

**FUNDING AGREEMENT  
CO-FUNDED GOVERNMENT – INDUSTRY DRILLING PROGRAM  
December 2026 – November 2027**

**THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
ACTING THROUGH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF MINES, PETROLEUM AND EXPLORATION**

*And*

**RECIPIENT NAME TO BE ADDED HERE**

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**FUNDING AGREEMENT  
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BETWEEN **THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA acting through THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM care of the Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration of 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004**  
(‘Department’)

AND

**[Recipient full name] [ABN/ACN as appropriate] of [Recipient address]**  
(‘Recipient’)

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The Co-funded Government – Industry Drilling Program (**Co-funded Drilling Program**) is part of the WA Exploration Incentive Scheme. The Co-funded Drilling Program is being funded by the Western Australian Government to stimulate geoscience exploration and contribute to the economic development of greenfield regional areas of Western Australia. The main aim of the Co-funded Drilling Program is to stimulate innovative exploration drilling in greenfield and under-explored parts of regional areas in the State. The Co-funded Drilling Program is administered by the Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration.
- B. The Recipient has applied for funding through the Co-funded Drilling Program.
- C. The Recipient agrees to the Funding Offer being made by the Department.
- D. The Department has agreed to provide the Funding Amount to the Recipient on the terms and conditions set out below.

**IT IS AGREED:**

**1. INTERPRETATION**

**1.1 Definitions**

In this Agreement, except to the extent the context otherwise requires:

‘**Agreement**’ means this agreement, including the Schedules.

‘**Business Day**’ means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday in Western Australia;

‘**Co-funded Drilling Program**’ means the Co-funded Government – Industry Drilling Program described in Paragraph A of the Background to this Agreement;

‘**Commencement Date**’ means the date this Agreement is executed by the Parties;

‘**Completion**’, ‘**Complete**’ or ‘**Completed**’ means the completion of the Project in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement including but not limited to the requirements in Schedule 1;

**‘Confidential Information’** means all material, information and records of a party, in whatever form that:

- (a) is by its nature confidential; or
- (b) the receiving party knows or ought to know is confidential, but does not include information that:
  - (i) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of any obligation of confidence;
  - (ii) is obtained by a party from a third party without breach by that third party of any obligation of confidence concerning that Confidential Information; or
  - (iii) was already in a party’s possession (as evidenced by written records) when provided by or on behalf of the other party;

**‘Confidentiality Period’** means a period of 6 months that begins after the first invoice is received and accepted by the Department;

**‘Consequential Loss’** means any consequential, indirect, exemplary or punitive damage (including but not limited to loss of actual or anticipated profits or revenues, loss by reason of shut down or non-operation, increased cost of borrowing, capital or financing or loss of use or productivity) whether caused by or in relation to breach of contract, warranty, tort, product liability or strict liability;

**‘Contact Persons’** means the contact persons for each of the parties as specified in clause 21.1(f);

**‘Core Tray Amount’** means the amount determined in accordance with clause 5.4;

**‘Department’** means the Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration in the State of Western Australia.;

**‘Direct Drilling Costs’:**

- (a) means the costs incurred by the Recipient for Drilling which may include costs payable pursuant to a drilling contract entered into or to be entered into between the Recipient and a drilling contractor for the purposes of Drilling;
- (b) includes a Mobilisation Amount (if applicable); and
- (c) do not include administration and program management costs, Downhole Survey Costs and costs associated with legal, ground access, or Welcome to Country; geological, geochemical or geophysical work; laboratory analysis; or specific geoscientific analysis;

**‘Downhole Surveys’** means downhole surveys of a type referred to in the Guidelines conducted on any holes specified in specified in Schedules 1 and 2;

**‘Downhole Survey Amount’** means the amount determined in accordance with clause 5.5;

**‘Downhole Survey Completion Date’** means the date that the final Downhole Survey is completed;

**‘Downhole Survey Costs’:**

- (a) means the costs incurred by the Recipient for Downhole Surveys which may include costs payable to a contractor engaged by the Recipient to conduct and/or interpret the Downhole Surveys; and
- (b) do not include administration and program management costs and costs associated with legal or ground access costs.

