



## ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE

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**NO. ANP/HSE/EL/2026/02**

This Environmental License is issued pursuant to Article 23.1 of Decree-Law No. 39/2022 of 8 June 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment of Decree-Law No. 5/2011 of 9 February on Environmental Licensing, and Article 31.1 (s) of Decree-Law No.46/2023 of 28 July, on Organic Law of IX Constitutional Government; and Article 3.8 of Decree-Law No.62/2023 of 6 September, 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment of Decree-Law No. 20/2008 of 19 June on the Establishment of the Autoridade Nacional do Petróleo.

<b>Project Proponent: SundaGas Banda Unipessoal, Lda (SGBU)</b>	
<b>Project Title: Drilling and Well Testing at Chuditch-2 Appraisal Well PSC TL-SO-19-16</b>	
<b>Project Type: Oil and Gas</b>	<b>Project Classification: Category A</b>
<b>Project Location: Timor-Leste Offshore Waters (Contract area of PSC TL-SO-19-16)</b>	
<b>Issuance Date: 9 March 2026</b>	<b>Expiry Date: 9 March 2028 or after the completion of appraisal drilling and well testing</b>

The Environmental License is granted with the conditions annexed to this License.

**Gualdino do Carmo da Silva**  
**President of ANP**

**DESPACHO N.º 03/MPRM/II/2026**

O Ministério do Petróleo e Recursos Minerais (MPRM), nos termos do disposto na alínea s), do número 1, do artigo 2.º, do Decreto-Lei n.º 59/2023, de 6 de setembro, que aprovou a Orgânica do MPRM, tem competências para aprovar as licenças ambientais do setor do petróleo e gás e dos recursos minerais.

Por outro lado, nos termos do disposto no número 8, do artigo 3.º, do Decreto-Lei n.º 62/2023, de 6 de setembro, terceira alteração ao Decreto-Lei n.º 20/2008, de 19 de junho que criou a Autoridade Nacional do Petróleo (ANP), esta entidade submeteu ao Ministro do Petróleo e Recursos Minerais para aprovação final, na qualidade de Autoridade Superior Ambiental, a recomendação técnica n.º P/ANP/S/26/106, de 16 de fevereiro, sobre a solicitação formulada pela **Companhia SundaGas Banda Unipessoal, Lda**, (SGBU), para a realização de perfuração de avaliação e teste de poços localizada em Chuditch-2, na área contratual do PSC TL-SO-19-16, onde se recomenda a aprovação de:

- Declaração de Impacto Ambiental (DIA);
- Plano de Gestão Ambiental (PGA)

A autorização formulada deverá, contudo, salvaguardar as seguintes condições:

1. A SGBU deverá submeter o plano final de gestão de resíduos à ANP antes da mobilização da plataforma de perfuração e embarcação de apoio;
2. A SGBU deverá realizar um levantamento de monitoramento ambiental pós perfuração após a conclusão das atividades de perfuração de avaliação e teste de poços;
3. A SGBU deverá submeter o escopo de trabalho do levantamento pós monitoramento ambiental para revisão e aceitação de ANP antes da realização do levantamento;
4. A SGBU deverá submeter um relatório de desempenho ambiental de fim de campanha à ANP, dentro de três meses após a conclusão do levantamento;
5. A SGBU deverá rever a DIA e o PGA e submetê-los à ANP para revisão e aprovação se alguma das seguintes circunstâncias ocorrer:
  - a) Alteração no projeto que possa afetar significativamente:
    - i. Quantidade e qualidade do descarte de resíduos no meio ambiente conforme definido na legislação ambiental aplicável;
    - ii. Área física do projeto, bem como as suas dimensões.
  - b) Mudança na localização do projeto

Nestes termos,

O Ministro do Petróleo e Recursos Minerais, ao abrigo do

previsto na alínea s), do número 1, do artigo 2.º, do Decreto-Lei n.º 59/2023, de 6 de setembro, que aprovou a Orgânica do MPRM, conjugado com a alínea a), do n.º 2, do artigo 14.º, do Decreto-Lei n.º 5/2011, de 9 de fevereiro, alterado pelo Decreto-Lei n.º 39/2022, de 8 de junho, sobre Licenciamento Ambiental, decide o seguinte:

Aprovar:

- A Declaração de Impacto Ambiental (DIA);
- O Plano de Gestão Ambiental (PGA); e

Autorizar a Licença Ambiental do projeto.

