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COOPER BASIN (RATIFICATION) ACT, 1975

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Cooper Basin (Ratification) Act, 1975, No. 93 of 1975 [Assented to 20th November, 1975]¹.

An Act to Ratify and Approve a certain Indenture between the State of South Australia and others; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the "Cooper Basin (Ratification) Act, 1975". Short title.

2. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation¹. Commence-
ment.

3. (1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

Interpretation.

"the Indenture" means the indenture a copy of which is set out in the schedule to this Act and includes appendices forming part of that indenture and, subject to section 5 of this Act, includes that indenture as amended.

(2) Where an expression used in this Act is defined in Clause 1 of the Indenture that expression shall, for the purposes of this Act and unless the contrary intention appears, bear the meaning assigned to it by that clause.

4. (1) It is the intention of the Parliament that this Act, so far as it lawfully may, shall be held and construed as applying to the Commonwealth and any agency, instrumentality or authority of the Commonwealth in so far as the Commonwealth or any such agency, instrumentality or authority is or becomes a party to the Indenture. Position of
Commonwealth
Government.

(2) The Petroleum Act, 1940-1971, shall apply and have effect to and in relation to the Indenture and to any matter or thing arising thereunder as if there were inserted in subsection (1) of section 6 of that Act after paragraph (iii) of that subsection the following passage:—

or

(iv) the Commonwealth, or any agency, instrumentality or authority of the Commonwealth.

(3) The Petroleum Act, 1940-1971, shall apply and have effect to and in relation to the Indenture and in any matter or thing arising thereunder as if there were inserted in section 41 of that Act after paragraph (c) the following passage:—

and

¹ Came into operation 11th December, 1975: *Gaz.* 11th December, 1975, p. 3137.

(d) if made by the Commonwealth, any agency, instrumentality or authority of the Commonwealth—be signed by such person as the Minister requires.

(4) The Petroleum Act, 1940-1971, shall apply and have effect to and in relation to the Indenture and any matter or thing arising thereunder as if the expression "person" therein extended to include a reference to the Commonwealth and any agency, instrumentality or authority of the Commonwealth.

Amending
agreements to
be approved by
Act.

5. (1) No agreement, made on or after the commencement of this Act, purporting to amend the Indenture shall, for the purposes of this Act, have any force or effect until it has been ratified by an Act.

(2) Any Act that ratifies an agreement referred to in subsection (1) of this section may provide that the agreement shall be deemed to have been ratified on a day that occurred before the day on which that Act was enacted.

Ratification of
Indenture.

6. (1) The Indenture is hereby approved and ratified.

(2) The Premier, the Minister and the Government of the State are hereby authorized, empowered and required to do all things necessary or expedient for the carrying out of and the giving of full effect to the Indenture.

Power in
Governor to
vest lands.

7. For the purposes of giving effect to subclause (1) of clause 4 of the Indenture and, notwithstanding any Act or law to the contrary the Governor may grant—

(a) an estate in fee simple over the land referred to in that subclause as being delineated in red on the plans annexed to the Indenture as Appendix "A" thereof;

and

(b) the easements and rights referred to in that subclause.

Modification of
application of
law of State to
certain real
property.

8. To the extent and only to the extent necessary to give effect to the expressed intent of subclause (2) of clause 4 of the Indenture and notwithstanding any Act or law to the contrary every Act or law of the State shall apply and have effect as if the buildings, structures, improvements, plant, equipment and other property referred to in that subclause were chattels.

Grant of
licences under
Petroleum Act.

9. Notwithstanding anything in the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971, and in lieu of or substitution for any other petroleum production licence under that Act, the Minister is, by this section, authorized to—

(a) grant to the Producers referred to in subclause (1) of clause 6 of the Indenture a licence under that Act of the kind and in the form of or to the effect set out in Appendix "B" to the Indenture or in such other form as may be agreed between the Minister and the Producers in order to implement or otherwise give effect, from time to time, to the provisions of the Unit Agreement;

and

(b) approve the grant of sub-licences in the form of or to the effect set out in Appendix "B" to the Indenture or in such other form as may be agreed between the Minister and the Producers in order to implement or otherwise give effect, from time to time, to the provisions of the Unit Agreement,

and that Act shall, subject to this Act, apply and have effect accordingly.

10. (1) Subsection (3) of section 35 and subsection (1a) of section 36 of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971, shall apply and have effect to and in relation to the areas the subject of any licence under that Act, the grant of which is authorized by this Act, as if those areas were contiguous areas.

Contiguous areas, etc.

(2) Subsection (3) of section 36 of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971, shall apply and have effect to or in relation to the areas the subject of any licence under that Act, the grant of which is authorized by this Act, as if those areas were an area comprised in a licence.

11. In the application of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971, to or in relation to any licence granted under that Act, the grant of which is authorized by this Act, paragraphs (a) and (b) of subclause (6) of clause 6 of the Indenture shall apply and have effect as if they were, *mutatis mutandis*, enacted in that Act.

Additional powers of Minister.

12. (1) In addition to and not in derogation from the relevant right conferred on the licensees of licences under the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971, the grant of which are authorized by this Act, those licences shall confer on the licensees a right to construct and maintain all facilities being pipelines, pumping stations, tanks and roads as are necessary for the operations to be conducted under the Unit Agreement with respect to any area within the Subject Area not then comprised in any such licence.

Additional rights to licensees.

(2) In this section "the relevant right" means the right conferred under section 33 of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971.

13. Notwithstanding any Act or law to the contrary—

Rates, taxes, etc.

(a) the imposition or levying of any rate, tax, impost or other charge in contravention of subclause (1) of clause 7 of the Indenture;

or

(b) the imposition of any rate, tax, levy, impost or other charge in contravention of subclause (2) of clause 7 of the Indenture,

shall be void and of no effect.

14. The instruments agreed pursuant to clause 9 of the Indenture to be exempt from stamp duties under the laws of the State are and shall be deemed always to have been by force of this section exempt from all duties otherwise chargeable pursuant to the Stamp Duties Act, 1923-1975.

Exemptions.

15. The provisions of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971, shall apply and have effect to and in relation to the operation by the Producers of wells, field facilities, gathering systems and trunklines by remote supervisory control systems to the exclusion of section 34 of the Boilers and Pressure Vessels Act, 1968-1971, and any other Act or law which would otherwise prevent such operation.

Remote supervisory control systems.

16. For the purposes of the *Trade Practices Act* 1974-1975, as from time to time in force, of the Commonwealth or any Act passed in substitution therefor—

Approval of certain acts or things.

(a) the provisions of the Indenture;

(b) the provisions of the Unit Agreement;

(c) the provisions of the P.A.S.A. Future Requirements Agreement and any contract entered into pursuant thereto;

(d) the Sales Contracts referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of subclause (7) of clause 1 of the Indenture,

and all contracts, arrangements, understandings, practices, acts or things made, given effect to, carried on or done thereunder or in relation thereto, are hereby authorized and approved.

No liability to partition.

17. Notwithstanding any Act or law, every relevant Act or law of the State that is applicable to the partition of real or personal property shall, to the extent necessary to give effect to the expressed intent of clause 11 of the Indenture, apply and have effect accordingly.

Royalties.

18. Notwithstanding anything in the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971, royalties payable in respect of the Unitized Substances shall be determined, calculated and payable in the manner set out in clause 12 of the Indenture and payment of royalties so determined, calculated and payable shall be a discharge from liability for payment of royalties under that Act.