- ‘Drilling’** means the drilling of the holes specified in Schedules 1 and 2.
- ‘Drilling Completion Date’** means the date that the drilling is completed;
- ‘Estimated Direct Drilling Costs’** means the estimated Direct Drilling Costs as detailed in Schedule 1 and in Schedule 2;
- ‘Final Report’** means the report to be provided by the Recipient in accordance with clauses 4.1(b) and 4.2(d) and approved by the Department in accordance with clause 4.4;
- ‘Funding Amount’** means the actual amount of funding for the Project determined in accordance with clause 5.1;
- ‘Funding Offer’** means the amount of funding offered for the Project by the Department and referred to in Schedule 2;
- ‘Government Agency’** means any Commonwealth or State government department, authority, instrumentality or agency;
- ‘GST’** has the same meaning as in the GST Act;
- ‘GST Act’** means *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* as amended;
- ‘Guidelines’** means the guidelines for the Co-funded Drilling Program prepared by the Department and a copy of which is attached at Schedule 3;
- ‘Insolvency Event’** means an event that is deemed to occur if the Recipient:
- (a) informs the Department or another party in writing or creditors generally that it is insolvent;
  - (b) commits an act of bankruptcy;
  - (c) has a bankruptcy petition presented against it;
  - (d) is made bankrupt;
  - (e) has a receiver, manager, receiver and manager, trustee, administrator, controller (as that term is defined in section 9 of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*) appointed in respect to it or any of its assets;
  - (f) has a liquidator or provisional liquidator appointed;
  - (g) has an application made to a court for an order, or an order is made, or a meeting is convened, or a resolution is passed, for the purpose of:
    - (i) appointing a person referred to in paragraph (e) or (f);
    - (ii) winding up the Recipient; or
    - (iii) the Recipient entering into or resolving to enter into a scheme of arrangement or composition with or assignment for the benefit of all or any class of its creditors or proposing a re-organisation moratorium or other administration involving any of its creditors except for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation while solvent on terms approved by the Department;
  - (h) stops or suspends payment to creditors generally or enters into an arrangement, assignment or composition with or for the benefit of its creditors generally or any class of them or proposes to do so; or

- (i) has anything analogous or having a similar effect to an event listed in paragraph (a)-(h) occurring to it;

**'Intellectual Property'** means all types of intellectual property rights whether registered or not and includes all copyright (including moral and performer's rights) and neighbouring rights, all rights in relation to inventions (including patent rights), registered and unregistered trademarks (including service marks and other insignia of origin), registered designs and circuit layouts, trade secrets and all other rights resulting from intellectual activity in the industrial, scientific, literary or artistic fields;

**'Interim Report'** means the report to be provided by the Recipient in accordance with clauses 4.1(a) and 4.2(c) and approved by the Department in accordance with clause 4.3;

**'Invoice'** means a tax invoice which complies with the requirements of the GST Act or an invoice that does not include GST and is provided to the Department under clauses 5.5(a)(iii) or 5.7;

**'Law'** includes:

- (a) Acts of the Commonwealth and the State of Western Australia;
- (b) ordinances, regulations, by-laws, orders and proclamations or other instruments of legal effect made under those Acts referred to in paragraph (a);
- (c) directions by any Government Agency exercising statutory powers in relation to the Project; and
- (d) approvals, licences, permits, registrations and consents from any person or Government body (federal, state or local) which by statute, regulation, bylaw, ordinance, order or proclamation has jurisdiction over the Project;

**'Mobilisation Amount'** means the amount determined in accordance with clause 5.3;

**'Person'** and **'Persons'** includes individuals, firms, partnerships, bodies corporate, associations, governments, semi-governments, local authorities and agencies;

**'Personal Information'** means information or an opinion (including information or an opinion forming part of a database), whether true or not and whether recorded in a material form or not, about an individual whose identity is apparent or can reasonably be ascertained, from the information or opinion;

**'Privacy Act'** means the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) as amended;

**'Program Refund'** means the amount determined in accordance with clause 5.2;

**'Project'** means the work proposed to be undertaken by the Recipient in accordance with Schedules 1 and 2 and, if the Recipient wishes to claim Downhole Survey Costs, includes Downhole Surveys;

**'Proposal'** means the proposal (which may include the proposal cover sheet) lodged by the Recipient, in accordance with the Guidelines, a copy of which is at Schedule 1;

**'Prospector Consultant Amount'** means the amount determined in accordance with clause 5.6;

**'Recipient'** means the party whose details are set out in Schedule 1 under the heading "Applicant";

**'Relevant Legislation'** means the legislation that governs the Tenement and includes, as applicable, the *Mining Act 1978 (WA)*, *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* and the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* and any regulations made under that legislation;

**'Reports'** means the Interim Report and the Final Report provided under clause 4;

**'Supply'** has the same meaning as in the GST Act;

**'Taxable Supply'** has the same meaning as in the GST Act;

**'Tenement'** means the area (or part thereof) outlined in the Recipient's licence or lease granted under the *Mining Act 1978* (WA) that relates to the Project as set out in Schedule 1;

**'Term'** has the meaning given in clause 2;

**'Title'** means the area (or part thereof) outlined in the Recipient's permit, licence, reservation or lease granted under the *Petroleum, Geothermal Energy and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 1967* (PGEGBSA), or *Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* (PGGS(SL)A) that relates to the Project as set out in Schedule 1;

**'Value'** has the same meaning as in the GST Act;

## **1.2 Interpretation**

In this Agreement, except to the extent the context otherwise requires:

