

Govt approves draft decree-law on decommissioning activities in Bayu-Undan field



Petroleum activity at Bayu Undan (image/Conocophilips)

DILI, 22 march 2023 (TATOLI) – The Government of Timor-Leste, through the Council of Ministers, has today approved a draft Decree-Law, presented by the Minister of Petroleum and Minerals, Víctor da Conceição Soares, on the Conduct of Decommissioning Activities in the Bayu-Undan field.

“With the end of the production life of the two production sharing contracts signed between the members of the Bayu-Undan joint venture and the National Petroleum and Minerals Authority (ANPM), it is necessary that all platforms, structures, gas or oil pipelines, as well as their associated structures and equipment, be decommissioned, as provided for in the Production Sharing Contracts,” Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Fidelis Magalhães said in a press conference, at the Governmental Palace.

The objective of the Decree-Law is to establish a legal regime for the exercise of Decommissioning Activities in the Contract Area and Timor-Leste's land territory while ensuring the protection of health, safety, and the environment of Timor-Leste and its people.

Bayu-Undan began producing gas liquids (condensate and liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in February 2004.

Oil and gas revenues from the Bayu Undan field contribute immensely in billions of dollars to state revenues for almost two decades.

Timor-Leste will utilize the Bayu-Undan field for the Carbon Capture Storage project as a solution for the gas runout in the field, in the very near future.

In september 2021, Santos, as operator of the Bayu-Undan Joint Venture, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Timor-Leste regulator Autoridade Nacional do Petróleo e Minerais (ANPM) to progress Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) at Bayu-Undan in the Timor Sea.

The CCS project could store up to 10 million tonnes of CO₂ per year.

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Governu aprova Kondusaun Atividade Desmantelamentu iha Kampu Bayu-Undan

DILI, 22 marsu 2023 (TATOLI) – Governu aprova Dekretu-Lei kona-ba Kondusaun Atividade Desmantelamentu iha Kampu *Bayu-Undan* nian, ne'ebé apresenta hosi Ministru Petróleu no Minerál, Vítor da Conceição Soares.

Ministru Prezidénsia Konsellu Ministru, Fidélis Mangalhães, hatete produsaun husi kontratu rua partilla produsaun ne'ebé asina entre membru sira 'joint-venture' Bayu-Undan no Autoridade Nasionál Petróleu no Minerais (ANPM) ne'e remata, nune'e presiza halo desmantelamentu ba plataforma, estrutura, gazodutu, ka oleodutu hotu, no estrutura no ekipamentu sira ne'ebé asosia, iha termu ne'ebé prevee iha kontratu.

“Dekretu-lei ida ne'e importante tebes tanba nia sei regula implementasaun bainhira ita desmantela Bayu-Undan, tanba bainhira Bayu-Udan para ona produsaun, nia ekipamentu sira ne'ebé durante ne'e hodi fura mina no tanke sira ne'ebé tau mina iha plataforma ne'e sei desmantela no halo tratamentu. Karik dada mai ita-nia nasaun sei lori bá Portu Tíbar”, hatete Fidélis Magalhães, iha Palásiu Governu.

Nia esplika tratamentu ne'ebé sei halo ba ekipamentu sira ne'e mak hanesan hasai rezidu kímiku sira ne'ebé mak ladi'ak ba ambiente. “Bainhira hasai tiha kímiku, ekipamentu ida ne'ebé mak bele prosesa halo esportasaun filafali no ida ne'ebé Timor-Leste bele uza, rai hodi utiliza”.

“Tuir dekrétu-lei ne'e mós tau rekizitu sira kona-ba meu ambiente nian. Bainhira ita dada ka taka ona operasaun mina nian ne'e tenke taka fali mina-matan, nune'e labele fó fali poluisaun ba ita-nia tasi”, afirma.

Dekretu-lei ne'e ninia objetivu mak estabelese rejime jurídku ida ba ezersísiu atividade desmantelamentu iha área kontratu no iha território terrestre Timor-Leste nian, hodi garante simultâneamente protesaun saúde, seguransa no ambiente Timor-Leste no povu.

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Aprova mós projetu Dekretu-Lei, ne'ebé apresenta husi Ministru Petróleu no Minerais, Víctor da Conceição Soares, kona-ba Kondusaun Atividade Desmantelamentu iha Kampu Bayu-Undan nian.

Produsaun husi kontratu rua partilla produsaun ne'ebé asina entre membru sira 'joint-venture' do Bayu-Undan no Autoridade Nasionál Petróleu no Minerais (ANPM) neé remata, presiza halo desmantelamentu ba plataforma, estrutura, gazodutu, ka oleodutu hotu, no estrutura no ekipamentu sira ne'ebe asosia, iha termu ne'ebé prevee iha Kontratu Partilla Produsaun nian.

Dekretu-Lei ne'e ninia objetivu hodi estabelese rejime jurídiku ida ba ezersísiu Atividade Desmantelamentu iha Area Kontratu no iha território Terrestre Timor-Leste nian, hodi garante simultâneamente protesaun saúde, seguransa no ambiente Timor-Leste no ba ninia povu.

Also approved was the draft Decree-Law, presented by the Minister of Petroleum and Minerals, Víctor da Conceição Soares, on Conducting Dismantling Activities in the Bayu-Undan Field.

With the end of the production life of the two production sharing contracts signed between the members of the Bayu-Undan joint venture and the National Authority for Petroleum and Minerals (ANPM), it is necessary to dismantle all platforms, structures, gas or oil pipelines, as well as their associated structures and equipment, under the terms set out in the Production Sharing Contracts.

The purpose of this Decree-Law is to establish a legal regime for the exercise of Decommissioning Activities in the Contract Area and on the Land territory of Timor-Leste, while guaranteeing the protection of the health, safety and environment of Timor-Leste and its people.