

**APPLICATION FOR SURRENDER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY (CHAPTER 5A
ACTIVITIES) SECTION 311P OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1994**

CLIENT: BNG (Surat) Pty Ltd

REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS: Level 30, 275 George Street.
BRISBANE QLD 4000

JOINT HOLDER/S: N/A

TENEMENT: ATP645

ENV AUTHORITY NO.: PEN200224208

FILE NO.: BNE3859v2

DECISION DUE DATE: 30 October 2012

1.0 SUMMARY

On 18 December 2009, environmental authority (EA) PEN200224208 was granted. The most recent amendment application regarding the EA was granted 25 January 2012.

On 2 October 2012, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) received an application from the principal holder, BNG (Surat) Pty Ltd (BNG) for the partial surrender of EA PEN200224208 (Authority to Prospect (ATP) 645) under Section 311K of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. BNG requests to surrender seven (7) blocks within the project area of the EA.

Blocks to be relinquished are:

Block	Number	Sub-Blocks
CHAR	2514	All
CHAR	2586	All
CHAR	2801	All
CHAR	2874	All
CHAR	3020	All
CHAR	3164	All
CHAR	3308	All

BNG advised that the only activities that occurred were 2D seismic surveys on Blocks CHAR3020 & CHAR3164.

The surrender application was not accompanied by an application for amendment or discharge of financial assurance; EHP currently holds \$163,800.00 in financial assurance in the name of BNG (Surat) Pty Ltd

2.0 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Application Requirements

Under Section 311L(1) of the EP Act, a surrender application must be—

(a) in the approved form; and

The correct application form was submitted, dated (27/09/12) and signed by [redacted] Vice President Environment (QGC).

(b) supported by enough information to allow the administering authority to decide the application; and

The application was supported by enough information.

(c) accompanied by—

- (i) a final rehabilitation report for the environmental authority (petroleum activities), that complies with Section 311M; and**

s.73 Irrelevant information
The final rehabilitation report (FRR) complies with Section 311M. The FRR was signed by s.73 Irrelevant information Vice President Environment (QGC) to certify that there are no limitations on the land use of the site.

- (ii) an audit statement for the environmental authority; and**

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The audit statement is provided for in section 9 of the application form and is signed and dated by s.73 Irrelevant information Vice President Environment (QGC).

- (iii) the fee prescribed under a regulation.**

N/A – no current fee for a surrender application.

Division 2 Final rehabilitation reports

311M Content requirements for final rehabilitation report

A final rehabilitation report must—

- (a) be in the approved form; and**

The FRR was completed in the approved format

- (b) state the extent to which activities carried out under each relevant resource authority for the environmental authority to which the surrender application relates have been consistent with the environmental protection commitments under any relevant environmental management plan; and**

BNG advised that only minimal disturbance occurred on Blocks CHAR3020 & CHAR3164. Activities conducted on the blocks were limited to 2D land seismic surveys undertaken within the road margin along 5.65km of Windemere/Hurst Road and 4.7km of Flinton Road. The survey did not require clearing of remnant vegetation and was conducted within the cleared road easement. Low impact disturbance (wheel ruts) occurred along the survey lines. Minor rehabilitation to rectify the wheel ruts damaging the road side was completed in November 2011 and again in 11 August 2012 when the survey lines were revisited.

- (c) include enough information to allow the administering authority to decide whether—**

- (i) the conditions of the environmental authority (chapter 5A activities) have been complied with; and**

Sufficient information was provided.

- (ii) the land on which each relevant chapter 5A activity has been carried out has been satisfactorily rehabilitated; and**

Minor rehabilitation to rectify the wheel ruts damaging the road side was completed in November 2011 and again in 11 August 2012.

- (d) describe any ongoing environmental management needs for the land; and**

No further ongoing environmental management is required.

- (e) include another matter prescribed under a regulation.**

There are no other matters.

The FRR was completed on 27 September 2012 and was assessed against the requirements within the Guideline - *Final rehabilitation report for petroleum activities*.