- (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa and a gender includes other genders;
- (b) a reference to a party is to be construed as a reference to a party to this Agreement;
- (c) a reference to a party to this Agreement or any other document or agreement includes its executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns;
- (d) a reference to an item in the Background, clause, schedule, annexure or appendix is a reference to an item in the Background, clause of or schedule, annexure or appendix to this Agreement and references to this Agreement include its Schedules;
- (e) where a word or phrase is given a particular meaning, other parts of speech or grammatical forms of that word or phrase have corresponding meanings;
- (f) a reference to a document or agreement including this Agreement includes a reference to that document or agreement as amended, supplemented or varied from time to time;
- (g) in the interpretation of this Agreement, headings are to be disregarded.

## **2. EXECUTION AND TERM**

- (a) This Agreement must be executed by the Department and the Recipient on or before 30 November 2026. This Agreement has no force and effect if the Agreement is not executed by that date.
- (b) The Term commences on the Commencement Date and, unless terminated earlier in accordance with clause 16, ends on the day after the Department pays the Funding Amount to the Recipient

## **3. PROJECT**

### **3.1 Management of Project**

- (a) The Recipient (or its nominee, if appropriate) will be responsible for:
  - (i) the management of the Project;
  - (ii) any funds required for the Completion of the Project in addition to the Funding Amount; and
  - (iii) any and all liabilities and obligations associated with the Project, including its obligations under this Agreement.
- (b) The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that the Department has no obligations in relation to the Project other than to pay the Funding Amount in accordance with clause 5 and that the Funding Amount or any other support given to the Recipient by the Department under this Agreement will not affect any obligation the Recipient has in relation to the Tenement, or Title whether pursuant to the relevant Law or otherwise.
- (c) If the Recipient determines that modifications are required to the Project, the Funding Amount will remain payable if:
  - (i) the objectives of the Proposal are not altered; and
  - (ii) the proposed modifications are approved in writing by the Department.

### **3.2 Completion of Project**

- (a) The Recipient must:
  - (i) use its best endeavours to complete the Project as soon as possible after the Commencement Date;
  - (ii) complete the Drilling by 30 November 2027; and
  - (iii) if the Recipient wishes to claim Downhole Survey Costs, complete the Downhole Surveys by 31 January 2028.
- (b) Within 2 weeks of the Drilling Completion Date, the Recipient must notify the Department in writing of the completion of the Drilling.
- (c) Within 2 weeks of the Downhole Survey Completion Date, the Recipient must notify the Department in writing of:
  - (i) the completion of the Downhole Surveys; and
  - (ii) details of the Downhole Surveys completed.

## **4. REPORTING AND REVIEW**

### **4.1 Provision of Reports**

- (a) The Recipient must provide an Interim Report to the Department by the earlier of:
  - (i) the date which is 2 weeks after the Drilling Completion Date; and
  - (ii) 30 November 2027.
- (b) The Recipient must provide the Final Report to the Department no later than 3 months after the date that the Recipient submitted the Interim Report to the Department.

## 4.2 Form of Reports

- (a) Each of the Reports must be in a form compatible with reporting requirements as specified under
  - (i) Section 115A of the *Mining Act 1978* (WA) and relevant guidelines issued by the Department; or
  - (ii) the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2015* and relevant guidelines issued by the Department.
- (b) The Reports required in accordance with this Agreement do not replace any requirements for statutory reporting under the *Mining Act 1978* (WA) or any other relevant legislation.
- (c) The Interim Report includes the following matters:
  - (i) drill hole location including azimuth and dip;
  - (ii) summary drill logs;
  - (iii) any interim results of drilling;
  - (iv) if the Recipient wishes to claim Downhole Survey Costs, the status and any interim results of Downhole Surveys; and
  - (v) a statement in respect to any deviation or otherwise from the Estimated Direct Drilling Costs.
- (d) The Final Report includes the following matters:
  - (i) the results of the Project, including but not limited to:
    - (A) data, including geochemical analyses of the core/samples obtained from Drilling (except where the Recipient has complied with clause 5.4(a)(i));
    - (B) plans, cross-sections and diagrams detailing the results;
    - (C) if the Recipient wishes to claim Downhole Survey Costs, data obtained from Downhole Surveys; and
    - (D) an interpretation of all data and results obtained, and conclusions and recommendations for further work (with direct reference to the Project and the Proposal);
  - (ii) any other information considered relevant by the Department and notified to the Recipient.

## 4.3 Approval of Interim Report

The Department, in its sole discretion, may approve the Interim Report.

## 4.4 Approval of Final Report

The Department, in its sole discretion, may approve the Final Report.

## **5. FUNDING**

### **5.1 Determination of Funding Amount**

The Funding Amount is the aggregate of:

- (a) the Program Refund, including a Mobilisation Amount (if applicable);
- (b) the Core Tray Amount (if applicable);
- (c) the Downhole Survey Amount (if applicable); and
- (d) the Prospector Consultant Amount (if applicable).