Non-application of s. 24a of Arbitration Act.

19. Section 24a of the Arbitration Act, 1891-1974, shall not apply to or in relation to any submission or agreement to submit to arbitration under or arising out of—

(a) the Indenture;

(b) the Unit Agreement and any other agreement relating to the rights and obligations of the Producers as between themselves under the Unit Agreement;

(c) the Sales Contracts;

(d) the Exploration Indenture;

and

(e) the P.A.S.A. Future Requirements Agreement and any contracts entered into pursuant to the P.A.S.A. Future Requirements Agreement.

Application of this Act to lands subject to Real Property Act.

20. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Real Property Act, 1886, as amended¹, this Act shall apply to land that is subject to the provisions of that Act.

Other Acts or law not affected.

21. Except as is expressly or by necessary implication provided by this Act, nothing in this Act affects the operation of any other Act or law.

Regulations.

22. (1) The Governor may make such regulations as are necessary or expedient for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions or objects of this Act or the Indenture.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1) of this section the Governor may by regulation dispense with, suspend or vary, so far as is necessary, for the purpose of carrying out or giving effect to the Indenture any provision of any Act, by-law, rule or regulation or other provision having the force of law (under whatever authority made) and which in the opinion of the Governor having regard to the representations, if any, of the Producers prevents or impedes or would prevent or impede the carrying out or giving effect to the Indenture and any such regulation shall apply and have effect as if it were enacted in this Act.

¹ Now Real Property Act, 1886-1975.

THE SCHEDULE

Section 3.

THE INDENTURE

THIS INDENTURE made the 16th day of October, 1975 BETWEEN: THE STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (hereinafter referred to as "the State") of the first part THE MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY the Minister administering the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 and the Mining Act, 1971-1973, a corporation sole pursuant to the provisions of the said Mining Act of the second part SANTOS LIMITED a company incorporated under the laws of the State of South Australia of the third part DELHI INTERNATIONAL OIL CORPORATION a company incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America (hereinafter with its successors and assigns sometimes referred to as "Delhi") of the fourth part ALLIANCE PETROLEUM AUSTRALIA N.L. a company incorporated under the laws of the State of Victoria of the fifth part BASIN OIL N.L. a company incorporated under the laws of the State of New South Wales of the sixth part BRIDGE OIL N.L. a company incorporated under the laws of the State of New South Wales of the seventh part PURSUIT OIL N.L. a company incorporated under the laws of the State of Victoria of the eighth part REEF OIL N.L. a company incorporated under the laws of the State of New South Wales of the ninth part and VAMGAS NO LIABILITY a company incorporated under the laws of the State of New South Wales of the tenth part (the said companies being hereinafter sometimes collectively called "the Producers" which expression shall include their respective successors and assigns).

WHEREAS:

In recognition of the importance to the State of the operations of the Producers in the provision of State's energy requirements, in the provision of petrochemical feedstock vital to the establishment of a petrochemical industry in the State of South Australia and in the exploration for and development of the State's petroleum resources and in order that such operations may be rationalised so as to optimise the recovery of the State's petroleum reserves, the parties have agreed to enter into this Indenture.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH THAT THE PARTIES COVENANT AND AGREE as follows:

1. DEFINED TERMS

In this Indenture except where terms are expressly defined hereunder the Acts Interpretation Act, 1915-1972 of the State shall apply to the construction and interpretation of this Indenture as if this Indenture were an Act and in this Indenture unless the context otherwise requires—

- (1) "Act": any reference in this Indenture to an Act means that Act whether an Act of State or Federal Parliaments as amended from time to time and includes any Act passed in substitution for that Act and regulations or by-laws made and in force under any such Act.
- (2) "Minister" means the Minister for the time being administering the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State.
- (3) "Person" includes any company corporation or other bodies corporate and the Commonwealth of Australia and any agency authority or instrumentality of the State or of the Commonwealth of Australia of whatsoever nature or kind and howsoever named or called.
- (4) "Petroleum Exploration Licence" means any licence lease or other authority (by whatsoever name called) from time to time issued by the State or Minister and conferring upon the holder thereof the right to explore for petroleum and includes any right title or other interest (other than a Petroleum Production Licence) created out of derived from or arising pursuant to any such licence lease or other authority.
- (5) "Petroleum Production Licence" means any licence lease or other authority (by whatsoever name called) from time to time issued by the State or Minister and conferring upon the holder thereof the right *inter alia* to produce petroleum and includes any right title or other interest created out of derived from or arising pursuant to any such licence lease or other authority.
- (6) "Petroleum Rights" means the sub-licences referred to in Clause 6 (1) (b) hereof.
- (7) "Sales Contracts" means:
 - (a) the Gas Sales Contract in the form of that submitted to the Minister prior to the date hereof and to be entered into between the Producers and the Pipelines Authority of South Australia ("P.A.S.A.") and any agreement approved by the Minister or his predecessor entered into by all of the Producers together with Total Exploration Australia Pty. Ltd. prior to the date hereof for the sale of natural gas and as any of the foregoing may be amended varied or supplemented from time to time;
 - (b) any agreement hereafter entered into between the Producers and P.A.S.A. providing for the supply of natural gas as fuel gas for any petrochemical industry hereafter established in the State and any other agreement or agreements in force from time to time amending varying or supplementing the same;

- (c) any agreement or agreements entered into by the Producers or any of them from time to time for the sale of liquid hydrocarbons and/or petrochemical feedstock derived from the Unitized Substances;
 - (d) any agreement or agreements entered into by the Producers or any of them from time to time with an arms length purchaser for the sale of Unitized Substances; and
 - (e) any agreement or agreements entered into between Santos Limited, Delhi, Vamgas No Liability and P.A.S.A.
- (8) "Subject Area" means the "Subject Area" as defined in the Unit Agreement.
 - (9) "This Indenture" means this Indenture as the same may be amended added to or varied from time to time in accordance with the provisions of clause 15 hereof.
 - (10) "Unit Agreement" means the agreement providing for the rationalisation of field production gathering and treatment of Unitized Substances in the form of that submitted to the Minister prior to the date hereof (with any amendments thereto as may be agreed between the Producers provided that any amendments of substance have received the Minister's consent prior to the execution thereof the decision of the Minister as to whether or not an amendment is of substance being binding upon the parties thereto) and as the same may thereafter be amended from time to time but subject in so far as any amendment relates to a matter in respect to which the consent of the Minister is required pursuant to the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State or which affects the obligations of the State under this Indenture then only with the prior consent of the Minister.
 - (11) "Unit Facilities" means "Unit Facilities" as defined in the Unit Agreement.
 - (12) "Unitized Substances" means "Unitized Substances" as defined in the Unit Agreement.
 - (13) "the Exploration Indenture" means an Indenture in the form of that submitted to the Minister prior to the date hereof and to be entered into between the Producers together with Total Exploration Australia Pty. Ltd. of the one part and the Minister of the other part relating to expenditure on exploration for petroleum.
 - (14) "the P.A.S.A. Future Requirements Agreement" means an agreement in the form of that submitted to the Minister prior to the date hereof and to be entered into between the Producers (together with Total Exploration Australia Pty. Ltd. and the Commonwealth of Australia) of the first to tenth parts inclusive P.A.S.A. of the eleventh part and the Minister of the twelfth part granting certain pre-emptive rights in respect to the future natural gas requirements of P.A.S.A.