O interessado deverá respeitar as condições definidas nos números 1 a 5, do presente Despacho.

Publique-se

Díli, 25 de fevereiro de 2026

O Ministro,

**Francisco da Costa Monteiro**

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ORDER No. 03/MPRM/II/2026

The Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources (MPRM), pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph s) of paragraph 1 of Article 2 of Decree-Law No. 59/2023 of September 6, which approved the Organic Law of the MPRM, has the power to approve environmental licenses for the oil and gas and mineral resources sector.

On the other hand, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 8 of Article 3 of Decree-Law No. 62/2023 of September 6, the third amendment to Decree-Law No. 20/2008 of June 19, which created the National Petroleum Authority (ANP), this entity submitted to the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources for final approval, in his capacity as Senior Environmental Authority, technical recommendation No. P/ANP/S/26/106, of February 16, on the request made by Companhia SundaGas Banda Unipessoal, Lda, (SGBU), to carry out evaluation and test drilling of wells located in Chuditch-2, in the contractual area of PSC TL-SO-19-16, where it is recommended the approval of:

- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Environmental Management Plan (PGA)

The authorization granted shall, however, safeguard the following conditions:

1. SGBU shall submit the final management and waste plan to the ANP before mobilizing the drilling platform and support vessel;
2. SGBU shall conduct a post-drilling environmental monitoring survey after completion of the evaluation and test well drilling activities;
3. SGBU shall submit the scope of work for the post-drilling environmental monitoring survey for review and acceptance by ANP prior to conducting the survey;
4. SGBU shall submit an end-of-campaign environmental performance report to ANP within three months after completion of the survey;
5. SGBU shall review the DIA and PGA and submit them to ANP for review and approval if any of the following circumstances occur:

a) Change in the project that may significantly affect:

- i. Quantity and quality of waste disposal in the environment as defined in applicable environmental legislation;
- ii. The physical area of the project, as well as its dimensions.

b) Change in the location of the project

Accordingly,

The Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph s) of paragraph 1 of Article 2 of Decree-Law No. 59/2023 of September 6, which approved the Organic Law of the MPRM, in conjunction with subparagraph a) of paragraph 2 of Article 14 of Decree-Law No. 5/2011, of February 9, amended by Decree-Law No. 39/2022, of June 8, on Environmental Licensing, decides as follows:

To approve:

- The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- The Environmental Management Plan (PGA); and

Authorize the Environmental License for the project.

The interested party must comply with the conditions set out in paragraphs 1 to 5 of this Order.

To be published.

Dili, 25 February 2026

The Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources  
Francisco da Costa Monteiro

10 March 2026

RNS Number : 9503V

## **Sunda Energy Plc**

("Sunda" or "Sunda Energy" or the "Company")

### **Award of Chuditch-2 Environmental Licence**

Sunda Energy Plc (AIM: SNDA), the AIM-quoted exploration and appraisal company focused on gas assets in Southeast Asia, is pleased to announce that its wholly owned subsidiary SundaGas Banda Unipessoal, Lda. ("**SundaGas**"), operator of the TL-SO-19-16 Production Sharing Contract (the "**PSC**"), offshore Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, has been awarded an Environmental Licence ("**EL**") for the drilling of the Chuditch-2 appraisal well ("**Chuditch-2**").

As announced by the Company on 10 February 2026, SundaGas submitted final Environmental Impact Statement ("**EIS**") and Environmental Management Plan ("**EMP**") documents earlier this year, following an extensive period of consultations with, and feedback from, upstream regulator Autoridade Nacional do Petróleo ("**ANP**"). Following endorsement of the EIS and EMP by ANP's Evaluation Committee, award of the EL was approved by His Excellency the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, and the 'Category A' EL was issued to SundaGas by ANP on 9 March 2026. The EL is valid until 9 March 2028 and includes certain conditions, principally around submission of a waste management plan to ANP prior to operations and for a post-drilling environmental survey.

