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An Act to amend the Petroleum Act, 1940-1978.

[Assented to 5 March 1981]

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Petroleum Act Amendment Act, 1981". Short titles.

(2) The Petroleum Act, 1940-1978, is in this Act referred to as "the principal Act".

(3) The principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Petroleum Act, 1940-1981".

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

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out from the definition of "petroleum" the word "shale" wherever it occurs and inserting in lieu thereof, in each case, the passage "oil shale";

and

(b) by striking out from the definition of "petroleum" the passage "by the application of heat or by a chemical process" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "by subjecting it to an industrial process".

Amendment of  
s. 3—  
Interpretation.

4. The following section is inserted after section 35 of the principal Act:

35a. (1) A licensee who holds a petroleum production licence shall, within six months of the grant of the licence (or such longer period as the Minister may allow) submit for the approval of the Minister a development plan containing—

Insertion of  
new s. 35a.

Development  
plan to be  
submitted  
to Minister.

(a) an outline of the developmental works that the licensee proposes to carry out within the area comprised in the licence during the term of the licence;

(b) the stages in which the licensee proposes to carry out the developmental works;

and

(c) an estimate of the times at which each stage of the developmental works will be commenced and completed.

(2) If a licensee holds petroleum production licences in respect of contiguous areas, or areas that are, under the provisions of any Act, to be treated as contiguous, a single development plan may be submitted in respect of those areas.

(3) The Minister may approve a development plan submitted under this section.

(4) The Minister may from time to time amend a development plan approved under this section in order to bring the plan into conformity with—

(a) developmental works actually carried out by the licensee;

or

(b) altered or substituted proposals for or relating to the carrying out of developmental works submitted by the licensee and approved by the Minister.

Amendment of  
s. 36—  
Schedule and  
programme to  
be submitted  
to the Minister.

5. Section 36 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

(1) A licensee who holds a petroleum production licence shall submit for the approval of the Minister when so required by this section—

(a) a programme of drilling and other works that the licensee proposes to carry out to develop any field that lies within the area comprised in the licence during a period of twelve months specified in the programme;

and

(b) a schedule setting forth estimated rates at which the licensee proposes to produce petroleum, during the period to which the programme relates, from each of the wells within the area comprised in the licence—

(i) that exist at the time of preparation of the schedule;

or

(ii) that are to be drilled before the expiration of the period to which the programme relates.;

(b) by inserting in subsection (1a) after the passage "contiguous areas," the passage "or areas that are, under the provisions of any Act, to be treated as contiguous,";

and

(c) by inserting after subsection (1a) the following subsections:

(1b) The licensee shall submit a programme and schedule for the approval of the Minister—

(a) where no previous programme and schedule have been submitted in pursuance of this section—within six months of the grant of the licence (or such longer period as the Minister may allow) and at least one month before the commencement of drilling or other developmental works within the area comprised in the licence;

and

(b) in any other case, at least one month (or such lesser period as the Minister may allow) before the commencement of the period to which the programme and schedule relate.

(1c) The Minister may approve a programme and schedule submitted under this section wholly or in part.

(1d) In determining whether to approve a programme and schedule submitted under this section, the Minister shall have regard to the relevant approved development plan.

6. Section 37 of the principal Act is amended by striking out paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

Amendment of s. 37—  
Plans, etc., to be furnished.

(b) furnish the Minister with—

(i) such plans and information in relation to the progress of operations within the area comprised in the licence;

and

(ii) such reports relating to estimated petroleum reserves and other matters relevant to the extent of prospective production from a field,

as the Minister may, by notice in writing served personally or by post upon the licensee, require.

7. Section 55 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:

Repeal of s. 55 and substitution of new section.

55. (1) A licensee shall keep such records as may be required by the regulations.

Records to be kept by licensee.

(2) The licensee shall deliver to the Minister copies of all records kept pursuant to this section at such times, or at such periodic intervals—

(a) as may be required by the regulations;

or

(b) as the Minister may, by notice in writing served personally or by post upon the licensee, require.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

K. D. SEAMAN, Governor