2. RATIFICATION

(1) The Government of the State shall as soon as practicable introduce and sponsor a Bill into the Parliament of the State to approve and ratify this Indenture and to provide for carrying it into effect and the said Government will endeavour to secure its passage and have it come into operation as an Act prior to the 31st day of December, 1975 or such later date as the parties hereto may mutually agree.

(2) If such a Bill is not so passed so as to come into operation as an Act before the 31st day of December, 1975 or such later date as the parties may as hereinbefore provided agree the Clauses of this Indenture (other than Clause 2 (1) and this Clause 2 (2)) shall not come into operation and none of the parties hereto will have any claim against any other of them with respect to any matter or thing arising out of done performed or omitted to be done or performed under this Indenture provided always that nothing hereinbefore contained shall (unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing by the Producers) operate or be deemed to operate so as to restrict derogate from or otherwise affect any of the rights or benefits to which the Producers or any of them are at such date entitled whether in respect to Petroleum Exploration Licences Nos. 5 and 6 or Petroleum Production Licences Nos. 1-5 or otherwise.

(3) Upon the said Bill commencing to operate as an Act all the provisions of this Indenture shall operate and take effect.

(4) If the State should at any time pass any legislation or if any regulation is made which modifies the rights or increases the obligations of the Producers or any of them under the ratifying Act or under this Indenture and if the State upon notification by the Producers fails within a period of six months to rectify such matter then the Producers shall (but without in any way derogating from the rights or remedies of the Producers in respect of a breach of this Indenture) have the right to terminate this Indenture by notice to the State at any time following the expiry of such six month period.

3. INITIAL OBLIGATIONS

(1) The performance by the Producers of their obligations under:

(a) Clause 3 (4) (a) of this Indenture is (unless otherwise notified in writing by the Producers to the State) made subject to:

(i) each Producer being satisfied that suitable arrangements have been made for the financing of its and of each of the other Producers obligations under this Indenture and under the Unit Agreement relevant to the Sales Contracts referred to in Clause 1 (7) (a) hereof;

and

(ii) execution of a Deed of Covenant and Release to be made between The Australian Gas Light Company of the first part Norman Egan Connellan of

the second part the Producers and Total Exploration Australia Pty. Ltd. of the third to eleventh parts inclusive the State of the twelfth part and P.A.S.A. of the thirteenth part and execution of a deed supplemental thereto whereby certain of the rights and obligations to be acquired pursuant to the agreements and documents referred to in Clause 9 (6) hereof are to be subject to the said Deed of Covenant and Release.

(2) Performance by the State of its obligations under this Indenture is (with the exception of Clauses 10 (1) and 19 hereof) made subject to execution by the Producers of the Unit Agreement the Gas Sales Contract referred to in Clause 1 (7) (a) hereof, the Exploration Indenture and the P.A.S.A. Future Requirements Agreement.

(3) The Minister undertakes upon presentation of the executed Unit Agreement to grant or procure the grant of all such approvals as may be required in respect thereto pursuant to the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State.

(4) (a) Upon written notification by the Producers of the due fulfilment of the Conditions Precedent in Clause 3 (1) (a) hereof the Producers shall execute (if not already the case):

- (i) the Gas Sales Contract referred to in Clause 1 (7) (a) hereof
- (ii) the Unit Agreement
- (iii) the Exploration Indenture
- and
- (iv) the P.A.S.A. Future Requirements Agreement

4. LAND AT MOOMBA

(1) At the request of the Producers the State shall grant (or procure the grant) to the Producers or as the Producers may direct the fee simple estate of the land delineated in red on the plans annexed hereto as Appendix "A" and shall grant (or procure the grant of) any easements and rights which the Producers may reasonably require for the purpose of the full enjoyment of the said land. Any such grant of the fee simple estate as aforesaid shall be made free and clear of all easements of whatsoever nature or kind other than as may have been previously advised in writing by the State and expressly agreed by the Producers and shall be made free and clear of all liens, charges and encumbrances.

(2) Any and all buildings structures improvements plant equipment or other property of whatsoever nature or kind being Unit Facilities (and any part of any such buildings structures improvements plant equipment or other such property of whatsoever nature or kind) now or hereafter situate upon or under or forming part of or attached to or annexed to the said land shall notwithstanding any provision of any Act or of any rule of law to a contrary effect be and shall be deemed conclusively to be chattels and shall be owned by and may be transferred mortgaged charged or assigned by the Producers or such of them as are entitled thereto all in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Unit Agreement.

(3) The State shall ensure that the said land shall be and remain zoned for use or otherwise protected so as to preserve the use of the said land in respect of petroleum production and treatment and matters ancillary thereto.

(4) The said land shall not be declared or included in any water district under the Waterworks Act, 1932-1966¹ or any re-enactment or amendment thereof.

(5) In the event of the Producers and the State hereafter mutually determining that it is desirable to establish a township in the vicinity of Moomba in the State of South Australia the State will give consideration to the provision of additional land for housing and housing accommodation for persons (including their dependants) engaged in the operations of the Producers and any one else (including their dependants) connected directly or indirectly with the Producers operations. If additional land and housing accommodation is to be provided by the State at no cost to the Producers the State shall fix such prices rents or charges as are fair and reasonable in the circumstances for the land and housing accommodation provided by it. The State will provide education health and other facilities normally provided by the State being commensurate with the population and locality of such township.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE AT MOOMBA AND ROADS

(1) In this clause "heavy vehicle" means a vehicle which requires a permit in respect of its size or its load or its size and its load from the Road Traffic Board pursuant to sections 140, 141, 142 and 147 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961-1974².

(2) Subject to this Clause 5 the State shall at no cost to the Producers maintain and where necessary remake or upgrade that part of the road known as the Strzelecki Track which lies between Lyndhurst and Moomba (hereinafter referred to as "the said road") to enable vehicles other than heavy vehicles to use the said road.

(3) Within 24 months of the date of the ratification of this Indenture the State shall remake or upgrade the said road to a standard which would enable the said road to be reinstated for use by vehicles other than heavy vehicles within a reasonable period after the passage of the peak of a flood of equal magnitude to the peak of the flood which occurred during the first half of 1974.

(4) In the event of a flood of less than or equal magnitude to the peak of the flood which occurred during the first half of 1974 the State shall ensure that the road is reinstated for use to the standard referred to in Clause 5 (3) hereof as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event

¹ Now Waterworks Act, 1932-1975.

² Now Road Traffic Act, 1961-1975.

the State will endeavour to ensure that the road will be reinstated within eight weeks after the passage of the peak of such flood or such longer period as the State and the Producers may agree.

(5) The Producers shall advise the State and the Commissioner of Highways if and when it is proposed to use a heavy vehicle for travel on the said road and upon receipt of that advice, the State shall direct the Commissioner of Highways to remake or upgrade the road where necessary and further if required by the Commissioner of Highways the Producers shall agree with the State that they shall pay the full cost as previously agreed in writing by the Producers of remaking or upgrading the road where required for that use and the full cost of restoration of all damage to the road arising from that use. In determining the costs (if any) payable by the Producers the State agrees that the Commissioner of Highways shall have due regard to the cost incurred by the Producers whether before or after the date of this Indenture upon the road referred to herein.

(6) Where any pipeline owned or used by the Producers in respect of petroleum gathering or production pursuant to this Indenture crosses under or over any road under the control and jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Highways the Producers shall at their cost provide such clear cover and other protection as may be required by the Commissioner of Highways.

