

# AUSTRALIAN PETROLEUM NEWS

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## Change of e-mail and internet address

The Department has changed its internet domain. We can now be contacted at [petroleum.exploration@industry.gov.au](mailto:petroleum.exploration@industry.gov.au). Individuals can be contacted by using the following formula: [firstname.surname@industry.gov.au](mailto:firstname.surname@industry.gov.au).

The new Departmental internet address is: [www.industry.gov.au](http://www.industry.gov.au). And a new petroleum homepage is being constructed at [www.industry.gov.au/petexp](http://www.industry.gov.au/petexp). In the interim, [www.isr.gov.au/resources/petroleum.html](http://www.isr.gov.au/resources/petroleum.html) will remain current.

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## Award of offshore exploration permits from 2000 and 2001 acreage releases in the Western Australia adjacent area

Details of the latest offshore exploration permits awarded from the 2000 and 2001 acreage releases are set out below. All bids received to date for areas from the 2001 acreage release have now completed the assessment and granting of title process.

<u>Permit No</u>	<u>Basin</u>	<u>Area No</u>	<u>Date Granted</u>	<u>Successful Applicant(s)</u>
WA-320-P	Carnarvon	W01-15	14 Mar 2002	OMV Timor Sea Pty Ltd, OMV Petroleum Pty Ltd
WA-321-P	Carnarvon	W01-12	22 Mar 2002	Octanex NL, Strata Resources NL
WA-322-P	Carnarvon	W01-13	22 Mar 2002	Octanex NL, Strata Resources NL
WA-323-P	Carnarvon	W00-52	22 Mar 2002	Octanex NL, Strata Resources NL

Permit WA-320-P (OMV Timor Sea Pty Ltd and OMV Petroleum Pty Ltd) has a guaranteed work program for the first three years of 510km of 2D seismic acquisition and geological and geophysical studies at an estimated cost of \$1.4 million. The secondary work program proposes one well, 500km of 2D seismic acquisition and geological and geophysical studies, estimated at A\$9.1 million. There was one other bid for the area.

Permit WA-321-P (Octanex NL, Strata Resources NL) has a guaranteed work program for the first three years of geological and geophysical studies, seismic reprocessing and 500km of 2D seismic acquisition estimated at A\$1.4 million. The secondary work program proposes one well, 400km of 2D seismic acquisition and geological and geophysical studies, estimated at A\$15.45 million. There were no other bids for the area.

Permit WA-322-P (Octanex NL, Strata Resources NL) has a guaranteed work program for the first three years of 1500km of 2D seismic acquisition and geological and geophysical studies, estimated at A\$1.9 million. The secondary work program proposes one well, 500km of 2D seismic acquisition and geological and geophysical studies, estimated at A\$16 million. There were no other bids for the area.

Permit WA-323-P (Octanex NL, Strata Resources NL) has a guaranteed work program for the first three years of geological and geophysical studies, 180km of seismic reprocessing and 400km of 2D seismic acquisition, estimated at A\$1.2 million. The secondary work program proposes one well, 400km of 2D seismic acquisition and geological and geophysical studies, estimated at A\$15.85 million. There were no other bids for this area.

The permits are awarded for a term of six years under the work program bidding system, and each component of the programs must be completed in the designated year or earlier.

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### Areas currently available for bidding

	<b>Areas</b>	<b>Bid Closing Date</b>
2001 Release areas (2nd bidding round)	W01-2 to 9, W01-16 to 26, V01-1 to 4, S01-1 to 3, T01-1 to 3	11 April 2002
2000/2001 Re-release areas	W00-24, W00-53, NT01-2 to 5, AC01-1, W01-1, 10, 11 & 14	11 April 2002

The policy to re-release areas not successfully bid on was adopted to enable permit holders to maintain their good standing after a permit is cancelled. However, the re-released areas are open to all interested bidders under the work program bidding system.

Further information on these areas can be found on our website or you can have a CD-ROM sent by e-mailing your request to [petroleum.exploration@industry.gov.au](mailto:petroleum.exploration@industry.gov.au).

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### New Vacant Acreage

Petroleum Licence area AC/L4 (Skua field development) was surrendered on 9 January 2002 and has reverted to vacant acreage. All vacant acreage is open for consideration for inclusion in future acreage releases.

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### APPEA Conference April 2002

The Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA) Annual Conference is being held in Adelaide 21-24 April 2002. CD-ROMs of the 2002 Offshore Petroleum Exploration Acreage Release will be released at the Conference at a seminar being held 2pm, Monday 22 April 2002. ITR and Geoscience Australia will have a booth (no. 113, 114, 115) at the Conference - we look forward to catching up with you there.

Further conference information is available from [www.appea.com.au](http://www.appea.com.au).

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### Australian Petroleum Statistics

The December issue of the Australian Petroleum Statistics is now available. The December issue contains statistics on petroleum production, refining, consumption, imports, exports and stocks for the 2001 calendar year. The issue also contains petrol prices and taxes in OECD Countries for the September quarter. Annual subscriptions

cost \$270 or \$27 per issue. Copies can be obtained by contacting Rae Fisher on +61 2 6213 7967 or alternatively by e-mail at [rae.fisher@industry.gov.au](mailto:rae.fisher@industry.gov.au).

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