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Notice of Invitation of Application for Exploration Permits

I, **PATRICK McNAMARA**, the Designated Authority for and on behalf of the Commonwealth - Victoria Offshore Petroleum Joint Authority, acting pursuant to Section 20(1) of the **Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967** of the Commonwealth of Australia, hereby invite applications for the grant of exploration permits in respect of the following blocks within the areas as described in the following schedule.

SCHEDULE

(The references hereunder are to the names of map sheets of 1:100,000 series and to the numbers of the graticular sections shown thereon.)

AREA V99-1

Map Sheet SJ54 Hamilton

BLOCK	BLOCK	BLOCK	BLOCK	BLOCK
2304 part	2374 part	2375 part	2376 part	2444 part
2445 part	2446 part	2447	2448	2515 part
2516 part	2517 part	2518	2519	2520
2587	2588	2589	2590	2591
2592	2659	2660	2661	2662
2663	2664	2731	2732	2733
2734	2735	2736	2803 part	2804 part
2805 part	2806 part	2807 part	2808 part	

Map Sheet SJ55 Melbourne

BLOCK	BLOCK	BLOCK	BLOCK	BLOCK
1951 part	2020 part	2021 part	2022 part	2023 part
2024 part	2025 part	2090 part	2091 part	2092 part
2093	2094	2095	2096	2097 part
2098 part	2161 part	2162 part	2163	2164
2165	2166	2167	2168	2169
2170 part	2171 part	2233 part	2234	2235
2236	2237	2238	2239	2240
2241	2242	2305	2306	2307
2308	2309	2310	2311	2312
2313	2377	2378	2379	2380
2381	2382	2383	2384	2449
2450	2451	2452	2453	2454
2455	2521	2522	2523	2524
2525	2526	2593	2594	2595
2596	2597	2665	2666	2667
2668	2737 part	2738 part	2739 part	2740 part

Assessed to contain 119 blocks

AREA V99-2

Map Sheet SJ55 Melbourne

BLOCK	BLOCK	BLOCK	BLOCK	BLOCK
2284	2356	2357	2425	2426
2427	2428	2429	2497	2498
2499	2500	2501		

Assessed to contain 13 blocks

APPLICATIONS

Applications lodged under Section 20 of the **Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967** are required to be made in the approved form and should be accompanied by:

- (a) Details of -
 - (i) the applicant's technical assessment of the petroleum potential of the area, including the concepts underlying its proposed exploration program, with sufficient detail to support that program;
 - (ii) the applicant's minimum guaranteed proposal (including indicative minimum expenditure) for exploration wells to be drilled, 3D and 2D seismic and other surveying activities, data evaluation and other work, for each year of the first three years of the permit term. This proposal, to be known as the minimum guaranteed work program, should comprise work expected to involve a substantial exploration component - normally, appraisal work should not be included;
 - (iii) the applicant's proposal (including indicative minimum expenditure) for exploration wells to be drilled, 3D and 2D seismic and other surveying activities, data evaluation and other work, for each of the three remaining years of the permit term. This proposal, to be known as the secondary work program, should comprise work expected to involve a substantial exploration component - normally, appraisal work should not be included.
- (b) Particulars of -
 - (i) the technical qualifications of the applicant and of its key employees;
 - (ii) the technical advice available to the applicant;
 - (iii) the financial resources available to the applicant, including evidence of the applicant's ability to fund the work program proposed, a statement of other exploration commitments over the next six years, and a copy of the latest annual report and quarterly reports for each applicant company;
 - (iv) where relevant, the viability of the consortium lodging the application, including evidence that a satisfactory settlement has been, or can be, reached on the Joint Operating Agreement (a copy of a signed Heads of Agreement Dealing will generally suffice); and
 - (v) the percentage participation interest of each party to the application.
- (c) Such other information as the applicant wishes to be taken into account in consideration of the application.
- (d) Each application must be accompanied by a fee of A\$3,000, payable to Commonwealth of Australia through an Australian bank or bank cheque.

Further details of the work program bidding system outlined above, including the criteria for assessment of applications and the conditions to apply following the award of the permit, are available from the Manager Minerals and Petroleum Titles, Department of Natural Resources and Environment Melbourne and from the Petroleum Division, Department of Industry, Science and Resources in Canberra.

It should be noted that any income derived in the future from the recovery of petroleum from these areas will be subject to the Commonwealth Government's Resource Rent Tax.