6. PETROLEUM LICENCES

(1) Upon application at any time by the Producers (or such of them as are entitled to apply for the same which for the purpose of Section 27 (1) of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State shall include the holder of a Petroleum Exploration Licence and any person deriving an interest therefrom in respect to the area of land to be comprised therein) the Minister shall:

- (a) grant to the Producers (or such of them as aforesaid) Petroleum Production Licences in the form of or to the effect set out in Appendix "B" hereto; and
- (b) approve the grant of sub-licences in the form or to the effect set out in Appendix "B" hereto;

or in either case in such other form as may be agreed between the Minister and the Producers in order to implement or otherwise give effect from time to time to the provisions of the Unit Agreement and unless otherwise mutually agreed the State shall ensure that the terms covenants and conditions of such Petroleum Production Licences shall during the currency thereof (including any renewal or renewals thereof) remain as at the date of the grant thereof and that the State will not by legislation regulation order or administrative action restrict any right to the grant or renewal of such licences nor restrict or prevent the Producers or any of them from giving effect to their rights and obligations under the Sales Contracts referred to in Clauses 1 (7) (a) and (b) hereof or under any other Sales Contracts (in so far as they are entered into with an arms length purchaser) or under the P.A.S.A. Future Requirements Agreement or under any contract entered into pursuant thereto or under the Unit Agreement (which for the purposes of this sub-clause shall be construed as a reference only to the Unit Agreement in the form approved by the Minister and with such amendments thereto as have previously been agreed to by the Minister).

(2) Nothing contained in Clause 6 (1) and (4) hereof (but subject to the provisions of Clause 6 (6) shall constitute a derogation from the rights of the Minister pursuant to Section 87a (1) of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State or prevent (having regard to the Unit Agreement and practical and economic production of petroleum) the State from acquiring an interest whether directly or indirectly in the whole or any part of such licence.

(3) Nothing in this Indenture contained shall limit any rights of the Producers or any of them under the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State or under the terms of any Petroleum Exploration Licences or Petroleum Production Licences issued or held from time to time by the Producers or any of them including but not limited to the rights of renewal under or arising therefrom or to the rights of renewal under the provisions of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State and it is hereby expressly acknowledged and agreed by the State that the rights of the Producers under this Indenture or under any Petroleum Production Licences issued pursuant to this Indenture shall be in addition to and not in substitution for or in derogation from the rights pertaining to the issue or holding of Petroleum Production Licences under the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State.

(4) Subject to the provisions of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State applying at the date of this Indenture to Petroleum Exploration Licences Nos. 5 and 6 the State:

- (a) shall ensure that the terms covenants and conditions (and in particular without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the expenditure obligations contained therein or applicable thereto by virtue of the provisions of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 applying at the date hereof) of Petroleum Exploration Licences Nos. 5 and 6 (as previously renewed) shall unless otherwise agreed in writing by such of the Producers as are the holders thereof remain as at the date thereof until the date of expiry of such licence in each case being the 27th day of February, 1979, and that the State will not by legislation regulation order or administrative action restrict any rights contained or provided in the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 as at present in force to the renewal thereof.
- (b) will not by legislation regulation order or administrative action restrict or prevent the Producers from giving effect to their rights and obligations under the Sales Contracts referred to in Clauses 1 (7) (a) and (b) hereof or under any other Sales Contracts (in so far as they are entered into with an arms length purchaser) or under the P.A.S.A. Future Requirements Agreement or under any contract entered into pursuant thereto or under the Unit Agreement (which for the purposes of this sub-clause shall be construed as a reference only to the Unit Agreement in the form approved by the Minister and with such amendments thereto as have previously been agreed to by the Minister).

(5) For the purpose of Sections 35 (3) and 36 of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State the areas comprised within the Petroleum Production Licences granted pursuant to this Indenture shall be deemed to be contiguous areas within the meaning of Sections 35 (3) and 36 (1a) thereof and such areas shall be deemed to be one area for the purposes of Section 36 (3) thereof.

- (6) (a) Where any Petroleum Production Licence granted pursuant to the provisions of Clause 6 (1) hereof has with the consent of the Minister been sub-licensed or upon notification to the Minister has been mortgaged or charged and the Minister gives to the holder of the licence notice in writing to make good any breach or contravention of or failure to comply with any term or condition of such Petroleum Production Licence or any provision of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State or otherwise as specified in the notice then prior to the taking of any action which could have the effect of suspending or cancelling any such Petroleum Production Licence the Minister shall cause a copy of such notice to be forwarded to:

- (i) each sub-licensee to whom the Petroleum Production Licence has been sub-licensed in accordance with the provisions of Clause 6 (1) (b) hereof; and
- (ii) each assignee mortgagee or chargee to or in favour of whom any assignment mortgage or charge of the Individual Interest (as defined in the Unit Agreement) of any Producer has been effected in accordance with the provisions of Clause 14 hereof whose name and address for service of notice has previously been notified in writing to the Minister.

- (b) If a Petroleum Production Licence granted pursuant to the provisions of Clause 6 (1) hereof is cancelled by the Minister pursuant to Section 87a of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State the Minister shall forthwith offer to the licensees of that Petroleum Production Licence (other than the licensee in default) the grant of a new Petroleum Production Licence in respect to the same area and upon the same terms and conditions as were applicable to the Petroleum Production Licence so cancelled, and such new licensees shall be entitled to and shall grant new sub-licences to all sub-licensees (other than the licensee and sub-licensee in default) of the Petroleum Production Licence so cancelled such new sub-licences to be in respect to the same areas and upon the same terms and conditions as were applicable to the sub-licences derived from the Petroleum Production Licence so cancelled. In the event that all licensees of the Petroleum Production Licence are in default then all sub-licensees (other than the licensees or sub-licensees in default) shall be entitled to the grant of a new Petroleum Production Licence in respect to the same area and upon the same terms and conditions as were applicable to the Petroleum Production Licence so cancelled. The Minister shall be entitled to require the payment of any royalty properly due in respect to the Petroleum Production Licence so cancelled as a condition precedent to the grant of any such new Petroleum Production Licence and further the grant of any such new Petroleum Production Licence pursuant to this sub-clause shall not constitute a waiver of the rights of the Minister against the holders in default under the Petroleum Production Licence so cancelled.

(7) The rights granted pursuant to Section 33 of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State in respect to the construction and maintenance upon the land comprised in a Petroleum Production Licence of such pipelines pumping stations tanks and roads as are necessary for the fulfilment of the licensees obligations thereunder shall extend and apply to the construction and maintenance of any such facilities as are necessary for operations to be conducted under the Unit Agreement in respect to any area within the Subject Area not then comprised in a Petroleum Production Licence granted pursuant to the provisions of Clause 6 (1) hereof.

(8) For the purposes of Section 80c of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State the Minister hereby approves the applicable provisions of the Unit Agreement as constituting an approved scheme for the working and developing of any field which may from time to time be situate in its entirety within the Subject Area and to which the provisions of Section 80c of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State may apply.

(9) The Producers shall forthwith notify the Minister of any amendments to the Unit Agreement subsequent to the execution thereof.

7. RATES AND TAXES

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any Act to the contrary all rates taxes imposts and other charges imposed or levied by the State or by any agency or instrumentality of the State or any local or other public authority in respect to the land referred to in Clause 4 (1) hereof shall be charged or levied on the assessed unimproved value thereof.

