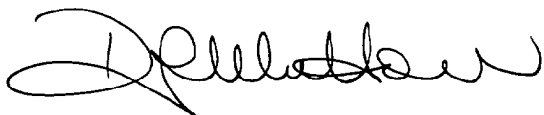


MEMORANDUM

PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCE NO 75

1. This Licence granted on 23/12/1997 is hereby entered on the Petroleum Register.
2. A security in the sum of a \$15,000 Bank Guarantee has been lodged with respect to this licence.
3. Interests in the licence are:-

Strike Oil NL 100%



D R Mutton
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND RESOURCES
Delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries,
Natural Resources and Regional Development

23/12/97

SR 27/2/152

PETROLEUM ACT 1940

PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCE NO 75

I, DENNIS RAY MUTTON, Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Resources (CE) in the State of South Australia pursuant to the provisions of the Petroleum Act, 1940 and all other enabling powers, for and on behalf of Robert Gerard Kerin, Minister for Primary Industries, Natural Resources and Regional Development (Minister), pursuant to delegation dated 20 November 1997, (refer Government Gazette dated 4 December 1997 page 1526), HEREBY GRANT to:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE TAXATION
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Strike Oil NL (ACN 078 012 745) of Level 1, Adelaide House, 200 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, WA 6000

(hereinafter referred to as the licensee) a Petroleum Exploration Licence in respect of the area set out below, to have effect for a period of five years and to expire on 22/12/2002 but carrying the rights of renewal under the Petroleum Act 1940.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA

The land comprised in this licence is that part of the State of South Australia described in the Schedule hereto being:

- (a) land that now is or was formerly the subject of a grant of a freehold estate or of a perpetual Crown lease where such an estate or lease was first granted before 31 December 1993,
- or
- (b) land (other than any reserve under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972) which has been, before 31 December 1993, reserved or dedicated for a public purpose and used before that date for that purpose in a manner wholly inconsistent with the continuing existence of common law native title rights.

CONDITIONS

- 1. The licensee shall at all times comply with:-
 - a) the provisions of the Petroleum Act, 1940 and of any regulations for the time being and from time to time in force under the Act; and
 - b) all directions given to it under the Act or the regulations for the time being and from time to time in force under that Act.

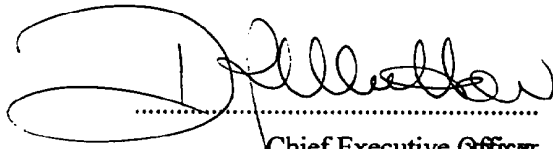
2. During the term of the licence, the Licensee shall carry out or cause to be carried out exploratory operations on the area comprised in the licence in accordance with such work programmes as are approved by the Minister from time to time. These exploratory operations shall include *but* not necessary be limited to:-
 - a) in the first year of the term of the licence, technical review at a total estimated cost of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars);
 - b) in the second year of the term of the licence, 50 km of seismic reprocessing, interpretation and mapping at a total estimated cost of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars);
 - c) in the third year of the term of the licence, 50 km of seismic acquisition, processing and interpretation at a total estimated cost of \$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars);
 - d) in the fourth year of the term of the licence, the drilling of one exploration well at a total estimated cost of \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars);
 - e) in the fifth year of the term of the licence, the drilling of one exploration well at a total estimated cost of \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars).
3. Within sixty days after the end of each year (being the period of twelve calendar months ending on the anniversary of the date upon which this licence comes into force), the Licensee shall submit to the Minister a full and complete written statement of expenditure actually made or caused to be made by the Licensee during that year upon approved exploratory operations. This statement of expenditures shall be accompanied by a written opinion on the veracity of the statement from an auditor whose qualifications and independence from the Licensee are acceptable to the Minister.
4. In the event that the Licensee during any year of the term of this licence (a year being the period of twelve calendar months ending on the anniversary of the date upon which the licence comes into force) fails to comply with the exploratory operations requirements of this licence, it is an express term of this licence that the Minister then may at his discretion either cancel this licence or authorise such variation to these requirements as the Minister thinks fit.
5. An application to drill a well within the area comprised in the licence shall include written proposals of the Licensee, in relation to the bringing under control of the well, in the event that effective control of the well is lost, and to the clean-up of oil spills, including financial proposals such as well control insurance, public liability insurance or other means to cover the costs involved in such operations.
6. Not less than thirty days before the commencement of each year (being the period of twelve calendar months ending on the anniversary of the date upon which this licence comes into force), the Licensees must arrange to meet, in person, with the CE or his representative to review the progress of the programme of exploration for the current licence year, and to present a proposal for the programme of exploration for the forthcoming year.

