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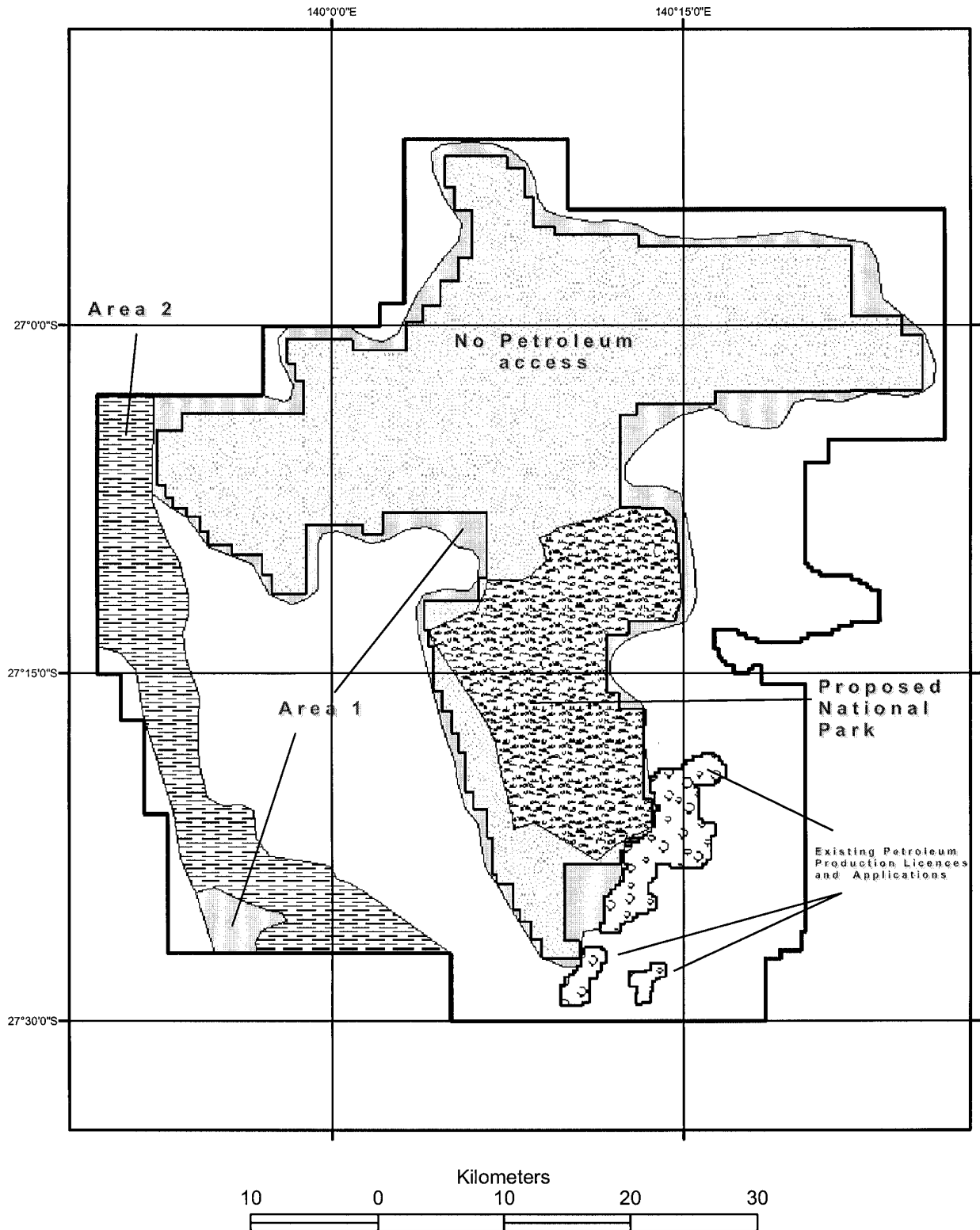
ADELAIDE, MONDAY, 14 JULY 2003

PETROLEUM ACT 2000

Notice of Invitation of Application for a Petroleum Exploration Licence

I, BARRY ALAN GOLDSTEIN, Director Petroleum, Minerals and Energy Division, Department of Primary Industries and Resources in the State of South Australia, pursuant to the provisions of the Petroleum Act 2000, and pursuant to delegated powers dated 28 March 2002, *Gazetted* 11 April 2002, page 1573 and in accordance with section 22 (1) of the Petroleum Act 2000, on behalf of the Minister for Mineral Resources Development (Minister), hereby invite applications for the grant of a Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) in respect of the area described below and shown on the attached plan.