(2) The State will not impose nor (in so far as it is competent to do so) permit or authorise any rates taxes levies imposts or other charges (including rates taxes levies imposts or other charges in respect to the carriage of goods by road rail or sea) which discriminates by the manner in which they are levied against the Producers in their operations pursuant to the Unit Agreement provided that any variation in the royalty rate under the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 is agreed not to be discriminatory merely because the Producers are the only persons in the State paying such a royalty.

8. SUPERVISORY CONTROL SYSTEMS

Subject to the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 the State will permit the Producers to operate wells field facilities gathering systems and trunklines by remote supervisory control systems.

9. STAMP DUTY

The State agrees that:

- (1) this Indenture;
- (2) the Unit Agreement and any cross charge created in connection with the Unit Agreement contemporaneously with the execution thereof;

- (3) the Deed of Covenant and Release and Deed Supplemental thereto both referred to in Clause 3 (1) (a) (ii) hereof;
- (4) any initial instrument in respect to the land referred to in Clause 4 (1) hereof executed for the purpose of implementing or otherwise giving effect to the provisions of the Unit Agreement as of the date of execution of this Indenture or any subsequent instrument in respect to the land referred to in Clause 4 (1) hereof executed as a consequence of any adjustment effected pursuant to the provisions of the Unit Agreement of participating interests thereunder but excluding any assignment of an Individual Interest not otherwise exempted by this Clause 9 and excluding any mortgage charge encumbrance or other security covenant or agreement executed by a Producer for the purpose of the financing of its obligation under this Indenture and under the Unit Agreement other than a cross charge exempted by subclause (2) of this Clause 9;
- (5) any Petroleum Production Licence granted pursuant to Clause 6 (1) hereof and any sub-licence granted pursuant to such Petroleum Production Licence;
- (6) all agreements and other documents as may be entered into contemporaneously with execution of the Unit Agreement relevant to the acquisition of and/or assumption of rights and obligations by the Commonwealth of Australia of part of Delhi's Individual Interest (as such expression is defined in the Unit Agreement) and any cross charge required to be created thereby;
- (7) the Deed of Covenant and Consent dated the 17th May 1974 made between The Australian Gas Light Company of the first part; Norman Egan Connellan of the second part; the Producers of the third part and The Pipeline Authority of the fourth part;
- (8) any agreement assurance or other document affecting any amendment (as approved by the Minister) of the Unit Agreement providing for the inclusion of additional reserves of petroleum whether inside or outside of the Subject Area and any other agreement assurance or other document approved by the Treasurer for that purpose which effects any amendment to the Unit Agreement;
- (9) the first of any Deeds of Assignment to be entered into by Delhi and Total Exploration Australia Pty. Ltd. providing for the assignment of part of Delhi's Individual Interest (as such expression is defined in the Unit Agreement) and any other agreement or other document required to be entered into in respect thereto pursuant to the provisions of the Unit Agreement and any cross charge required to be created thereby;
- (10) any assignment by a Producer made within one year of the date of the ratification of this Indenture of the whole or part of its Individual Interest (as such expression is defined in the Unit Agreement) in favour of a related company (as such expression is defined in Section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1962-1974) and any agreement or other document required to be entered into with respect thereto pursuant to the provisions of the Unit Agreement or any cross charge with respect thereto required to be created thereby

shall be exempt from stamp duty under the laws of the State.

10. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS

(1) For the purposes of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* or any similar legislation of the Commonwealth passed in substitution therefor—

- (a) the State hereby authorises and approves the provisions of this Indenture the Unit Agreement the P.A.S.A. Future Requirements Agreement and any contract entered into pursuant thereto and the Sales Contracts referred to in Clause 1 (7) (a) (b) (c) and (e) hereof and all contracts arrangements understandings practices acts or things made given effect to carried on or done thereunder or in relation thereto which would but for this Indenture be a contravention of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* or any similar legislation as aforesaid;
- (b) in respect of any other agreements relating to the rights and obligations of the Producers the State shall give consideration to the making of regulations (under an Act approving and ratifying this Indenture) authorising or approving as the case requires acts or things done in the State relating to the rights and obligations of the Producers under such other agreements and all contracts arrangements understandings practices acts or things made given effect to carried on or done thereunder or in relation thereto which would but for such regulations be a contravention of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* or any similar legislation as aforesaid.

(2) In respect to the Sales Contracts referred to in Clause 1 (7) (b) (c) and (d) hereof the State recognises the right of the Producers to obtain a reasonable and adequate profit having regard to all economic and other relevant factors existing at the time affecting the Producers which factors may include but shall not be limited to depreciation depletion of reserves capital employed the price obtainable from any bona fide arms length prospective purchaser compensation for delay in commencement of delivery and to the effects or projected effects of taxes (whether on income or otherwise) royalties other dues or imposts inflation and increases in capital and operating costs.

11. PROHIBITION UPON PARTITION

No Petroleum Production Licence, sub-licence, title or right granted pursuant to this Indenture or held for the purpose of or under the provisions of the Unit Agreement and no real or personal property and no chattel belonging to owned or used jointly by the Producers under or pursuant to the Unit Agreement shall otherwise than by agreement of the Producers be subject to or capable

of partition including partition under the Law of Property Act, 1936-1972¹ of the State or under any order of any Court of competent jurisdiction made under that Act or otherwise or be subject to the making of an order for sale under the said Act.

12. ROYALTY PAYMENT

(1) Royalty shall be calculated and paid in respect to all Unitized Substances sold in accordance with the Sales Contracts at whichever is the lesser of:

- (a) the rate prescribed from time to time under the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 or
- (b) the rate of ten (10) per centum of the value at the wellhead of all such Unitized Substances for the period from the 1st January, 1975 up to and including 1st January, 1988.

(2) For the purpose of this Indenture:

- (a) "the value at the wellhead" shall be an amount calculated by aggregating the proceeds of sale received in respect to the Unitized Substances in accordance with the provisions of the Sales Contracts during the period referred to in sub-clause (7) of this Clause 12 and subtracting therefrom the values to be written off as provided in sub-clauses (b) and (c) of this Clause 12 (2) together with all costs and expenses (other than costs and expenses upstream of the wellhead) actually incurred or to be incurred by the Producers pursuant to the Unit Agreement or to any agreement or arrangement relating to the treating processing or refining of the Unitized Substances prior to the delivery or in conveying the Unitized Substances to the point of delivery to the purchaser.
- (b) The value of all facilities to be initially contributed by the Producers or any of them in accordance with the provisions of the Unit Agreement to become Unit Facilities (as defined in the Unit Agreement but excluding wells therefrom) is agreed at \$19,750,000 and such sum shall be written off under a credit foncier system over a period of fifteen years (or such lesser period as may be agreed between the Producers and the Minister as being the projected life for such facilities) commencing as at the date of the Unit Agreement by equal six monthly instalments with interest at the rate referred to in subclause (3) (a) of this Clause 12.
- (c) The capital cost incurred by the Producers or some one or more of them of all other facilities after 1st January, 1975 installed constructed or otherwise acquired as Unit Facilities (other than wells) in accordance with the provisions of the Unit Agreement shall be written off under a credit foncier system over a period of fifteen years (or such lesser period as may be agreed between the Producers and the Minister as being the projected life for such facilities) commencing from the date of installation construction or other acquisition or use by equal six monthly instalments with interest at the rate referred to in subclause (3) (b) of this Clause 12.

