

Negotiations on Sunrise development have been halted due to disagreement between joint venture

DILI, 18 January 2023 (TATOLI) – The Minister of Petroleum and Minerals, Victor da Conceição Soares acknowledged that the negotiations of the Greater Sunrise Development have been halted due to disagreement between joint venture partners (Woodside, Osaka Gas, and Timor Gap).

“The negotiations on the development of greater sunrise in Timor-Leste’s onshore have been halted since November 2022 due to disagreement between the joint venture partners. Therefore, the Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals (MPM) has contacted all relevant parties to restart the negotiations on the Sunrise development,” Minister Soares told TATOLI, at the Governmental Palace, in Dili, today.

He said that the disagreement occurred because the joint venture partners wanted the Greater Sunrise Legal Framework to be finalized as soon as possible: “There was a misunderstanding between the joint venture partners. Therefore, negotiations have been suspended, and hoping that we can resume the negotiations again.”

Soares said that future negotiations can be done through videoconference or going to Australia: “Last year, we went to Australia for the negotiation. So, regarding the place for the future negotiation depends on Australia.”

He said that the visit of Australia’s Special Representative for the Greater Sunrise project, Steve Bracks, to Timor-Leste had improved communication to restart the negotiations.

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Bankada CNRT preokupa prosesu negosiasaun Greater Sunrise paradu

DILI, 19 janeiru 2023 (TATOLI)—Vise Bankada Congresso Nacional de Reconstrução Timorense (CNRT) iha Parlamentu Nasionál (PN), Deputadu Patrocínio Fernandes, preokupa ho prosesu negosiasaun Greater Sunrise paradu.

“Iha 2020 bainhira Fretilin ba viabiliza Governu, ida-ne’e bankada CNRT laiha esperansa ona prosesu Greater Sunrise ne’e bele la’o, tanba ne’e prosesu sira-ne’e la’o pendente,

laiha vontade atu oinsá prosesu ne’e la’o lalais,” Vise Bankada CNRT, Deputadu Patrocínio Fernandes, hateten ba jornalista sira iha PN, kinta ne’e.

Nia dehan, bainhira iha 2019 PN halo ratifikasaun tratadu fronteira marítima maibé bankada Fretilin vota kontra.

“Iha dokumentu boot tratadu fronteira marítima ne’e dokumentu engloba pakote ida, bolu dokumentu anexu ne’ebé bolu anexu hotu akordu sira-ne’ebé ko’alia kona-ba dezentendimentu Greater Sunrise nia prosesu la’o oinsa, atu lori ba iha ne’ebé Timor-Leste ka iha kompletu hotu kedas,” Deputadu opozisaun ne’e dehan.

Tanba ne’e, nia preokupa laiha vontade lakohi duni lori kadoras mai Timor-Leste, nune’e ho líder karizmátiku Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão mak kadoras mai iha Timor-Leste laiha rezerva.

Vise Bankada Fretilin, Antoninho Bianco, hateten bankada Fretilin fó apoiu tomak ba prosesu negosiasaun Greater Sunrise, nune’e hein katak prosesu diskusaun sira bele finaliza.

“Ita hein katak, se kestaun ida-ne’e laiha razaun atu para, karik dezentendimentu ne’ebé iha bankada seidauk informadu. Ami hatene katak durante ne’e buat la’o di’ak no prosesu ida atu finaliza tuir loloos iha fulan-dezemburu ne’e akordu ida entre ita-nian ho Austrália, entaun to’o ikus mai seidauk. Hein katak dentru trimestre ka fulan haat ne’e bele konklui buat balun iha ne’ eba,” nia hateten.

Tanba ne’e, normalmente akordu regra sira estabese ne’e tenke iha konsensu.

“Ha’u sente la’ós paradu maibé molok kestaun entendimentu atu aruma hanoin balun hanesan antes akordu ne’e atu asina tuir prosesu. Ne’ebé, bankada apoiu totál prosesu negosiasaun ida-ne’e la’o, kona-ba regra sira-ne’ebé atu estabese no ANPM, Timor GAP buka tenta oinsá tanba nia hanesan reprezenta Estado atu haree ho sira Woodside, Osaka sira-ne’e mak abain bainrua dezentolve Greater Sunrise ho Austrália. Liga ba suntu anexu-b tratadu sira-ne’e iha konsensu ruma iha ne’eba atu bele iha prosesu kontinua,” nia hateten.

Bankada Fretilin inklui bankada hotu iha PN apoiu ba prosesu ne’e la’o ba oin labele para, kestaun téknika sira bele buka tenta atu resolve maibé desizaun polítiku foti ona katak prosesu lao ita hein rezultadu.

“Ita hakarak aselera prosesu Greater Sunrise, ne’ebé durante ne’e iha vontade hosi parte ezekeutivu hala’o servisu ho di’ak,” nia hateten.

Nia hateten, autoridade haree regra sira hodi regulariza prosesu tomak prosesu la’o labele to’o tinan, pelumenus fulan tolu konklui ona tanba antes ne’e atu konklui iha dezemburu 2022 atu asina akordu ka dokumentu balun ne’ebé iha konkordánsia.

“Entaun kestaun tékniku balun ne’ebé agora sira halo bele iha fulan rua ka tolu tenke konklui, iha dezentendimentu ne’e buat simples. Entaun Governu tenke orienta tékniku sira liu-liu Timor GAP, ANPM, atu hala’o orientasaun política ne’ebé Estado hasai,” nia hateten.

Ne’ebé, dezentendimentu entre sira tékniku iha karik tanba Timor Gap, ANPM reprezenta Estado hodi hala’o diplomásia ne’ebé di’ak atu hetan konsensu entre regra sira-ne’ebé estabese.

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MPs: “No reason to halt negotiations on Greater Sunrise development”

DILI, 20 January 2023 (TATOLI) – Members of the National Parliament (MPs) urge the government and the joint venture to resume negotiations on the Greater Sunrise development, which have been halted since November 2022.

“There is no reason to halt the negotiations on the Greater Sunrise development. We were informed that the legal framework for Greater Sunrise should be completed by December last year. But I have just learned that it has not yet been completed and hoping it can be completed in the first quarter of 2023,” Chairman of Fretilin bench, MP Antonino Bianco said.

Bianco said support from all parties is needed to resume and advance the Greater Sunrise negotiations. “We definitely want a positive outcome from the negotiations,” he said.

He said a political decision has already been taken by the government, so the parties should accelerate the technical issues between the government and the joint venture to conclude the agreement as soon as possible.

Bianco said a consensus among relevant entities will be necessary to concretize the agreement and advance with the development of the Greater Sunrise.

Bianco made the comments following Petroleum and Minerals Minister Victor da Conceição Soares’ statement on Wednesday that Greater Sunrise Development negotiations have been halted since November 2022 due to disagreement between the joint venture partners (Woodside, Osaka Gas, and Timor Gap): “The disagreement between the joint venture partners is a simple thing that can be resolved.”

Deputy Chairman of CNRT bench, Patrocínio Fernandes said that CNRT is absolutely firm in its decision to support the Greater Sunrise development on Timor-Leste’s onshore.

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