A copy of the EL along with final versions of the EIS and EMP will be made available on the Company's website shortly.

Further updates regarding operational preparations will be provided in due course.

#### **Dr Andy Butler, CEO, commented:**

"Award of the Environmental Licence for Chuditch-2 is a major milestone in our drilling preparations, and the fruit of considerable survey works, studies, reviews and planning. I thank my colleagues and ANP for the strong collaborative efforts that went into preparing the extremely thorough EIS and EMP documents."

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# SundaGas granted environmental license for Chuditch gas appraisal drilling offshore Timor-Leste

The planned well will further assess the potential and characteristics of Shell's 1998 Chuditch-1 gas discovery.

*Jeremy Beckman, Offshore 10 Mar 2026*

The Timor-Leste [government has awarded SundaGas](#) Band Uinpressoal an environmental license for drilling of the planned offshore Chuditch-2 appraisal well in the TL-SO-19-16 production sharing contract (PSC) area.

SundaGas submitted final environmental impact statement and environmental management plan documents earlier this year, following consultations with the upstream regulator Autoridade Nacional do Petróleo (ANP).

The environmental license, which is valid through March 9, 2028, includes certain conditions, mainly related to submission of a waste management plan to ANP prior to operations, and a post-drilling environmental survey.

[The Chuditch PSC](#) is 185 km south of Timor-Leste in the Timor Sea, 100 km east of the [recently shut down Bayu-Undan](#) Field and 50 km south of the potential Greater Sunrise development.

It covers a 3,571-sq-km area, in water depths of 50-100 m, and contains the Chuditch-1 gas discovery drilled by Shell in 1998.

[According to SundaGas](#), that well encountered a 30-m gas column in the Jurassic Plover Formation on the flank of a large, faulted structure. The company subsequently undertook 3D seismic reprocessing, 2D regional seismic interpretation, and mapping and petroleum systems modeling to provide a regional context to the Chuditch Field.

In addition, a revised petrophysical and core evaluation of Chuditch-1 confirmed that the reservoirs are potentially gas productive. SundaGas also commissioned a well engineering study to provide preliminary designs for an appraisal well.

# Chuditch-2 gets environmental green light in Timor-Leste

The authorization allows Sunda Energy to move forward with drilling in one of Southeast Asia's key gas blocks.

*Inspanet, 14 Mar 2026. By Simón González*

After an extensive review process and regulatory consultations, Timor-Leste's National Petroleum Authority (ANP) granted the **Category A Environmental License to SundaGas**, a subsidiary of **Sunda Energy Plc (SNDA)**, for the **drilling of the Chuditch-2 appraisal well**. This approval represents a key step for the company in its energy expansion strategy in Southeast Asia.

The environmental license allows work to move forward on **drilling** in the offshore block **TL-SO-19-16**, where the Chuditch-2 well is located. SundaGas is the operator of the production sharing contract (PSC) and plans to begin technical operations after meeting certain requirements set by the authorities.

## Environmental review completed

The approval comes after the company submitted the **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** and the **Environmental Management Plan (EMP)**. Both documents were assessed by the ANP's technical committee and ultimately ratified by Timor-Leste's Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources. As a result, the Environmental License was granted on **March 9, 2026** and is valid until **March 9, 2028**.

## Conditions for drilling

Among the conditions set out in the environmental license are:

- Submission of a **waste management plan** prior to the start of operations.
- Conducting a **post-drilling environmental study**.

These guidelines reflect the country's regulatory commitment to the [sustainable management](#) of its energy resources.

## Company statements

**Sunda Energy's CEO, Dr. Andy Butler**, highlighted the technical and collaborative work involved in obtaining this authorization:

"The granting of the Environmental License for Chuditch-2 is a crucial step in our drilling preparations and is the result of extensive work on studies, reviews, and planning together with the ANP."