CO 2003—A



Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 26°52'45"S GDA94 and longitude 140°04'45"E GDA94, thence east to longitude 140°07'25"E GDA94, south to latitude 26°53'15"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°08'10"E GDA94, south to latitude 26°54'30"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°08'30"E GDA94, south to latitude 26°55'45"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°09'25"E GDA94, south to latitude 26°56'05"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°13'00"E GDA94, south to latitude 26°56'35"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°22'00"E GDA94, south to latitude 26°59'35"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°24'10"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°00'25"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°25'05"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°02'45"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°22'00"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°02'50"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°16'15"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°03'20"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°12'55"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°03'50"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°12'15"E GDA94, south to the northern boundary of proposed National Park, thence generally easterly and southerly along the boundary of the proposed National Park to longitude 140°13'33"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°21'44"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°13'24"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°21'54"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°13'14"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°22'00"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°12'40"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°22'10"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°12'23"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°22'30"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°12'15"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°23'05"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°09'50"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°26'30"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°10'30"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°27'10"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°08'55"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°26'20"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°08'25"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°25'35"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°08'00"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°25'00"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°07'40"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°24'00"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°07'00"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°23'35"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°06'50"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°22'00"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°06'35"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°20'45"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°06'00"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°20'00"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°05'40"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°18'20"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°05'20"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°17'30"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°05'05"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°16'35"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°04'40"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°15'40"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°04'20"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°13'45"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°04'05"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°13'05"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°03'55"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°11'50"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°06'15"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°10'50"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°06'35"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°08'00"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°02'05"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°08'55"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°01'15"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°08'30"S GDA94, west to longitude 139°58'50"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°11'30"S GDA94, west to longitude 139°57'25"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°10'40"S GDA94, west to longitude 139°57'00"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°09'50"S GDA94, west to longitude 139°55'45"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°09'25"S GDA94, west to longitude 139°54'45"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°08'50"S GDA94, west to longitude 139°54'25"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°08'10"S GDA94, west to longitude 139°53'50"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°07'50"S GDA94, west to longitude 139°53'15"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°07'20"S GDA94, west to longitude 139°52'55"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°06'50"S GDA94, west to longitude 139°52'35"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°04'35"S GDA94, east to longitude 139°53'40"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°03'50"S GDA94, east to longitude 139°58'45"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°02'20"S GDA94, west to longitude 139°58'25"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°01'35"S GDA94, west to longitude 139°58'05"E GDA94, north to latitude 27°00'35"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°00'50"E GDA94, south to latitude 27°01'05"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°03'10"E GDA94, north to latitude 26°59'50"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°03'50"E GDA94, north to latitude 26°59'10"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°04'35"E GDA94, north to latitude 26°58'05"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°05'20"E GDA94, north to latitude 26°57'05"S GDA94, east to longitude 140°05'55"E GDA94, north to latitude 26°55'00"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°05'10"E GDA94, north to latitude 26°54'00"S GDA94, west to longitude 140°04'45"E GDA94, and north to point of commencement.

Area: 1 745 km² approximately.

Special Conditions

Land Access

The gazetted area excludes the proposed National Park and adjacent wetlands (no petroleum access area), as well as existing petroleum production licences and areas currently under application for petroleum production licences. Abutting the proposed National Park and surrounding the no petroleum access area, will be a buffer zone (refer part Area 1 of attached plan). In this buffer zone, subsurface drilling/production would be permitted but surface access would be restricted to foot-based geophysical surveying (i.e. without surface vehicular access). This type of restriction would also apply to a small area in the south-west of the gazetted area covering a key waterhole and associated riparian vegetation (refer part Area 1 of attached plan). The total size of Area 1 is approximately 255 km².

Along the western edge of the gazetted area is a major creek/floodplain that also has significant environmental, social and cultural values (refer Area 2 of attached plan). To provide appropriate protection as well as access for petroleum exploration and development in this area, another type of access restriction is to be applied. Area 2 will have conditions set for access that are over and above normal environmental management requirements and practices undertaken for the rest of the Cooper Basin. Indicative conditions include:

- No earthmoving in periods of flood
- No drilling within 300 metres of a major creek channel
- No trucking of oil during flood periods
- All creek crossings of pipelines to be buried and incorporate two physical mechanisms of oil spill protection and two systematic mechanisms of oil spill protection
- No blockage of any creek channel

The size of Area 2 is approximately 244 km².

Specific Statements of Environmental Objectives will need to be developed to detail these conditions and other environmental management criteria within the gazetted area. PIRSA will develop draft Statements with appropriate consultation with stakeholders so that they are available prior to close of bidding for the block.