Applications together with the relevant data should be submitted in the following manner to the Secretary, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, 8th Floor, 250 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002, Attention: Senior Petroleum Titles Officer before 4.00 p.m., Thursday 14 October 1999. The following special instructions should be observed:

- Two copies of the application and supporting data, together with a fee of \$3,000 payable to the Commonwealth of Australia through an Australian Bank or by bank cheque, should be enclosed in an envelope or package.
- The application should then be sealed and clearly marked "Application for Area _____ Commercial-in-Confidence".

- This envelope or package should then be enclosed in a plain covering envelope or package and delivered by hand or posted to the relevant address above.

Copies of the basic exploration data pertaining to the blocks comprising this notice may be purchased from the Petroleum Development Branch, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, 7th Floor, 250 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002.

Made under the **Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967** of the Commonwealth of Australia.
Dated 19 April 1999

PATRICK McNAMARA
Designated Authority

Petroleum Act 1958
STATE OF VICTORIA

Notice of Invitation of Application for an Onshore Petroleum Exploration Permit

Applications are hereby invited for the grant of a Petroleum Exploration Permit under the provisions of the **Petroleum Act 1958** in respect of an area described hereunder and located in the Gippsland Basin of Victoria.

Applications for the area which is designated VIC/G99(1), shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 64 of the **Petroleum Act 1958** and shall comply with the requirements of the Petroleum Regulations 1992. Full details of the proposed Exploration Programme shall be provided. The applications shall be delivered to the Minister for Agriculture and Resources (Attention: Senior Petroleum Titles Officers, Minerals and Petroleum Titles), 8th Floor, 250 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne 3002. Applications will be received only during normal hours of business (8.15 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.) on Thursday 24 June 1999.

Applicants should note that this area is offered without implementation of the “right to negotiate” provisions contained in Part 2, Division 3. Subdivision B of the **Native Title Act 1993** and the offer contained in this Notice does not constitute a representation by the Crown or any of its officers or employees that the offer does not affect native title. The offer is invalid if it affects native title.

The successful applicant would be required, where appropriate, to comply with native title processes.

Neither the Crown nor any of its officers or employees will be responsible for any liability for damages or losses suffered by a successful tenderer, who becomes a permit holder, as a result of the invalidity of any Petroleum Exploration Permit issued, due to the existence of native title.

In accordance with Section 64(5)(c) of the **Petroleum Act 1958** applications must be accompanied by a sum calculated at the rate of eight cents per square kilometre for the area applied for. The successful applicant will be required to pay a Permit Processing Fee of \$3150 and to lodge an appropriate bond.

Area VIC/G99(1) comprises 53 blocks equal to 3586 Km² in West Gippsland between Leongatha and Gormandale.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA

The area bounded by a line commencing at a point which is the intersection of parallel of latitude 38° 45' south 146° 00' east, thence north to the point 38° 25' south 146° 00' east, thence east to the point 38° 25' south 146° 10' east, thence north to the point 38° 20' south 146° 10' east, thence east to the point 38° 20' south 146° 15' east, thence north to the point 38° 10' south 146° 15' east, thence east to the point 38° 10' south 146° 20' east, thence north to the point 38° 05' south 146° 20' east, thence east to the point 38° 05' south 146° 50' east, thence south to the point 38° 25' south 146° 50' east, thence west to the point 38° 25' south 146° 45' east, thence south to the point 38° 30' south 146° 45' east, thence west to the point 38° 30' south 146° 40' east, thence south to the

point 38° 35' south 146° 40' east, thence west to the point 38° 35' south 146° 30' east, thence south to the point 38° 40' south 146° 30' east, thence west to the point 38° 40' south 146° 10' east, thence south to the point 38° 45' south 146° 10' east, thence west along 38° 45' south, to the point of commencement.

Note:

Applicants should make themselves conversant with Marine and Wildlife Reserves and Aboriginal archaeological sites contained in Area VIC/G99(1).

Made under the **Petroleum Act 1958** of the State of Victoria.

Dated 19 April 1999

PATRICK McNAMARA
Designated Authority

Petroleum Act 1958
STATE OF VICTORIA

Notice of Invitation of Applications for Onshore Petroleum Exploration Permits

Applications are hereby invited for the grant of Petroleum Exploration Permits under the provisions of the **Petroleum Act 1958** in respect of an areas described hereunder and located in the Otway Basin of Victoria.

Applications for the areas which are designated VIC/O99(1) and VIC/O99(2), shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 64 of the **Petroleum Act 1958** and shall comply with the requirements of the Petroleum Regulations 1992.

