

Tamarind development drilling applications

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Position

Yes

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Do you intend to have a spokesperson who will act on your behalf (e.g. a lawyer or professional advisor)?

Position

No

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Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing?

Position

Yes I/we wish to speak to my/our submission at the hearing

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3.2 WorleyParsons NZ wishes to be heard in support of its submission

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If you wish to speak at the hearing, please select all that apply:

Position

If others make a similar submission I/we would consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing

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3.3 If others make a similar submission, WorleyParsons NZ will consider presenting a joint case with them at hearing.

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Do you wish to receive regular updates from the EPA about the progress of this application?

Position

Yes I/we wish to receive all communications relating to this application.

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What decision do you want the Board to make and why? Provide reasons in the box below.

Position

Grant

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See attachment for full submission.

The submitter have elected to withhold their personal details from publication.

SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR MARINE CONSENT TO UNDERTAKE SIDETRACK DEVELOPMENT DRILLING WITHIN THE TUI FIELD, AND FOR MARINE DISCHARGE CONSENT TO DISCHARGE OFFSHORE PROCESSING DRAINAGE FROM DECK DRAINS ABOARD A DRILL RIG.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. On 8 March 2018, Tamarind Taranaki Limited lodged applications for marine consent and marine discharge consent for development drilling activities in the Tui Field, offshore Taranaki. Tamarind's applications are for the drilling of up to five sidetrack development wells from up to four of its existing wells, including the associated logistical and environmental monitoring activities. Tamarind's applications also include a marine discharge consent to discharge offshore processing drainage from deck drains aboard a drill rig.

1.2. WorleyParsons NZ **supports** these Applications for the reasons set out in this submission.

1.3. WorleyParsons is not a trade competitor.

1.4. WorleyParsons is an industry leader providing professional engineering, construction, and maintenance services to the oil and gas sector, energy market, and other complex industrial industries throughout New Zealand. WorleyParsons NZ directly employs 460 highly paid personnel across New Zealand.

2. PRINCIPAL SUBMISSION

2.1 Energy companies make up 60-80% of WorleyParsons NZ's client base. If activity within the industry ceases, WorleyParsons NZ would expect a significant impact on our number of employee's, potentially even closure.

2.2 Tamarind Taranaki Limited employs local companies to support where possible and helps to maintain a critical engineering mass to support the industry here in Taranaki and this critical engineering mass is utilized by other complex industries in New Zealand.

2.3 Tamarind Taranaki Limited has an excellent track record in operating in the Tui Field in a safe and environmentally conscious manner and WorleyParsons NZ are confident that they will continue to do so if their application is granted.

2.4 WorleyParsons NZ has worked with Tamarind Taranaki Limited/AWE since the inception of the field (2008) and they have demonstrated a professional standard in field activity and environmental management during this tenure. This has included very similar activities in the past by Tamarind Taranaki Limited/AWE where they have demonstrated their capability and commitment.

2.5 WorleyParsons NZ has reviewed the proposal such that WorleyParsons has sufficient information to understand the effects on the environment and on itself.

2.6 WorleyParsons NZ considers that there are significant positive effects associated with the proposal and the continued operation of the Umuroa FPSO. These include economic and consequentially social benefits.

2.7 Tamarind (and previous owners AWE) have operated in New Zealand for over ten years and have contributed to New Zealand with direct regional jobs and also with contractors.

2.8 Further exploration and drilling will ensure continued revenue and royalties for the extended life of the field and continue the positive impact on the community and New Zealand.

3. Relief Sought

3.1 WorleyParsons NZ seeks that the application be granted.

3.2 WorleyParsons NZ wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

3.3 If others make a similar submission, WorleyParsons NZ will consider presenting a joint case with them at hearing.

WorleyParsons NZ

By its authorized representative:



Ronald Keith Nutting – CEO

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