### **5.2 Determination of Program Refund**

The Program Refund is an amount which is the lesser of:

- (a) 50% of the Direct Drilling Costs; and
- (b) the Funding Offer.

### **5.3 Eligibility for, and determination of, Mobilisation Amount**

- (a) The Program Refund will include a Mobilisation Amount if:
  - (i) the Recipient completes Drilling in accordance with clause 3.2(a);
  - (ii) the Recipient engaged a third party contractor to mobilise, provide, operate and demobilise drilling rigs and associated equipment for the Drilling; and
  - (iii) in accordance with clause 5.7(b)(i), the Recipient provides to the Department copies of the Invoices received by the Recipient from the third party contractor described in clause 5.3(a)(ii) which itemise Mobilisation costs.
- (b) The Mobilisation Amount is the lesser of:
  - (i) 50% of the actual costs charged by the third party specified in clause 5.3(a)(ii); and
  - (ii) the capped zone dependent value specified in the letter of offer set out in Schedule 2.
- (c) For the avoidance of doubt, if the Project is part of a larger drilling program conducted by the Recipient, the actual costs specified in paragraph 5.3(b)(i) are to be determined on a pro rata basis taking into consideration the number of holes drilled, or meters drilled as part of the Project compared to the number of holes or metres drilled by the Recipient as part of the larger drilling program.

### **5.4 Eligibility for, and determination of, Core Tray Amount**

- (a) The Core Tray Amount will only be payable if:
  - (i) the Recipient submits at least a half core from the entire cored section obtained from Drilling that is cut on the long axis in new plastic core trays purchased for use in the Project to the Perth Core Library or the Kalgoorlie Core Library and the condition and amount of the core submitted by the Recipient is checked by the core library staff;
  - (ii) the core or half core submitted under clause 5.4(a)(i) complies with this Agreement and the Guidelines as determined by the Department in its absolute discretion; and

- (iii) the Department has notified the Recipient of the number of trays received that comply with this clause and the final Core Tray Amount to be paid to the Recipient.
- (b) The Core Tray Amount is \$15.00 for each new core tray that complies with clause 5.4(a) irrespective of the size of each core tray.

### **5.5 Eligibility for, and determination of, Downhole Survey Amount**

- (a) The Downhole Survey Amount will only be payable if:
  - (i) the Recipient engages one or more third party contractors to complete the Downhole Survey and interpret the data obtained from the Downhole Survey;
  - (ii) the Downhole Surveys are completed in accordance with clause 3.2(a)(iii)
  - (iii) the Recipient provides to the Department Invoices for third party contractors specified in clause 5.5(a)(i) for the Downhole Survey Costs on or before the date on which the Recipient submits the Final Report to the Department in accordance with clause 4.1(b).
- (b) The Downhole Survey Amount is the lesser of the Downhole Survey Costs and \$25,000.

### **5.6 Eligibility for, and determination of, Prospector Consultant Amount**

- (a) The Prospector Consultant Amount will only be payable if:
  - (i) the Project is a Prospectors Program;
  - (ii) the Recipient engaged a geoscientific consultant or contract geologist to write the funding application for the Funding Amount on behalf of the Recipient; and the Drilling is completed in accordance with clause 3.2(a);
- (b) The Prospector Consultant Amount is the lesser of the actual cost charged by the geoscientific consultant or contract geologist and \$1,000.

### **5.7 Submission of Tax Invoice**

- (a) Without limiting clause 5.5(a)(iii), the Recipient must submit an Invoice to the Department:
  - (i) either before or on the date that the Recipient submits the Interim Report to the Department in accordance with clause 4.1(a); and
  - (ii) in all cases no later than 30 November 2027.
- (b) An Invoice submitted by the Recipient to the Department under clause 5.7(a) must be accompanied by copies of:
  - (i) Invoices for Drilling;
  - (ii) if the Funding Amount includes a Prospector Consultant Amount, an Invoice from the geoscientific consultant or contract geologist which includes their contact details, business address, an Australian Business Number (ABN) and a description of the work undertaken.
- (c) At any time before the Department approves an Invoice under clause 5.8, the Department may, by notice in writing, request such further information that it requires to verify the Invoice. The Department is not required to approve the Invoice until such information is received.

- (d) The Recipient must promptly provide any information requested by the Department under clause 5.7(c).

### **5.8 Prerequisites for Interim Payment Approval**

- (a) The Department will approve the payment of 80% of the Program Refund to the Recipient if:
  - (i) the Department has received, reviewed and approved:
    - (A) the Invoice and other documentation submitted under clauses 5.7(a) and 5.7(b);
    - (B) any information requested by the Department under clause 5.7(c); and
    - (C) the Interim Report in accordance with clause 4.