NOTE

Full details of the proposed Exploration Programme being offered and covering a period of tenure of five (5) years shall be provided which complies with the provisions of Part 3 - Exploration Permits and Part 7 - Provisions Applying to Authorities Generally, of the **Petroleum Act 1998** No. 96/1998, under which the Minister proposes to issue Petroleum Exploration Permits to the successful applicants for both areas.

The factors to be considered in assessing applications will be the key objects of the work program for the first three years of the five year term and the financial and technical resources available to the applicant. Applicants should make themselves familiar in particular with Section 27 of the **Petroleum Act 1998**.

The applications shall be delivered to the Minister for Agriculture and Resources (Attention: Senior Petroleum Titles Officer, Minerals and Petroleum Tenements), 8th Floor, 250 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne 3002. Applications will be received only during normal hours of business (8.15 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.) on Thursday 14 October 1999.

Applicants should note that these areas are offered without implementation of the "right to negotiate" provisions contained in Part 2, Division 3. Subdivision B of the **Native Title Act 1993** and the offers contained in this Notice does not constitute a representation by the Crown or any of its officers or employees that the offers do not affect native title. The offers are invalid if they affect native title.

The successful applicants would be required, where appropriate, to comply with native title processes.

Neither the Crown nor any of its officers or employees will be responsible for any liability for damages or losses suffered by a successful tenderer, who becomes a permit holder, as a result of the invalidity of any Petroleum Exploration Permit issued, due to the existence of native title.

In accordance with Section 64(5)(c) of the **Petroleum Act 1958** applications must be accompanied by a sum calculated at the rate of eight cents per square kilometre for the area applied for. The successful applicant will be required to pay a Permit Processing Fee of \$3150 and to lodge an appropriate bond.

Enquiries concerning the tendering process should be referred to the Manager Minerals and Petroleum Tenements (03) 9412 4778. Enquiries concerning the technical data available should be made to Manager Basin Studies (03) 9412 5135.

All tenderers will be notified of the results of the tender process.

AREA VIC/O99(1)

LOCATION

Area VIC/O99(1) comprises 53 blocks equal to 33212 Km² in the Otway Basin between Dartmoor and Macarthur.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA

The area bounded by a line commencing at a point which is the intersection of parallel of latitude 141° 20' east with the baseline*, thence north to the point 38° 10' south, 141° 20' east, thence east to the point 38° 10' south 141° 25' east, thence north to the point 37° 45' south 141° 25' east, thence east to the point 37° 45' south 141° 45' east, thence south to the point 37° 50' south, 141° 45' east, thence east to the point 37° 50' south 142° 05' east, thence south to the point 38° 10' south 142° 05' east, thence west to the point 38° 10' south 141° 50' east, thence south to the intersection of the parallel of longitude 141° 50' east with the baseline, thence following the baseline to the point of commencement.

* The term "baseline" means the baseline from which territorial waters are measured and the Datum to which latitude and longitude figures are referred is the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined in the Commonwealth Gazette No. 84 of 6 October 1996, Page 4984.

Note:

Applicants should make themselves conversant with Marine and Wildlife Reserves, Parks, Wilderness Parks or Zones and Reference Areas, and Aboriginal archaeological sites contained in Area VIC/O99(1).

AREA VIC/O99(2)

LOCATION

Area VIC/O99(2) comprises 32 blocks equal to 1718 Km² in the Otway Basin between the South Australian - Victorian Border and Dartmoor.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA

The area bounded by a line commencing at a point which is the intersection of the South Australian - Victorian Border with the baseline*, thence north along the Border to latitude 37° 45' south, thence east to the point 37° 45' south 141° 45' east, thence south to the point 38° 10' south, 141° 25' east, thence west to the point 38° 10' south 141° 20' east, thence south to the intersection of the parallel of longitude 141° 20' east with the baseline, thence following the baseline to the point of commencement.

* The term "baseline" means the baseline from which territorial waters are measured and the Datum to which latitude and longitude figures are referred is the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined in the Commonwealth Gazette No. 84 of October 1996, Page 4984.

Note:

Applicants should make themselves conversant with Marine and Wildlife Reserves, Parks, Wilderness Parks or Zones and Reference Areas, and Aboriginal archaeological sites contained in Area VIC/O99(2).

