Western Australia's sedimentary basins and will be received up until 4.00 pm on 27 September 1991.

Any areas not taken up from this invitation will be regazetted in early October with a late December closing date.

Each application for an exploration permit should comprise a single area of contiguous blocks of the applicant's choice. While the Act allows that a maximum of 200 blocks may be applied for in a single application, only applications that propose work programmes relative to the whole of the area applied for, shall be considered.

Each application for a drilling reservation shall comprise a block or a contiguous group of blocks containing potential sites of petroleum deposits. A drilling reservation carries a minimum commitment to drill a well on each potential site of a petroleum deposit within 12 months of being granted.

Not included in this invitation are blocks which, at the time of this notice being published:

- are the subject of exploration permits, production licences or applications therefor;
- are currently advertised within Area L91-3;
- are capable of being the subject of an invitation under Section 33 of the Act (surrendered etc licence and location blocks); or
- cover offshore islands.

Applications for exploration permits are to be made in accordance with Section 31 of the Act, submitted in duplicate and be accompanied by—

(a) Details of—

- (i) the blocks comprising the application by reference to the numbers of the blocks as shown on the Department's 1:1 000 000 series map sheets and by a plan delineating those blocks;
- (ii) the applicant's assessment of the petroleum potential of the area, including a geological and geophysical review and technical assessment of the area, and the concepts underlying the proposed exploration programme;
- (iii) the minimum work programme proposed for each of the five years, specifying the number of wells to be drilled, the line kilometres of seismic survey to be carried out and the estimated expenditure;
- (iv) wells referred to in the work programme should not include development wells (the AAPG well classification scheme will be the basis of identification).

(b) Particulars of—

- (i) the technical qualifications of the applicant and of its employees;
 - (ii) the technical advice available to the applicant;
 - (iii) the financial resources available to the applicant, including evidence of the applicant's ability to fund the work programme proposed, and a copy of the latest annual report for each applicant company;
 - (iv) where relevant, the viability of the consortium lodging the application, including evidence that a satisfactory settlement has been, or can be, reached on a Joint Operating Agreement (a copy of a Heads of Agreement dealing will generally suffice);
 - (v) the percentage participating interest of each party to the application; and
 - (vi) a single address for service of notices in respect of the application.
- (c) A fee of \$3 000, made payable to the Department of Mines through an Australian bank or by bank cheque (application fees are not refundable).
 - (d) such other information as the applicant wishes to be taken into account in consideration of the application.