Most of the gazetted area lies within the Innamincka Regional Reserve. This is a reserve proclaimed under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972, that specifically accommodates multiple land use. Specific management zones exist in the reserve to reflect specific conservation protection measures. The Statements of Environmental Objectives developed will meet the requirements of these management zones.

A PEL application incorporating any portion of the Innamincka Regional Reserve will be referred to the Minister for Environment and Conservation and the views of such Minister are required to be taken into account when granting the PEL. In the case of production tenements within the Innamincka Regional Reserve, approval must be obtained from the Minister for Environment and Conservation. Failing such Minister's approval, the issue is referred to the Governor for decision.

Licence Term

The PEL will be offered for a five-year term with a right of renewal for a further five-year term at the end of the initial five-year term, with a non-negotiable relinquishment of 50 per cent of initial area at renewal.

Native Title

The PEL cannot be granted until the Right to Negotiate process pursuant to the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993 has been concluded with any relevant registered native title claimants. It may be necessary to access adjoining accessible areas to conduct regulated activities relative to the PEL. The Right to Negotiate process will include negotiation for facilitation of appropriate access to such adjacent accessible areas reasonably necessary to conduct such regulated activities, and will also include negotiation for facilitation of access relative to the grant of any ensuing licence for future production and necessary infrastructure development.

Security

A minimum \$50 000 security (amount subject to review) will be required to be lodged at or following grant of the Petroleum Exploration Licence and maintained during periods determined by the Minister.

Applications

Applications lodged under section 65 (1) of the Petroleum Act 2000 are required to be made in the approved form as identified in a Petroleum Exploration Data Package (can be ordered from: www.petroleum.pir.sa.gov.au or the Director Petroleum at the address below):

Applications:

- must satisfy the requirements of Regulation 4 of the Regulations under the Petroleum Act 2000;
- must be accompanied by a proposed work program for the first 5 year term of the licence;
- must be accompanied by a statement of the financial and technical resources available to the applicant; and must be accompanied by the scheduled application fee.

Applications, together with relevant data should be submitted in the following manner to the Minister for Mineral Resources Development, c/o Director Petroleum, Minerals and Energy Division, Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA, Level 7, 101 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, South Australia 5000.

Applications close at 4 p.m. Thursday, 29 July 2004.

The following special instructions should be observed:

- the application and supporting data, together with the then scheduled application fee (currently \$2 636 for each licence application but likely to increase from 1 July 2004) payable to the Department of Primary Industries and Resources, enclosed in an envelope or package;
- the application should then be sealed and clearly marked as 'Application for Area CO 2003—A—Commercial-in-Confidence'.
- This envelope or package should then be enclosed in a plain covering envelope or package and delivered by hand or posted to the address above.

Copies of the basic exploration data pertaining to the areas comprising this notice may be obtained from the Petroleum Group of the Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA. Enquiries may be directed to the Director Petroleum (Telephone (08) 8463 3200; email: Goldstein.Barry@saugov.sa.gov.au).

Criteria for Assessment of Applications

Winning bidders will be selected on the basis of the total five-year work program bid. The work program must include a statement of exploratory operations the applicant proposes to carry out in each year of the first five-year licence term. It is expected that at least one petroleum exploration well would be included in the program.

Bids will be assessed taking account of the criteria listed below. It is important to note that the timing of well drilling and seismic acquisition will be taken into account. The most important criteria for assessment of CO 2003—A work programs are:

- The number of exploration wells to be drilled, their timing and anticipated targets (Eromanga, Cooper and Warburton Basins).
- The extent to which proposed wells are supported by seismic data.
- The number of years the applicant is prepared to guarantee the program.
- Adequacy of financial resources and technical expertise available to the applicant.
- The applicant's past performance in fulfilling work program commitments elsewhere in Australia.

Secondary criteria that may be taken into account are:

- The amount and nature of seismic surveying to be carried out and its timing.
- Other data acquisition and seismic reprocessing to be carried out.

In addition to the above criteria, where bids are similar, the benefits of the introduction of new explorers into the area (including intention with regard to establishing an office in South Australia) may be taken into account. In the case of cascading bids (i.e. multiple or hybrid bids by one applicant or joint venture), only the highest bid will be considered.

The Minister will announce the winning bidder, together with details of the work program.

Dated 11 July 2003.

B. A. GOLDSTEIN, Director Petroleum, Minerals and Energy Division,
Delegate of the Minister for Mineral Resources Development