- 7. If at any time the work being carried out or intended to be carried out by, or at the cause of, the Licensee is in the opinion of the CEO not in accordance with the sound principles and practices of petroleum exploration, he may give the Licensee written directions as to the work carried out or intended to be carried out, and the Licensee shall comply with those directions.
- 8. In addition to the reports specified in the Petroleum Regulations, 1989, the Licensee shall promptly prepare and submit to the CEO in a form acceptable to him, detailed reports on all exploratory operations done or caused to be done by or on behalf of the Licensee within and in relation to the licence area.

Signed by the Chief Executive Officer

~~Department of Mines and Energy Resources at Adelaide~~
Department of Primary Industries and Resources

this 23rd day of December 1997.



Chief Executive Officer

~~Department of Mines and Energy Resources~~

~~Delegate of the Minister for Mines~~

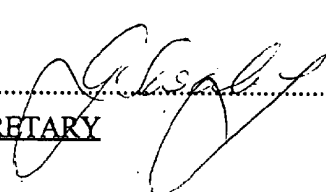
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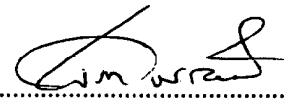
Signed sealed and delivered
by the said LICENSEE at Perth, WA

this 23rd day of October 1997



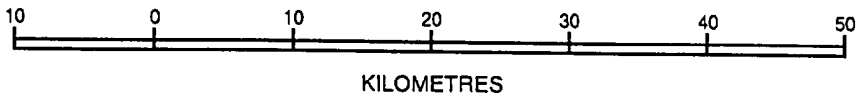
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SECRETARY


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DIRECTOR



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NOTE: There is no warranty that the boundary of this licence is correct in relation to other features on the map. The boundary is to be ascertained by reference to the Australian Geodetic Datum and the schedule.

THE PLAN HEREINBEFORE REFERRED TO
STRIKE OIL N.L.

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THE SCHEDULE

Description of Area

All that part of the State of South Australia, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 37°19'00"S and longitude 139°54'30"E, thence east to longitude 139°59'00"E, south to latitude 37°20'00"S, east to longitude 140°03'30"E, south to latitude 37°25'00"S, east to longitude 140°05'00"E, south to latitude 37°26'00"S, east to longitude 140°22'30"E, south to latitude 37°32'00"S, west to longitude 140°20'00"E, south to latitude 37°37'30"S, east to longitude 140°30'00"E, south to latitude 37°40'00"S, west to longitude 140°27'30"E, south to latitude 37°44'00"S, west to longitude 140°24'00"E, north to latitude 37°42'00"S, west to a line being Low Water Mark (Lowest Astronomical Tide), Southern Ocean, thence generally northwesterly along the said Low Water Mark line to latitude 37°16'00"S, east to longitude 139°54'30"E, and south to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p.4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1996.

AREA: No greater than approximately 937 km².

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Section 118 of the Act provides for the following:

Authority to search register

(1) A person is entitled to have access to the material included in the commercial register, on payment of the prescribed inspection fee, if the access is authorised by—

(a) a person who has a legal or equitable interest in the relevant licence or registered dealing; or

(b) the Minister.

(2) The Minister must not authorise access under subsection (1)(b) unless the Minister has consulted with the licensee to whom the material relates and is satisfied that access should be authorised in the public interest.

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