
Falkland Islands Government
Department of Mineral Resources



Petroleum Operations Notice 5
Application to Abandon or Temporarily
Abandon a well

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Any enquiries regarding this Notice should be addressed to:

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1. WELL SUSPENSION (TEMPORARY ABANDONMENT)

Application for consent to suspend a well, where required, should be made as soon as possible after the results of the well are known. An email or fax of the attached Proforma with Well Summary information (see below) together with a cover requesting consent to temporarily abandon the well should be sent to the Department of Mineral Resources **and** The British Geological Survey. The rationale for suspending the well should be given. Where consent is not a requirement of the model clauses incorporated into the licence, a fax of the attached Proforma should still be submitted with the Well Summary information.

Suspending an Exploration or Appraisal well should only be considered if there are strong reasons to do so. Annual returns on suspended wells should be sent to the Department of Mineral Resources, giving reasons for the continuing suspension of the well.

When the Licensee's rights over all or part of a licensed area expire or determine, the Licensee is required to leave any well within that area which has not been abandoned with the consent of the Governor in good order and fit for further working again with all casings and any well head fixtures whose removal would cause damage to the well. This requirement does not apply to any well which the Governor has directed the Licensee to plug and seal.

2. WELL ABANDONMENT

Where a well is to be abandoned immediately after drilling, application for consent to abandon should be made as soon as possible after the results of the well are known. An email or fax of the Well Summary (see below and attached Proforma) together with a cover requesting consent to abandon the well should be sent to the Department of Mineral Resources **and** The British Geological Survey.

Details of the downhole mechanical condition of the well and the proposed methods of plugging are required by the Department of Mineral Resources and the licence operator should ensure that the proposed programme complies fully with regulations. If in doubt, operators should seek the advice of the Health and Safety Executive.

3. WELL SUMMARY INFORMATION

The licence operator is requested to send a fax of preliminary well results as soon as they are obtained, prior to suspending or abandoning the well.

This information should be summarised on the attached Proforma. If further information is available or more detail on depths of individual logs taken and cores can be supplied, it should be appended to the form. It is appreciated that the details may not be complete, and may be amended through subsequent evaluation.

Please send completed applications to Abandon or Temporarily Abandon a Well and required information to:

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Application Date	Well Number
Re-Entry (Y/N) <input type="checkbox"/>	Licence Operator
Actual TD Date	Well Operator
Actual Completion Date	Intended Final Mechanical Status:
End of Operations Date	Plugged & Abandoned, or Suspended
If Suspended, Height of Wellhead	Reasons for Suspension

WELL SUMMARY

It is accepted that this summary is preliminary and not all the information can be provided or be complete.

Actual Drillers TD (MD)	Actual Loggers TD (MD)
Actual Drillers TD (TVDSS)	Actual Loggers TD (TVDSS)
TD Formation	

Actual TD Location	Latitude ° ' "S	Longitude ° ' "W
<i>Latitudes and Longitudes must be supplied in WGS'84, UTM Southern Hemisphere Projection.</i>		
	Easting (m)	Northings (m)
UTM (Offshore) may also be supplied with details relevant to co-ordinates supplied.		

Preliminary Principal Horizon Tops

MD	TVDSS	Horizon Name	Main Reservoir
			Gross Thickness
			N/G
			Av Porosity
			Net Pay Thickness
			Av Sw
			Shows (Y/N) and Type
			Other Reservoir
			Gross Thickness
			N/G
			Av Porosity
			Net Pay Thickness
			Av Sw
			Shows (Y/N) and Type

Logs Taken

Over Reservoir

No. of Cores Taken	Discovery (Y/N)
No. of SWCs Taken	Well Status: Dry Hole, Gas or Oil Well, Gas or Oil Shows

OTHER INFORMATION (including Shows & Test results)
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