FRR CONTENT INFORMATION	YES	NO	N/A
Project Details			
EA number, EA holder's name and contact details	Y		
Petroleum tenure, type and number, and termination date	Y		
Location information (lot/plan no., parish)	Y		

Period of disturbance, total area disturbed & total area rehabilitated	Y		
Adjacent land use and agreed final land use			N/A
Author or compiler of FRR and contact details (address, phone, fax, email)	Y		
Future contact person (responsible for post-surrender management)	Y		
Project Description			
Description of activities carried out as part of petroleum project	Y		
Maps of the area illustrating disturbed areas and their rehabilitation status, location of remaining infrastructure & contaminated land	Y		
Status Report			
Nature and extent of disturbance (the area (ha) concerned)	Y		
Status of final rehabilitation	Y		
Analysis of monitoring data to demonstrate compliance			N/A
Requirements for ongoing remediation, rehabilitation, management, monitoring and/or maintenance			N/A
Photos, monitoring reports etc			N/A
Contaminated Land Assessment			
Contaminated land assessment information (suitability statement or site management plan where land has been listed on the EMR or CLR)			N/A
Residual Commitments			
Residual commitments exist (any residual rehabilitation commitments and how they will be managed)			N/A
NO Residual commitments exist			N/A
Landowner/holder Issues			
Landowner/holder statement (agreed transfer of management and maintenance commitments, transfer of infrastructure ownership, no further management or maintenance commitments, or overall satisfaction with rehabilitation)			N/A
Landowner/holder details (name, contact details and land tenure description)			N/A
Rehabilitation Status, On-going Commitments & Financial Assurance (FA) Calculations			
Statement that rehabilitation is COMPLETE (no ongoing management, maintenance or monitoring commitments)			N/A
Statement that rehabilitation is INCOMPLETE (land disturbance types requiring rehabilitation, ongoing management, maintenance or monitoring commitments and calculation of third party costs to complete rehabilitation or ongoing commitments)			N/A
Application to amend or discharge of FA			N/A

Criteria for Decision

Under Section 311Q(1) of the EP Act, in deciding a surrender application, the administering authority must—

(a) comply with any relevant regulatory requirement; and
Not applicable.

(b) subject to paragraph (a), consider each of the following—

(i) the standard criteria;
Not applicable.

(ii) the audit statement and Final Rehabilitation Report (FRR) that accompanied the application;

Yes, the audit statement and FRR was provided.

(iii) any relevant FRR assessment report;

Yes, the relevant FRR was provided.

(v) another matter prescribed under an environmental protection policy or regulation.
Not applicable.

Under Section 311Q(2) of the EP Act, the administering authority may grant the application only if —

(a) it is satisfied the conditions of the environmental authority (petroleum activities) have been complied with; or

EHP is satisfied that the conditions in the EA have been complied with.

(b) it is satisfied the land on which the surrender application relates has been satisfactorily rehabilitated; or

Low impact disturbance to the roadside occurred. This has been satisfactorily rehabilitated.

(c) it has approved an environmental management program and it is satisfied the land will be satisfactorily rehabilitated under the program; or

Not applicable.

(d) a suitability statement has been given for the land and—

Not applicable.

(i) the land has been removed from the environmental management register; or

Not applicable.

(ii) a site management plan has been approved for the land.

Not applicable.

Division 4 Additional surrender process provisions for greenhouse gas storage activities does not apply for this surrender, as there were no such activities conducted.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

Nil

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that

- the application for full surrender of PEN200224208 be approved.
- the attached *decision to grant a surrender of an environmental authority* notice be sent to the applicant.

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Reviewed & Endorsed By

Steven Tarte
Manager
Energy Assessment
Ph – 3330 5605

Signed -
Date -

Notice

Chapter 5A activities

Decision to grant a surrender of an environmental authority (chapter 5A activities)

This statutory notice is issued pursuant to section 311R of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, to advise that the administering authority has made the decision to grant a surrender of an environmental authority (chapter 5A activities).

Your reference : PEN200224208 / ATP645
Our reference : BNE38594v2 / 315755

BNG (Surat) Pty Ltd
Level 30, 275 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Attention: 73 Irrelevant information

Re: Application for the partial surrender of an environmental authority, PEN200224208 by <BNG (Surat) Pty Ltd.

The abovementioned application was received by this office on 2 October 2012. The administering authority has decided to approve the application for the partial surrender of PEN200224208 pursuant to section 311R of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* as follows:

Principal Holder	Joint Holder(s)	Resource Authority	Environmental Authority number	Decision
BNG (Surat) Pty Ltd (ACN: 090 629 913)	N/A	ATP645	PEN200224208	Approved on 22 October 2012

The administering authority approves the surrender of following blocks/sub-blocks of the resource authority mentioned above:

Block	Block Number	Sub-blocks
CHAR	2514	All
CHAR	2586	All
CHAR	2801	All
CHAR	2874	All
CHAR	3020	All
CHAR	3164	All
CHAR	3308	All

Notice

Decision to grant a surrender of an environmental authority
(chapter 5A activities)

Should you have any queries in relation to this notice, please contact Lawson McLiver of the administering authority on telephone (07) 3330 5709.

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Signature

22/10/2012

Date

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Environmental Protection Act 1994

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