### **5.9 Prerequisites for Final Payment Approval**

The Department will approve the payment of the balance of the Funding Amount to the Recipient if the Department:

- (a) has received, reviewed and approved the Final Report in accordance with clause 4; and
- (b) is satisfied that the Recipient has fulfilled all of its obligations under this Agreement.

### **5.10 Notice of Interim Payment Approval**

Within 20 days of the Department being satisfied that the prerequisites set out in clause 5.8 have been met by the Recipient, the Department will notify the Recipient in writing that:

- (a) the prerequisites in clause 5.8 have been satisfied; and
- (b) the Department has approved the payment of 80% of the Program Refund to the Recipient.

### **5.11 Notice of Final Payment Approval**

Within 20 days of the Department being satisfied that the prerequisites set out in clause 5.9 have been met by the Recipient, the Department will notify the Recipient in writing that:

- (a) the prerequisites in clause 5.9 have been satisfied; and
- (b) the Department has approved the payment of the balance of the Funding Amount to the Recipient

## **6. DATES FOR COMPLIANCE**

The Department may, at its absolute discretion, extend the dates for compliance stipulated in this Agreement by notice in writing to the Recipient.

## **7. OBLIGATIONS OF RECIPIENT**

The Recipient must:

- (a) advise the Department in writing (which for the purposes of this clause may be by email) within one week of the commencement of the Project that drilling has commenced;

- (b) undertake the Project in accordance with this Agreement, the Guidelines, any methodology set out in the Proposal and all applicable Laws;
- (c) acknowledge the contribution of the WA Exploration Incentive Scheme to its activities whenever possible, including acknowledgements in marketing material, public statements and signage; and
- (d) agree to provide public access to drill core material submitted to the Department as part of the Project, after the expiry of the Confidentiality Period.

## **8. WARRANTIES**

- (a) The Recipient warrants and represents to the Department as at the date of this Agreement and during the Term that:
  - (i) if the Recipient is a body corporate, it is duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the place of its incorporation;
  - (ii) it has power to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to carry out the Project;
  - (iii) entry into this Agreement, the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and the completion of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement have been duly authorised;
  - (iv) the Agreement is a valid and binding obligation enforceable according to its terms; and
  - (v) neither the execution nor the performance of this Agreement has or will breach any provision of:
    - (A) a law or treaty or a judgment, decree, ruling, order or decree of a government or government agency binding on it; or
    - (B) any other document which is binding on it or its assets.
- (b) The Recipient must take all steps and provide all information and documents with regard to the warranties and representations as the Department may reasonably require and give the Department and its legal representatives such assistance and facilities as they may reasonably require to enable them to fully investigate the accuracy of the warranties and representations referred to in this clause.

## **9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

### **9.1 Grant of Licence**

- (a) The Intellectual Property in the Reports created by the Recipient under this Agreement vests in the Recipient.
- (b) The Recipient grants to the Department a permanent, irrevocable, free, world-wide, non-exclusive licence (including a right of sub-licence) to use, copy, reproduce, communicate,

adapt and exploit the Copyright in the Reports for any purpose associated with the activities of the Department, anywhere in the world after the Department has received and approved the Final Report and the confidentiality period has expired.

## 9.2 Recipient Warranty and Indemnity

- (a) The Recipient warrants that:
  - (i) any use by the Department of the Reports does not and will not infringe the rights, including Intellectual Property rights, of any third party; and
  - (ii) the Recipient will, at no further cost to the Department, procure in favour of the Department all licences and consents to use, copy, reproduce, communicate, adapt and exploit any Intellectual Property of a third party which is comprised in or is necessary for the use of the Reports.
- (b) The Recipient indemnifies the Department for any breach of these warranties.

## 10. RECORDS

- (a) The Recipient will keep full and accurate records of the conduct of the Project and the expenditure to which the Funding Amount will apply and make such records available to the Department throughout the course of the Project and upon the Completion of the Project whenever reasonably requested by the Department.
- (b) The Recipient will use its best endeavours to ensure that any of its contractors comply with clause 10(a).
- (c) The Recipient must retain the records maintained under this clause for a period of not less than 7 years after the Project Completion Date.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, the requirements under this clause are not intended to replace any record keeping requirements that apply to the Tenement, or Title under the relevant legislation, including but not limited to the *Mining Act 1978* (WA) or the *Petroleum, Geothermal Energy and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 1967* (PGEGGSA) or *Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Submerged Lands) Act 1982* (PGGS(SL)A).
- (e) To the extent that the requirements under this clause conflict with the requirements under the relevant legislation, the relevant legislation applies.

## 11. INFORMATION

### 11.1 Confidential information

- (a) Subject to clause 11.1(b) and 11.1(f), each party ('**receiving party**') agrees to keep confidential, and not to use or disclose other than as permitted by this Agreement, any Confidential Information of the other party ('**disclosing party**'), including Confidential Information provided to or obtained by the receiving party prior to entry into this Agreement.

