Sub-Section 5.1(c) – Petroleum Mining Code – Reasons for grant of an Access Authorisation without Invitation

On 15 September 2006 the Joint Commission approved election of award of an Access Authorisation to ECL Pty Ltd (‘ECL’). The Timor Sea Designated Authority (“TSDA”) granted the Access Authorisation to ECL on 3 October 2006 in accordance with sub-paragraph 9.1(a)(i) of the Petroleum Mining Code for the Joint Petroleum Development Area (“JPDA”).

The purpose of the Access Authorisation is to allow short extensions of Seismic Lines of the Kurrajong 2D Survey in order to acquire fullfold coverage of seismic data up to the border of (Australian Petroleum Permit number) NT/P62 with the JPDA. This Authorisation also includes approval to extend Line KU06-33 into the JPDA to tie into the Chuditch-1 well (an approximate distance of 10-12 kilometres).

In this instance, the Applicant, ECL, needs to access part of the JPDA for seismic work that is essentially for correlative purposes, hence a competitive application is not required.

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