

21 July 2020

Mr Ben Lewis
BNG (Surat) Pty Ltd
GPO Box 3107
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Ben,

I refer to the application received on 23 June 2020 to amend the application for Potential Commercial Area (PCA) Number 305. This amendment application requested to increase the area of PCA 305 from 75 sub-blocks to 275 sub-blocks. Additionally, it sought to update the Evaluation Program to align with the increase in the area.

On 21 July 2020, pursuant to section 844 of the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (P&G Act), I have approved the amendment.

Please take this letter as a notice that the amendment is now approved.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Vijaya Kodali, Deputy Petroleum Registrar, Petroleum Assessment Hub, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy on telephone number 3199 8119 or email petroleumhub@dnrme.qld.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Kate Byrne
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Ref PCA 305



Department of
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Dear Tyson,

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Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy
DEPARTMENT BRIEFING NOTE

SUBJECT: Amendment to the application for Potential Commercial Area (PCA) Number 305

TIMING: Routine

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that you:

- a. **note** the department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy's view that a decision to agree to making an amendment to the application area of PCA 305 is compatible with human rights in accordance with section 8 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (HR Act) as it has been identified that the decision does not limit a human right.
- b. **agree** to the amendment application lodged on 23 June 2020 by BNG (Surat) Pty Ltd (BNG Surat) that amends the application for PCA 305. BNG Surat requested to increase the area of PCA 305 from 75 sub-blocks to 275 sub-blocks. Additionally, it sought to update the evaluation program to align with the increase in the area.

KEY ISSUES:

1. In regards to **recommendation a**, this decision to agree to making the amendment to the application for PCA 305 is compatible with human rights as it does not limit a human right under section 8(a) of the HR Act. This application has no impact on human rights as an amendment to an application can only relate to an undecided application. If the decision maker agrees to the amendment, human rights are considered when deciding the PCA application.
2. In regards to **recommendation b**, section 844(1) of the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (P&G Act) provides that if a person has made an application under the Act, the person may amend the application or a document accompanying the application only if:
 - a. the application has not been decided; and
 - b. the relevant person has agreed to the making of the amendment; and
 - c. if the proposed amendment is to change the applicant – each applicant, and proposed applicant, has agreed to the change; and
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3. BNG Surat is requesting to increase the area of PCA 305 from 75 sub-blocks to 275 sub-blocks. The additional sub-blocks to be included to the application area of PCA 305 are currently covered by PCA applications 306, 307 and 308. The applicant has also updated the evaluation program to accommodate the increased area.
4. The application for PCA has not been decided.
5. It is recommended that you, as a delegate of the Chief Executive, agree to the amendment as proposed in the amendment application made on 23 June 2020.
6. There is no fee prescribed for an amendment lodged under section 844 of the P&G Act by the Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) Regulation 2017.
7. The application for approval of Potential Commercial Area (PCA) cannot be progressed further until the delegate of the Chief Executive has agreed to the making of the amendment to the application.
8. There are no issues of concern of which the delegate of the Chief Executive should be aware.

BACKGROUND:

9. Authority to Prospect (ATP) number 645 was granted to BNG Surat (100 per cent) under the *Petroleum Act 1923* (PA 1923) to commence on 1 January 2000. BNG Surat is the (100 per cent) holder of ATP 645.
10. ATP 645 became a converted ATP under section 876 of the P&G Act there by ceasing its

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administration under PA 1923 and becoming an ATP under P&G Act.

11. ATP 645 is located approximately 25 kilometres east of Surat in the Bowen Basin covering an area of 300 sub-blocks.
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13. On 29 November 2019, BNG Surat lodged a renewal application for ATP 645 for a period of twelve years from 1 January 2020.
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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Approval letter to applicant

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