- (b) The obligations of confidence in clause 11.1(a) do not apply to Confidential Information:
  - (i) that is disclosed to the employees, advisers, agents, consultants or contractors of the receiving party, provided such people have a need to know the Confidential Information, but only where such employees, agents or advisers have been required to keep the Confidential Information confidential;
  - (ii) that is required to be disclosed by applicable law, or a court or by the rules of any relevant stock exchange or regulator, as long as the receiving party:
    - (A) discloses the minimum amount of Confidential Information required to satisfy the law or rules; and
    - (B) before disclosing any information does, if it is reasonably able to do so, give a reasonable amount of notice to the disclosing party and takes all reasonable steps (whether required by the disclosing party or not) to maintain such Confidential Information in confidence;
  - (iii) that is in the public domain otherwise than as a result of a breach of this Agreement or other obligation of confidence;
  - (iv) that is already known by, or rightfully received, or independently developed, by the receiving party free of any obligation of confidence; or
  - (v) that must be disclosed by the Department to Parliament or a Government Agency.
- (c) Subject to clause 11.1(b), each party may use and disclose Confidential Information of the other to a third party on a ‘*need to know*’ basis with the prior written consent of the other party.
- (d) If a party discloses Confidential Information under clauses 11.1(b) and 11.1(c), that party must ensure that such information is kept confidential by the person to whom it is disclosed and is only used for the exercise of rights or the performance of obligations under this Agreement.
- (e) Each party must:
  - (i) take all steps and do all things that are reasonably necessary, prudent or desirable in order to safeguard the confidentiality of the other party’s Confidential Information; and
  - (ii) immediately notify the other party if it becomes aware of any unauthorised use or disclosure of the other party’s Confidential Information.
- (f) Despite any other provision of this Agreement, the Department may publicly disclose the results of the Project, including the contents of the Proposal or the Final Report, at any time after the expiry of the Confidentiality Period.

## **11.2 Privacy and Disclosure of Personal Information**

- (a) Where the Recipient has access to Personal Information in order to fulfil its obligations under this Agreement, it must:

- (i) where the Recipient is responsible for holding Personal Information, ensure that Personal Information is protected against loss and against unauthorised access, use, modification or disclosure and against other misuse;
  - (ii) not use Personal Information other than for the purposes of the Agreement, unless required or authorised by law;
  - (iii) not disclose Personal Information without the written agreement of the Department, unless required or authorised by law;
  - (iv) ensure that only authorised personnel have access to Personal Information;
  - (v) immediately notify the Department if it becomes aware that a disclosure of Personal Information is, or may be required or authorised by law;
  - (vi) make its employees, agents and subcontractors aware of the Recipient's obligations under this clause 11.2 including, when requested by the Department, requiring those employees, agents and subcontractors to promptly sign a privacy deed relating to Personal Information; and
  - (vii) comply with such other privacy and security measures as the Department reasonably advises the Recipient in writing from time to time.
- (b) The Recipient must immediately notify the Department upon becoming aware of any breach of clause 11.2(a).

### **11.3 Publicity**

- (a) Other than announcements the Recipient is required to make to any relevant stock exchange, no public announcement or communication relating to the negotiations of the parties, the Proposal or the subject matter or terms of this Agreement may be made or authorised by or on behalf of the Recipient without the prior written approval of the Department.
- (b) The Recipient acknowledges that the Department may make such public announcement or communication as it may in its sole discretion decide provided that such public announcement or communication does not disclose specific details of the Final Report until after the expiry of the Confidentiality Period.

## **12. INSURANCE**

Insurance remains the sole responsibility of the recipient.

## **13. INDEMNITY**

- (a) The Recipient will indemnify and hold harmless the Department (and keep the Department indemnified) against all damages, losses and expenses (including legal costs) arising in any way:

- (i) for personal injury, illness or death of any person to the extent the injury, illness or death is caused or contributed to by any act or omission or breach of this Agreement by the Recipient, or the Recipient's contractors or subcontractors in the course of executing the Project;
  - (ii) relating to loss or damage to any property of a third party to the extent that the loss or damage is caused or contributed to by any act or omission or breach of this Agreement by the Recipient, or the Recipient's contractor or subcontractors in the course of executing the Project;
  - (iii) out of a breach by the Recipient, the Recipient's contractor or subcontractors of an obligation arising under this Agreement or of a Law in the course of executing the Project.
- (b) The Recipient's liability to indemnify the Department under this clause:
- (i) will be reduced proportionately to the extent that any negligent act or omission by the Department contributed to the relevant losses; and
  - (ii) does not extend to any loss of profits, loss of revenue, loss of anticipated profit or damages for lost opportunity including but not limited to cost of capital, cost of substitute facilities or services or loss of data.
- (c) The right of the Department to be indemnified under this clause is in addition to, and not exclusive of, any other right, power or remedy provided by law.

