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Energy and Resources Weekly Report

To Hon Dr Megan Woods
Minister of Energy and Resources

Week beginning 6 November 2017

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Energy and Resources
Weekly Officials' Meeting Agenda

Item	Subject	Person	Oral Item / Paper	Action Required (Decision / Inform / Noting / Discussion)
Note: There is no weekly officials' meeting scheduled for the coming week at present.				

Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment officials attending:

Ilana Miller, Acting General Manager, Energy and Resource Markets
Tim Townsend, Acting Manager, Sector Development Policy
David Darby, Manager, Commercial Analysis & Investment
Ilana Miller, National Manager, Minerals
Andy Hume, Manager, Energy Markets Policy
Gareth Wilson, Principal Policy Advisor, Energy Markets Policy
Josh Adams, National Manager, Petroleum
Marcos Pelenur, Manager, Resource Markets Policy

Action points from last Officials' Meeting			
Item	Actions	Name	Status
Note: No Minister's meetings held this week.			

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1. Managing the Estate	
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Comment: *Responsible Manager:*	***Next Steps:***
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2. Priority Developments	
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3. Policy Developments

Zero Carbon Act

Comment:

The Ministry for the Environment has been asked to provide advice to the Minister of Climate Change on the Zero Carbon Act, due 9 November. At this stage the briefing is likely to contain advice on setting the 2050 net zero emissions target in legislation, establishing the Climate Change Commission, setting up a climate change public sector chief executives board, and introducing mandatory climate impact analysis for legislation.

A Cabinet paper will be prepared seeking decisions on the above later this month.

MBIE will have an opportunity to review both the advice and the Cabinet paper and we can brief you on these in advance of the Cabinet meeting.

Responsible Manager: Andy Hume

Next Steps:

We will keep you updated.

Crown Minerals Act 1991 Section 41a amendment

Comment:

A gap has been identified in the Crown Minerals Act 1991 (CMA), which allows change to ownership of a petroleum or mining operation, without prior approval from the Minister or Crown.

To limit companies' ability to exploit this gap a decision needs to be made on a possible amendment to Section 41a of the Crown Minerals Act 1991 (CMA).

Changes to ownership of operating sites can impact a site operator's financial and technical capability and their ability to meet regulatory requirements. This is a particular concern in the case of mature offshore petroleum installations, because the cost of decommissioning these platforms at the end of their life is significant. If the Crown is not able to have an appropriate level of oversight of companies responsible for operating these assets there is a risk that the costs associated with these operations would have to be covered by the Crown. This is a particular risk for decommissioning, if the operator is not financially capable of covering these costs.

Officials consider that it is necessary for the Minister to be aware of a proposed sale so that the appropriate capability checks can be completed before a sale proceeds.

s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]

Next Steps:

A briefing will be sent to you this week to give you more information on the issue and to request your agreement to progress the amendment through the RSB2.

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s 9(2)(f)(iv) More information on this will be provided to you in a briefing this week. *Responsible Manager: Marcos Pelenur*	

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4. Regulatory Reform & Implementation and Operational Matters	
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5. Stakeholder Issues	
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NZ Petroleum & Minerals permits approved: THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2017 TO WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2017

Permit activity	Permit Number	Permit Type	Client	Location	Comment
Extension of land	52925	Minerals Mining	Golden Bush Mining Limited	Southland	Land area increased by a further 190.444 hectares
Extension of land	55433	Minerals Mining	Matthew John Crawford	Tasman	Land area increased by a further 13.643 hectares
Change of Operator and Permit Transfer	55435	Minerals Exploration	Geotech Limited (100%)	West Coast	Transferred to Mill Creek Mining Limited (100%)
Change of Operator and Permit Transfer	56205	Minerals Mining	Timothy John Borstrok (100%)	West Coast	Transferred to Alistair Richard Rogers (100%)
Change of Operator and Permit Transfer	60286	Minerals Exploration	Matthew Dove (100%)	West Coast	Transferred to Xiaoguang Song (100%)
New Permit	60322	Minerals Exploration	Matthew Dove	West Coast	Granted for a period of 5 years to explore for gold over an area of 1098.91 hectares
New Permit	60382	Minerals Exploration	Daniel Norman Walker	Southland	Granted for a period of 5 years to explore for all metallic minerals (excluding uranium) over an area of 204.229 hectares

