STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED (PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)

TUBRIDGI GAS FIELD DEVELOPMENT, NEAR ONSLOW

This proposal may be implemented subject to the following conditions:

1. In implementing the proposal, the proponent shall fulfil the commitments (which are not inconsistent with the conditions or procedures contained in this statement) made in the Consultative Environmental Review and in responses to issues raised during the assessment. (A copy of the consolidated list of commitments is attached).

2. Subject to these conditions, the manner of detailed implementation of the proposal shall conform in substance with those set out in any designs, specifications, plans or other technical material submitted by the proponent to the Environmental Protection Authority with the proposal. Where, in the course of that detailed implementation, the proponent seeks to change those designs, specifications, plans or other technical material in a way that the Minister for the Environment determines on the advice of the Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Mines, is not substantial, those changes may be effected.

3. Prior to the commencement of any siteworks, the proponent shall prepare a rehabilitation plan. The plan shall be prepared and implemented to the satisfaction of the Minister for the Environment on advice from the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Mines and the Environmental Protection Authority. The rehabilitation plan will also address soil conservation issues and the control of noxious weeds.

4. Prior to commencement of any siteworks, the proponent shall prepare an environmental management and monitoring programme to the satisfaction of the Minister for the Environment. The programme shall be implemented and reports provided to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority on advice from the Department of Mines.

5. In the event of noise levels and tonal components which result in unacceptable noise amenity at the Urala Station homestead as determined by the Environmental Protection Authority, the proponent shall resolve the problem to the satisfaction of the Authority.

6. The proponent shall be responsible for decommissioning and removal of the plant and installations and rehabilitating the site and its environs to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority. At least six months prior to cessation of operations, the proponent shall prepare and subsequently implement a decommissioning and rehabilitation plan to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority upon advice from the Department of Mines and the Department of Agriculture.

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7. No transfer of ownership, control or management of the project which would give rise to a need for the replacement of the proponent shall take place until the Minister for the Environment has advised the proponent that approval has been given for the nomination of a replacement proponent. Any request for the exercise of that power of the Minister shall be accompanied by a copy of this statement endorsed with an undertaking by the proposed replacement proponent to carry out the project in accordance with the conditions and procedures set out in the statement.

8. If the proponent has not substantially commenced the project within five years of the date of this statement then the approval to implement the proposal as granted in this statement shall lapse and be void. The Minister for the Environment shall determine any question as to whether the project has been substantially commenced. Any application to extend the period of five years referred to in this condition shall be made before the expiration of that period, to the Minister for the Environment by way of a request for a change in the condition under Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act. (On expiration of the five year period, further consideration of the proposal can only occur following a new referral to the Environmental Protection Authority).

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MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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The following is a summary of the commitments made by the Joint Venturers to be undertaken during the project design, construction and operation:

1. The pipeline, flowlines and processing plant site will not be constructed through significant archaeological and environmentally sensitive sites. A minimum buffer of 200 m will be provided at these sites.
2. Pets and firearms will be banned from site during construction and operation.
3. Fire fighting facilities will be available during construction and operation on access roads and tracks within the plant boundary.
4. Construction and operation will be monitored by the Operator to ensure compliance with environmental obligations.
5. All personnel employed on the project will be trained in the environmental management methods made in this statement.
6. Penalties for breaking environmental regulations will be included in contracts.
7. Any Aboriginal relics discovered during the work will be treated in accordance with the Aboriginal Heritage Act.
8. Camps will not be sited within 500 m of water holes.
9. Approval of the pastoralists and advice from environmental consultants will be sought for obtaining water from surface water sources.
10. Hydrotest water will contain a biodegradable inhibitor and will be disposed of in dry, sandy depressions, so that it will not enter the surface drainage system.
11. Domestic wastes will be deposited at the Onslow tip.
12. Industrial wastes will be deposited in a manner consistent with Ashburton Shire policy.
13. Sewage will be treated in septic tanks.
14. Treated and brackish water will be discharged to an impervious evaporation pond.
15. Power will be generated using production gas, other than in emergencies when diesel will be used.
16. Noise attenuation will be provided to limit noise levels under normal operating conditions to 70dB(A) at 100 m from the plant boundary.
17. Topsoil will be reserved and re-spread over backfilled excavations.
18. Backfilled excavations will be graded to ensure natural drainage is maintained.
19. Excavations and damaged land will be restored to acceptable ground conditions.
20. Cleared vegetation will be re-spread over the pipeline easement.
21. Imported materials for construction activity will be removed from the site and disposed of according for Ashburton Shire policy after construction is complete.
22. Regular inspections of the pipeline easement will be carried out and also after periods of heavy rain to monitor environmental conditions and to effect repairs where necessary.
23. Abandonment of the gas gathering system will include purging and sealing of pipelines, and removal of equipment at the processing plant followed by ground restoration.