#### **14. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- (a) The Recipient warrants that, to the best of its knowledge and after making diligent enquiries, at the date of this Agreement no conflict exists or is likely to arise in the performance of the Recipient's obligations under this Agreement.
- (b) The Recipient must ensure that no conflict arises with the Department during the Term of the Agreement.
- (c) If a conflict arises during the Term, the Recipient must:
  - (i) immediately notify the Department in writing of that conflict and of the steps the Recipient proposes to take to resolve or otherwise deal with the conflict;
  - (ii) make full disclosure to the Department of all relevant information relating to the conflict; and
  - (iii) take such steps as the Department may reasonably require to resolve or otherwise deal with that conflict.
- (d) If the Recipient fails to notify the Department under this clause or is unable or unwilling to resolve or deal with the conflict as required, the Department may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Clause 16 as though this failure was a breach that cannot be rectified.

## **15. CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES**

The Recipient will immediately notify the Department upon becoming aware of any change in its circumstances which may:

- (a) impact adversely on its capacity to Complete the Project; or
- (b) otherwise affect its eligibility to receive the Funding Amount.

## **16. TERMINATION**

The Department may immediately terminate this Agreement upon giving written notice of termination to the Recipient if:

- (a) the Recipient fails to fulfil or breaches any condition or obligation of this Agreement and fails to rectify such breach within 2 weeks of receipt of written notice from the Department setting out details of the breach and requiring the Recipient to rectify such breach;
- (b) the Recipient breaches any condition or obligation of this Agreement which cannot be rectified;
- (c) the Department is satisfied that any statement made in the Proposal, the Reports or any supporting information provided by the Recipient is incorrect, incomplete, false or misleading in a way which would have materially and adversely affected the original decision to enter into this Agreement or any decision to approve payment of the Funding Amount;
- (d) the Department is satisfied that, as a result of a notice given under clause 15, the Recipient no longer meets the eligibility requirements for the Initiative as set out in the Guidelines;
- (e) the Recipient, by written notice to the Department, withdraws from the Project; or
- (f) the Recipient suffers an Insolvency Event.

## **17. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- (a) The parties must use reasonable endeavours to resolve any dispute which may arise out of this Agreement or its implementation. Any meeting held under this clause will be held at the offices of the Department unless otherwise agreed.
- (b) If a dispute does arise, a party may, by notice in writing to the other party, call a meeting of the representatives of both parties to attempt to resolve the dispute.
- (c) If the representatives of the parties do not resolve the dispute within 4 weeks after the notice given under clause 17(b), the Chief Executive Officer of the Recipient and the Director General of the Department (or their respective nominees) must meet within a further 4 weeks to resolve the dispute.
- (d) If a dispute is not resolved under clause 17(c), either party who has complied with this clause may terminate the dispute resolution process.
- (e) Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute, each party must continue to perform their obligations under this Agreement.

- (f) A party may commence court proceedings relating to any dispute arising under this Agreement at any time where that party seeks urgent interlocutory relief.

## **18. ASSIGNMENT**

- (a) The Recipient shall not assign nor purport to assign this Agreement or any right under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Department.
- (b) The Department may assign this Agreement and any right under this Agreement by notice to the Recipient.

## **19. COSTS AND STAMP DUTY**

- (a) Each party shall bear its own costs in relation to the preparation and administration of this Agreement.
- (b) The Recipient is responsible for paying any stamp duty payable on this Agreement and on any transaction undertaken or instrument or other document executed to give effect to any provision of this Agreement.

## **20. GST**

- (a) The parties acknowledge that all amounts stated in this Agreement excludes GST except where otherwise stated.

## **21. GENERAL**

### **21.1 Notices**

- (a) A notice required or authorised to be given or served upon a party under this Agreement must be in writing in the English language and may be given or served by email, registered post or handed to that party at its address or email appearing in clause 21.1(f) or such other address or email as the party may have notified in writing to the other party.
- (b) In the absence of proof to the contrary a notice is deemed to have been given or served on the party to whom it was sent:
  - (i) in the case of hand delivery, upon delivery during Business Hours of the recipient;
  - (ii) in the case of registered post, 2 Business Days after the date of dispatch; and
  - (iii) in the case of email transmission:
    - (A) at the time of transmission if that transmission is during Business Hours; or
    - (B) at 9am on the next Business Day following the day of transmission, if the transmission is outside Business Hours.
- (c) A notice given or served under this Agreement is sufficient if:

- (i) in the case of the Department, it is signed by the Director General of the Department (or his or her nominee);
  - (ii) in the case of a corporation, it is signed by a director or secretary of that corporation; and
  - (iii) in the case of an individual, it is signed by that individual.
- (d) The provisions of this clause are in addition to any other mode of service permitted by law.
- (e) In this clause:
- (i) ‘**notice**’ includes a demand, request, consent, approval, offer and any other instrument or communication made, required or authorised to be given under or pursuant to a provision of this Agreement; and
  - (ii) ‘**Business Hours**’ means from 9am to 5pm on a Business Day.
- (f) For the purposes of this clause the address for service of each party is as follows:
- (i) the **Department**
    - Director General
    - Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration
    - 100 Plain Street
    - EAST PERTH WA 6004
    - Telephone: (08) 9222 0500
    - Email: EIS@dmpe.wa.gov.au
  - (ii) the **Recipient** is as set out in Schedule 1 under the heading “*Contact Details*”
- (g) The Recipient must within seven days of any change of the details specified in clause 21.1(f)(ii) advise the State by providing written notice of the change.

## 21.2 Relationship between the parties

No party:

- (a) is in any way the agent or partner of the other party for any purpose whatsoever nor has any right to hold itself out as such; and
- (b) may make any promise, warranty or representation nor execute any contract or otherwise deal in the name of or on behalf of the other party.

## 21.3 Amendments or variations in writing

No amendment or variation to this Agreement has any force unless it is in writing and signed by all of the parties to this Agreement.

## 21.4 Counterparts

This Agreement is validly executed if executed in one or more counterparts.

## **21.5 No Merger**

The covenants, conditions, provisions and warranties contained in this Agreement do not merge or terminate upon completion of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement but to the extent that they have not been fulfilled and satisfied or are capable of having effect, they remain in full force and effect.

## **21.6 Entire Agreement**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties as to its subject matter and supersedes and cancels all prior arrangements, understandings and negotiations in connection with it. Any statement made in negotiations for this Agreement, which is not set out in this Agreement, does not form part of the agreement between the parties.

## **21.7 Inconsistency**

Where there is a variation or inconsistency between the provisions of the Schedules to this Agreement and the provisions of clauses 1 to 21 of this Agreement the provisions of clauses 1 to 21 shall prevail.

## **21.8 Further assurances**

Each party must do all things and execute all further documents necessary to give full effect to this Agreement and refrain from doing anything that might hinder the performance of this Agreement.

## **21.9 No waiver**

- (a) The failure of a party at any time to require full or partial performance of any provision of this Agreement does not affect in any way the full right of that party to require that performance subsequently.
- (b) The waiver by any party of a breach of a provision of this Agreement is not deemed a waiver of all or part of that provision or of any other provision or of the right of that party to avail itself of its rights subsequently.
- (c) Any waiver of a breach of this Agreement must be in writing signed by the party granting the waiver, and is effective only to the extent specifically set out in that waiver.

## **21.10 Governing law and jurisdiction**

This Agreement is governed by the laws of Western Australia and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Western Australia.

## **21.11 Severability**

Where any provision of this Agreement is void, illegal or unenforceable, it may be severed without affecting the enforceability of the other provisions in this Agreement and the parties must attempt to replace that severed part with a legally acceptable alternative clause that meets the parties' commercial objectives.

## **21.12 Equal Opportunity, Anti-Discrimination and Privacy Laws**

The Recipient shall comply with the provisions of all Western Australian and Commonwealth privacy, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation.

**22. Agreement signature page**

**SIGNED** for and on behalf of **THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA** acting through **THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM** by an authorised officer with the Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration (DMPE)

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*Signature*  
**Mr. Chris Shaw, Director General, DMPE**

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*Signature of Witness*  
**Dr. Charlotte Hall, GSRSD, DMPE**

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*Date of signature:*

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*Date of signature:*

***EXECUTION BY A COMPANY***

**SIGNED** for and on behalf of:

_____ <i>Recipients name</i>	_____ <i>Recipients ACN (or if no ACN, ABN)</i>
_____ <i>Printed full name of Director</i>	_____ <i>Signature</i> <i>Date: _____</i>
_____ <i>Printed full name of Witness</i> <i>Position: _____</i>	_____ <i>Witness signature</i> <i>Date: _____</i>

_____ <i>Printed full name of Director/Company Secretary</i>	_____ <i>Signature</i> <i>Date: _____</i>
_____ <i>Printed full name of Witness</i> <i>Position: _____</i>	_____ <i>Witness signature</i> <i>Date: _____</i>

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***EXECUTION BY AN INDIVIDUAL***

**SIGNED** for and on behalf of:

_____	_____
<i>Recipients name</i>	<i>Recipients ACN (or if no ACN, ABN)</i>

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<i>Printed full name of Individual</i>	<i>Signature</i>
	<i>Date:_____</i>
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<i>Printed full name of Witness</i>	<i>Witness signature</i>
<i>Position:_____</i>	<i>Date:_____</i>

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