(3) For the purpose of:

- (a) subclause (2) (b) of this Clause 12 the rate of interest shall be one and one fifth times the long-term Australian Government bond rate in effect at the 1st January, 1975;
- (b) subclause (2) (c) of this Clause 12 the rate of interest shall be one and one fifth times the long-term Australian Government bond rate in effect at the end of the relevant period referred to in subclause (7) of this Clause 12 in which the capital expenditure was made. In the event that no long-term Australian Government bond rate is in existence at the end of the relevant period as aforesaid then unless the Parties otherwise mutually agree for the purposes of subclause (2) (c) of this Clause 12 the rate of interest shall be one and one fifth times the average long-term Australian bond rate prevailing during the period of five years next preceding the date on which such long-term Australian Government bond rate ceased to exist.

(4) All annual fees payable in respect of Petroleum Production Licences granted pursuant to this Indenture in respect of a particular year may be set off against royalty payable upon the Unitized Substances sold during that year.

(5) The Unit Operators provided for in the Unit Agreement on behalf of the Producers shall in each month furnish the Minister with a statement in a form approved by the Minister in relation to the last preceding month of the quantity of Unitized Substances which have been sold and the amount realised upon such sale and with such other information as the Minister may require.

(6) The Producers shall at the request of the Minister or of any person authorised in writing by him to make the request on his behalf produce to the Minister or to the person authorised as aforesaid all books accounts and other records in their possession or power relating to transaction or dealings with the Unitized Substances recovered by the Producers and shall permit the Minister or any person authorised as aforesaid, to inspect and make copies of those books, accounts and records.

(7) The Unit Operators provided for in the Unit Agreement shall jointly calculate as at 30th June and 31st December in each year in respect to the immediately preceding six monthly period all royalties owing to the Minister in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Clause 12 and shall notify the Minister in writing of the amount then owing by each Producer to the Minister in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Unit Agreement. The Minister shall not be concerned to inquire that the royalty so apportioned has been correctly apportioned in any case where the aggregate of the amounts so apportioned and notified equals the aggregate royalty correctly calculated in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Clause 12 and the Minister shall treat the amount set out opposite the name of each Producer in any such written notification from the said Unit Operators as representing the royalty properly due from each such Producer to

¹ Now Law of Property Act, 1936-1975.

the Minister, and which shall be so paid by each such Producer to the Minister within thirty days of expiry of the relevant six monthly period. Nothing in this Clause 12 (7) contained shall however prevent the Producers from disputing inter se the correctness of the calculation of the said Unit Operators and from making such adjustments inter se as may be found to be necessary.

(8) The royalty calculation submitted by the said Unit Operators pursuant to the provisions of Clause 12 (7) hereof shall be audited by either of the Unit Operators company auditor registered in Australia and the auditors report thereon shall be provided forthwith upon completion of that report.

(9) The payment of royalty pursuant to the provisions of this Clause 12 shall notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary be in substitution for and not in addition to any royalty payable under the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State in respect to the Unitized Substances.

13. PIPELINES

Subject to the Minister's approval and to the Australian Government having agreed to make available adequate finance for that purpose upon terms and conditions satisfactory to the State the State will construct or cause to be constructed and maintained between Moomba and the site of any future petrochemical industry such pipelines and ancillary meters regulators compressors pipes communication links and other facilities as are adequate to ensure the delivery of natural gas petrochemical feedstocks and other liquid hydrocarbons to be sold and delivered in pursuance of the provisions of the Sales Contracts referred to in Clause 1 (7) (b) and (c) hereof.

14. ASSIGNMENT

(1) A Producer shall not assign any right power benefit or privilege conferred by this Indenture except as provided hereunder.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Unit Agreement, any Producer may:—

(a) assign subject to Section 42 of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 as at present in force of the State to any person:

(i) the rights powers or privileges conferred on such Producer by this Indenture; and together with

(ii) the right or interest of such Producer in any sub-licence created out of any Petroleum Production Licence granted pursuant to this Indenture; and together with

(iii) the obligations or duties imposed on such Producer under this Indenture.

(b) mortgage charge encumber or create a security over all or any part of its interest in any Petroleum Production Licence, sub-licence, grant or title acquired by such Producer pursuant to this Indenture and any other rights interests powers or privileges acquired hereunder. A mortgagee chargee or encumbrancee in enforcing its security or any receiver or manager of a Producer or any transferee or assignee thereof shall have the same rights powers and privileges as such Producer and may exercise the same upon the same terms and conditions as such Producer or its assigns is entitled to the exercise thereof.

15. VARIATIONS

Any of the provisions of this Indenture may from time to time be cancelled added to varied or replaced by agreement but no such cancellation addition variation or replacement shall take effect until the same has been ratified by the Parliament of the State.

16. FORCE MAJEURE

(1) The time for performance of obligations under or arising out of this Indenture (other than the payment of money) which performance is delayed by circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the party responsible for the performance including delays caused by or arising from act of God act of war (declared or undeclared) earthquake explosions act of public enemies floods washaways strikes lockouts stoppages bans or other industrial disturbances interruption of supplies breakdowns restraint of labour partial or entire failure of petroleum reserves or other similar circumstances may be extended by the period of the delay and no party shall be liable in damages or otherwise to any other party by reason of such delay.

(2) The party subject to the delay shall do all such things as may be necessary in order to overcome the delay as soon as possible (except for the settlement of disputes on terms which are not acceptable to such party or of the drilling of wells or the installation of facilities which are uneconomic) and such party shall as soon as reasonably practicable notify the other parties when the delay has been overcome.

17. NOTICES

Any notice or consent or other writing authorised or required by this Indenture to be given or sent shall be deemed to have been duly given or sent by the State if signed by the Minister or by persons authorised by the Minister served personally or forwarded by pre-paid registered post or sent by telegram telex or cable to the Producers at the following addresses (which may be altered by notice in writing from time to time):—

The General Manager
Alliance Petroleum Australia N.L.
100 Collins Street
MELBOURNE Victoria 3000

Telex: 31955
Cable: OILDEV

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| The General Manager Bridge Oil N.L. 10th Floor 52-58 Clarence Street SYDNEY N.S.W. 2000 | Telex: 21197 Cable: BRIDGEOIL |
| The General Manager Pursuit Oil N.L. Cnr. Queen and Albert Streets BRISBANE Qld. 4000 | Telex: 41848 Cable: PURSUIT |
| The Vice President Delhi International Oil Corporation 33 King William Street ADELAIDE S.A. 5000 | Telex: 82215 Cable: DELINOIL |
| The Executive Director Reef Oil N.L. Burmah House 5 Harbour View Crescent MILSONS POINT N.S.W. 2061 | Telex: 21119 Cable: REEFOIL |
| The Executive Director Basin Oil N.L. Burmah House 5 Harbour View Crescent MILSONS POINT N.S.W. 2061 | Telex: 21119 Cable: BASNOIL |
| The General Manager Vamgas N.L. 11th Floor 151 Flinders Street MELBOURNE Victoria 3000 | Telex: 31595 Cable: VAMGAS |
| The Managing Director Santos Limited 183 Melbourne Street NORTH ADELAIDE S.A. 5006 | Telex: 82716 Cable: SANTOS |

and by the Producers if signed on behalf of each of the Producers by the Managing Director a General Manager Vice President Acting Managing Director Acting General Manager or Secretary of the company served personally or forwarded by prepaid registered post or sent by telegram telex or cable to the Minister and any such notice consent or writing which is posted shall be deemed to have been duly given or sent on the third day after the date of posting. Notices or consents or writings sent by telegram telex or cable shall be deemed given on the day after the day they are dispatched.