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Permit activity	Permit Number	Permit Type	Client	Location	Comment
Change of Conditions	60215	Petroleum Mining	Hurunui District Council	Onshore Hamner Springs	Obligation to commence mining (i.e. generation of electricity from gas) in the permit delayed for further 12 months s 9(2)(b)(ii)

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Access Arrangements under consideration by ERM and other Crown agencies requiring Joint Ministerial Approval

Agencies	Permit number	Applicant	Land Status and Location	Comment
LINZ & ERM	41808	Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited	Crown Land - Waihi	The applicant currently has a licence to occupy the Crown land.
LINZ & ERM	51630	Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited	The Crown land covers commercial forest operated by Crown Forest Licensee, Matariki Forests and administered by LINZ in the Waikato region.	
LINZ & ERM	40813	Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited	The Crown land covers commercial forest operated by Crown Forest Licensee, Matariki Forests and administered by LINZ in the Waikato region.	
DOC & ERM	41808	Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited	Crown Land - Waihi	
DOC & ERM	41289	Rangitira Developments Limited	DOC stewardship land at the southern end of the Buller Plateau	
DOC & ERM	37168	Roa Mining Company Limited	Crown land - Grey district.	Joint wildlife application.

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Upcoming Meetings, Events and Announcements

Upcoming meetings:

Meeting with / Purpose	Time
Monday 6 November	
N/A	
Tuesday 7 November	
N/A	
Wednesday 8 November	
N/A	
Thursday 9 November	
N/A	
Friday 10 November	
N/A	

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Upcoming speeches & communications:

Event or announcement	Activity	Date	Speech / media release due	MBIE Contact
N/A				

Upcoming Cabinet Papers and Briefings

Upcoming Cabinet Papers				
Title of paper	**Comment**	**Provided by [date]**	**To be considered by Cabinet Committee on [date]**	**Contact**
N/A				

Upcoming Briefings, Aide Memoires and Reports			
Subject	**Comment**	**Due date**	**Contact**
Proposed Amendment to Section 41A of the Crown Minerals Act 1991	This briefing will provide you with information on a proposed amendment to the Crown Minerals Act 1991 and will request your agreement to progress it.	8 November 2017	Marcos Pelenur
Barriers to innovation in the energy sector	Briefing setting out an overview of emerging technologies, impacts, potential barriers and how we are reacting to these.	10 November 2017	April Richardson
Onshore Financial Assurance Update	To provide an update on the onshore financial assurance work-streams, including work to date.	10 November 2017	Marcos Pelenur
Seismic Survey Activity Update	Informing you of upcoming private sector seismic surveying	10 November 2017	Marcos Pelenur

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OIA Requests

Ministerial OIAs

Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor	Relates To / Status Update
MOIA17-001	s 9(2)(a)	31 Oct 17	21 Nov 17	28 Nov 17	BIM and associated correspondence, notes and aide memoires

Departmental OIAs

Number	Name	Date received	Date due to Minister's Office (if applicable)	Date due to requestor	Relates To / Status Update
1718-0525	s 9(2)(a)	16 Oct 17	N/A	13 Nov 17	Copy of 2013 Epithermal Block Offer consultation document. **Status:** Drafting.
1718-0592	s 9(2)(a)	24 Oct 17	N/A	21 Nov 17	Copy of sent application clarification request. **Status:** Drafting.
1718-0598	s 9(2)(a)	24 Oct 17	14 Nov 17	21 Nov 17	Rationale for request for areas to be excluded from Mokihinui catchment of Kahurangi National Park. **Status:** Scoping.

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1718-0349	s 9(2)(a)	6 Sep 17	22 Nov 17	29 Nov 17	All documents, reports and analysis, including emails, relating to Thompson & Clark's contract work for MBIE in the Advantage NZ 2013 Petroleum Conference. **Status:** Gathering information.
1718-0524	s 9(2)(a)	03 Oct 17	N/A	29 Nov 17	Copy of the old Crown Minerals Act section 41 practice statement. **Status:** Drafting.
1718-0443	s 9(2)(a)	03 Oct 17	N/A	29 Nov 17	Information regarding a previous OIA and mining tender. **Status:** Gathering information. Parts 1 to 6 responded. Part 7 extended.
1718-0400	s 9(2)(a)	22 Sep 17	24 Nov 17	1 Dec 17	A copy of the Wiri pipeline report referred to on Morning Report. **Status:** Drafting.
1718-0401	s 9(2)(a)	22 Sep 17	24 Nov 17	1 Dec 17	A copy of the Wiri pipeline report referred to on Morning Report. **Status:** Drafting.

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