

Ruling

Pursuant to Section 162(2) of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (EEZ Act)

Company Name	OMV New Zealand Limited
Date of Request	14 April 2021
Title of Request	Flowline maintenance works - Anode Clamp Installation
Reference for Request	EEZ500031
Existing structure or submarine pipeline	FPSO <i>Raroa</i> and WHP <i>Tiro Tiro Moana</i> , facilities of the Maari Field
Petroleum mining permit or existing privilege	PMP 38160

Pursuant to section 162(2) of the EEZ Act, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) provides ruling EEZ500031 to OMV New Zealand Limited the effect that the adverse effects on the environment or existing interests of the following activities are likely to be minor or less than minor:

The placement, positioning and removal of structures under ss 20(2)(a), 20(2)(e), 20(2)(f), 20(4)(a), 162(3)(a) and (c) of the EEZ Act:

The the placement, positioning and removal of retrofit anode clamps on the seafloor in up to 12 locations, and no more than 3 times in any location, immediately adjacent to the two existing subsea flowlines where:

- 1 a. The placement, positioning and removal of retrofit anode clamps is undertaken at 12 locations beside existing flowline joints on the test flowline and production flowline.
 - b. The retrofit anode clamps will be of a type similar in dimension, purpose and specification as those described in the document "1. MODEC-OMV Flowline Retrofit Package".
 - c. The placement, positioning and removal of retrofit anode clamps will be performed no more than three times in any of the 12 locations prior to the expiry of PMP 38160 on 1 December 2027.
 - d. The placement, positioning and removal of retrofit anode clamps is performed using Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV).
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The removal and deposit of seabed sediment under ss 20(2)(d), 20(2)(e), 20(2)(f), 20(2)(g), 162(3)(a) of the EEZ Act:

The removal and deposit of seabed sediments for the purpose of effectively connecting retrofit anode clamps to the existing flowlines in up to 12 locations where:

- 2 a. The removal and deposit of seabed sediment will be conducted in a single operation and in association with the placement, positioning, or removal of retrofit anode clamps.
 - b. The removal and deposit of seabed sediment will be conducted using a centrifuge pump attached to an ROV.
 - c. The amount of seabed sediment removed will only be that necessary to effectively connect the clamps to the flowlines.
 - d. The seabed sediment removed at each location will be deposited within 10 metres of the existing test or production flowline.
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For Activity 1 and Activity 2 to be authorised by this ruling:

1. the activities must be carried out in accordance with all information provided by OMV New Zealand Limited that has been considered by the delegated decision maker; and
2. OMV New Zealand Limited must, as soon as practicable, notify the EPA of any material change in the information on which the ruling is based

For the avoidance of doubt, this ruling will cease to provide lawful authority on the earliest of the following dates:

- The date of a material change in the information on which the ruling is based
- The date on which any of the conditions to which the ruling is subject cease to be met or complied with.

This ruling expires on 1 December 2027.

Provided on behalf of the Environmental protection Authority under Delegated Authority:



Michelle Ward

22 July 2021

General Manager Climate, Land and Oceans
Environmental Protection Authority

Signature

Date