## A strategic project for the region

Chuditch-2 is part of a high-potential gas asset located in deep waters, about **185 km south of Timor-Leste**. The block is strategically positioned near existing processing infrastructure in Indonesia and northern Australia, which could facilitate its future regional commercialization.

## Future outlook

With the environmental license in hand, Sunda Energy is preparing for the next operational steps, including logistics and mobilization to drill Chuditch-2. The company has indicated it will provide further updates as the project's technical schedule progresses.

**Source:** [Sunda Energy](#)

# Sunda Energy anuncia obtenção de licença ambiental para Chuditch-2

**DÍLI, 10 de março de 2026 (RAFA.tl)** – A Sunda Energy Plc anunciou hoje a obtenção de uma licença ambiental para a perfuração do poço de avaliação Chuditch-2, nas águas a sul de Timor-Leste, que poderá começar ainda no primeiro semestre deste ano.

“A atribuição da Licença Ambiental para o Chuditch-2 é um marco fundamental nas nossas preparações para a perfuração, e o resultado de extensos trabalhos de levantamento, estudos, revisões e planeamento”, refere numa nota aos mercados o CEO da Sunda Energy, Andy Butler.

“Agradeço aos meus colegas e à ANP pelo forte espírito de colaboração que permitiu elaborar documentos de EIS e EMP extremamente rigorosos”, refere a nota.

De Categoria A, a licença foi emitida a 09 de março de 2026 pela Autoridade Nacional do Petróleo (ANP) de Timor-Leste, após aprovação pelo Ministro do Petróleo e Recursos Minerais, sendo válida até 09 de março de 2028.

A Licença Ambiental foi concedida à SundaGas Banda Unipessoal, subsidiária integralmente detida pela Sunda Energy e operadora do Contrato de Partilha de Produção (CPP) TL-SO-19-16.

A atribuição da licença representa uma etapa determinante no programa de perfuração, e segue-se à apresentação do Estudo de Impacto Ambiental e do Plano de Gestão Ambiental documentos elaborados na sequência de um extenso processo de consulta pública e de diálogo com a ANP, segundo a empresa.

Após a validação técnica destes documentos pela Comissão de Avaliação da ANP, a licença foi oficialmente outorgada.

A Licença Ambiental inclui um conjunto de condições operacionais, nomeadamente a obrigação de submissão de um plano de gestão de resíduos à ANP antes do início das operações, bem como a realização de um levantamento ambiental pós-perfuração.

O campo de gás de Chuditch localiza-se no Mar de Timor, a cerca de 185 km a sul do território continental de Timor-Leste, a 100 km a leste do campo produtor de Bayu-Undan e a 50 km a sul dos campos Greater Sunrise.

O CPP abrange uma área de aproximadamente 3.571 km<sup>2</sup>, em lâminas de água entre os 50 e os 100 metros.

O campo foi descoberto em 1998 pela Shell, através da perfuração do poço Chuditch-1, que intersectou uma coluna de gás de 30 metros na formação jurássica de Plover. Apesar do seu potencial, a descoberta permaneceu sem desenvolvimento durante décadas, sobretudo por limitações financeiras e técnicas num período em que Timor-Leste ainda consolidava a sua independência.

A SundaGas é operadora com 60% de participação no PSC TL-SO-19-16. Os restantes 40% são detidos por uma subsidiária da companhia petrolífera estatal timorense TIMOR GAP, E.P., cujos custos até ao primeiro gás estão a ser suportados pela SundaGas.

Um relatório da consultora ERCE e entregue em fevereiro de 2023, estima que os Recursos Contingentes brutos Pmean da descoberta Chuditch-1 rondem os 1,16 Tcf de gás (bilhões de pés cúbicos).

O poço Chuditch-2 será perfurado a 5,1 km do poço de descoberta, numa localização de afastamento (step-out) significativo, com uma coluna de gás prevista de 149 metros — cinco vezes superior à coluna encontrada em Chuditch-1.

Os principais objetivos do poço são validar as estimativas de recursos gasíferos e realizar um teste de produção (Drill Stem Test – DST) para determinar os caudais de produção potenciais para o futuro desenvolvimento do campo.