18. GOVERNING LAW

This Indenture shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law for the time being of the State of South Australia and (subject to the provisions of Clause 19) the parties hereto hereby consent and submit to the jurisdiction of the Courts of such State and to all courts having jurisdiction to hear appeals therefrom.

19. ARBITRATION

In respect to:

- (a) the Unit Agreement and any other agreement relating to the rights and obligations of the Producers as between themselves under the Unit Agreement;
- (b) the Sales Contracts; the Exploration Indenture; the P.A.S.A. Future Requirements Agreement and any contracts entered into pursuant to the P.A.S.A. Future Requirements Agreement;
- (c) the matters referred to in Clause 10 (2) hereof;

the provisions of Section 24a (1) of the Arbitration Act, 1891-1974 shall not apply and any question difference dispute or disagreement referred to arbitration shall be and be deemed to be a submission to arbitration within the meaning of the Arbitration Act, 1891-1934¹ of the State.

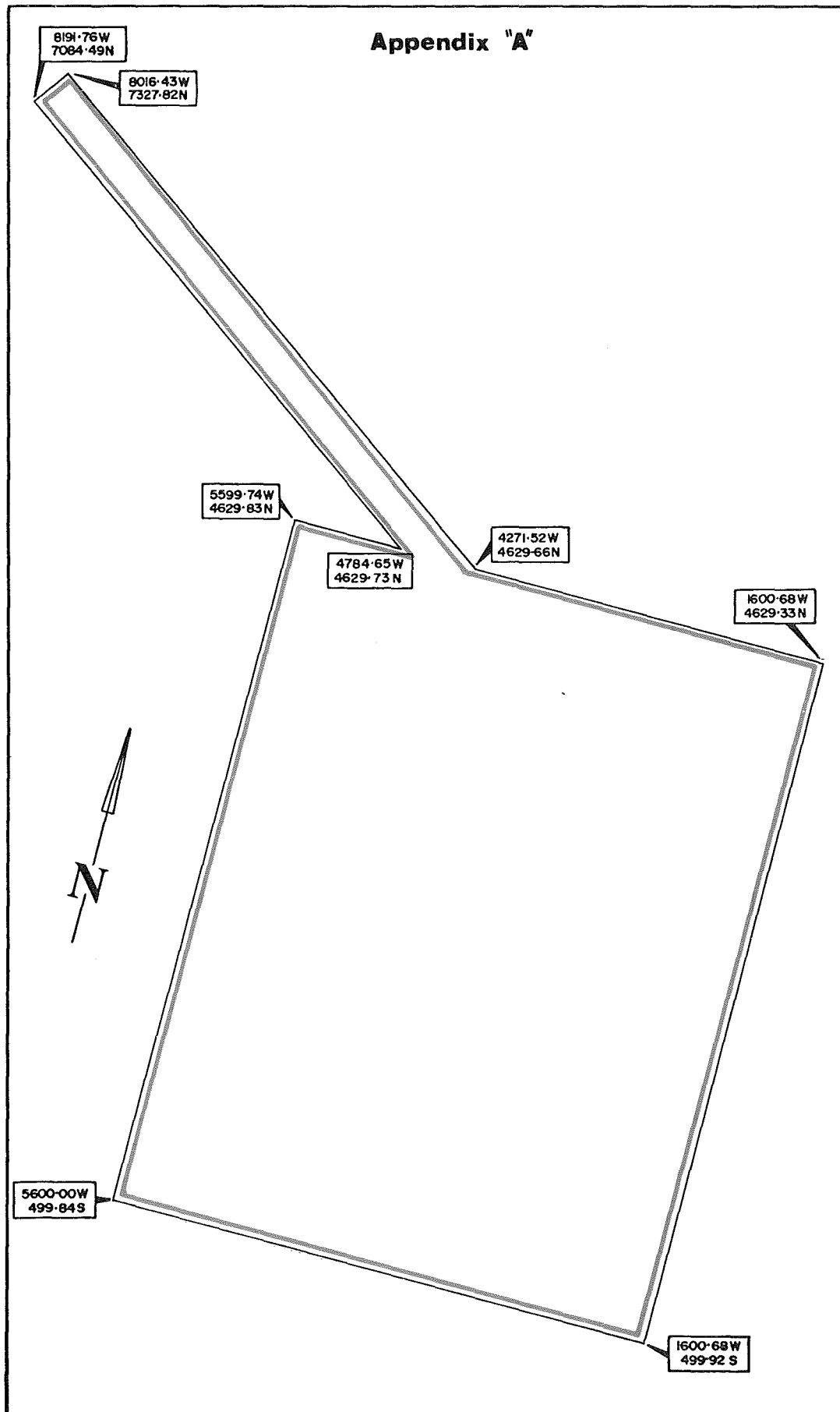
20. RELATIONSHIP OF PRODUCERS

The rights duties and obligations of the Producers under this Indenture shall be several and not joint nor joint and several save that the rights duties and obligations imposed upon the Producers in respect to the conduct of operations under the provisions of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 of the State in respect to any Petroleum Production Licence granted pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture shall be joint and several.

¹ Probably a reference to the Arbitration Act, 1891-1974.

21. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture it is hereby recognised and agreed by the Producers that they shall in conducting operations contemplated pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture at all times comply with the laws of the State for the protection of the environment.





APPENDIX "B"

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—PETROLEUM ACT, 1940-1971

PETROLEUM PRODUCTION LICENCE NUMBER

I, HUGH RICHARD HUDSON, Minister of Mines and Energy in the State of South Australia pursuant to the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 and the Cooper Basin (Ratification) Act, 1975 and all other enabling powers HEREBY GRANT jointly to SANTOS LIMITED of 183 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide DELHI INTERNATIONAL OIL CORPORATION of 33 King William Street, Adelaide VAMGAS NO LIABILITY of 151 Flinders Street, Melbourne and (Block Owners) of a *Petroleum Production Licence* in respect of the area described hereunder:—

DESCRIPTION OF AREA

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The term of this licence is thirty one years commencing on and inclusive of the First day of January 1975 with the right, subject to carrying out adequately the obligations of the licence, to renewal from time to time on the same terms and conditions for further terms of twenty one years.

2. The licensees hereby covenant with the Minister that they will make payment of the yearly rent provided under the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 and of the royalty referred to in the Cooper Basin (Ratification) Act, 1975 and will subject to the provisions of the Cooper Basin (Ratification) Act, 1975 comply with the provisions of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 and amendments thereto and with all Regulations for the time being in force under that Act and with any directions given by the Minister the Director of Mines or any other person pursuant to that Act or the said Regulations.

3. The Minister hereby gives and records his consent to the grant by the Licensees of a Sub-Licence pursuant to the provisions of the Cooper Basin (Ratification) Act, 1975 in the form of or to the effect set out in the Schedule hereto.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered by the said Minister of Mines and Energy at ADELAIDE this

day of 1975.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered by the said Licensees at ADELAIDE this day

of 1975.