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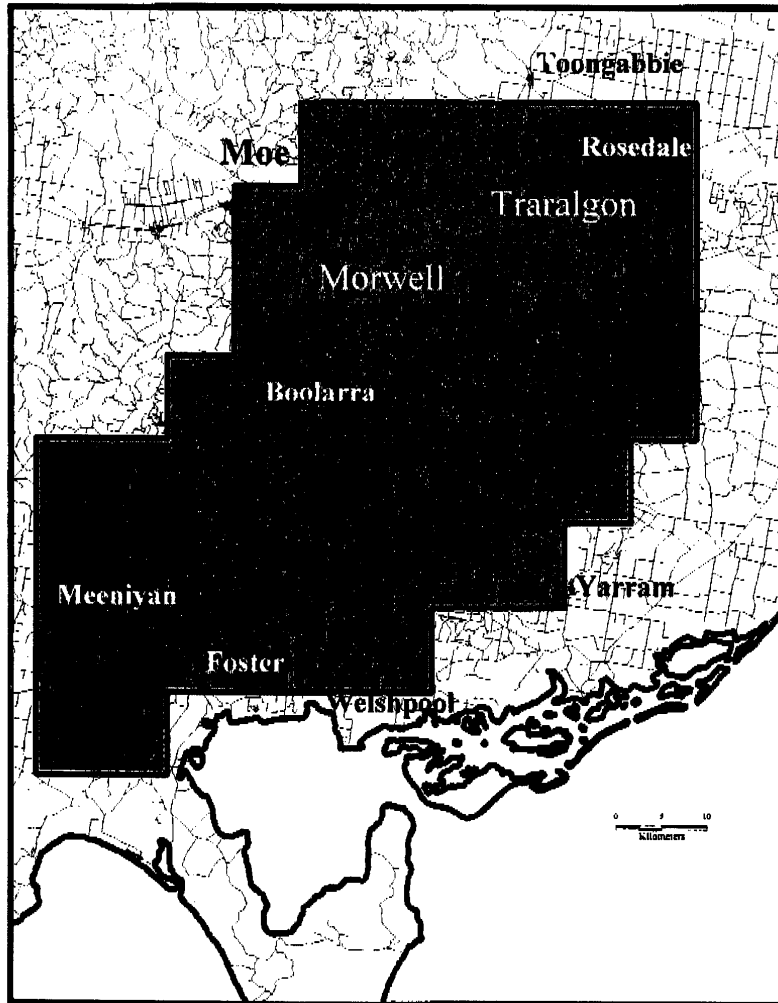
Dated 19 April 1999

PATRICK McNAMARA
Designated Authority

EXEMPTION FROM EXPLORATION LICENCE/MINING LICENCE
(Section 7 - Mineral Resources Development Act 1990)

I Patrick McNamara, Minister for Agriculture and Resources, pursuant to Section 7 of the Mineral Resources Development Act 1990, do hereby exempt from being subject to an exploration and/or mining licences the land shown on the attached plan.

SCHEDULE A



 AREA TO BE EXEMPTED

Dated 15 March 1999

DAVID LEA
Executive Director,
Minerals and Petroleum
Pursuant to instrument of delegation
by the Minister dated 1 July 1996

FORM 7 S.21
Reg.16

NOTICE OF ACQUISITION

Compulsory Acquisition of Interest in Land

Roads Corporation (VicRoads) declares that by this notice it acquires the following interest in the land described as part of Crown Portion 94, Parish of Eumemmering comprising 577 square metres and being land described in Certificate of Title Volume 8255 Folio 811, shown as parcels 12, 31 and 32 on VicRoads Survey Plan 19599B.

Interest Acquired: That of **UNITED ENERGY LIMITED** A.C.N. 064 651 029 and all other interests.

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The Survey plan referred to in this notice may be viewed at the office of Property Services Department, VicRoads, 60 Denmark Street, Kew.

Dated 23 April 1999.

For and on behalf of VicRoads:
T. H. HOLDEN,
Manager Property Services Department

FORM 7 S.21
Reg.16

NOTICE OF ACQUISITION

Compulsory Acquisition of Interest in Land

Roads Corporation (VicRoads) declares that by this notice it acquires the following interest in the land described as part of Crown Portion 94, Parish of Eumemmering comprising 1075 square metres and being land described in Certificate of Title Volume 9345 Folio 365, shown as parcel 11 on VicRoads Survey Plan 19599B.

Interest Acquired: That of **WALKER CORPORATIONS LIMITED** A.C.N. 001 022 117 and all other interests.

Published with the authority of VicRoads.

The Survey plan referred to in this notice may be viewed at the office of Property Services Department, VicRoads, 60 Denmark Street, Kew.

Dated 23 April 1999.

For and on behalf of VicRoads:
T. H. HOLDEN,
Manager Property Services Department

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