

SCHEDULE 2

Model clauses for petroleum exploration and development licences

Control of Development Wells

22.—(1) The Licensee shall not suspend work on the drilling of a Development Well, or having suspended it in accordance with this paragraph shall not begin it again, except with the consent in writing of the Minister and in accordance with the conditions, if any, subject to which the consent is given.

(2) When work on the drilling of a Development Well is suspended in accordance with paragraph (1) of this clause, the Licensee shall forthwith furnish the Minister with such information relating to the Well as the Minister may specify.

(3) The Licensee—

- (a) shall not do any Completion Work in respect of a Well in the Licensed Area except in accordance with a programme of Completion Work approved by the Minister in respect of the Well;
- (b) shall furnish to the Minister, in accordance with the provisions of such a programme, particulars of any Completion Work done by him in respect of a Well in the Licensed Area; and
- (c) shall not remove or alter any casing or equipment installed by way of Completion Work in respect of a Well except with the consent in writing of the Minister and in accordance with the conditions, if any, subject to which the consent is given.

(4) In this clause—

“Completion Work”, in relation to a Well, means work, by way of the installation of a casing or equipment or otherwise, after the Well has been drilled, for the purpose of bringing the Well into use as a Development Well; and

“Development Well” means a Well which the Licensee uses or intends to use in connection with the getting of Petroleum in the Licensed Area, other than a Well which for the time being he uses or intends to use only for searching for Petroleum.