THE SCHEDULE HEREINBEFORE REFERRED TO

THIS DEED OF SUB-LICENCE made the day of 1976

BETWEEN:

SANTOS LIMITED whose registered office is situated at 183 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide in the State of South Australia (hereinafter sometimes called "Santos" which expression where the context requires or permits shall include its successors and assigns)

AND

DELHI INTERNATIONAL OIL CORPORATION whose principal office in Australia is situated at 33 King William Street, Adelaide aforesaid (hereinafter sometimes called "Delhi" which expression where the context requires or permits shall include its successors and assigns)

AND

VAMGAS NO LIABILITY whose registered office is situated at 20 Bridge Street, Sydney in the State of New South Wales (hereinafter sometimes called "Vamgas" which expression where the context requires or permits shall include its successors and assigns)

AND

(Block Owners)

(the said companies being hereinafter collectively called "the Licensors" which expression where the context requires or permits shall include their respective successors and assigns)

OF THE ONE PART

AND

(the parties from time to time to the Unit Agreement)

(the said companies being hereinafter collectively called "the Licensees" which expression shall include their respective successors and assigns)

OF THE OTHER PART

WHEREAS:

A. The Licensors are the joint holders of Petroleum Production Licence No. granted by the Minister of Mines and Energy for the State of South Australia pursuant to the powers in the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 and the Cooper Basin (Ratification) Act, 1975 over certain land in the State of South Australia as more particularly described in the said Petroleum Production Licence No.

B. The Licensees have entered into an agreement made as of the 1st day of January, 1975 known as the South Australian Cooper Basin Unit Agreement (hereinafter and as the same may be amended from time to time referred to as "the Unit Agreement") relating inter alia to the development and production of petroleum from that sub-surface portion of the area comprised in the said Petroleum Production Licence No. as the same is more particularly described in the Schedule hereto.

C. The Licensors with the consent of the Minister of Mines and Energy of the State of South Australia have agreed to grant and the Licensees have agreed to accept a sub-licence to exercise the rights specified in Clause 1 hereof upon the conditions specified in Clauses 2, 3, 4 and 5 hereof.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Licensors with the consent of the Minister of Mines and Energy of the State of South Australia hereby grant to each of the Licensees severally the exclusive right for a period of thirty-one (31) years commencing and inclusive of the first day of January, 1975 (with the right of renewal hereinafter contained) subject to the provisions of this Deed of Sub-Licence to:

- (a) conduct operations for the appraisal and production of petroleum from such sub-surface portion of the area comprised in the said Petroleum Production Licence No. as is more particularly described in the Schedule hereto (hereinafter referred to as "The Unitized Zone") and subject to Clause 2 hereof to own all petroleum extracted or released therefrom; and
- (b) construct and maintain upon the land comprised in the said Petroleum Production Licence No. all such facilities as the Licensors are entitled to construct and maintain thereon pursuant to Section 33 of the Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 or the Cooper Basin (Ratification) Act, 1975 (or both) of the State of South Australia and as are necessary from time to time for the full enjoyment of the rights granted pursuant to Clause 1 (a) hereof.

2. Each of the Licensees hereby expressly acknowledges covenants and agrees with the Licensors and with each of the other Licensees that in the exercise of exclusive rights granted pursuant to Clause 1 hereof each Licensee shall at all times act subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Unit Agreement (and in particular to the provisions of Clause 13.01 thereof which refers to an overriding royalty in favour of Santos) and that such rights shall entitle each Licensee to extract or release from the Unitized Zone so much of the petroleum within the Unitized Zone as such Licensee is entitled to from time to time in accordance with its Gas Unit Participation, Ethane Unit Participation, Propane Unit Participation, Butane Unit Participation, Pentanes Plus Unit Participation and its Additional Plant Products Unit Participation or Participations in accordance with the provisions of the Unit Agreement.

3. The Licensees hereby jointly and severally covenant with the Licensors that they will make payment in accordance with the Unit Agreement of the royalty referred to in the Cooper Basin (Ratification) Act, 1975 in respect to the production referred to in Clause 2 hereof and subject to the provisions of the Cooper Basin (Ratification) Act, 1975 make payment in accordance with the Unit Agreement of the yearly rent provided under the said Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 and will subject as aforesaid comply with the provisions of the said Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 and amendments thereto and with all Regulations for the time being in force under that Act and with any directions given by the Minister, the Director of Mines or any other person pursuant to that Act or the said Regulations and the Licensees hereby further jointly and severally covenant with the Licensors not to do any act or thing or make any omission which would cause the Licensors to be in breach or default of the provisions of the said Petroleum Production Licence No. or of the provisions of the said Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 and amendments thereto or of any Regulation for the time being in force under that Act or with any direction given by the Minister, the Director of Mines or any other person pursuant to that Act or the said Regulations.

4. Subject to the due compliance by the Licensees with their obligations under this Deed of Sub-Licence the Licensors hereby covenant with the Licensees:

- (a) to perform the covenants and obligations on the part of the Licensors contained in the said Petroleum Production Licence No. ;
- (b) that for such period as the same is required for the purpose of the Unit Agreement to exercise their rights of renewal pertaining to the said Petroleum Production Licence No. ; and
- (c) to renew the provisions of this Deed of Sub-Licence on the same terms and conditions during any renewed term of the said Petroleum Production Licence No. for such period as aforesaid.

5. The rights of the Licensees or of any of them granted pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Deed of Sub-Licence shall not be sold assigned transferred leased sub-let mortgaged

pledged charged encumbered or otherwise disposed of other than subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Article XV of the Unit Agreement and subject to Section 42 of the said Petroleum Act, 1940-1971 and clause 14.2 of the Indenture annexed to the Cooper Basin (Ratification) Act, 1975.

The Schedule

(Description of Unitized Zones)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto sign seal and deliver the foregoing presents and have hereunto set their respective hands and seals as of the day and year first above written.

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| SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by THE HONOURABLE DONALD ALLAN DUNSTAN, Premier of the State of South Australia for and on behalf of the said State and in the presence of: D. H. TAYLOR | } | D. A. DUNSTAN |
| THE COMMON SEAL of THE MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY was hereunto affixed by the authority of the Minister and in the presence of: D. H. TAYLOR | } | H. R. HUDSON, Minister of Mines and Energy |
| THE COMMON SEAL of SANTOS LIMITED was hereunto affixed with the authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors and in the presence of: D. PARTINGTON | } | JOHN BONYTHON, Director |
| Attest: DELHI INTERNATIONAL OIL CORPORATION M. J. McINNES, Assistant Secretary | | BOB R. BLAIR, Vice-President |
| THE COMMON SEAL of ALLIANCE PETROLEUM AUSTRALIA N.L. was hereunto affixed with the authority of the Directors in the presence of: JOHN W. CORNELIUS, Secretary | } | JOHN S. ROBINSON, Director |
| THE COMMON SEAL of BASIN OIL N.L. was hereunto affixed with the authority of a resolution of its Board of Directors and in the presence of: R. C. NICHOLLS, Secretary | } | PETER LANE, Director D. M. TULLOCH, Director |
| THE COMMON SEAL of BRIDGE OIL N.L. was hereunto affixed with the authority of a resolution of its Board of Directors and in the presence of: J. P. BOYER, Secretary | } | ROBERT RYKO, Director |
| THE COMMON SEAL of PURSUIT OIL N.L. was hereunto affixed with the authority of a resolution of its Board of Directors and in the presence of: E. H. C. GARLAND, Secretary | } | G. O. MORRIS, Director |
| THE COMMON SEAL of REEF OIL N.L. was hereunto affixed with the authority of a resolution of its Board of Directors and in the presence of: R. C. NICHOLLS, Secretary | } | PETER LANE, Director D. M. TULLOCH, Director |
| THE COMMON SEAL of VAMGAS N.L. was hereunto affixed with the authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors and in the presence of: L. L. YOUREN, Secretary | } | J. G. DONALDSON, Director |